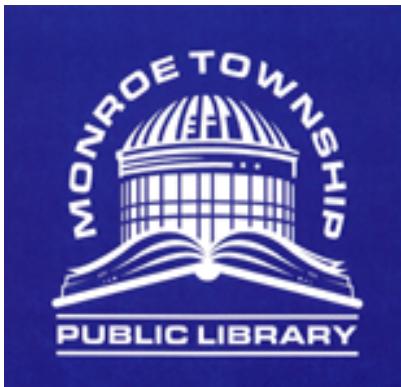


Library Lines

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December 2019



Library Hours

Monday—Thursday

11 AM—9 PM

Friday

12 PM—5 PM

Saturday

10AM—3PM

Closed in July & August

The library is closed on
Sundays

Contact Information

1-856-629-1212

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Circulation Desk

ext. 210 or 211

Reference Desk

ext. 206

Teen and Youth Services

ext. 209

Administration

ext. 203

Library Closings

Tuesday, December 24th

Wednesday, December 25th

Tuesday, December 31st

Wednesday, January 1st



HAPPY

HOLIDAYS



Disguise a Gingerbread Man Contest

Monday, December 2nd—Saturday, December 21st

Stop by the library to pick up your Gingerbread boy or girl and help the Gingerbread Man escape! Decorate him or her to look like your favorite book character! On the back, record your name, the title of the book you found him in and the name of the character. Use fun, crafty materials like colored paper, felt, feathers, paint, buttons, pipe cleaners, and more! The disguised Gingerbread will be on display throughout the library. Open to children of all ages. No registration is required.



Santa Claus is Coming to the Library!

Saturday, December 14th, 12:00PM

Children can come dressed in their festive clothes to have their picture taken with Santa. Don't forget to bring your letters to Santa! Children of all ages are welcome. No registration is required.

Reading to a Therapy Dog

Tuesday, December 17th, 7:00PM



Do you love dogs? Do you love to read? Children ages 5-12 are invited to come and read (for 10 minute intervals) to Charlie and Casey, two therapy dogs that will be visiting the library. Registration is required. Please call 856-629-1212 ext. 206 or stop by The Reference Desk to register.

Cocoa and Cookie with Mrs. Claus

Saturday, December 21st, 11:00AM



Join Mrs. Claus for some cocoa and cookie as we read stories, sing a couple of songs and make a craft. The children can come dressed in their favorite festive attire to take a picture with Mrs. Claus. Children of all ages are welcome. Registration is required. Please call 856-629-1212 ext. 206 to sign-up.

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Friends of the Library Meeting

Monday, December 2nd, 2:00PM

The Friends of the Library group is a great way to get involved in your Library and your community.

Needle Arts Group



Wednesday, December 4th & 18th, 6:30PM—8:30PM

Do you knit or crochet? Like to do embroidery, needlepoint, beading, quilting or other needlework? Bring a current project to work on in a fun and informal atmosphere. All levels of experience are welcome. This is not a class; however, sharing of tips and experience are encouraged. No registration is required.



The Inkwell Writer's Group

Wednesday, December 11th, 6:30PM—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 with the goal of using writing as a tool of empowerment, healing and personal discovery through critique sessions, writing prompts and artistic encouragement. This program is for writers of any genre. Contact the facilitator, Jerome Jackson, at 609-372-8908 to register.

Craft for Adults/Seniors: Clothespin Figurines



Thursday, December 12th, 1:30PM

Wooden figurines are perfect mantelpiece decorations...and it's so easy, just wooden clothespins, paint, glue, and pompoms! Adults of all ages can come to the Monroe Township Library to make a soldier, a snowman, or a reindeer--or one of each. Please call 856-629-1212 ext. 206 to sign-up by Tuesday, December 10th.



Transparent Watercolor Art Group

Thursday, December 12th & 26th, 3:00PM—6:00PM

Join a group of amateurs who enjoy painting and want to make their artwork a priority. The focus will be on transparent watercolors. Art concepts may be shared with the goal of bringing your artwork to the next level. Some experience is helpful, but not necessary. There is no charge for the class. For that reason, we need you to bring your own supplies and a project to work on. A supply list is available in the library. Also, bring an iPhone or tablet so we can share images that illustrate art concepts. This group is open to patrons ages 18 and older. Space is limited, so reserve your seat by sending an email request to cmat2@comcast.net.



