



WELCOME TO THE LATEST EDITION OF

Library Lines

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THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Program Spotlight

Computer & Tech Help

Wednesday, 2/1 and 2/8 & Monday, 2/6 and 2/27

The Library is offering free 1-on-1 computer and technology help appointments with a Librarian. 30 minute or 1 hour appointments are available from 1-3pm; if you'd like an hour please register for 2 consecutive appointment slots. Please explain what you would like help with so we can best accommodate your needs!

Horticulture Craft - Homemade Potpourri

Thursday, 2/2 from 6:30-7:30

Join us at the library to make your own potpourri! Participants will acquire the knowledge of the best plant materials to dry, which leaves and flowers add the nicest textures and colors and which spices and herbs provide the most appealing scents. One of the best parts is that your creations is totally unique and you will be able to select what to add from a variety of materials. Register online or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206

Tween Paint Night (8-12)

Tuesday, 2/7 from 6-8pm

Tween's ages 8-12 can join Williamstown's very own traveling artist Gina Martucci! Tween's will paint their very own painting. Registration is required. Please sign up at monroetpl.org. or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206.

DIY Jewelry Workshop (for Adults)

Wednesday, 2/8 from 6:30-8:30pm

Drop in and create a piece of jewelry. Keep for yourself or give to someone special! Registration is required.

Felt Sugar Cookie Craft (for Adults)

Thursday, 2/9 from 1-2:30pm

In February we will be sewing felt sugar cookies! (Sorry... they're non-edible...). These would make a perfect gift for that special someone (or yourself!) this Valentine's Day. Registration is required and basic sewing skills are preferred. This is a program for adults as we will be using needles.

Craft for Adults: Button Heart Ornament

Thursday, 2/16 at 1:30pm

Adults of all ages are invited to paint and glue buttons onto a wooden heart ornament. Signups are required, so register via our online events calendar at www.monroetpl.org.

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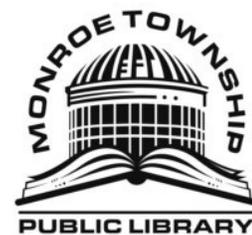
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Our hours are Monday-Thursday 11am-9pm and Friday & Saturday 10am-3pm. We are closed every Sunday.

Friends of the Library 2/6 @ 2:30pm & Library Board 2/15 @ 7pm.

The library will be closed 2/20 for President's Day.



Adult Programming

Needle Arts Group

Wednesday, 2/1 and 2/15 from 6:30–8:30pm

Do you like to knit or crochet? Like to do embroidery, needlepoint, beading, quilting, or other needlework? Bring a current project to work on in a fun, informal atmosphere. All levels of experience are welcome. This is not a class, however sharing of tips and experience is encouraged. Registration is not required.



Chair Yoga with Relax Mind and Body

Thursday, 2/2, 2/9, 2/16, and 2/23 at 11:30am

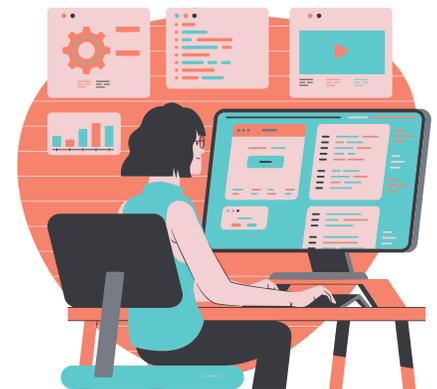
Certified teachers from Relax Mind & Body located at 621 S. Main Street in Williamstown will be here offering a gentle Chair Yoga Practice. Postures can be performed while seated and/or with the aid of a chair. Chair Yoga classes are typically geared towards those with mobility limitations and those that find getting up and down on a yoga mat in a traditional yoga class challenging. This class is suitable for adult beginners and older adults. Please wear loose, comfortable clothing. Space is limited & registration is required. Sign up online at monroetpl.org or call 856-629-1212 x206 to register.



