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## 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 5/25-5/27 for Memorial Day Weekend.*



## Program Spotlight

### **American Red Cross Blood Drive Thursday, 5/2 & 5/16 from 1-6pm**

Give Blood. Save Lives.

For an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). To register online, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and search by sponsor code: Williamstown.

### **Team Up 2 Clean Up Monroe Township Saturday, 5/18 from 9am-12pm**

Gather your friends, youth groups, clubs and neighbors to help build a sense of PRIDE as we clean up our town! Call 856-728-1372 x844 to sign up. Supplies, lunch and giveaways provided by Clean Communities. Rain or Shine.

### **Art Show with Gina Martucci Wednesday, 5/8 from 6:30-8pm**

Join us at the Monroe Library for an evening of art with paintings and drawings created by the students of Gina Martucci. Miss Gina will be showing off her student's work and giving a small talk about teaching the creative process and awarding her star students. No registration required.

### **Read to a Therapy Dog Tuesday, 5/21 from 6-7pm**

Stop by the children's section of the library and read to either Casey or Memphis, our two therapy dogs. Every third Tuesday of the month. No registration required.

### **Williamstown Junior Gardeners Club Thursday, 5/9 from 6:30-7:30pm**

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.

### **Jigsaw Puzzle Contest for Adults Wednesday, 5/22 from 6:30-8:30pm**

The 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. Signups are required, so visit our online calendar at [www.monroetpl.org](http://www.monroetpl.org) to register.

### **Shades of Harmony Saturday, 5/11 from 1-2pm**

Join Shades of Harmony, the women's a cappella chorus of Williamstown, at the library for a send-off performance as they head to Lancaster for their regional contest. This concert is for all ages, and is free to the public! Registration is not required.

### **Fiber Arts Craft Thursday, 5/23 from 1-3pm**

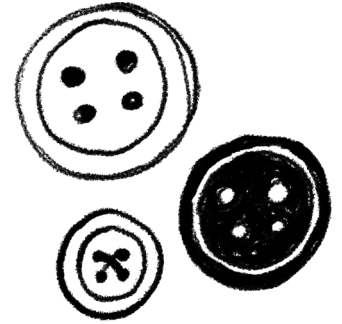
In this 2-hour fiber arts class you will learn to "paint with wool". Materials include dyed sheep wool, special felting needles, and a felting pad. All materials will be provided by the instructor. Come and join the fun!

# Adult Programming

## **Needle Arts Group**

**Wednesday, 5/1 & 5/15 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.



## **Fit Balance Yoga with Relax Mind & Body**

**Thursday, 5/2, & 5/9 from 11:30am-12:30pm**

Weekly Fit Balance sessions are available on Thursdays at 11:30am 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](http://monroetpl.org) or call 856-629-1212 x206 to register. To learn more about Relax Mind & Body visit their website at: [www.relaxmb.com](http://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](mailto:sking@monroetpl.org).

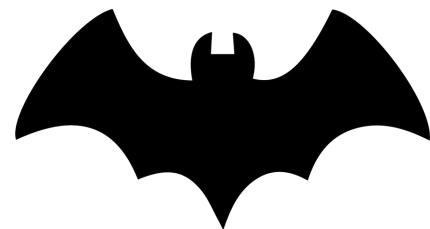


## **Lunch and a Movie**

**Monday, 5/6 from 12-2:30pm**

### **The Batman (2022)**

In this intriguing mystery that focuses on Batman's detective skills, Bruce Wayne (Robert Pattinson) is in his second year as Batman. When Gotham City's wealthy elite start turning up dead, he traces the killings to a criminal named Edward Nashton, who has a propensity for riddles... and may have figured out Batman's identity. With the help of cat burglar Selina Kyle (Zoe Kravitz), the Batman must race against time to save all of Gotham...



