



WELCOME TO THE LATEST EDITION OF

Library Lines

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THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

Program Spotlight

Williamstown Sunrise Rotary: Blood Drive

Thursday, 2/1 from 1-6pm

Appointments are strongly preferred.

To schedule an appointment please call 1-800-REDCROSS or make an appointment online at <http://www.redcrossblood.org> and enter the sponsor code: SJRotary.

Coding Bootcamp

Thursday, 2/1 & 2/22 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.

Tween Paint Night

Tuesday, 2/6 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***

Needle Arts Group

Wednesday, 2/7 & 2/21 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 not required.

Fit Balance Yoga with Relax Mind and Body

Thursday, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22, & 2/29 at 11:30am

Weekly Fit Balance sessions are available on Thursdays at 11:30am from February 8th through February 29th here at the Monroe Township Library. Certified teachers from Relax Mind & Body located at 621 S. Main Street in Williamstown will be here offering a low intensity core balance class to help improve stability and create a strong core through movement. Fit Balance improves posture, balance, and mobility. 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. To learn more about Relax Mind & Body visit their website at: www.relaxmb.com. 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.

Computer & Tech Help

Monday, 2/12 & 2/26 | Wednesday, 2/21 & 2/28 | From 1-3pm

The library is offering free 1-on-1 computer and technology help appointments with a librarian. 30 minute or 1 hour appointments are available; 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!

American Red Cross: Blood Drive

Thursday, 2/15 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. Search by sponsor code: Williamstown.

Read to a Therapy Dog

Tuesday, 2/20 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.

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Our hours are Monday-Thursday 11am-9pm & Friday/Saturday 10am-3pm.

We are closed every Sunday.

Friends of the Library 2/5 at 2:30pm & Library Board 2/21 at 7pm.

The library will be closed 2/19 for Presidents' Day.



Adult Programming

Somatic Movement with Relax Mind and Body

Thursday, 2/1 at 11:30am

Jen is a certified teacher from Relax Mind & Body located at 621 S. Main Street in Williamstown. This class is suitable for adult beginners and older adults. Anyone can participate in this class as we slow down everyday movements with focus and intention. 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. To learn more about Relax Mind & Body visit their website at: www.relaxmb.com. This program is sponsored by The Friends of the Monroe Township Library. To learn more about The Friend 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.



Felt Craft for Adults: Axolotl

Thursday, 2/8 at 1pm

This February we will be making pink axolotls for Valentine's Day! These would make the perfect Valentine's gift for your Valentine.... And who says you can't be your own Valentine? Registration is required for this program. This is NOT a sewing class. Basic sewing skills are STRONGLY encouraged and 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.



Horticulture Craft: Miniature Terracotta Bird Bath

Thursday, 2/8 at 6:30pm

Join in celebrating Valentine's Day along with National Bird Feeding month by creating a unique miniature indoor table top terracotta bird bath. Design, highlight and personalize by choosing from a range of materials for water & for snow. Add natural items and colorful paper flowers to give your bird bath a winter garden feel. Whether your bird bath will be placed in your own home or given as a gift, it surely will be made with love. No experience is necessary. Presented by Rachelle Hasenberg of Inspirational Horticultural Therapy.



Adult Programming

Lunch and a Movie

Monday, 2/12 at 12pm

Tolkien (2019)

In this biopic of the Lord of the Rings author, John Ronald Reuel Tolkien (Nicholas Hoult) grows up the ward of a priest after his mother's death, and becomes acquainted with Edith Bratt (Lily Collins), another orphan.

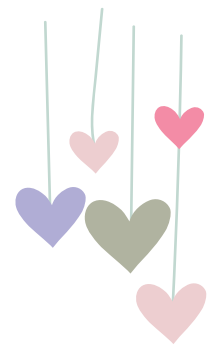
The couple's feelings for each other grow, but Ronald's guardian convinces him to hold off on the relationship, and Edith becomes engaged to another. After Ronald enlists in the Great War, Edith breaks off her engagement and promises to wait for him. But Ronald and his comrades-in-arms face horrors beyond anything they've ever imagined...and the only things sustaining him are his passions for literature and for Edith. All of these experiences contribute to the creation of the greatest fantasy saga the literary world has ever known.



