MONROE TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

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4 Municipal Plaza
Monroe Township, NJ 08831
(732) 521-5000
www.monroetwplibrary.org

Monday-Thursday	9:30am-9:00pm
Friday	9:30am-5:00pm
Saturday & Sunday	10:00am-5:00pm

NOVEMBER 2026 HAPPENINGS



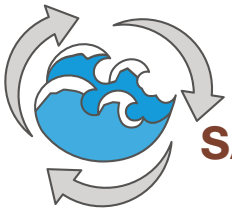
THE LUCE QUINTET
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
11:00 A.M.

Contemporary and classical pieces performed by Montgomery High School students. In person. Registration required.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE PREVIEW SALE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.
FRI & SAT, NOVEMBER 13 & 14
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.



Purchase gently-used books at bargain prices, most between 25¢ and $2. Attend the preview sale on Thursday for a $5 admission fee. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Monroe Township Library. Drop in.



OCEAN CURRENTS AND GLOBAL CLIMATE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
11:00 A.M.

Human activity can affect ocean currents and marine biodiversity. Presented by Surabhi Jain Agarwal of the Monroe Township Environmental & Shade Tree Commission. Hybrid program offered by Environmental Commission of Monroe Township. Please register with an email for the Zoom link. Walk-ins welcome.



VOTING RIGHTS FOR WOMEN
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19
2:00 P.M.

Join us in celebrating the life of New Jersey native and suffragette Alice Stokes Paul with a live re-enactment by Alisa Dupuy. Sponsored by the Friends of the Monroe Township Public Library. In person. Registration required.

BLOOD DRIVE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
10:45 A.M. - 3:45 P.M.



Blood donations are vital and the American Red Cross have partnered with us and the Kerala Hindus of New Jersey to bring a blood drive to the Library. Your donation will help those in need. Please visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule an appointment.



ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY AND MOONSCAPES
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
1:00 P.M.

Come on a cosmic journey with an astrophotographer podiatrist as he talks about what astrophotography is and how you can do the same. Dr. Ujjwal Datta will discuss the basics of how to do astrophotography and share his passion with you. Prepare to be amazed at what you can see and photograph. In person. Registration required.

Holiday Hours

Tuesday, 11/3 closed for Election Day
Wednesday, 11/11 closed for Veterans Day
Wednesday, 11/25 closing early
Thursday, 11/26 & Friday, 11/27 closed for Thanksgiving

Harvest Market
Tuesday, November 24
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving is coming! Visit the Harvest Market to pick up provisions for your holiday table. Are you going visiting this holiday season? Shop for hostess gifts and start your holiday shopping! Browse a variety of crafts, food, and more. Don't miss this perfect opportunity to find unique gifts and treats for everyone on your list!

The Friends of the Monroe Township Library will hold a book sale during the Harvest Market, so be sure to browse for bargain-priced books while you shop.

For more information, visit www.monroetwplibrary.org/market. Stay in the know by signing up for the Farmers Market enewsletter and following the Market social media accounts on both Facebook and Instagram.



For a complete listing of all programs, detailed descriptions, and to register, visit www.monroetwplibrary.org/calendar or scan the QR code. Questions? Call (732) 521-5000.

Book Discussions

Book Café
Wednesday, November 4
11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Literary Book Club
Thursday, November 12, 11:00 a.m.
In person. Registration required.
Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe

Nonfiction Book Discussion
Monday, November 16, 2:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.
Is a River Alive? by Robert Macfarlane

Cozy Mystery Book Club
Tuesday, November 17, 11:00 a.m.
Hybrid. Registration required.
Three Bags Full by Leonie Swann

Page Turners
Thursday, November 19, 11:00 a.m.
Hybrid. Registration required.
Meta books (books within the book)

Short Story Discussion Group
Thursday, November 19, 2:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.
"The Things They Carried" by Tim O'Brien in The Penguin Book of the Modern American Short Story and "Laser Eyes Ain't Everything" by Effie Seiberg



Virtual Author Talks

The library showcases a virtual author talk series each month featuring bestselling, award-winning, and highly acclaimed authors from around the world. The featured writers and thought leaders will cover a wide range of genres.