# Adult Programming

## **Inkwell Writers Group**

**Wednesday, 5/8 from 6:30–8:30pm**

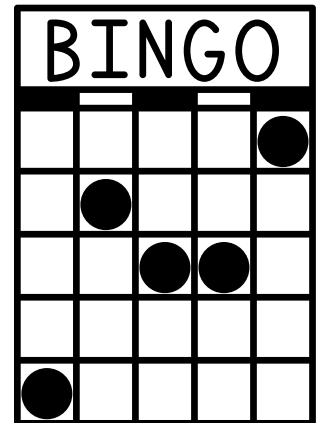
An adult creative writing group looking for fun, creative, artistic writers who find it hard to stay motivated to write. Join us as we encourage each other in maintaining a writing schedule with the goal of using writing as a tool of empowerment, healing & personal discovery. Critique sessions, writing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



## **Bingo for Adults**

**Saturday, 5/11 from 11:30am–12:30pm**

Adults of all ages are invited to play a little bingo at the 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](http://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.



## **Lunch and a Movie**

**Monday, 5/13 from 12–2:30pm**

### **Batman (1966)**

From the (literally) Dark Knight, we go to the bright knight Adam West! In this big-screen spinoff of the campy sixties television hit, Batman and Robin (Burt Ward) face off against an alliance of all their worst supervillain enemies who are out to take over the world! Not an easy task... especially when some days, you just can't get rid of a bomb.



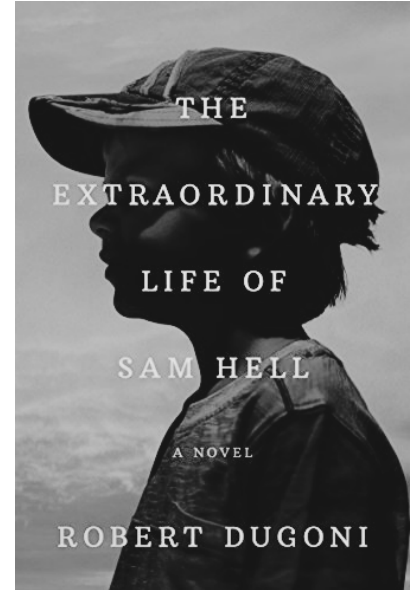
# Adult Programming

## Bookworms Book Club

Wednesday, 5/15 from 1–2pm

### **The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell By Robert Dugoni**

Sam Hill always saw the world through different eyes. Born with red pupils, he was called “Devil Boy” or Sam “Hell” by his classmates; “God’s will” is what his mother called his ocular albinism. Her words were of little comfort, but Sam persevered, buoyed by his mother’s devout faith, his father’s practical wisdom, and his two other misfit friends. Sam believed it was God who sent Ernie Cantwell, the only African American kid in his class, to be the friend he so desperately needed. And that it was God’s idea for Mickie Kennedy to storm into Our Lady of Mercy like a tornado, uprooting every rule Sam had been taught about boys and girls. Forty years later, Sam, a small-town eye doctor, is no longer certain anything was by design. Running from the pain, eyes closed, served little purpose. Now, as he looks back on his life, Sam embarks on a journey that will take him halfway around the world. This time, his eyes are wide open—bringing into clear view what changed him, defined him, and made him so afraid, until he can finally see what truly matters.



### **Core Stability with Relax Mind and Body**

Thursday, 5/16 from 11:30am–12:30pm

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](http://monroetpl.org) or call 856-629-1212 x206 to register. To learn more about Relax Mind & Body visit their website at: [www.relaxmb.com](http://www.relaxmb.com).

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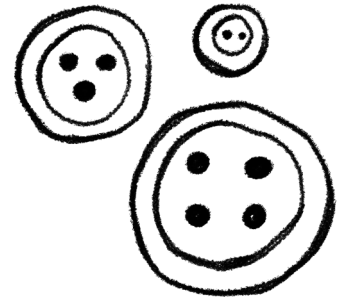
# Adult Programming

## **Craft for Adults: Button Flower Canvas**

**Thursday, 5/16 from 1:30-2:30**

Adults of all ages are invited to the library to glue buttons on a miniature canvas, then turn them into flowers with markers and paint!