Craft for Adults: Decoupage Heart Ornament

Thursday, 2/15 at 1:30pm

Adults of all ages are invited to decoupage a papier-mâché or wooden heart (your pick) with tissue paper, napkins, cut-up doilies, and other things! Signups are required, so register via our online events calendar at www.monroetpl.org. If you sign up but can't make it, please cancel your online reservation as a courtesy to those on the waitlist.

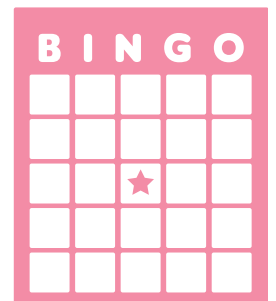


Bingo for Adults

Saturday, 2/17 at 11:30am

Adults of all ages are invited to play a little Bingo! You could win prizes like books to take home, ice cream coupons or other fun stuff.

Please visit our events calendar at www.monroetpl.org to sign up. If you sign up but can't make it, please cancel your reservation as a courtesy to those on the waiting list.



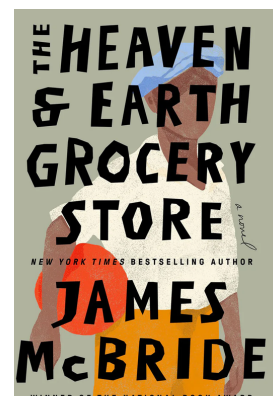
Bookworms Book Club

Wednesday, 2/21 at 1pm

The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride

In 1972, when workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were digging the foundations for a new development, the last thing they expected to find was a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who the skeleton was and how it got there were two of the long-held secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side and shared ambitions and sorrows. As these characters' stories overlap and deepen, it becomes clear how much the people who live on the margins struggle and what they must do to survive. When the truth is finally revealed about what happened on Chicken Hill and the part the town's white establishment played in it,

McBride shows us that even in dark times, it is love and community—heaven and earth—that sustain us.



Adult Programming

The Inkwell Writers Group

Wednesday, 2/21 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.



Movie Discussion Club

Thursday, 2/22 at 7pm

Dark Waters (2019)

A corporate defense attorney takes on an environmental lawsuit against a chemical company that exposes a lengthy history of pollution.

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(Strong Language | Some Disturbing Images | Thematic Content)

Mystery & Thriller, Drama



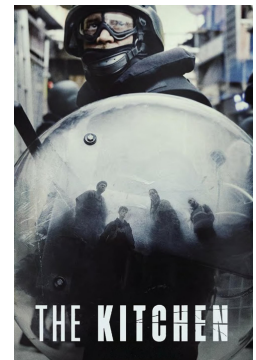
The Kitchen (2023)

In a dystopian future London where all social housing has been eliminated, Izi and Benji fight to navigate the world as residents of The Kitchen, a community that refuses to abandon their home.

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(Language)

Adventure, Drama, Sci-Fi



****Please be advised that this is a discussion group. We do not watch the films during this program. Please watch on your own time. **Some content may be offensive to some viewers. Viewer discretion is advised.****

Lunch and a Movie

Monday, 2/26 at 12pm

Shadowlands (1993)

In this tear-jerker, the author C.S. Lewis (Sir Anthony Hopkins), known to friends and family as "Jack", is firm in his beliefs about God's role in human suffering. But all that changes when he befriends American poet Joy Gresham (Debra Winger), who travels to England with her young son and eventually settles there when her marriage collapses. Jack eventually agrees to a marriage of convenience to allow her to stay in England, but remains firmly in the "friend" camp otherwise, due to his natural reserve. Then Joy is diagnosed with cancer...and Jack must face his true feelings for her. Remission allows them to renew their vows and make it a true marriage, but the inevitability of Joy's death hangs over their happiness. As Jack's faith is tested, it will take his belief in God and in love—divine and human—to carry him through the tragedy.



Shadowlands

Adult Programming

Paint Night for Adults

Tuesday, 2/27 at 6:30pm

Adults of all ages are invited to paint an adorable Valentine gnome with local artist Gina Martucci! Signups are required, so please register via our online events calendar at www.monroetpl.org, or call 856-629-1212 x 206. If you sign up but can't make it, please cancel your online registration as a courtesy to those on the waitlist.