Register, submit questions to the authors, view upcoming author talks and previously recorded content at:

www.monroetwplibrary.org/authortalks

Asha Frost
Tuesday, November 3, 2:00 p.m.
Indigenous Medicine Woman Asha Frost explores her groundbreaking book, *You Are the Medicine: 13 Moons of Indigenous Wisdom, Ancestral Connection, and Animal Spirit Guidance*

Kelly and Zach Weinersmith
Tuesday, November 10, 2:00 p.m.
New York Times bestselling authors Kelly and Zach Weinersmith dive into their book, *A City on Mars: Can We Settle Space, Should We Settle Space, and Have We Really Thought This Through?*

Paul Vigna
Wednesday, November 11, 2:00 p.m.
Veteran journalist Paul Vigna examines his provocative book, *The Almightier: How Money Became God, Greed Became Virtue, and Debt Became Sin*, in which he explores the question: how did money go from a tool of commerce into the dominant faith of modern society?

Rebecca Roanhorse
Thursday, November 19, 7:00 p.m.
New York Times bestselling author Rebecca Roanhorse dives into her acclaimed *Between Earth and Sky* trilogy, inspired by the rich and diverse cultures of the pre-Columbian Americas, reshaping modern speculative fiction with unmissable worldbuilding.

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Make & Create

Design Your Own Personalized Drawstring Backpack
Sunday, November 1, 12:00 p.m. OR
Monday, November 2, 2:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Meet Your Sewing Machine
Thursday, November 5, 6:30 p.m. OR
Monday, November 9, 3:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Sit-N-Stitch
Fridays, November 6 & 20, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
In person. Registration not required.

Craft, Swap & Create
Saturday, November 7, 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
In person. Registration not required. Drop in anytime between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Crafty Creations: Decoupaged Cutting Board
Saturday, November 7, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Crafty Creations: Open Quilling
Wednesday, November 12, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Sewing Project Class: Fall Basket
Thursday, November 19, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Technology

Microsoft Excel Worksheet Basics
Tuesday, November 10
3:00 - 4:30 p.m. OR 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Microsoft Word Basics
Wednesday, November 18
3:00 - 4:30 p.m. OR 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Getting Started with Computers
Tuesday, November 24
3:00 - 4:30 p.m. OR 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Library Chef

Enhance your kitchen skills with expert-led classes, from the comfort of your home with **Library Chef** for adults, teens and kids.

All recipes, instructions, and equipment lists are available on the Library Chef platform. It's free and easy to join—just visit app.librarychef.com or scan the QR code to create your account or sign in if you already have one! No Zoom required—just great cooking and fun! If you miss an event, our archive keeps the culinary adventure alive for you to explore at your convenience.







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Continuing Programs

Creative Writing Workshop
Wednesday, November 4, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Mahjong Club (Chinese Style)
Friday, November 6, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Poetry Workshop
Monday, November 9, 11:00 a.m.
In person. Registration required.

Mix & Mingle Social for Adults with Special Needs
Tuesday, November 10, 5:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

The Music Lounge
Thursday, November 12, 3:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.
John Prine

Magic the Gathering Casual Gaming
Sunday, November 15, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.
In person. Registration not required.



Canasta
Monday, November 16, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Photography Club
Tuesday, November 17, 3:30 p.m.
In person. Registration not required.

Paws and Relax Adult Coloring with Lucy
Wednesday, November 18, 2:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.



Support Groups

S.H.E. (Strong, Healthy & Empowered) Women's Wellness
Thursday, November 5, 2:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Spouse Caregiver Support Group
Tuesday, November 10, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Caregiver Support Group
Wednesday, November 11, 11:00 a.m.
Online this session because Library is closed for Veterans Day. Registration required.

Caregiver Support Group Online
Wednesday, November 11, 7:00 p.m.
Online. Registration required.

Caregivers Unwind *(formerly A Time for Me Caregiver Support Group)*
Thursday, November 19
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
In person. Registration required.

Self-Care for Caregivers
Monday, November 23
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
In person. Registration required.