Signups are required, so register via our online events calendar at [www.monroetpl.org](http://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.



## **Movie Discussion Club**

**Thursday, 5/16 from 7-8pm**

### **Molly's Game (2017)**

The true story of Molly Bloom, a beautiful, young, Olympic-class skier who ran the world's most exclusive high-stakes poker game for a decade before being arrested in the middle of the night by 17 FBI agents wielding automatic weapons. Her players included Hollywood royalty, sports stars, business titans and finally, unbeknown to her, the Russian mob. Her only ally was her criminal defense lawyer Charlie Jaffey, who learned there was much more to Molly than the tabloids led people to believe.

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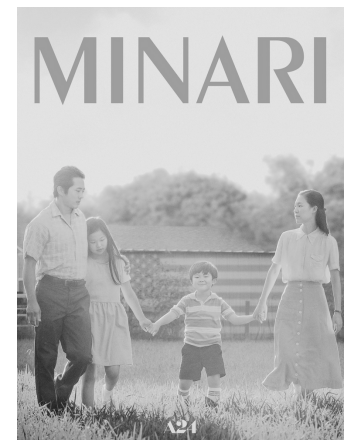
*Biography, Crime, Drama*

### **Minari (2020)**

A Korean American family moves to an Arkansas farm in search of its own American dream. Amidst the challenges of new life in the strange and rugged Ozarks, they discover the undeniable resilience of family and what really makes a home.

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*Drama*

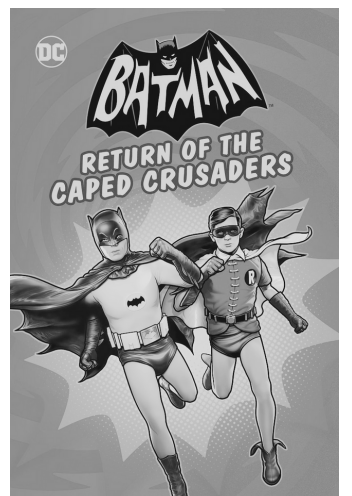


## **Lunch and a Movie**

**Monday, 5/20 from 12-2:30pm**

### **Return of the Caped Crusaders (2016)**

West, Ward, ho! Fifty years after debuting as Batman and Robin, Adam West and Burt Ward return to the roles... voicing them for animation. In this fun romp based on the 1966 series, Batman undergoes a personality change due to a sinister substance the supervillains sneak him... and it will take an uneasy alliance between Robin and Catwoman to restore him to normal. Will our heroes fall victim to the vile villains' scheme?



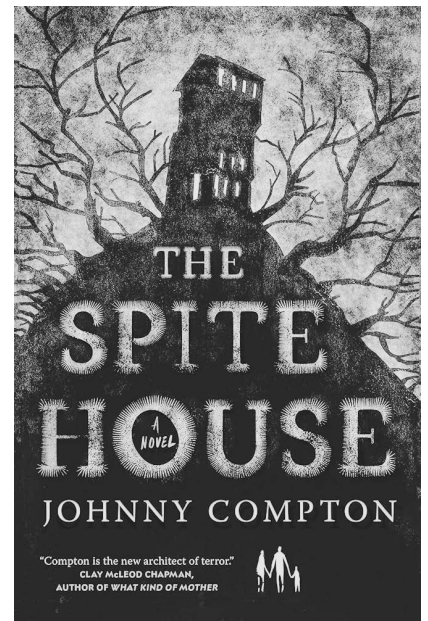
# Adult Programming

## Horror Book Club

Wednesday, 5/22 from 2-3pm

### The Spite House by Johnny Compton

Eric Ross is on the run from a mysterious past with his two daughters in tow. Having left his wife, his house, his whole life behind in Maryland, he's desperate for money—it's not easy to find safe work when you can't provide references, you can't stay in one place for long, and you're paranoid that your past is creeping back up on you. When he comes across the strange ad for the Masson House in Degener, Texas, Eric thinks they may have finally caught a lucky break. The Masson property, notorious for being one of the most haunted places in Texas, needs a caretaker of sorts. The owner is looking for proof of paranormal activity. All they need to do is stay in the house and keep a detailed record of everything that happens there. Provided the house's horrors don't drive them all mad, like the caretakers before them.