Coding Bootcamp

Saturday, 2/4 and 2/18 from 12–2pm

The library is offering a free series of coding classes designed to take you from complete beginner to intermediate skill level. Whether you're just interested in coding as a hobby, or looking to build some marketable career skills, this is a great opportunity to learn the core concepts of coding in a relaxed, informal environment. Classes will include hands-on lessons and we'll create small, functional projects using the Python programming language. Please email cdifazio@monroetpl.org with any questions.



Inkwell Writers Group

Wednesday, 2/8 from 6:30–8:30pm

An adult creative writing group looking for fun, creative, artistic writers who find it hard to stay motivated to write. Join us as we encourage each other in maintaining a writing schedule with the goal of using writing as a tool of empowerment. For writers of any genre. To register, contact the group facilitator Jerome Jackson at 609-372-8908.



Adult Programming

Adult Sign Language Club

Thursday, 2/9 at 6pm

The library is putting together a Sign Language Club with Niki Leary where a group of us will meet once a month and go over basic signs, practice fingerspelling, and learning numbers. This program is free to patrons, but registration is required due to seating limitations and remaining up-to-speed with new content. To solidify your seat in this program, be sure to sign up as soon as possible as this program has gotten a lot of positive feedback (yay!). You can sign up on our website or by calling the Reference Desk. Everyone who showed up last month was automatically registered.



Lunch and a Movie: Harriet (2019)

Monday, 2/13 at 12pm

Bring your lunch (beverages provided) as we celebrate Black History Month with two movies that document crucial moments in the fight for equality. No sign-ups required. Please be aware that due to the historical context of these films, some characters will use racial slurs.

"This biopic tells the story of Harriet Tubman (Cynthia Erivo), who escaped from slavery in 1849. Despite reaching safety in Philadelphia, Harriet is determined to set more of her people free, and treks back down South time and again to free more slaves, becoming a legend among her people. When the son of her former masters swears a vendetta against her, Harriet and her cause are in mortal danger... but she will not be swayed from her course."

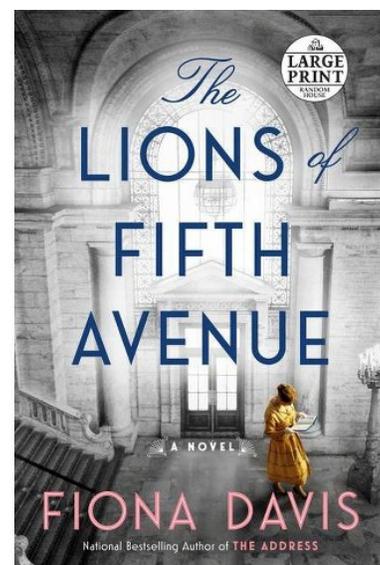


Bookworms Book Club

Wednesday, 2/15 from 1-2pm

The Lions of Fifth Avenue by Fiona Davis

"It's 1913, and on the surface, Laura Lyons couldn't ask for more out of life—her husband is the superintendent of the New York Public Library, allowing their family to live in an apartment within the grand building, and they are blessed with two children. But headstrong, passionate Laura wants more, and when she takes a leap of faith and applies to the Columbia Journalism School, her world is cracked wide open. As her studies take her all over the city, she is drawn to Greenwich Village's new bohemia, where she discovers the Heterodoxy Club—a radical, all-female group in which women are encouraged to loudly share their opinions on suffrage, birth control, and women's rights. Soon, Laura finds herself questioning her traditional role as wife and mother. But when valuable books are stolen back at the library, threatening the home and institution she loves, she's forced to confront her shifting priorities head on, and may just lose everything in the process."



Adult Programming

Decoupage Class with Trudi Clark **Wednesday, 2/15 at 6:30pm**

Adults of all ages are invited to choose from several different decoupage projects--transforming them into gorgeous works of art with nothing more than mod-podge and napkins! Signups are required, so register via our online events calendar at www.monroetpl.org.



Blood Drive **Thursday, 2/16 from 1-6pm**

Give Blood. Save Lives.

For an appointment, please call: 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). To register online visit RedCrossBlood.org.

Be sure to use the outside entrance to Meeting Room C rather than the Library's Main entrance. This entrance is located on the side of the building facing Marsha Avenue.



