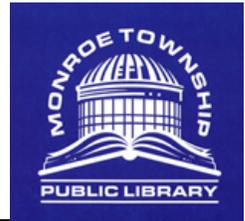


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The Free Public Library of Monroe Township Newsletter

January 2023



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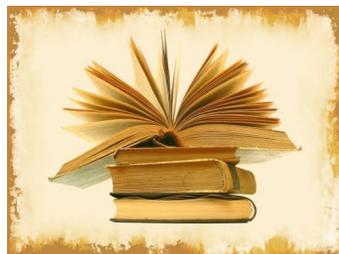
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Library Hours
Monday-Thursday 11AM-9PM
Friday & Saturday 10AM-3PM
CLOSED SUNDAY

Closed January 2nd 2023:
Observed for holiday!
Closed January 16, 2023



ADULT PROGRAMMING

Needle Arts Group: Wednesday, 1/4 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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,

NEW DATE– Adult Sign Language Club

Thursday, January 5, 2023

This is a rescheduled date. Those who signed up for 12/15/2022 will be honored at this meeting. To everyone who showed up for the 10/27/2022 meeting—You do NOT need to re-register for this program. Everyone who showed up for the 10/27/2022 meeting was automatically registered for the 12/15/2022 meeting. If you were registered for the 10/27/2022 meeting and did NOT show up, you will need to re-register yourself out of fairness to others, unless prior prior arrangements were made with the librarian. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this new program together!

The library is putting together a Sign Language Club with Niki Leary where a group of us will meet once a month and go over basic signs, practice finger spelling, and learning numbers.

This program is free to patrons, but registration is required due to seating limitations and remaining up-to-speed with new content. To solidify your seat in this program, be sure to sign up as soon as possible as this program has gotten a lot of positive feedback (yay!). You can sign up on our website or by call the Reference Desk.

Remember that repetition and practice are the keys to learning and it is our hope that this club will help us achieve a new skill together. Be sure to sign up to keep your seat in this program!

See you soon!

For more resources, visit: <https://www.nadorg/resources/american-sign-language/learning-american-sign-language/>

Coding Bootcamp Saturday, January 7TH & 21ST

12:00pm –2:00pm

The Library is offering a free series of coding classes designed to take you from complete beginner to intermediate skill level. Whether you're just interested in coding as a hobby, or looking to build some marketable career skills, this is a great opportunity to learn the core concepts of coding in a relaxed, informal environment. Classes will include hands-on lessons and we'll create small, functional projects using the Python programming language. Attendants will earn a completion certificate at the end of the program.

Email cdifazio@monroetpl.org with any questions.

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The Inkwell Writers Group

Wednesday, January 11th 6:30 p.m. –8:30 p.m.

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.

Hunt a Killer: Murder Mystery: Thursday, 1/12, 6p.m.– 8p.m.

Calling all true crime 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.

Craft for Adults: Clothespin Snowflake



Thursday , January 12th 1:30 pm - 2:30pm

Winter's at its coldest by now, but that doesn't mean it has to be dreary. Adults of all ages are invited to make a snowflake out of clothespins, paint, glue and glitter! Remember to wear old clothes since paint and glitter can get anywhere. If you sign up but find out you can't make it, please cancel your reservation as a courtesy to those on the waiting list.

ADULT PROGRAMMING

Library Board Meeting: Wednesday, 1/18, 7p.m.

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.

FELT SNOWMAN CRAFT (FOR ADULTS)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19TH 1 PM—2:30 PM

Create your own felt snowman to keep you warm this winter.

Registration is required and basic sewing skills are preferred.

This is a program for adults and it is not a class

Bingo for Adults: Saturday, January 21st 11:30am

Adults of all ages are welcome to play a few games of Bingo. You could win books to take home or other great prizes! Signups are required, so please register via our online events calendar at www.monroetpl.org.

COMPUTER & TECH HELP

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!



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4TH, 9th & 23rd

With appointments between 1 - 3 pm

ADULT PROGRAMMING

NETFLIX DISCUSSION CLUB : DARKEST HOUR (2017)

We're back! And with a new film.

“The fate of Western Europe hangs on Winston Churchill in the early days of World War II. The newly appointed British prime minister must decide whether to negotiate with Hitler or fight on against incredible odds. During the next four weeks in 1940, Churchill cements his legacy as his courageous decisions and leadership help change the course of world history”

Biography/ Drama/ War

Lunch and a Movie January 2023:

Whodunit? Bring your lunch (beverages provided) and kick off the new year by enjoying two great examples of a genre that's come back into style...the big-screen murder mystery! No signups required.

Monday, Jan. 9th, 12:00 PM--Death on the Nile (2022). Sir Kenneth Branagh once again directs and stars as Hercule Poirot in a new Agatha Christie adaptation. Poirot, wrapping up a case in Egypt, ends up cruising on a steamer where heiress Linnet Doyle (Gal Gadot) is honeymooning with her new husband Simon (Armie Hammer). Also on board are some of her nearest and dearest...many of whom have reason to resent her. And when her former best friend Jacqueline (Emma Mackey), whom Simon jilted for Linnet, joins the passengers, tensions rise. When a murder finally does occur, the one person who has the best motive has an iron-clad alibi. It's up to Poirot and his “little grey cells” to ferret out the truth before the murderer can strike again...



