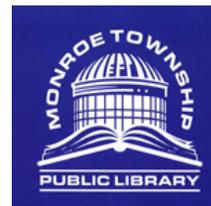


LIBRARY LINES



The Free Public Library of Monroe Township Newsletter

December 2021

"Winter is not a season, it's a celebration." -Anamika Mishra

Shades of Harmony: Monday 12/6, 7:30pm

Join us at the library for an evening with Shades of Harmony, the women's a cappella chorus of Williamstown. This holiday concert is for all ages and is free and open to the public. Registration is not required.

Mini-Book Sale and Wrapping Event: Saturday, 12/11, 10am-2:30pm

Have some gifts that need wrapping? Stop by and see the Friends! The Friends of the Monroe Township Library will be wrapping gifts in the lobby for a generous donation from you! Bring your already purchased gifts or buy a gift from our mini-sale taking place during Library hours!

Winter Wonderland: Wednesday 12/15, 6pm

Take a walk through the library garden and enjoy our **CANDY LAND** themed decorations and lights to add some sweetness to your holiday season! Take pictures with our decorations and our special holiday guest (*Who could it be???*). Please email khauserman@monroetpl.org if you should have any questions. Rain date is December 20th at 6pm.

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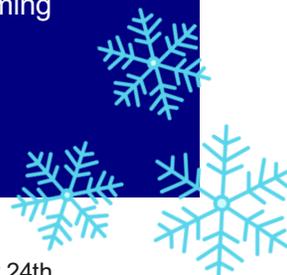
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Library Hours

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

Library Closings

Friday, December 24th
Saturday, December 25th
Friday, December 31st
Saturday, January 1st





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

Adult Programming

Needle Arts Group: Wednesday, 12/1 & 12/15, 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, 12/8, 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, 12/11, 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.

Coding 101: Saturday, 12/11, 12pm

In our monthly computer class series, we'll explore a variety of different computer-related topics to help you improve your technological skills and familiarity. Coding 101: The demand for coding skills has grown exponentially over the past few years. We'll go step-by-step through some of the basics of writing computer code. Register online or call 856-629-1212, x206.

Library Board Meeting: Wednesday, 12/15, 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

Craft for Adults: Angel Ornament: Thursday, 12/16, 1:30pm

Adults of all ages are invited to make an adorable angel ornament out of Styrofoam, ribbon, fabric flowers and other materials! Visit www.monroetpl.org to sign up online at our events calendar, or call 856-629-1212, x206.

Hunt a Killer: *Murder Mystery*: Thursday, 12/16, 6pm

Calling all true crime fans! Join us for an episodic murder mystery game in six parts. Each month we'll receive new, clues, and puzzles that will take us closer to solving the murder. New members are always welcome! We will recap the previous events at the beginning of each meeting. Registration is required. Sign up online or call 856-629-1212, x206.

Holiday Classics!

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

Scrooge (1970): Monday, 12/6, 12pm

This delightful musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' classic A Christmas Carol stars Albert Finney in the title role. (Finney was only thirty-four when it was filmed, relying on his talent and very convincing age makeup to play the older Scrooge for most of the movie.) The familiar story of miser Ebenezer Scrooge, visited by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future, gets a boost with songs from the late Leslie Bricusse (Willy Wonka And The Chocolate Factory). The score was nominated for an Oscar, as was the song "Thank You Very Much."

Miracle on 34th Street (1947): Monday, 12/13, 12pm

What happens when someone shows up claiming to be the real Santa Claus? That's the premise of this beloved classic. Kris Kringle (Edmund Gwenn) is hired at Macy's in New York as a store Santa...but he insists he's the real deal, here to try to rescue the spirit of Christmas from commercialism. He also tries to help one of the store's employees, Doris Walker (Maureen O'Hara), a disillusioned divorcee who's determined not to be burned again by believing in anything "unrealistic"...and is passing those same attitudes on to her daughter Susan (Natalie Wood). When Kris' sanity is called into question, can he convince not only Doris and Susan, but the State of New York as well?