Hunt a Killer - Murder Mystery **Thursday, 2/16 from 6-8pm**

Calling all mystery fans! Join us for an episodic murder mystery game in six parts. Each month we'll receive new evidence, clues, and puzzles that will take us closer to solving the murder. New members are always welcome! We'll recap previous events at the start of each meeting. Registration is required. Sign up online or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206.



Bingo for Adults **Saturday, 2/18 at 11:30am**

Adults of all ages are welcome to play a few game of Bingo! You can win books to take home or other great prizes. Signups are required, so register via our online events calendar at www.monroetpl.org.



Paint Night for Adults with Gina Martucci **Tuesday, 2/21 at 6:30pm**

Adults of all ages can paint a beautiful winter scene with two adorable snowbirds! Space is limited, so sign up via our online events calendar at www.monroetpl.org.



Horror Book Club **Wednesday, 2/22 at 2pm**

Invasion of the Body Snatchers by Jack Finney

"On a quiet fall evening in the small, peaceful town of Mill Valley, California, Dr. Miles Bennell discovered an insidious, horrifying plot. Silently, subtly, almost imperceptibly, alien life-forms were taking over the bodies and minds of his neighbors, his friends, his family, the woman he loved--the world as he knew it. First published in 1955, this classic thriller of the ultimate alien invasion and the triumph of the human spirit over an invisible enemy inspired three major motion pictures."

Please note: Since this is a new book club, the library does NOT currently have a "Book Club Bag" implemented for book club participants. Call the library at 856-629-1212 to place a hold on this title through the LOGIN system.



Adult Programming

Netflix Discussion Club: The Trial of the Chicago 7 (2020) **Thursday, 2/23 at 7pm**

Adults of all ages are welcome to play a few game of Bingo! You can win books to take home or other great prizes. Signups are required, so register via our online events calendar at www.monroetpl.org.

Lunch and a Movie: Till (2022) **Monday, 2/27 at 12:00pm**

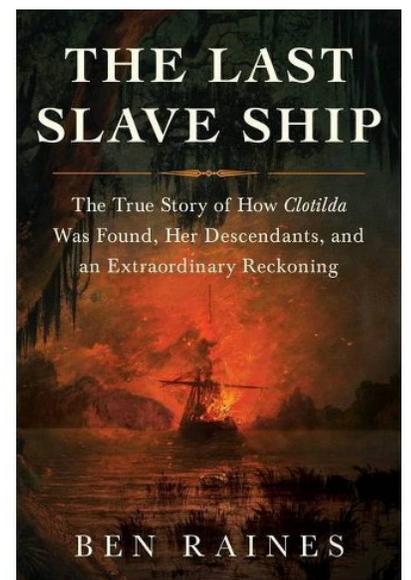
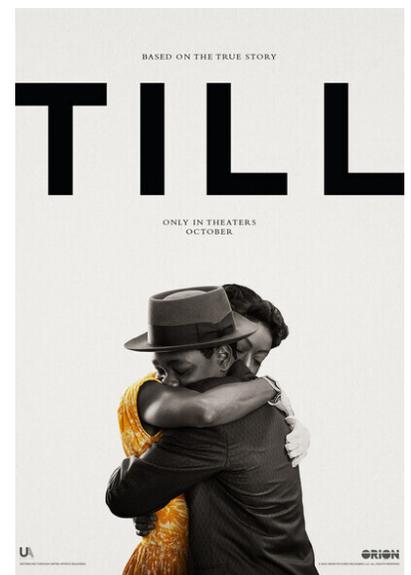
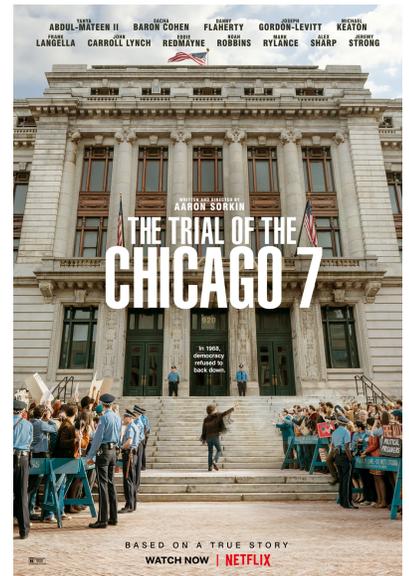
The Fight for Freedom. Bring your lunch (beverages provided) as we celebrate Black History Month with two movies that document crucial moments in the fight for equality. No sign-ups required. Please be aware that due to the historical context of these films, some characters will use racial slurs.