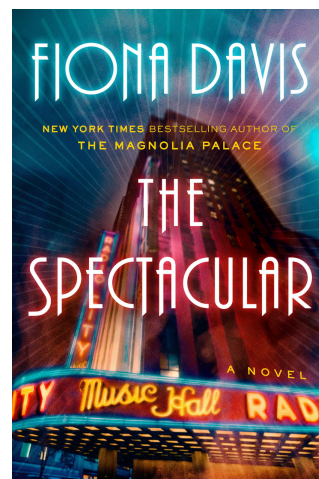


Bookmarks Book Club

Tuesday, 2/27 at 7pm

The Spectacular by Fiona Davis

New York City, 1956: Nineteen-year-old Marion is over the moon to have been selected to be one of the Rockettes, Radio City Music Hall's glamorous precision-dancing troupe. But with four shows a day as well as grueling rehearsals, Marion quickly realizes that the life of a Rockette has both extraordinary highs and devastating lows. Then one night a bomb explodes in the theater. It's only the latest in a string of explosions around the city orchestrated by a person the press has nicknamed the "Big Apple Bomber." With the public in an uproar over the lack of any real leads after a years long manhunt, the police, at Marion's urging, turn in desperation to a radical new technique: psychological profiling. As Marion finds herself pulled deeper into the investigation, she realizes that as much as she's been training herself to blend in, if she hopes to catch the bomber, she'll need to stand out and take a terrifying risk.



Adult ASL Club

Thursday, 2/29 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.



Hunt a Killer: Murder Mystery

Thursday, 2/29 at 6pm

Episode #4 of 6. Calling all crime and 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.



Teen Programming

TEEN Take-and-Make Kits: Valentine's Day Edition (with a Community Service Opportunity!)

TEENS (ages 12-18) are invited to stop by the circulation desk starting Thursday, February 1st through February 13th (while supplies last) to grab a to-go Valentine's Card kit.

INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS?? Bring in at least 1 Valentine's Day Card (either from the kit provided or make one of your own at home!) to be donated to the seniors at the Williamstown Pfeiffer Center and you can receive 1 hour of service credit. Cards must be brought to the library by Tuesday, Feb. 13th (in time to be delivered by Valentine's Day!) to receive credit. Your contribution is sure to make a senior smile =)

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

TEEN Advisory Board Meetings

Monday, 2/5 at 4pm & Saturday, 2/24 at 1:30pm

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. You'll brainstorm ideas for programming, displays, book orders, social media promotions, and more!

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 required.

TEEN Craft Night: Friendship Bead Bracelets

Monday, 2/12 at 6pm

February is International Friendship Month! TEENS (ages 12-18) can come celebrate by creating their very own friendship bracelets! Make one for you and one for a friend!! Registration required.



Children's Programming

ABC Storytime

Tuesday, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20 & 2/27 at

11:30am (18 months-3 years) & 1:30pm (3-5 years)

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 storytime!

Registration is required for each storytime. Please register online at monroetpl.org under events or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206 to sign-up.

Family Storytime

Thursday, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22 & 2/29 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, 2/5 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***

Graphic Novel Book Club

Saturday, 2/10 at 1pm

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.

Valentine's Day Craft: Heart Picture Frame

Tuesday, 2/13 at 6pm

Children ages 1-12 can stop in the library and color a heart on a picture frame using markers and paint.

Registration is required. Please register each child individually. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Katrina at khauserman@monroetpl.org. Register online at monroetpl.org under Events or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206.

Chess Club

Wednesday, 2/21 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.

Saturday Storytime

Saturday, 2/24 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***

Homeschool Book Club

Monday, 2/26 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, 2/27 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.

*****Please remember to cancel your child/children's registration if they can no longer attend the program as there is usually a waiting list.*** A new policy has been created stating that if your child/children's registration was not cancelled and they were a "No Show", then your child/children will not be able to register for the program next time and will be placed on the waiting list. Please feel free to email Ms. Katrina if you have any questions, she will be glad to answer any questions you may have.**

Contact Us!

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