

In This Issue

Adult Programming, pgs. 2-6

Teen Programming, pg. 7

Children's Programming, pgs. 8-9

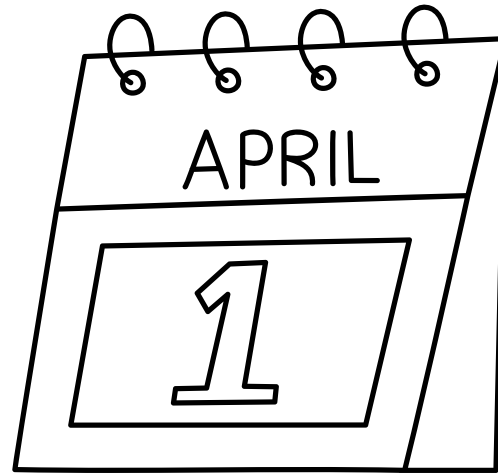
Contact Information, pg. 10

Hours of Operation

We are open Monday-Thursday from 11am-9pm & Friday-Saturday from 10am-3pm.

We are closed every Sunday.

The library will be closed 4/1 for Easter.



Program Spotlight

Outsmart the Scammers Seminar

Wednesday, 4/3 at 6:30pm

Incidents of fraud are on the rise and scammer tactics are becoming complex. That's why it's important to educate yourself about fraud. Join us for a seminar on how to Outsmart the Scammers presented by Edward Jones Financial Advisor David Debrececi. Registration is required.

Home Organization Workshop: The KonMari Method™

Wednesday, 4/17 at 11:30am

Do you have anything that you are struggling to organize? Here's your chance to learn the best way to organize whatever you're struggling with! Workshop lead by professional Organizer and KonMari Consultant Ana Catarrivas. Registration is required.

Books & Blooms

Friday, 4/5 at 11am

Adults are invited to the library to plant seeds perfect for spring sowing! There will be a variety of seeds and pots for you to choose from. You will also be able to take home your own packet of wildflower mix to sprinkle in your garden! Registration is required.

Blood Drive

Thursday, 4/18 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.

Williamstown Junior Gardeners Club

Thursday, 4/11 at 6:30pm

Children between the ages of 5-12 (accompanied by an adult) are welcome to join us for an exciting journey into the world of gardening. Children will enjoy hands on activities focusing on soil preparation, planting, garden maintenance and harvesting your crops. Registration is required.

Friends of the Monroe Library Booksale

Saturday, 4/27 from 10am-3pm

A huge selection of fiction & non-fiction, crafts, travel, health, and more. Teen and children's books, too. \$1 jigsaw puzzles available while supplies last! Please bring your own bags/boxes to take your purchases home. Or purchase a Monroe Library tote bag for \$3. Pick up some great bargains!

Read to a Therapy Dog

Tuesday, 4/16 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.

Meet the Author Book Festival

Saturday, 4/27 from 10am-3pm

The library is proud to be presenting the Second Annual Meet the Author Book Festival with our festival host Trudi Clark. This festival is for authors covering all genres and ages.

Adult Programming

Needle Arts Group

Wednesday, 4/3 & 4/17 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.

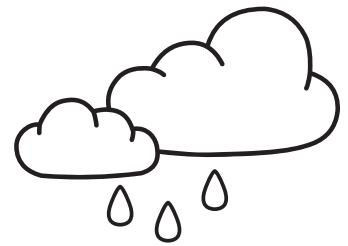


Felt Craft for Adults

Thursday, 4/4 at 1pm

April Showers Bring May Flowers! Join us at the library to create your own felt rain clouds. Registration is required for this program and basic sewing skills are preferred. THIS IS NOT A CLASS.

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.



Trivia Night for Adults

Thursday, 4/4 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.



Computer & Tech Help

Monday, 4/8 & 4/29 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!

