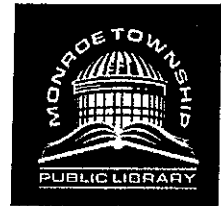


LIBRARY LINES



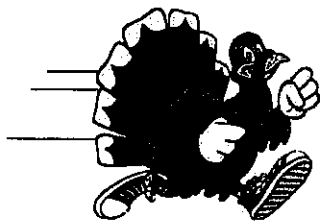
The Free Public Library of Monroe Township Newsletter

November 2021

**The Library will be closing at 6PM on Wednesday, November 24th 2021.*

Turkey Trot: Friday, 11/12, 1pm

Join the library on Friday, November 12th, for our first annual Turkey Trot! The Turkey Trot is an obstacle course that includes fun stations, dancing and a craft that was created for children ages 1-5 to participate in. Please email khauserman@monroetpl.org if you have any questions. Registration is required. Register at monroetpl.org under Events.



South Jersey Ghost Research: Monday, 11/15, 7pm

If there's something strange going on in South Jersey, who ya gonna call? South Jersey Ghost Research will talk about some of their most thrilling cases, along with a demonstration of the technology and methods they use to detect possible paranormal activity. Sign ups are required, so visit our events calendar on our homepage at www.monroetpl.org to register or call 856-629-1212 x206.



Contact Us

The Free Public Library of Monroe Township
713 Marsha Ave
Williamstown, NJ 08094
(856) 629-1212

Circulation Desk

Ext. 210 or 211

Reference Desk

Ext. 206

Teen and Youth Services

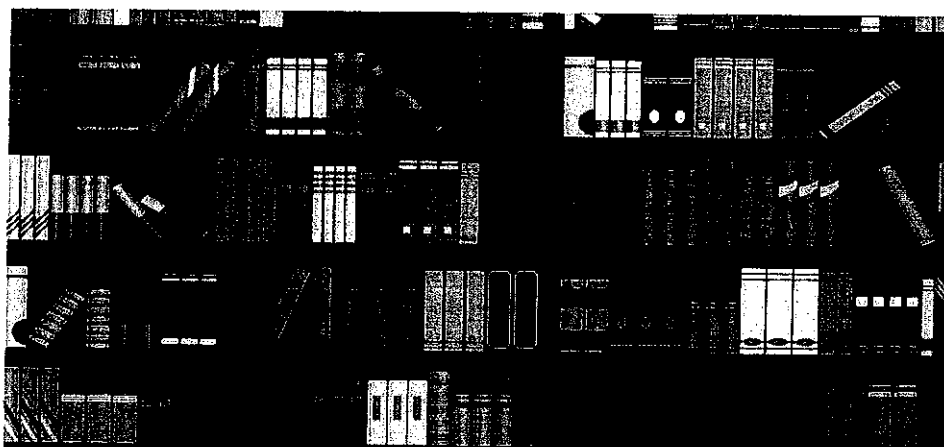
Ext. 209

Administration

Ext. 203

info@monroetpl.org

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



The Monroe Library Welcomes You!

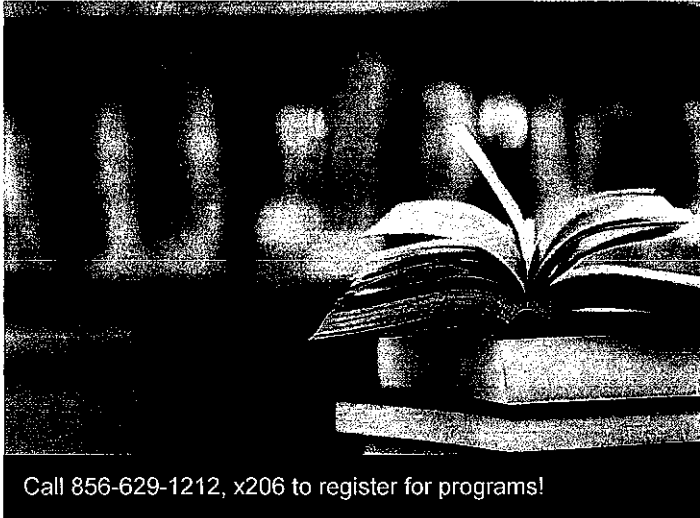
In This Issue

- Adult Programming
- Teen Programming
- Tween & Children's Programming
- Teen Spooky Stories Contest Winner

The Free Public Library of Monroe Township
713 Marsha Ave
Williamstown, NJ 08094

Library Hours
Monday-Thursday 11AM-9PM
Friday & Saturday 10AM-3PM
CLOSED SUNDAY

Library Closings
Tuesday, November 2nd
Thursday, November 11th
Thursday, Friday & Saturday,
November 25th, 26th & 27th



Call 856-629-1212, x206 to register for programs!