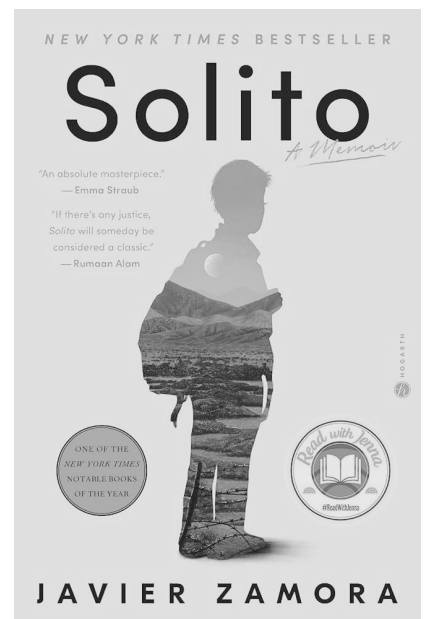


## Bookmarks Book Club

Tuesday, 5/28 from 7-8pm

### Solito by Javier Zamora

Trip. My parents started using that word about a year ago—"one day, you'll take a trip to be with us. Like an adventure." Javier's adventure is a three-thousand-mile journey from his small town in El Salvador, through Guatemala and Mexico, and across the U.S. border. He will leave behind his beloved aunt and grandparents to reunite with a mother who left four years ago and a father he barely remembers. Traveling alone except for a group of strangers and a coyote hired to lead them to safety, Javier's trip is supposed to last two short weeks. At nine years old, all Javier can imagine is rushing into his parents' arms, snuggling in bed between them, living under the same roof again. He does not see the perilous boat trips, relentless desert treks, pointed guns, arrests and deceptions that await him; nor can he know that those two weeks will expand into two life-altering months alongside a group of strangers who will come to encircle him like an unexpected family.





# Teen Programming

## **Teen Take-and-Make Bags: Wood Photo Blocks**

TEENS (ages 12-18) are invited to stop by the circulation desk starting Wednesday, May 1st through May (while supplies last) to grab a to-go Wood Block Photo Holder. Decorate it for yourself or it makes a perfect Mother's Day gift!

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



## **Teen May the 4th Star Wars Movie & Lightsaber Craft**

**Saturday, 5/4 from 11-1pm**

TEENS (ages 12-18) are invited to come celebrate Star Wars Day by creating their own light-up pool noodle lightsaber while watching Star Wars: Episode IV -- A New Hope.

Popcorn will be provided.

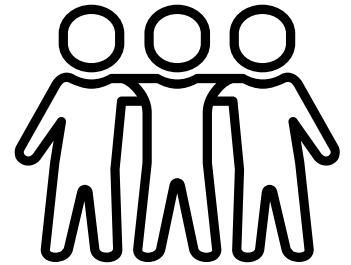
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## **Teen Advisory Board Meetings**

**Monday, 5/6 from 5-6pm & 5/18 from 1:30-2:30pm**

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 Game Night: Board Game Night**

**Monday, 5/13 from 6-7pm**

TEENS (ages 12-18) are invited to join us for a Teen Board Game Night!! Several different game options will be provided but you are also welcome to bring your own to share and play!

\*No registration required.\*



## **Teen Craft Night: DIY Hats & Sunglasses**

**Monday, 5/20 from 6-7pm**

TEENS (ages 12-18) are invited to get ready for Memorial Day weekend and the summer weather by decorating their own hats & sunglasses!

All materials are provided.