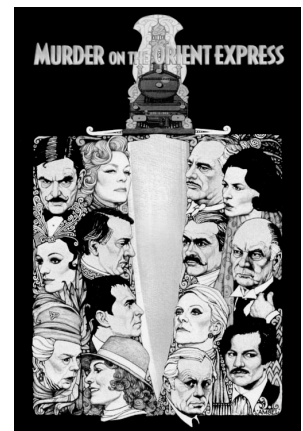


Lunch and a Movie

Monday, 4/8 at 12pm

Murder on the Orient Express (1974)

This acclaimed version of Agatha Christie's best Poirot novel, starring Albert Finney, turns fifty this year. During Hercule Poirot's trip on the famed Orient Express, an unsavory American businessman expresses fear for his life--and, shortly afterward, is found stabbed to death. The detective soon finds out that the businessman was connected to a long-ago kidnapping and murder...and that more than one person in the snowbound train is also connected with the tragedy. Can the sleuth and his "little gray cells" uncover the truth--and if he does, will his definition of "justice" stretch far enough to let the killer go free?



Adult Programming

Inkwell Writers Group

Monday, 4/10 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.



Core Stability with Relax Mind and Body

Thursday, 4/11 at 11:30am

This is an all level class that is based on Pilates and Barre style class. Build strength and stability within the core line of the body. It helps with posture, balance, strength in core and spine. No experience necessary. This class is beginner friendly. Jen is a certified teacher from Relax Mind & Body located at 621 S. Main Street in Williamstown. 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.



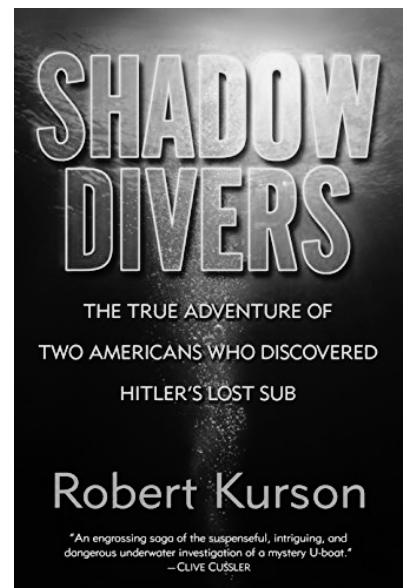
Nonfiction Book Club

Thursday, 4/11 at 1pm

The Shadow Divers by Robert Kurson

For John Chatterton and Richie Kohler, deep wreck diving was more than a sport.

Testing themselves against treacherous currents, braving depths that induced hallucinatory effects, navigating through wreckage as perilous as a minefield, they pushed themselves to their limits and beyond, brushing against death more than once in the rusting hulks of sunken ships. But in the fall of 1991, not even these courageous divers were prepared for what they found 230 feet below the surface, in the frigid Atlantic waters sixty miles off the coast of New Jersey: a World War II German U-boat, its ruined interior a macabre wasteland of twisted metal, tangled wires, and human bones—all buried under decades of accumulated sediment. No identifying marks were visible on the submarine or the few artifacts brought to the surface. No historian, expert, or government had a clue as to which U-boat the men had found. In fact, the official records all agreed that there simply could not be a sunken U-boat and crew at that location. Over the next six years, an elite team of divers embarked on a quest to solve the mystery. Some of them would not live to see its end. Chatterton and Kohler, at first bitter rivals, would be drawn into a friendship that deepened to an almost mystical sense of brotherhood with each other and with the drowned U-boat sailors—former enemies of their country. As the men's marriages frayed under the pressure of a shared obsession, their dives grew more daring, and each realized that he was hunting more than the identities of a lost U-boat and its nameless crew.



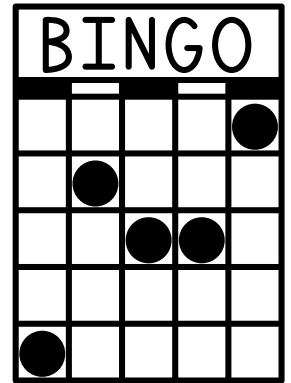
Adult Programming

Bingo for Adults

Saturday, 4/13 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.