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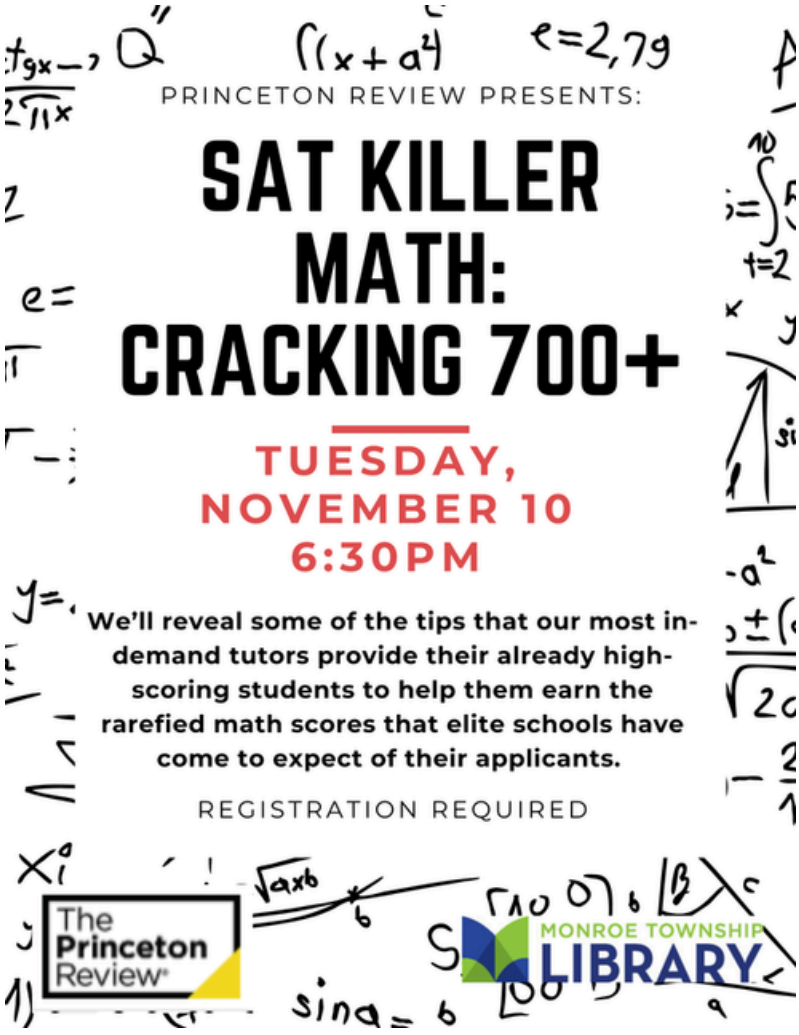
Film

World Cinema Wednesday
Wednesday, November 4, 2:30 p.m.
In person. Registration not required.
Jokes and Cigarettes

International Film Discussion
Thursday, November 12, 2:30 p.m.
Online. Registration required.
Jokes and Cigarettes

Friday Afternoon Movie
Friday, November 20, 2:30 p.m.
In person. Registration not required.
October Sky

Teens



Bookmobile & Outreach

The Bookmobile is a mobile branch of the Monroe Township Library, bringing library services directly to neighborhoods and community events. With a diverse collection for adults, teens, and children, we make it easy to access books and resources close to home.

Scan the QR code for a Bookmobile schedule and more info.



At Home Services is not just for seniors. New baby at home? No vehicle? Health or mobility issues? We bring library services to your door!





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Pop-Up Shops

POP-UP SHOP @ Monroe Twp Library

The Monroe Township Library Foundation provides Pop-Up Shop rental space on select Saturdays between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Local residents who have their own direct sales businesses are welcome. This space is not intended to sell a service. Applications are available in the library and at www.monroetwplibrary.org/popup-shops

Meetings

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, November 17, 6:30 p.m.

On Display

Lobby Display Case

The artwork of Monroe Township resident Shreya Srinivasan will be on display through the month of December 2026.

Fine Arts Gallery

Astrophotography and deep sky photography by Dr. Ujjwal Datta will be on exhibit through December 2026.