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



# Children's Programming

## **Movers & Shakers**

**Thursday, 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, & 5/30 from 11:30am-12:30pm & 1:30-2:30pm**

Children (0-6) & family are invited to stop by the library while we dance, sing and play! Registration is required. Register online at [monroetpl.org](http://monroetpl.org) under Events or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206. \*\*\*Remember to sign up each child individually.\*\*\*

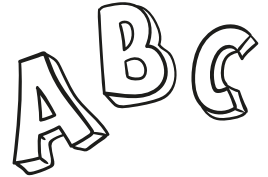


## **ABC Storytime**

**Tuesday, 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, & 5/28 from**

**11:30am-12:30pm (ages 18 months-3 years) & 1:30-2:30pm (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](http://monroetpl.org) under events or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206 to sign-up.



## **Star Wars Storytime**

**Saturday, 5/4 from 10:30-11:30am**

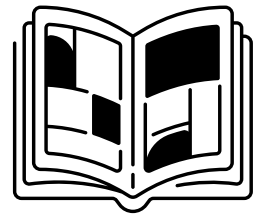
Children (1-12) & family are invited to stop by the library while we read some stories to celebrate Star Wars Day! Registration is required. Register online at [monroetpl.org](http://monroetpl.org) under Events or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206.\*\*\*Remember to sign up each child individually.\*\*\*



## **Graphic Novel Book Club**

**Saturday, 5/4 from 1:30-2:30pm**

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! No registration required. Please email Ms. Katrina at [khauserman@monroetpl.org](mailto:khauserman@monroetpl.org) if you have any questions.



## **Homeschool Hangout**

**Monday, 5/6 from 11:30am-12:30pm**

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](http://monroetpl.org) or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206. \*\*\*Remember to sign up each child individually.\*\*\*



## **Mother's Day Craft**

**Tuesday, 5/7 from 6-7pm**

Children and their caregivers can stop at the library and create a cute picture using paint and straws to design a bouquet of flowers in a water can. DRESS FOR MESS! Registration is required. Please sign up at [monroetpl.org](http://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.\*\*\***

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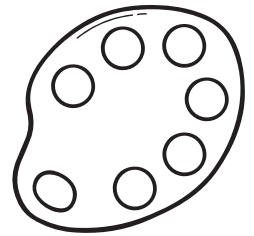


# Children's Programming

## **Tween Paint Night**

**Tuesday, 5/14 from 6-7pm**

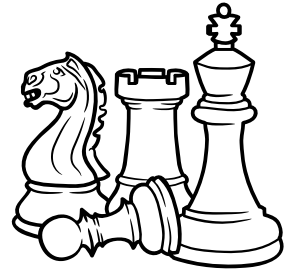
Tween's (7-12) can join Williamstown's very own traveling artist Gina Martucci! Tween's will paint their very own painting. Registration is required. Please sign up at [monroetpl.org](http://monroetpl.org) or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206. \*\*\*Remember to sign up each child individually.\*\*\*



## **Chess Club**

**Wednesday, 5/15 from 6-7pm**

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.



## **Homeschool Book Club**

**Monday, 5/20 from 11:30am-12:30pm**

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](http://monroetpl.org) or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206. \*\*\*Remember to sign up each child individually.\*\*\*



## **Flannel Board Friday Storytime**

**Friday, 5/24 from 10:30-11:30am**

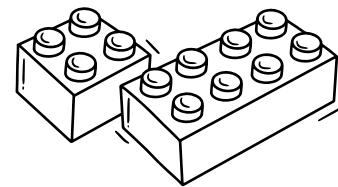
We will read some stories, use a flannel board and sing some songs. Registration is required. Please sign up at [monroetpl.org](http://monroetpl.org) or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206. \*\*\*Remember to sign up each child individually.\*\*\*



## **Lego Club**

**Tuesday, 5/28 from 6-7pm**

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.



## **May Lego Challenge**

**Whole Month of May**

The Lego book tower challenge is back! Every time you check out a book, you will receive three Lego's to add to our Lego tower. No registration required.

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