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Library Lines

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THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Program Spotlight

Sugar Cookie Decorating
Tuesday, 12/5 at 6pm
Children ages 1-12 will be given a sugar cookie and toppings to decorate their cookie. Registration is required. Please register each child individually. Register at monroetpl.org under Events or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206.

American Red Cross: Blood Drive
Thursday, 12/7 & 12/21, 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. Search by sponsor code: Williamstown

Horticulture Craft: Wintry Wreath
Thursday, 12/7 at 6:30pm
Design a one of a kind indoor ethereal wreath that will take you right through the season. A wide assortment of carefully chosen natural and artificial materials will be available from which to select to create your wintry design. From glittered and icy plant stems, bright red berries, snowy pine cones, snowflakes, a beautiful mushroom bird with nest and so much more. No experience is necessary. Presented by Rachelle Hasenberg of Inspirational Horticultural Therapy.

Friends Gift Wrapping and Mini-Sale
Saturday, 12/9 at 12pm
Have some gifts that need wrapping? Stop by and see the Friends. The Friends of the Monroe Township Library will be wrapping gifts for the price of a generous donation from you. Bring your already purchased gifts or buy a gift from our mini-sale. There will be books, baked goods, jewelry and more. Something for everyone!

Photos with Santa
Saturday, 12/9 at 12pm
Williamstown Sunrise Rotary Club presents "Photos with Santa" on Saturday, December 9th from 12-2pm. Come get your picture taken with Santa! Candy canes and hot cocoa will be provided as well on a first come, first serve basis. Help us make the holidays great for all kids- if you are able to please bring an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots. No sign-ups necessary. Questions: Contact Williamstown Sunrise Rotary Club at wsrrotary@gmail.com or call the Library at 856-629-1212 x206.

Felt Craft for Adults
Saturday, 12/9 at 1pm
**This is not a sewing class. Basic sewing skills are preferred.** Join us at the library to sew felt Christmas stockings! Registration is required for this program and basic sewing skills are preferred. This program is sponsored by The Friends of the Monroe Township Library. To learn more about The Friends, drop by a Friends Meeting on the first Monday of each month (except in July & August). Have a question about the organization? Reach out to The Friends Secretary Suzanne at sking@monroetpl.org.

Jewelry Workshop
Tuesday, 12/12 at 1pm
Unleash your inner artisan and discover the magic of jewelry-making with instructor Rekha Chandra. Work with assorted stones and charms to craft your own masterpiece. These also make great gifts for the holiday season! Whether you’re a complete beginner or a seasoned artisan, our skilled instructor is here to guide you every step of the way. Register online or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206.

Robotics Seminar
Saturday, 12/30 at 12:30pm
Come see WHS’s robot! Learn about the engineering design process, discover how to plan, build, and code a robot, and get driving practice with robots! Explore! Talk to us about joining a FTC Robotics Team! For ages 7-15.

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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 12/4 at 2:30pm and Library Board 12/20 at 7pm.
The library will be closed 12/22-12/25 for Christmas and 1/1 for New Years Day.
Adult Programming

Lunch and a Movie
Monday, 12/4 at 12pm

A Christmas Carol (1951)

In what many consider to be the definitive version of the Charles Dickens classic, Alistair Sim plays Ebenezer Scrooge, a hard-hearted businessman with no time for the less fortunate. But one Christmas Eve, he gets a visit from the ghost of his late partner Jacob Marley, who warns Scrooge of the fate that awaits him if he does not mend his ways. From there, he is visited by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Yet To Come, and takes a trip through his own history to find out the effect his actions will have on others if he continues on his present course. Can the Spirits convince Scrooge before it’s too late?

Needle Arts Group
Wednesday, 12/6 & 12/20 at 6:30pm

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.

Felt Craft for Adults
Thursday, 12/7 at 1pm

**This is not a sewing class. Basic sewing skills are preferred.** Join us at the library to sew a felt Christmas tree for YOUR Christmas tree (real or artificial)! Registration is required for this program and basic sewing skills are preferred. This program is sponsored by The Friends of the Monroe Township Library. To learn more about The Friends, drop by a Friends Meeting on the first Monday of each month (except in July & August). Have a question about the organization? Reach out to The Friends Secretary Suzanne at sking@monroetpl.org.

Lunch and a Movie
Monday, 12/11 at 12pm

A Christmas Story (1983)

This beloved holiday classic, based on the writings of humorist Jean Shepherd, celebrates its fortieth anniversary this year. It’s 1940, and all nine-year-old Ralphie Parker wants for Christmas this year is a Red Ryder BB gun. But every adult he asks has the same answer: “Absolutely not! You’ll shoot your eye out!” As Ralphie schemes to get his wish, he deals with neighborhood bullies, a surly store Santa, and a VERY unusual lamp. Will he get his heart’s desire in the end? He just might, with a little help from a surprising source...
Inkwell Writers Group  
*Wednesday, 12/12 at 6:30pm*
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, healing & personal discovery. Critique sessions, writing prompts, artistic encouragement. For writers of any genre. To register, contact the group facilitator Jerome Jackson at 609-372-8908.