Calligraphy Drop-In Studio

Thursday, December 12th & 26th, 6:30PM—8:30PM

Create various projects using calligraphy & other artistic techniques. Maureen Peters of the Philadelphia Calligraphers Society will teach these workshops. Some materials will be supplied. No prior experience is necessary. This program is free and open to adults 18 and older. Registration is required. Call 856-629-1212 ext. 206 to sign-up.



Bingo for Adults

Saturday, December 14th, 11:30AM

Adults and seniors are invited to play a few games of Bingo and win some great prizes. Please call 856-629-1212 ext. 206 to sign-up.



Paint Date for Adults with Gina Martucci

Tuesday, December 17th, 6:30PM

Adults of all ages can paint a beautiful holiday scene with our local artist Gina Martucci! Sign-ups are required due to limited space, so please call 856-629-1212 ext. 206.



American
Red Cross

Blood Drive

On the third Thursday of every month the American Red Cross will be conducting a blood drive in the Library Meeting Room. The date this month is **Thursday, December 19th, from 2:00PM—7:00PM**.

***The Bookmarks and Bookworms Book Club do not meet in December.
Happy Holiday's!***

COMPUTER INSTRUCTION

Computer & Technology Help

Tuesday, December 3rd, 12:00PM—3:00PM

Tuesday, December 10th, 12:00PM—4:30PM

Tuesday, December 17th, 12:00PM—3:00PM



Do you need help downloading an E-book, surfing the internet, doing a Google search, creating a MS Word document, sending an email, or creating a PDF, etc.? Ask a librarian questions about your computer, mobile device, smartphone or technology related queries. Free 30-minute or 1-hour individual appointments available. Call 856-629-1212 ext. 206 to make an appointment.

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Lunch and a Movie

Monday, December 2nd, 12:00PM

I'll Be Home For Christmas

Jackie Foster (Mena Suvari) is a hardworking attorney and single mother, looking forward to enjoying a peaceful holiday with her young daughter. But there's an unexpected Christmas visitor --Jackie's estranged dad (Josh Brolin), a retired cop. Can the two move beyond past resentments and heal old wounds?

Monday, December 9th, 12:00PM

A Carol Christmas

In this endearing modernization of the classic Charles Dickens story, Carol Cartman (Tori Spelling) is a top-rated talk show host who's willing to do anything for higher ratings--even if it means mistreating her loyal assistant Roberta and driving away her nearest and dearest. But on Christmas Eve, the ghost of her Aunt Marla, now paying the price for her own selfishness, shows up with the standard warning--listen to the three ghosts (Gary Coleman, William Shatner, and James Cromwell) who will guide her through her past, present and future, or risk suffering Marla's fate. This tongue-in-cheek romantic comedy was a large factor in Shatner's receiving his Emmy-winning role in Boston Legal.

Monday, December 16th, 12:00PM

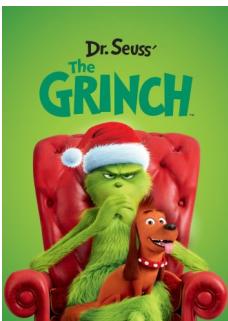
The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Single mom Jennifer Cullen (Brooke Burns) is finding it hard to get into the holiday spirit with all the burdens she has to bear. Enter her Uncle Ralph (Henry Winkler), who brings along another holiday guest in a charming stranded traveler (Warren Christie). Can Ralph succeed in playing Cupid?

Monday, December 23rd, 12:00PM

A Boyfriend for Christmas

At thirteen years old, Holly Grant asked Santa for a boyfriend for Christmas. Now a social worker, she's skeptical towards romance after some hard knocks...but then a man literally shows up on her doorstep with a bow on his chest. What will happen when she finds out he's actually the same lawyer who didn't show for one of her clients' custody trials? It may take a little help from the real Santa (Charles Durning) to patch things up...



Family Movie Night: the Grinch (2018)

Wednesday, December 18th, 6:30PM

As we gear up for the holidays, all ages are welcome to enjoy this new animated take on the Dr. Seuss classic. The Grinch (voice of Benedict Cumberbatch) hates Christmas and wants to eliminate it from the town of Whoville, but his plan may end up backfiring on him in a way he never expected...No signups required.



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Game Design Club

Thursday, December 5th, 6:00PM—8:00PM

Join other teens as we work together on a collaborative game design project, or work individually on designing your own game. Previous coding experience is not required to participate. Game development requires a diverse array of skills, so artists, writers, designers, etc. are more than welcome to contribute their unique talents! Call us at (856) 629-1212 ext. 206 or stop by the reference desk to sign-up. If you have any questions, please e-mail cdifazio@monroetpl.org.



