

### WELCOME TO THE LATEST EDITION OF

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### THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

# Program Spotlight

#### **Needle Arts Group**

#### Wednesday, 3/6 & 3/20 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 not required.

#### Trivia Night for Adults Thursday, 3/7 at 6:30pm

Join us at the library for a casual game of trivia. Participants can join in solo, or compete in groups of up to 4 people. The first place team will receive a prize!

Register online or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206.

#### Tween Paint Night Tuesday, 3/5 at 6:30pm

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\*\*\*

#### Teen Craft Night: Leprechaun Traps Monday, 3/11 at 6pm

In this festive, STEM craft activity, TEENS (ages 12-18) are invited to come celebrate St. Patrick's Day by creating their own "Leprechaun traps." All materials are provided.

\*Registration required. Each teen must be registered individually.\*

### St. Patrick's Day-Bean Art Craft Tuesday, 3/12 at 6pm

Kids will use different kinds of beans to decorate a St. Patrick's Day picture. \*\*\*Please only register each child individually\*\*\* 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.

### Chair Yoga with Relax Mind and Body Thursday, 3/14, 3/21. 3/28 & 4/4 at 11:30am

This is 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 click here to view their brochure or 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.

#### Read to a Therapy Dog Tuesday, 3/19 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.

# American Red Cross: Blood Drive Thursday, 3/21 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.

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

Friends of the Library 3/4 at 2:30pm & Library Board 3/20 at 7pm.

The library will be closed 3/29-4/1 for Easter.



# Felt Craft for Adults: St. Patrick's Day Hats Saturday, 3/2 at 12pm

We're all Irish on St. Patrick's Day! Join us at the library to make your own lucky felt leprechaun hats! Registration is required for this program and basic sewing skills are preferred/encouraged. 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. \*\*This is not a sewing class. Basic sewing skills are preferred. Thank you!!\*\* \*\*PLEASE BE AWARE THAT YOU MAY NOT FINISH DURING THE ALLOTTED TIME!\*\*

### Core Stability with Relax Mind and Body Thursday, 3/7 at 11:30am

This class is beginner friendly. Jen is a certified teacher from Relax Mind & Body located at 621 S. Main Street in Williamstown. This is 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.

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# Felt Craft for Adults: Chocolate Easter Bunnies Thursday, 3/7 at 1pm

Hoppy Easter! We're going to be making felt "chocolate" bunnies for Easter! And no... Sadly, they're not actually made out of chocolate... Registration is required for this program and basic sewing skills are preferred/encouraged.

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### Lunch and a Movie Monday, 3/11 at 12pm

### Little Women (2019)

Gerwig's reimagining of Louisa May Alcott's classic novel won much critical acclaim. In 1860s Massachusetts, Jo March, the eldest of four sisters, navigates her relationships with the other three while developing her talents as a writer. Through joys and sorrows shared with her family, Jo tries to maintain her independence in an era that does not value independence in a woman...and to ask herself whether love has a place in her life as well.

# Computer & Tech Help Monday, 3/11 & 3/25 | Wednesday, 3/20 | 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!

# Tea Tasting with Greenwich Teaburners Tea Co. Wednesday, 3/13 at 1pm

Come learn about the Greenwich Teaburners Tea Farm's rich history while enjoying some tea and snacks. This program requires registration, if you find you cannot make it please cancel your registration by calling 856-629-1212 x206 so that your spot can be transferred to someone on the waiting list.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Monroe Township Library. To learn more about the Friends, and how to join, contact Sue King at sking@monroetpl.org.

# The Inkwell Writers Group Wednesday, 3/13 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.

# Craft for Adults: Papier-Mache Egg Chicks Thursday, 3/14 at 1:30pm

Adults of all ages are invited to the Monroe Township Library to make an adorable Easter chick out of a papier-mâché egg, paint, feathers, 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.

# Hunt a Killer: Murder Mystery Thursday, 3/14 at 6pm

We have a brand-new mystery to solve! 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.

# Bingo for Adults Saturday, 3/16 at 11:30am

Adults of all ages are invited to play a little Bingo at the Monroe Township Library! 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, 3/20 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 communityheaven and earth-that sustain us

Movie Discussion Club Thursday, 3/21 at 7pm

#### May December (2023)

Twenty years after their notorious tabloid romance gripped the nation, a married couple buckles under pressure when an actress arrives to do research for a film about their past.