Cultural Arts





Scan the QR code for information on all Cultural Arts events and sign up for the eNewsletter.





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NOVEMBER 2026 AT A GLANCE

● In person ○ Online ◐ Hybrid

Sun, Nov 1 12 PM — Design Your Own Personalized Drawstring Backpack ●

Mon, Nov 2 2 PM — Design Your Own Personalized Drawstring Backpack ●

Tue, Nov 3 Library Closed for Election Day
2 PM — Author Talk: Asha Frost ○

Wed, Nov 4 11 AM & 1 PM — Book Café ●
12:30 - 2:30 PM — Creative Writing Workshop ●
2:30 PM — World Cinema Wednesday ●
7:30 PM — Let's Talk Stuffing, 3 Ways! ○

Thu, Nov 5 2:00 PM — S.H.E Women's Wellness ●
6:30 PM — Meet Your Sewing Machine ●

Fri, Nov 6 10:30 AM – 12 PM — Sit-N-Stitch ●
2 – 4 PM — Mahjong Club (Chinese) ●

Sat, Nov 7 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM — Craft, Swap & Create ●
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM — Crafty Creations: Fall Craft ●

Sun, Nov 8 11 AM — The Luce Quintet ●

Mon, Nov 9 11 AM — Poetry Workshop ●
3 PM — Meet Your Sewing Machine ●

Tue, Nov 10 2 - 3:30 PM — Spouse Caregiver Support Group ●
2 PM — Author Talk: Kelly and Zach Weinersmith ○
3 PM & 6:30 PM — Microsoft Excel Worksheet Basics ●
5 PM — Mix & Mingle Social for Adults with Special Needs ●
6:30 PM — SAT Killer Math: Cracking 700+ ●

Wed, Nov 11 Library Closed for Veterans Day
11 AM — Caregiver Support Group ○
2 PM — Author Talk: Paul Vigna ○
7 PM — Caregiver Support Group Online ○
7:30 PM — Honey Mashed Sweet Potatoes ○

Thu, Nov 12 11 AM — Literary Book Club ●
2:30 PM — International Film Discussion ○
3 PM — The Music Lounge ●
5 - 7 PM — Book Sale Preview ●
6 - 8 PM — Crafty Creations: Open Quilling ●

Fri, Nov 13 10 AM - 4 PM — Book Sale ●

Sat, Nov 14 10 AM - 4 PM — Book Sale ●
11 AM — Ocean Currents and Global Climate ◐

Sun, Nov 15 2 – 4:30 PM — Magic the Gathering ●



Mon, Nov 16 1 - 2:30 PM — Canasta ●
2 PM — Nonfiction Book Discussion ●

Tue, Nov 17 11 AM — Cozy Mystery Book Club ◐
3:30 PM — Photography Club ●
6:30 PM — Board of Trustees Meeting ●

Wed, Nov 18 2 PM — Paws & Relax: Adult Coloring with Lucy the Therapy Dog ●
3 PM & 6:30 PM — Microsoft Word Basics ●
7:30 PM — Classic Potato Latkes ○

Thu, Nov 19 11 AM — Page Turners ◐
11 AM - 12:30 PM — Caregivers Unwind ●
2 PM — Short Story Discussion Group ●
2:00 PM — Voting Rights for Women ●
6:30 - 8:30 PM — Sewing Project Class: Fall Basket ●
7 PM — Author Talk: Rebecca Roanhorse ○

Fri, Nov 20 10:30 AM – 12 PM — Sit-N-Stitch ●
2:30 PM — Friday Afternoon Movie ●

Sat, Nov 21 10:45 AM - 3:45 PM — Blood Drive ●

Sun, Nov 22 1 PM — Astrophotography and Moonscapes ●
1:30 - 3:30 PM — Fall Mosaic Workshop ●

Mon, Nov 23 11 AM - 3 PM — Self-Care for Caregivers ●

Tue, Nov 24 11 AM - 3 PM — Harvest Market ●
3PM & 6:30 PM — Getting Started with Computers ●

Wed, Nov 25 Library Closing Early

Thu, Nov 26 Library Closed

Fri, Nov 27 Library Closed

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