Teen Paint Party

Tuesday, December 10th, 6:00PM—7:00PM

Teens (13-19) are invited to join Gina Martucci from the Williamstown Art Center to create a painting! Registration is required. Please call 856-629-1212 ext. 206 or stop by the reference desk to sign-up.



Super Smash Bros.

Thursday, December 12th, 6:00PM—8:00PM

Players of all skill levels are welcome to join us for a couple hours of Super Smash Brothers on the Nintendo Switch. Snacks will be provided. If you can, please bring a Switch controller! No registration required. Ages 13-19.



Teen Craft: Holiday Wreaths

Saturday, December 14th, 12:00PM

Join us at the library and make your own simple wreath craft. Perfect for a home-made gift or decoration for the winter holidays! All materials will be provided. Give us a call at 856-629-1212 ext. 206, or e-mail cdifazio@monroetpl.org to sign-up! Ages 12-19.



Teen Writer's Group

Saturday, December 28th, 12:00PM—2:00PM

The Teen Writer's Group offers a welcoming space to talk about and experiment with writing. At each meeting, we'll work on a short piece and share and discuss our ideas. Attendees are also welcome to use this time to work on personal writing projects and receive feedback from the group. Snacks will be provided! Registration is not required. Non-residents welcome. Ages 13-18.

TCG Thursday: Pokémon & Yu-Gi-Oh!

Thursday, December 26th, 6:00PM—8:00PM



Trading card game fans unite! Whether you're a Pokémon or Yu-Gi-Oh! player, bring your cards and spend a couple hours battling, trading, and chatting about your favorite TCG. New players are welcome. Snacks will be provided! Registration is not required. Non-residents welcome. Ages 12+.

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Domino Tile Workshop

Monday, December 9th, 6:00PM—8:00PM



Learn how to use alcohol inks to make small art pieces with dominoes. The dominoes can then be used to make jewelry and other decorative items. This technique can also be used on paper, glass, ceramics and metal. Maureen Peters of Letterworks Art Studio will teach this workshop and all materials will be supplied. For Children ages 6-12. Registration is required. Please call 856-629-1212 ext. 206 or stop by The Reference Desk to register.



The Dining Car Mystery with Steve Woyce

Tuesday, December 10th, 7:00PM

"All aboard...Are you ready to go on an exciting adventure with Steve the Conductor to help him solve a mystery and unlock the magic of reading? Inspired by his two sons' love of trains and books, Author and Family Entertainer Steve Woyce created "The Magic Conductor's Reading Adventures" for schools ad libraries to get children ages 4-10 and their family excited about reading. This interactive and engaging program combines theater, storytelling, comedy, audience participation, and magic to spark curiosity and gets the entire audience involved in helping to solve a mystery. As the audience helps discover the clues, children will begin to realize the powers that a book can hold and how reading can unlock doors to an imaginative magical world."



Free Play Friday

Friday, December 13, 12:00PM—2:00PM

Children of all ages are welcome to come and play with an assortment of toys and crafts. The toys vary from duplo blocks and LEGO's to toy animals as well as Play-Doh and kinetic sand. No registration is required.



Storytime with Charlene Goddard

Thursday, December 19th, 7:00PM

Join us as local author Charlene Goddard reads her book titled "Magnificent Macie!" The book is about a little girl who discovers that she is a superhero. She travels to different cities, states and countries to help save people and resolve real life issues such as poverty and crime. There will be a craft. Children of all ages welcome. Please call 856-629-1212 ext. 206 or stop by The Reference Desk to sign-up.



Board Game Free Play

Friday, December 27th, 12:00PM—2:00PM

Stop by the library anytime between 12pm and 2pm and play some board games and/or card games. Open to children of all ages. No registration is required.

WINTER STORY TIMES!

ABC FAMILY STORY TIME

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2ND & 9TH, 11:30AM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD & 10TH, 11:30AM & 1:00PM

Registration is required. Please call 856-629-1212 ext. 206 to sign-up.

Movers and Shakers STORY TIME

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH & 11TH, 11:30AM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH & 12TH, 11:30AM & 1:00PM

Sign-ups preferred. Walks-ins welcome. Call 856-629-1212 ext. 206 to sign-up.