Adult Programming

Friends of the Library Meeting: Monday, 11/1, 2:30pm

Want to volunteer your time and ideas to the Friends? The Friends of the Monroe Township Library invite you to become an active volunteer. The Friends raise money through fundraising to offer financial support for various library programs. The Friends also promote awareness of the Library and the services offered to the community. Please join the Friends in this effort and enjoy the good feeling that comes with helping the library to continue to enrich the lives of all residents in our community.

Needle Arts Group: Wednesday, 11/3 & 11/17, 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. Registration not required.

Inkwell Writers Group: Wednesday, 11/10, 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, 11/13, 11:30am

Bingo is back! Adults of all ages are invited to play a few games. You could win books to take home or other great prizes. Please sign up online at our events calendar on our website www.monroetpl.org or call 856-629-1212, x206.

Netflix Film Discussion Club: *Hunt for the Wilderpeople* (2016): Thursday, 11/18, 7pm

Join us while we discuss *Hunt for the Wilderpeople* (2016): Bella and Hector, two reclusive country folk, become foster parents to Ricky, a problem child from the city. After some adjustment, things go reasonably well. However, the death of Bella means Hector now has to look after Ricky, and they didn't get along too well. Moreover, her death causes Child Services to decide to send Ricky back to the orphanage. Ricky refuses to go back and runs away, ultimately sparking a national manhunt for him and Hector. Sign up through our website or call: 856-629-1212, x206

Craft for Adults: Coffee Filter Turkey: Thursday, 11/18, 1:30pm

Adults of all ages are invited to make an adorable Thanksgiving turkey decoration out of Styrofoam balls, coffee filters, paint, felt and glue! Visit www.monroetpl.org to sign up online at our events calendar, or call 856-629-1212, x206.

Rob Kristie Book Signing: Saturday, 11/20, 11am

Join us for a book signing by local author Rob Kristie. Rob has written: *The Doll A Magical Christmas* and *Flopsy Meets Captain Buckethead*. Books will be available for purchase.

Whodunnit?

Bring your lunch (bottled water provided) and come to our library to enjoy two of the most intriguing mystery movies in recent years! No signups required.



Lunch and a Movie

Murder on the Orient Express (2017): Monday, 11/1, 12pm

Kenneth Branagh directs this thrilling adaptation of the Agatha Christie classic, and stars as master sleuth Hercule Poirot. During 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?

Knives Out (2019): Monday, 11/15, 12pm

In this witty and suspenseful tribute to classic mysteries, Daniel Craig stars as renowned sleuth Benoit Blanc. When famous mystery writer Harlan Thrombey (Christopher Plummer) is found with his throat slashed, police are quick to label it a suicide. But Benoit, having been hired anonymously to investigate, isn't so sure. It turns out (as it usually does in mysteries like these) that nearly everyone in Harlan's family had a motive...and the key to the mystery may lie in his kind-hearted nurse Marta (Ana de Armas).



Beauty and the Beast (1991)

Library Board Meeting: Wednesday, 11/17, 7pm

The Library Board Meets on the 3rd Wednesday at 7pm. The Board Meeting Minutes are posted on the library website after the review/approval of the Library Board.

Adult Programming cont'd...

Bookworms Book Club: Wednesday, 11/17, 1-2pm

The Bookworms Book Club is a reading group for adults that meets at 1:00 on the third Wednesday of each month. All are welcome to read along with us and attend our discussions in the library meeting room. No registration is required.

Family Movie Night: Beauty and the Beast (1991): Wednesday, 11/17, 7:30pm

In honor of its 30th anniversary, all ages are welcome to enjoy this classic Disney version of the famous fairy tale. Filled with stunning animation and wonderful songs, this was the first animated movie to be nominated for a Best Picture Oscar. No sign ups are required.