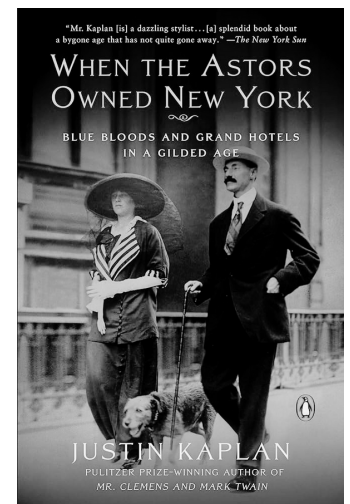


Bookworms Book Club

Wednesday, 4/17 at 1pm

When the Astors Owned New York by Justin Kaplan

Endowed with the largest private fortunes of their day, two heirs of arch-capitalist John Jacob Astor battled with each other for social primacy. William Waldorf Astor and his cousin John Jacob Astor IV led incomparably privileged lives in the blaze of public attention. Novelist, sportsman, and inventor, John Jacob went down with the Titanic, after turbulent marital adventures and service in the Spanish-American War. Collector of art, antiquities, and stately homes, William Waldorf became a British subject and acquired the title of Viscount Astor. In New York during the 1890s and after, the two feuding Astors built monumental grand hotels, chief among them the original Waldorf-Astoria on lower Fifth Avenue. Home of the chafing dish and the velvet rope, the Waldorf-Astoria drew the rich, famous, and fashionable. It was the setting for the most notorious society event of the era—a costume extravaganza put on by its hosts during a time of widespread need and unemployment. The celebrity-packed lobbies, public rooms, lavish suites, and exclusive restaurants of the grand hotels became distinctive theaters of modern life.



Fit Balance Yoga with Relax Mind & Body

Thursday, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2, & 5/9 at 11:30am

Weekly Fit Balance sessions are available on Thursdays at 11:30am from April 18th through May 9th here at the Monroe Township Library. Certified teachers from Relax Mind & Body 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.

YOGA

Craft for Adults: Scrapbook Paper Vase

Thursday, 4/18 at 1:30pm

Adults of all ages are invited to the Monroe Township Library to make a beautiful flower vase with a glass vase, mod podge, scrapbook paper, ribbon, and more! Signups are required, so please 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.

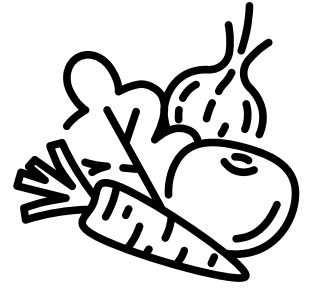


Adult Programming

Horticulture Craft

Thursday, 4/18 at 6:30pm

Celebrate Earth Day by discovering the wonder of growing vegetables, flowers or herbs outdoors in containers and pot up one of your own to take with you. Experience the best soil for container gardening and which containers work better than others, explore the benefits of companion planting and ways to pair plants, and gain an understanding of the methods to minimize the use of pesticides & herbicides. Presented by Rachelle Hasenberg of Inspirational Horticultural Therapy. Registration is required.



Movie Discussion Club

Thursday, 4/18 at 7pm

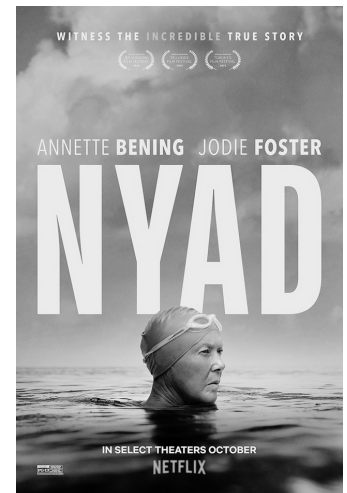
Nyad (2023)

The remarkable true story of athlete Diana Nyad who, at the age of 60 and with the help of her best friend and coach, commits to achieving her life-long dream: a 110-mile open ocean swim from Cuba to Florida.

PG-13

(Sexual Abuse | Brief Partial Nudity | Some Strong Language | Thematic Material)

Biography, Drama



The Florida Project (2017)

Set in the shadow of the most magical place on Earth, 6-year-old Moonee and her two best friends forge their own adventures, while Moonee's struggling mom and a kindhearted motel manager protect the kids from the harsh reality that surrounds them.