It's A Wonderful Life (1947): Monday, 12/21, 12pm

We close out with this classic Frank Capra flick that many consider to be the ultimate Christmas movie. George Bailey (James Stewart) has always dreamed of fame and fortune beyond his humble town of Bedford Falls, but circumstances keep him tied to the family building-and-loan business and in conflict with Henry F. Potter (Lionel Barrymore) the richest--and greediest--man in town. One Christmas Eve, a financial crisis drives him to the brink of suicide...only to have his guardian angel Clarence (Henry Travers) intervene and show George that his life has counted for far more than he realizes.



The Grinch (2018)

Adult Programming cont'd...

Bookworms Book Club: NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Check back next month for the new Bookworms Book Club reading list!

Bookmarks Book Club: NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

Check back next month for the new Bookmarks Book Club reading list!

Family Movie Night: The Grinch (2018): Wednesday, 12/15, 6:30pm

All ages are welcome to enjoy this new animated version of the Dr. Seuss holiday classic! The Grinch (voice of Benedict Cumberbatch) has always hated Christmas because of his own orphaned childhood. One year, he's fed up enough to try to "steal" Christmas from the town of Whoville...only to have his plan backfire on him in a way he never imagined. No signups required.

NETFLIX Film Discussion Club: The Machinist: Thursday, 12/23, 7pm

Join us for our next movie discussion! This month we will be discussing *The Machinist* (2004): An industrial worker who hasn't slept in a year begins to doubt his own sanity. Rated R. Reminder: Please see Netflix Film Discussion Club movies on your own time— This will be a movie *discussion*, NOT a viewing and the library does NOT have a Netflix membership. Sign up through our website or call 856-629-1212, x206 for more information.

Teen Programming (ages 12-19)

Holiday Cookie Decorating: Saturday, 12/4, 11:30am

Celebrate National Cookie Day by joining us at the library to decorate your very own holiday cookie! This event is open to Children and Teens of all ages. Registration is required. For more information or questions, contact khauserman@monroetpl.org or kcasser@monroetpl.org.

Teen Holiday Crafts: Monday, 12/6, 4:30pm

Join us for Holiday Crafting! There will be several stations of craft supplies to make some fun, festive holiday items! Come make one thing or make a whole bunch!! Supplies and snacks provided. For ages 12-19. Registration required. For any questions, contact kcasser@monroetpl.org.

Teen Paint Event with Gina Martucci: Monday, 12/13, 6pm

Teens aged are invited to join Gina Martucci from the Williamstown Arts Center to create their very own paintings registration is required. For more information, contact kcasser@monroetpl.org.

Teen Advisory Board: Saturday, 12/18, 1:30pm

Do you want a say in what events the library has and what books we put on the 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, get involved in your community, and let your voice be heard! Registration is required. For questions and more information, email kcasser@monroetpl.org.

Teen Creative Writers Club: Tuesday, 12/21, 4pm

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.

Teen Book Club: Wednesday, 12/22, 6-8pm

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

Teen Pajama Movie Night: Monday, 12/27, 6pm

Join us for a Teen Pajama Movie Night! Wear something comfy and cozy (and appropriate!) and come watch the Netflix original film Let It Snow, based on the YA novel by John Green, Maureen Johnson and Lauren Myracle. "In a small town on Christmas Eve, a snowstorm brings together a group of young people." Wintery, holiday rom-com. Snacks provided. Rated PG-13. for ages 12-19. registration encouraged— not required. For more information or questions, email kcasser@monroetpl.org.

Tween and Children's Programming

Bookheads Book Club: Saturday, 12/4, 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, 12/7, 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, 12/10, 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.

Creativity Club: Tuesday, 12/14, 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!

Storytime With Mrs. Claus: Saturday, 12/18, 1pm

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.

Read to a Therapy Dog: Tuesday, 12/21, 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.

Story Time Hours:

ABC Story Time: Tuesday's, 12/7 & 12/14, 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, 12/1, & 12/15, 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, 12/2, 12/9 & 12/16, 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!