Monday, Jan. 23rd, 12:00 PM--The Last of Sheila (1973). This stylish mystery was a major influence on the Knives Out sequel Glass Onion. Movie producer Clinton Green (James Coburn) invites several friends from the film industry on a week-long Mediterranean cruise, which will include a scavenger hunt/mystery game. This turns out to be a rather uneasy reunion...exactly one year before, all of these people were at Clinton's house when his wife Sheila was killed in a hit-and-run accident. It soon becomes clear that this little reunion is not what it seems...and that this game is turning into an all-too-deadly session of revenge, blackmail...and murder. With a script by actor Anthony Perkins and Broadway composer Stephen Sondheim, this whodunit's twists and turns will keep you guessing until the end.

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ADULT PROGRAMMING

Bookworms Book Club: Wednesday, 1/18, 1p.m-2 p.m.

The Body: A Guide for Occupants by Bill Bryson

Bill Bryson once again proves himself to be an incomparable companion as the human body—how it functions, its remarkable ability to heal itself, and (unfortunately) the ways it can fail. Full of extraordinary facts (your body made a million red blood cells since you started reading this) and irresistible Brysonesque anecdotes, *The Body* will lead you to a deeper understanding of the miracle that is life in general and you in particular.

Horror and Thriller Book Club!: Wednesday 1/18, 2-3p.m.

Are you interested in what lies beyond the shadows? Do you like to be kept on the edge of your seat? Maybe you even like a good mystery. Well, the library is creating a NEW type of book club for those of you who like to be SPOOKED! Some of the genres we will delve into are horror, thriller, mystery, fantasy, science fiction and much more!

In January we will be discussing: The Circular Staircase by Mary Roberts Rinehart.

“Rachel Innes, a middle-aged spinster, has barely settle in at the country house she has rented for the summer when a series of bizarre and violent events threaten to perturb her normally unflappable nature. A strange figure appears briefly in the twilight outside a window. At night, a rattling, metallic sound reverberates through dark halls, and —most disconcerting of all—the body of a strange man is found lying in a pool of blood at the bottom of a circular staircase.

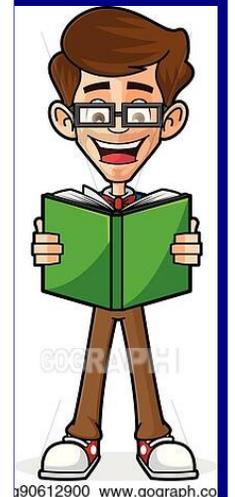
Before this spine-tingling tale ends, five connected deaths shatter the normally placid atmosphere of the vacation retreat. Rachel’s devoted niece and nephew are among the prime suspects in one of the murders; stolen securities and a bank default threatens the young pair’s financial security; and Aunt “Ray” ultimately fights for her life in an airless secret room. “

****Please note: Since this is a new book club, the library does NOT currently have a “Book Club Bag” implemented for book club participants. Call the library at 856-629-1212 to place a hold on this title through the LOGIN system****

Bookmarks Book Club: Tuesday, 1/31, 7p.m.—8p.m.

. *The Girls in the Stilt House* by Kelly Mustian

Ada promised herself she would never go back to the Trace, to her hard life on the swamp and her harsh father. But now, after running away to Baton Rouge and briefly knowing a different kind of life, she finds herself with nowhere to go but back home. And she knows there will be a price to pay with her father. Matilda, daughter of a sharecropper, is from the other side of the Trace. Doing what she can to protect her family from the whims and demands of some particularly callous locals is an ongoing struggle. She forms a plan to go north, to pack up the secrets she’s holding about her life in the South and hang them on the line for all to see in Ohio. As the two girls are drawn deeper into a dangerous world of bootleggers and moral corruption, they must come to terms with the complexities of their tenuous bond and a hidden past that links them in ways that could cost them their lives.



TEEN PROGRAMMING (AGES 12-19)



TEEN INTRO TO AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

Monday, January 9, 2023 6:30pm - 7:30pm

In this intro session geared specifically towards TEENS (ages 12-18), Come learn American Sign Language with Niki Leary! Learn some basic signs, finger spelling, numbers, and more!

Registration required

For more information or questions, contact kcasser@monroeTPL.org

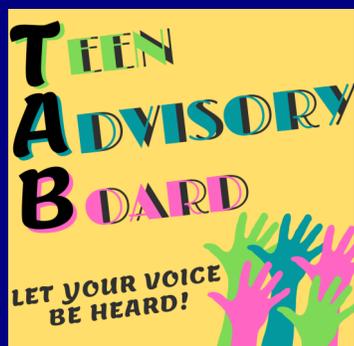
TEEN ADVISORY BOARD:

Saturday, January 14, at 1:30pm –2:30p.m.

Do you want a say in what events the library has & 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! 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!

We'll have monthly meetings to share new ideas and check in with how things are going. New members are always welcome. And you can receive volunteer credit just by showing up and participating!

Registration is required. Exclusively for GRADES 7-12 (ages 12-18) Please keep in mind that this program is for TEENS to talk about TEEN things, so bring age-appropriate ideas. For questions or more info, email kcasser@monroetpl.org



TEEN PAINT DATE

Monday, January 23 6 pm to 8 p m

TEENS AGES 12-18 (grades 7-12) are invited to join Gina Martucci from the Williamstown Arts Center to create their very own paintings through step by step instruction!

Resgistration is required.

For More information or questions, contact kcasser@monroetpl.org.



TEEN PROGRAMMING (AGES 12-19)

January 28th, 2023

1:00pm—2:30pm

TEEN Craft: Candle Making



TEENS AGES 12-18 (GRADES 7-12) are invited to come create their own wax candle! All supplies and instructions provided.

*** Registration required ***

For more information or questions, contact kcasser@monroeTPL.org

Children's Programming

(ages under 12)

Read to a Therapy Dog: Tuesday, 1/17, 6p.m—7p.m.

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. No registration is required.

Gingerbread Snow Globe

Children's January Take Home Craft