Paint a Holiday Ornament with Trudi Clark  
*Wednesday, 12/13 at 6pm*
Adults of all ages are invited to the Monroe Township Library to make an adorable holiday ornament with ceramics artist Trudi Clark! Signups are required due to limited space, so please register via our online calendar. If you sign up but can’t make it, please cancel your online reservation as a courtesy to those on the waitlist.

Craft for Adults: Plastic Lightbulb Ornament  
*Thursday, 12/14 at 1:30pm*
Adults of all ages are welcome to make an adorable ornament out of a plastic lightbulb! After coating the inside of the bulb with glitter, you can paint it to look like a reindeer or a snowman. Signups are required, so please register via our online events calendar at monroetpl.org call 856-629-1212 x206.

Netflix Discussion Club  
*Thursday, 12/14 at 7pm*

**Blonde (2022)**
Based on the bestselling novel by Joyce Carol Oates, Blonde boldly reimagines the life of one of Hollywood’s most enduring icons, Marilyn Monroe. From her volatile childhood as Norma Jeane, through her rise to stardom and romantic entanglements, Blonde blurs the lines of fact and fiction to explore the widening split between her public and private selves.

*NC-17 (Some Sexual Content)*
Biography, Drama

**Tick, Tick... BOOM! (2021)**
Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award winner Lin-Manuel Miranda makes his feature directorial debut with tick, tick...BOOM!
On the cusp of his 30th birthday, a promising young theater composer navigates love, friendship and the pressures of life as an artist in New York City.
*PG-13*
Musical, Drama

**Please keep in mind that this is a discussion club and we do NOT watch the films during this program. Please watch on your own time. Likewise, the library does NOT have a Netflix membership. Some films may be available through the LOGIN system (or other streaming services), unless otherwise produced as a Netflix Original Film.**
Adult Programming

Shades of Harmony Concert
Thursday, 12/14 at 7pm
Join us at the library for an evening with Shades of Harmony, the women’s a cappella chorus of Williamstown. This holiday concert is for all ages and is free and open to the public. Registration is not required.

Bingo for Adults
Friday, 12/15 at 11:30am
Adults of all ages are invited to play bingo! You could win books to take home, ice cream from Dairy Fresh, or other great prizes. Signups are required, so please register via our online events calendar at monroetpl.org or call 856-629-1212 x206.

Lunch and a Movie
Monday, 12/18 at 12pm
Elf (2003)
This surprise holiday hit is twenty years old this year. Years ago, an orphaned baby accidentally ended up in Santa’s sleigh, where he was taken to the North Pole and raised by an elf. Now a grown man, Buddy (Will Ferrell) is shocked to find out he’s actually human (the size difference didn’t give him a clue). Wanting to find out more about his biological father (James Caan), he travels to New York, where he gets a job in a department store, meets his stepfamily, finds romance with a fellow store employee (Zooey Deschanel), and sparks holiday cheer in the jaded New Yorkers.

Paint Night for Adults with Gina Martucci
Tuesday, 12/19 at 6:30pm
Adults of all ages are invited to join local artist Gina Martucci in creating a beautiful painting of a holiday ornament. Signups are required, so please register via our online events calendar at monroetpl.org or call 856-629-1212 x206.
Horror Book Club
Wednesday, 12/20 at 2pm

Carrie by Stephen King

Unpopular at school and subjected to her mother’s religious fanaticism at home, Carrie White does not have it easy. But while she may be picked on by her classmates, she has a gift she’s kept secret since she was a little girl: she can move things with her mind. Doors lock. Candles fall. Her ability has been both a power and a problem. And when she finds herself the recipient of a sudden act of kindness, Carrie feels like she’s finally been given a chance to be normal. She hopes that the nightmare of her classmates’ vicious taunts is over . . . but an unexpected and cruel prank turns her gift into a weapon of horror so destructive that the town may never recover.

ASL Club for Adults
Thursday, 12/21 at 6pm

The library is putting together a Sign Language Club with Niki Leary. Each month, a group of us will meet to go over basic signs and practice finger spelling and numbers. Please be aware that this is NOT a class and Niki is NOT an interpreter.

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. You can sign up on our website or by calling the Reference Desk. This is a program for adults.

Coding Bootcamp
Thursday, 12/21 at 6pm

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. Attendants will earn a completion certificate at the end of the program. This class is part of a series. If you have any questions, please contact Chris at cdifazio@monroetpl.org
Teen Programming

December Teen Take-and-Make Kits
TEENS (ages 12-18) are invited to stop by the circulation desk starting Friday, December 1st through December (while supplies last) to grab a take-and-make kit for 3D snowflake and tree ornaments!
**TEEN craft bags are reserved exclusively for ages 12-18 and are available on a first-come basis while supplies last**
For questions, email kcasser@monroetpl.org.