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(Some Sexual Content | Graphic Nudity | Drug Use | Language)

Comedy, Drama

#### Silver Linings Playbook (2012)

After a stint in a mental institution, former teacher Pat Solitano moves back in with his parents and tries to reconcile with his ex-wife. Things get more challenging when Pat meets Tiffany, a mysterious girl with problems of her

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(Language | Some Sexual Content/Nudity)
Comedy, Drama, Romance

\*This is an adult discussion group. We do NOT view the movies during these meetings. Please watch the films on your own. Most movies are found on Netflix, but some can be found on other streaming services or through the library.\*

### Lunch and a Movie Monday, 3/25 at 12pm

### **Barbie (2023)**

This is it...the megahit of summer 2023! In this inventive, quirky comedy, Barbie (Margot Robbie) and her fellow Barbies (and their respective Kens) live in Barbieland, a parallel universe affected by how they are played with in the real world. But when Barbie begins to have thoughts and feelings that she's never experienced before, she and her Ken (Ryan Gosling) travel to the outside world to find the answers. There, Barbie finds out things aren't as easy for women as she was led to believe...while Ken brings back a few ideas of his own about men's roles. With the help of a mother and daughter from our world, can Barbie overcome the shock to her self-esteem, save Barbieland...and come to terms with herself and her place in both worlds?

### Bookmarks Book Club Tuesday, 3/26 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.

### Horror Book Club Wednesday, 3/27 at 2pm

### Sea of Sorrows by Rich Douek

Plunge headfirst into the icy waters of dread in this graphic novel of deep sea adventure with a horrific twist!

In the aftermath of the Great War, the North Atlantic is ripe for plunder by independent salvage crews. When a former naval officer hires the SS Vagabond, he leads the ship to a sunken U-boat, and a fortune in gold. Tensions mount as the crew prepares to double cross each other, but the darkness of the ocean floor holds deeper terrors than any of them have bargained for!

From the creative team behind the horror graphic novel Road of Bones, comes an all-new tale of bone-chilling terror!

# Jigsaw Puzzle Contest for Adults Wednesday, 3/27 at 6:30pm

Jigsaw Puzzle Contest for Adults. The Monroe Township Library is holding a jigsaw puzzle contest for adults of all ages! Teams of up to four can work on a 500-piece puzzle in the time allotted. The first one to finish will be the winning team and will win prizes. If no one's finished when time is up, the team with the fewest amount of pieces left is the winner. (We have puzzles to work on, but feel free to bring your own, as long as it's 500 pieces.) Signups are required, so visit our online calendar at www.monroetpl.org to register.

#### **Adult ASL Club**

#### Thursday, 3/28 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.

# Teen Programming

# Teen Advisory Board Meetings Monday, 3/4 at 5pm & Saturday, 3/23 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!

#### Teen Take-and-Make Kits: Mini Bird Houses

TEENS (ages 12-18) are invited to stop by the circulation desk starting Friday, March 1st through March (while supplies last) to grab a to-go Mini Bird House to build, decorate, and display at home!

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

# Teen Movie: Barbie Saturday, 3/9 at 12:30pm

This Women's History Month, TEENS AGES 12-18 (grades 7-12) are invited to come celebrate women by watching the 2023 blockbuster hit Barbie.

\*No registration required.\*

# Teen Game Night: March Madness Mario Kart Tournament Monday, 3/18 at 6pm

TEENS AGES 12-18 (grades 7-12) are invited to show off their gaming skills by competing in a "March Madness" style tournament bracket. Contestants will be playing Mario Kart 8 Deluxe for Nintendo Switch. Tournament champion will be eligible for a prize!
\*Registration is required.\*

### Teen Craft Night: Easter Egg Ornaments Monday, 3/25 at 6pm

TEENS (ages 12-18) are invited to come celebrate Easter by decorating egg ornaments.

All materials are provided.

\*Registration required. Each teen must be registered individually.\*

#### Teen March Madness YA Book Vote

For March Madness, we've pitted our most popular checked-out Young Adult books/series against each other.

Each week, come back and vote for your favorites to move on and help us crown a YA Book Champion at the end of the month!

# Children's Programming

# ABC Storytime

Tuesday, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19 & 3/26 at

# 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 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, 3/7, 3/21 & 3/28 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, 3/4 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, 3/9 at 10:30am

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!. No registration required. Please email Ms. Katrina at khauserman@monroetpl.org if you have any questions.

#### **Chess Club**

#### Wednesday, 3/20 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, 3/23 at 10:30am

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\*\*\*

# Children's Programming

### Homeschool Book Club Monday, 3/25 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, 3/26 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.

### **Bunny Hop**

### Wednesday, 3/27 at 11:30am & 4:30pm

Join the library for our annual Bunny Hop! Kids will receive treats and other small items. Registration is required. Please register each child individually! 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. This is a rain or shine event.

# Lucky the Library Leprechaun Whole month of March

Do your best and try to find Lucky who is hiding in the Children's Section of the library. He moves to a new spot every day so make sure you look for him. If you find him, let a library staff member know and you will earn a small prize.

# Try Your Luck Whole month of March

Want to try your luck at finding a new book to read? Grab one of our mystery bags, without peeking, and check out the book.

#### Please keep in mind:

\*\*\*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 as 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. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Ms. Katrina and she will be glad to answer any questions you may have.

# Contact Us!

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