Bookmarks Book Club: Tuesday, 11/30, 7-8pm

The Bookmarks meet on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. except for December. All adults are invited to read along with us and join our monthly discussions held in the library meeting room. Pick up a reading list in the library by the circulation desk or email cdifazio@monroetpl.org. For more information, please call 856-629-1212. No registration is required.

Teen Programming (ages 12-19)

Teen Game Night: Monday, 11/1, 6-8pm

Join us for a Teen Game Night!! Several different game options (as well as snacks!) will be provided but you are also welcome to bring your own to share and play! For ages 12-19. Registration encouraged— not required.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting: Saturday, 11/6, 12:30pm

Do you want a say in what events the library has and what books we put on teen shelves? Have an idea for a program you'd like to see (or even help run!) for you and your friends? Are you looking for volunteer hours? Then come join our Teen Advisory Board!!! TAB is the perfect place for you to make a difference here at your library and let your voice be heard! We'll have monthly meetings to share new ideas and check in with how things are going. And you can receive volunteer credit just by showing up and participating! Registration is required. For ages 12-18. P.S.... There will be pizza and snacks!!

Pumpkin Pie Mason Jar Food Craft: Wednesday, 11/8, 5pm

Join us for a Teen FOOD Craft! Decorate Mason Jars and fill them up with provided food items for a non-bake to-go pumpkin pie in a jar. Perfect for Thanksgiving, delicious, and you can reuse the jar! For age 12-19. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. For questions or more information, email kcasser@monroetpl.org.

Dream Catcher Crafting: Monday, 11/15, 6-8pm

Join us for a Teen Craft Night!! Supplies and snacks provided. For ages 12-19. Registration encouraged -- not required.

Teen Creative Writers Club: Saturday, 11/20, 1:30pm

Let your creativity flow!! Monthly writing prompts can help inspire something new... or bring in your own work to share and discuss. This is a safe, encouraging, nonjudgmental space for all writers looking to have fun, use their imagination, grow their writing, and enjoy some snacks with some like-minded artists. For ages 12-19. Registration encouraged—not required.

Marvel Trivia Night: Monday, 11/22, 6-8pm

It's Teen Marvel Trivia Night! Enjoy some snacks and show off your movie/comic-book trivia genius! Play solo or in teams (no more than 4 people to a team). Snacks provided. For ages 12-19. Registration is STRONGLY encourages! For questions or more information, email kcasser@monroetpl.org.

Teen Book Club: Monday, 11/29, 6-8pm

Join us for a Teen Book Club! Books and snacks... what could be better? For ages 12-19. Registration encouraged—not required.

**Check the last page in this edition of Library Lines for a short story from our Teen Spooky Stories Contest Winner!*

Tween and Children's Programming

Bookheads Book Club: Saturday, 11/6, 1pm

Love books? Then this is the group for you! Join us for some fun and discussions about books, make a craft, and of course... there will be snacks!

Kids' Book Club: Tuesday, 11/9, 6pm

Like to read and want to talk about books? Then join the Kids' Book Club where we will discuss books, make a craft, and of course... have snacks! Contact Katrina at khauserman@monroetpl.org if you have any questions.

Kid's Dance Party: Friday, 11/12, 1pm

Stop by the library for some unstructured play as kids and their caregivers dance along to kid-friendly tunes. The library provides the music and egg shakers and scarves - you provide the moves. Suggested for ages 1-5. No signups necessary.

Read to a Therapy Dog: Tuesday, 11/16, 6pm

Stop by the library in the Children's Section and read to Casey, one of our therapy dogs. Open to children of all ages. No registration required at this time. Please email khauserman@monroetpl.org if you have any questions.

Once Upon a Saturday: Saturday, 11/20, 11:30am

This is a special Story Time for families that can't make it to our week day story times. You'll get the best of the best! Our favorite stories and songs from the month in one family friendly story time! Registration is required. Please register online at monroetpl.org under Events.

LEGO Club: Tuesday, 11/26, 6pm

Free play with LEGO's and Duplo blocks by using your imagination or create something using one of our instruction booklets. Open to children of all ages. No registration required.