Teen Home Alone and Hot Cocoa Craft
Saturday, 12/2 at 12pm

Home Alone (1990)
A mischievous 8-year-old who’s picked on by his older siblings and ignored by his parents would really rather be left alone—and that’s exactly what happens when he gets accidentally left behind in a frenzied rush to the airport for a family vacation in Paris over the holiday season.
After learning to fend for himself, the boy has to protect his house against two bumbling burglars who are planning to rob it.
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Holiday, Comedy
TEENS AGES 12-18 (grades 7-12) are invited to dress up in their comfiest, snuggliest (appropriate) pajamas to decorate their own cocoa mug while watching Home Alone. Hot chocolate and popcorn will be provided.
*Registration required. Each teen must be registered individually.*

Teen Gingerbread House Decorating
Monday, 12/4 at 6pm
TEENS AGES 12-18 (grades 7-12) are invited to come celebrate National Cookie Day by joining us at the library to create and decorate your very own gingerbread house!
*Registration required. Each teen must be registered individually.*
For more information or questions, contact kcasser@monroetpl.org.

Teen Winter Craft: Snowman Mason Jars
Monday, 12/11 at 6pm
TEENS ages 12-18 are invited to join us to decorate a mason jar for the winter season!
*Registration required. Each teen must be registered individually.*
For more information or questions, contact kcasser@monroetpl.org.

Teen Advisory Board
Saturday, 12/18 at 6pm
TAB is the perfect place for you to make a difference here at your library, get involved in your community, and let your voice be heard! Attendees will work with the Teen Librarian to share their ideas and get involved with services and programs offered at the library. We’ll have monthly meetings to share new ideas and check in with how things are going.
New members are always welcome. And you can receive volunteer credit just by showing up and participating! Registration is required.
Exclusively for GRADES 7-12 (ages 12-18.) Please keep in mind that this program is for TEENS to talk about TEEN things, so bring age-appropriate ideas. For questions or more info, email kcasser@monroetpl.org
Children's Programming

**Tween (10–12) Advisory Board**  
**Saturday, 12/2 at 11:30am**

Do you need volunteer hours for Junior National Honor Society? Are you between the ages of 10–12? Do you have program ideas for the library? Then stop by the library and have your voice heard! Registration is required. Register at monroetpl.org under Events or call 856–629–1212 ext. 206. Please email Ms. Katrina at khauserman@monroetpl.org if you have any questions.

**Graphic Novel Book Club**  
**Saturday, 12/2 at 1:30pm**

Do you love to read Graphic Novels? Are you between the ages of 8-12? Then stop by the library and join our new Graphic Novel Book Club! Registration is required. Register online at monroetpl.org under Events or call 856–629–1212 ext. 206. Please email Ms. Katrina at khauserman@monroetpl.org if you have any questions.

**Homeschool Book Club**  
**Monday, 12/4 at 11:30am**

Are you homeschooled and love to read? Are you between the ages of 5-12? Then join our Homeschoolers Book Club! Registration is required. Please sign up at monroetpl.org or call 856–629–1212 ext. 206. ***Remember to sign up each child individually***

**LEGO Club**  
**Tuesday, 12/5 at 6pm**

Back by popular demand...LEGO Club! Children ages 5–12 can stop by the library and use their imagination to build with the library's LEGO's. No registration is required.

**Chess Club**  
**Wednesday, 12/6 at 6pm**

Are you a tween (7–12) who likes to play chess? Then stop by the library to play against other tweens who like to play chess too. All levels of experience are welcome. This is not a class, however sharing of tips and experience is encouraged. Registration not required.

**Family Storytime**  
**Thursday, 12/7, 12/14, & 12/21 at 11:30am & 1:30pm**

Children (1–12) & family are invited to stop by the library while we read some stories and sing some songs. Registration is required. Register online at monroetpl.org under Events or call 856–629–1212 ext. 206. ***Remember to sign up each child individually***

**Homeschool Hangout**  
**Monday, 12/11 at 11:30am**

Meet other homeschoolers in the community while enjoying family-friendly activities. Each session will focus on different hands-on activities, such as arts & crafts, STEM, games, and more. (Ages 5–12) Registration is required. Please sign up at monroetpl.org or call 856–629–1212 ext. 206. ***Remember to sign up each child individually***

**ABC Storytime**  
**Tuesday, 12/12 & 12/19, 11:30am (ages 18 months–3 years) & 1:30pm (ages 3–5)**

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 Storytime. Please register online at monroetpl.org under events or call 856–629–1212 ext. 206 to signup.

**Tween Paint Night**  
**Tuesday, 12/12 at 6pm**

Tween’s (7–12) 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. ***Remember to sign up each child individually***

**Grinch Themed Saturday Storytime**  
**Saturday, 12/16 at 11:30am**

We will read a couple of books, sing some songs and make a craft. Registration is required. Register at monroetpl.org under Events or call 856–629–1212 ext. 206***Remember to sign-up each child individually***

**Stuff-a-Moose**  
**Tuesday, 12/19 at 6pm**

Children (1–12) will be given their very own plush Moose to stuff and name. Each child must be registered individually. If you register one child and place multiple ages in the age field, that is still considered one child and only one child will receive a Moose. Please register online at monroetpl.org under Events or call 856–629–1212 ext. 206 to register. Please email Ms. Katrina at khauserman@monroetpl.org if you have any questions.
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