R

(Language Throughout | Disturbing Behavior | Sexual References | Some Drug Material)

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. Content may be inappropriate or offensive to some viewers. Viewer discretion is advised.

Lunch and a Movie

Monday, 4/22 at 12pm

A Haunting In Venice (2023)

This latest entry in Sir Kenneth Branagh's Poirot movies (loosely based on Dame Agatha's novel Halloween Party) finds a post-WWII Poirot in retirement in Venice. His old friend, writer Ariadne Oliver (Tina Fey), convinces him to attend a séance held by psychic Joyce Reynolds (Michelle Yeoh) in a supposedly haunted palazzo.

Poirot, skeptical at first, is rattled by Joyce's channeling of a guest's dead daughter...and by Joyce's own murder immediately afterwards. As is par for the course, most of the guests have possible motives...and the ever-rational Poirot may have to face the possibility that the supernatural may be involved.



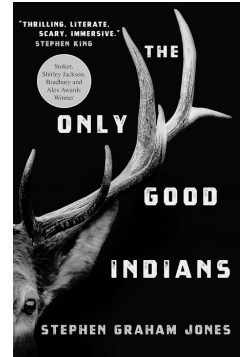
Adult Programming

Horror Book Club

Wednesday, 4/24 at 2pm

The Only Good Indians by Stephen Graham Jones

Seamlessly blending classic horror and a dramatic narrative with sharp social commentary, The Only Good Indians follows four American Indian men after a disturbing event from their youth puts them in a desperate struggle for their lives. Tracked by an entity bent on revenge, these childhood friends are helpless as the culture and traditions they left behind catch up to them in a violent, vengeful way.



Hunt a Killer: Murder Mystery

Thursday, 4/25 at 6pm

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.



Friends of the Library Volunteer Set-Up

Friday, 4/26 at 3pm

TEENS *High schoolers* *Confirmation Hour Seekers* *NJNHS* *ANYONE!* Do you need community service hours??! The Friends of the Monroe Township Public Library are looking for volunteers to help set up the book sale on Friday, April 26th from 3-5PM! Please fill out the registration form to volunteer your time.

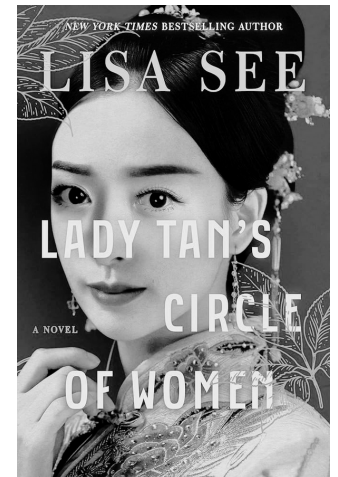


Bookmarks Book Club

Tuesday, 4/30 at 7pm

Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See

According to Confucius, "an educated woman is a worthless woman," but Tan Yunxian—born into an elite family, yet haunted by death, separations, and loneliness—is being raised by her grandparents to be of use. Her grandmother is one of only a handful of female doctors in China, and she teaches Yunxian the pillars of Chinese medicine, the Four Examinations—looking, listening, touching, and asking—something a man can never do with a female patient. From a young age, Yunxian learns about women's illnesses, many of which relate to childbearing, alongside a young midwife-in-training, Meiling. The two girls find fast friendship and a mutual purpose, and they vow to be forever friends, sharing in each other's joys and struggles. But when Yunxian is sent into an arranged marriage, her mother-in-law forbids her from seeing Meiling and from helping the women and girls in the household. Yunxian is to act like a proper wife—embroider bound-foot slippers, pluck instruments, recite poetry, give birth to sons, and stay forever within the walls of the family compound, the Garden of Fragrant Delights.



Paint Night for Adults

Tuesday, 4/30 at 6:30pm

Adults of all ages are invited to the Monroe Township Library to paint a work of art with local artist and teacher Gina Martucci!

Signups are required, so please register via our online 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. Also, please make sure you are on the registration list and not the waitlist.



Teen Programming

Teen Take-And-Make Bags: Flower Seed Kits

Teens (ages 12-18) are invited to stop by the circulation desk starting Tuesday, April 2nd through April (while supplies last) to grab a to-go Flower Seed Kit!