Creativity Club: Tuesday, 11/30, 6pm

We provide the supplies, the Tweens (8-12) provide the creativity! Each month will be a different art or craft creation for the Tweens to make and take home. Tweens may paint a picture one month and then make slime next month! It is all about being creative!

Story Time Hours:

ABC Story Time: Tuesday's, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23 & 11/30, 11:30am (ages 18 months-3 years) & 1:30pm (ages 3-5)

ABC Story Time is all about the Alphabet, Books and Crafts! Every week 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 week, too!

Little Caterpillars Story Time: Wednesday's, 11/10, & 11/17, 11:30am (ages 0-18 months)

Every week 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 week, too!

Movers & Shakers: Thursday's, 11/4, 11/11 & 11/18, 11:15am (ages 1-3) & 12:15pm (ages 3-5)

Our Movers & Shakers Story Time is a fun mix of stories, shakers, scarves, and singing! We will end the program with everyone's favorite—the parachute!

OCTOBER'S SPOOKY STORY CONTEST WINNER:

LOIS AJAYI, AGE 16

Alesha saw it happening in the blink of an eye. A little girl, crossing the street as a car went speeding towards her. In that moment, time itself seemed to slow down. Alesha's instincts kicked in as she dived towards the girl to push her away from the car. But as she neared the child, she noticed something strange. The girl didn't seem to be scared of the car. She was scared, alright, but she was scared of something else, no, *someone else* behind her. In fact, her steps seemed intentional- almost as if she wanted to be hit by the car.

As if she wanted to die.

As their bodies collided, Alesha shoved the girl out of harm's way. The girl landed safely on the grass but Alesha herself was not as lucky. She was struck by the full impact of the speeding car.

She flew through the air and landed on the ground with a bone-shattering thud. Her vision, her hearing, her *everything* was disoriented. There was only one word that could describe how she was feeling.

P. A. I. N.

She felt nothing but white hot pain soar through her body. Pain in every inch of her being. Pain that felt as though it could never stop.

The little girl looked at her with shock. With her eyes, she seemed to be asking *Why would you do that for me?* "I'm sorry!" she cried, her voice a high-pitched squeal. "I didn't mean to hurt you, I'm just..." she paused, her chest heaving up and down. "I can't do this. I'm tired of this. She said she was sorry, and she wouldn't do it again. But then she did it again and again and..." As the girl went on, Alesha could feel herself slipping away. She struggled to process what the girl was saying. Even as people rushed to help, Alesha knew she wouldn't make it to the hospital. The girl knew it too.

The girl's face displayed fear and panic, and then decisiveness, as if she'd set her mind on something. "You can have my life," she said, matter-of-factly. "I don't want it." There was so much truth behind those words.

"What-" Alesha struggled to say, but she couldn't talk. Every attempt she made only lead to her coughing out blood. "*What do you mean?*" she had wanted to say.

The girl closed her eyes and tapped Alesha's head. One second, Alesha was in her body and then one second later, she just wasn't. Everything changed. The world seemed bigger. She felt smaller. She could see her body lying on the floor, her body bloody and mutilated. But that didn't make sense, that meant... she and the girl had switched bodies.

A person grabbed her from behind and she flinched at the sudden touch. "Oh, Kenora!" cried a middle-aged lady who bore striking resemblances to the girl- to Kenora. She furrowed her brows. "Are you okay?" The question behind that was *why did you flinch?*

"Yes," Alesha said, now in Kenora's body. She attempted to fake a smile as her heart rate increased. This woman- was she the person Kenora had been so scared of? At first glance the woman looked normal but there seemed to be an undercurrent of greed and malice beneath her eyes.

"Sweetheart, what were you thinking running into the street like that? You could've been killed," she continued, pulling Alesha into a hug. Her grip was just a little too tight and it felt entirely wrong. It felt more like she was being trapped than embraced.

Alesha stiffened, watching as she- as Kenora, now- took her last breath.

But what had made Kenora hate her life so much that she wanted to end it? Was it the woman hugging her so tightly now? Was Alesha being given a second chance at life- or was she being trapped in the same horror the girl had so desperately wanted to flee?

THE END