"This searing film is based on one of the most devastating true stories of the civil rights era. In 1955, fourteen-year-old Emmett Till (Jalyn Hill), a resident of Chicago, goes south on a visit. Days later, his mother Mamie (Danielle Deadwyler) receives devastating news: her son has been found dead. It turns out that he was murdered for the "crime" of whistling at a white woman. Mamie dedicates herself to exposing the truth of her son's brutal murder and bringing his killers to justice. (Please be warned: the movie shows Emmett's mutilated dead body, as Mamie did in real life to expose the injustice.)"

Bookmarks Book Club **Tuesday, 2/28 from 7-8pm**

The Last Slave Ship by Ben Raines

"Fifty years after the Atlantic slave trade was outlawed, the Clotilda became the last ship in history to bring enslaved Africans to the United States. The ship was scuttled and burned on arrival to hide evidence of the crime, allowing the wealthy perpetrators to escape prosecution. Despite numerous efforts to find the sunken wreck, Clotilda remained hidden for the next 160 years. But in 2019, journalist Ben Raines made international news when he successfully concluded his obsessive quest through the swamps of Alabama to uncover one of our nation's most important historical artifacts. The incredible true story of the last ship to carry enslaved people to America, the remarkable town its survivors founded after emancipation, and the complicated legacy their descendants carry with them to this day—by the journalist who discovered the ship's remains."



Teen Programming

NORMAL TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE ON A HIATUS IN 2023 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE as Kyle will be out on maternity leave.

They should resume this summer. In the meantime, if you are looking to volunteer or need community service hours, please feel free to contact our Children's Librarian Katrina at khauserman@monroetpl.org or Sharon, the President of the Library Friends at smr101950@gmail.com to see if they can accommodate you. Thank you for your understanding!

TEEN PROGRAMMING WILL ALSO BE ON A HIATUS IN 2023 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE! Kyle has kindly organized take-and-make bags for the months she will be out. This month's bag is the February Teen Take-and-Make Kit: Friendship Bracelets. Teens are invited to stop by the circulation desk to grab a take-home friendship bracelet kit to celebrate Friendship Month!

****TEEN** craft bags are reserved for ages 12-18 and are available on a first-come basis while supplies last.**

****Teen Advisory Board meetings will resume in June.****

Children's Programming

ABC Storytime

Tuesday, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, and 2/28 at 11:30am & 1:30pm

ABC Storytime is all about the Alphabet, Books and Crafts! We will share stories focusing on one letter of the alphabet. We'll start with A and work our way through. We'll sing songs and do a craft every story-time! Registration is required for each story-time. Please register online at monroetpl.org under events or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206 to sign-up.

Cupcake Decorating

Tuesday, 2/14 at 6pm

Children ages 1-12 will be given a vanilla cupcake and toppings to decorate their very own cupcake. Registration is required. Please register online at monroetpl.org under events or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206 to sign-up.

Read to a Therapy Dog

Tuesday, 2/14 at 6pm

Stop by the Children's Section of the library and read to either Casey or Memphis, our two Therapy Dogs. This program occurs every third Tuesday of the month. No registration is required.***Normally Casey and Memphis would be visiting the library on the third Tuesday of the month, but they are unable to make it on the 21st so they will be visiting on the second Tuesday instead.***

Saturday Storytime

Saturday, 2/25 at 11am

We will read a couple of books, sing some songs and make a craft. Registration is required. Please register online at monroetpl.org under events or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206 to sign-up.

Tooth Fairy Storytime

Tuesday, 2/28 at 6pm

We will read a couple of books, sing some songs and make a craft. Registration is required. Please register online at monroetpl.org under events or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206 to sign-up.

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