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

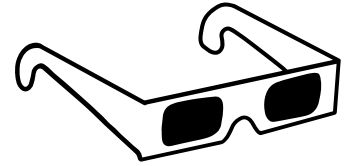


Teen STEM Craft: Solar Eclipse Glasses

Saturday, 4/6 at 1pm

In this STEM craft activity, TEENS (ages 12-18) are invited to come build their own solar eclipse viewers in preparation to watch the solar eclipse that will be occurring on Monday, April 8th.

Registration required.

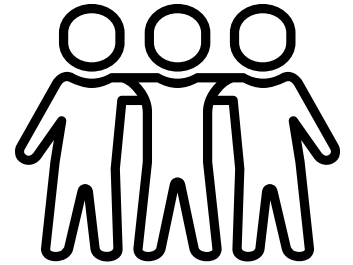


Teen Advisory Board

Monday, 4/8 at 5pm & Saturday, 4/20 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!

Registration required.



Teen Game Night: Escape Room "Murder Mystery"

Monday, 4/15 at 6pm

Feel the thrill and enjoy the mystery of an Escape Room! In this challenging and unpredictable game, you have to work together to solve puzzles and find hidden clues. It's a race against the clock -- you only have 60 minutes to escape!

Registration required.

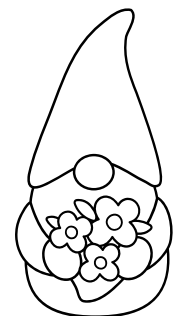


Teen Craft Night: Garden Gnome Succulent Pots

Monday, 4/22 at 6pm

Teens (ages 12-18) are invited to come paint their very own gnome pot. Succulent plants will also be provided.

Registration required.



Children's Programming

ABC Storytime

Tuesday, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, & 4/30 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, 4/4, 4/11, & 4/18 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.***

Graphic Novel Book Club

Tuesday, 4/6 at 6pm

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.

STEM: Solar Eclipse

Saturday, 4/6 at 10:30am

Children (1-12) & family are invited to stop by the library as the children make solar eclipse glasses using cereal boxes that can be used to see the solar eclipse on Monday April 8th. 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

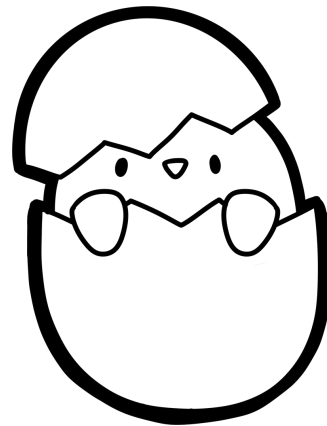
Monday, 4/8 at 11:30am

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.***

Tween Paint Night

Tuesday, 4/9 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.***



*****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.

Children's Programming

Earth Day Flower Bombs

Tuesday, 4/16 at 6pm

Kids will make flower bombs using wet construction paper and flower seeds just in time for Earth Day. ***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.

Chess Club

Wednesday, 4/17 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, 4/20 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.***

Homeschool Book Club

Monday, 4/29 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

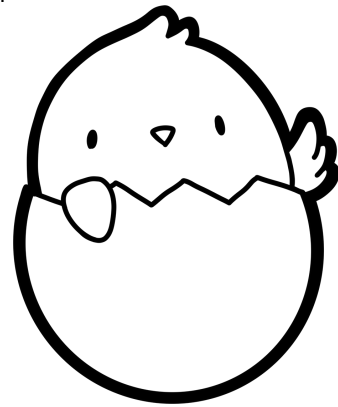
Tuesday, 4/30 at 6pm

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.

Flower Seed Kits

Whole Month of April

Children (1-12) can stop by the library and pick up a flower seed kit during the Month of April in celebration of Earth Day. No registration is required. While supplies last.



*****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!

1 (856) 629-1212
info@monroetpl.org

Administration
Ext. 203

Reference Desk
Ext. 206 or 207

Circulation Desk
Ext. 210 or 211

Children's Desk
Ext. 214

Visit us on the web at
<http://www.monroetpl.org/>

