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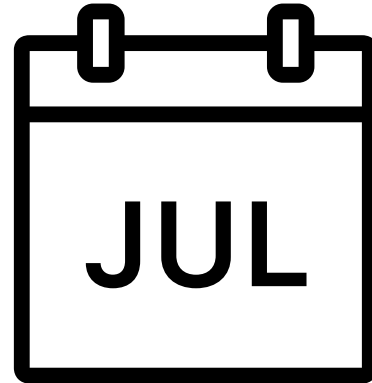
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Hours of Operation

We are open Monday-Thursday from 11am-9pm & Friday from 10am-3pm. We are closed Saturday & Sunday.

The library will be closed 7/4 & 7/5 for Independence Day Weekend.



Program Spotlight

TEEN "Play with Clay" with Trudi Clark **Monday, 7/1 from 6-8pm**

Adventures with Clay! TEENS AGES 12-18 are invited to come create their own clay creation with Trudi Clark! Trudi will take all creations at the end of this session to fire them and they will be available for pick up the following week!!

Registration required. Each teen must be registered individually.

TEEN Paint Date **Monday, 7/8 from 6-8pm**

Adventures in Art! TEENS AGES 12-18 are invited to join Gina Martucci from the Williamstown Arts Center to create their very own paintings through step-by-step instruction!

Registration required. Each teen must be registered individually.

Family Movie Night **Wednesday, 7/10 from 6-9pm**

Children, Teens, and Families of All Ages are invited to come watch Moana (2016). Rated PG. Runtime 1 hour 43 minutes. Feel free to bring blankets... *Registration required.* Please sign up each person (including adults) individually! For questions or more information, contact khauserman@monroetpl.org.

Coding Bootcamp **Thursday, 7/11 & 7/25 from 6-8pm**

The library is offering a free series of coding classes designed to take you from complete beginner to intermediate skill level.

This class is part of a series. If you have any questions, please contact Chris at cdifazio@monroetpl.org

Williamstown Junior Gardeners Club **Thursday, 7/11 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.

Read to a Therapy Dog **Tuesday, 7/16 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.

Blood Drive

Thursday, 7/18 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 and search by sponsor code: Williamstown.

TEEN Intro to Dungeons & Dragons **Monday, 7/22 from 6-8pm**

Adventures in Fantasy! TEENS AGES 12-18 are invited to learn how to play Dungeons & Dragons by a Dungeon Master! This workshop will cover character creation and basic rules for play. No previous game experience required to attend.

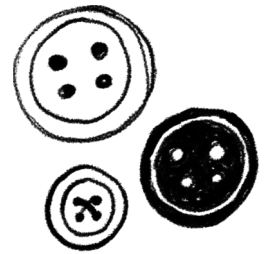
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Adult Programming

Needle Arts Group

Wednesday, 7/3 & 7/17 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.

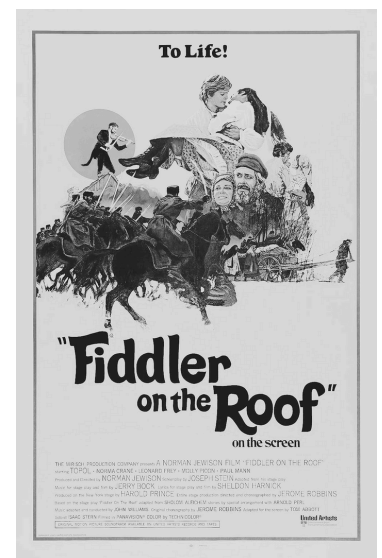


Lunch and a Movie

Monday, 7/8 starting at 12pm

Fiddler On The Roof (1971)

The first of two musicals from the late director Norman Jewison, this acclaimed film version adapts the equally beloved Broadway show. Based on Sholem Aleichem's "Tevye the Dairyman" stories, the show introduces us to the Jewish village of Anatevka, in turn-of-the-twentieth-century Ukraine. Tevye (Chaim Topol), a poor milkman, is doing his best to provide for his wife and five daughters. He takes strength from his devotion to God (with Whom he often has one-sided conversations) and the traditions that have upheld his people for centuries. But the world is changing, inside and outside Anatevka. Tevye finds himself thrown for a loop when his three older daughters buck the usual arranged-marriage traditions and choose husbands for themselves without his input...one marries the village tailor, another marries a young radical who is exiled, and the third breaks Tevye's heart by marrying a Gentile. And all the while, the country's anti-Semitic leadership is making ominous moves against the Jewish population...bringing about consequences that will change the lives of the villagers forever.



Computer & Tech Help

Monday, 7/8 & 7/15 by appointment only

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. Appointments are scheduled between 1-3pm. Please explain what you would like help with so we can best accommodate your needs!



Adult Programming

Inkwell Writers Group

Wednesday, 7/10 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.



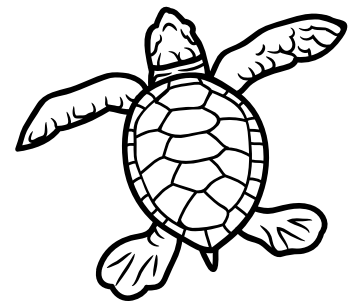
Felt Craft for Adults

Thursday, 7/11 from 1–2:30pm

Join us at the library to create your own felt sea turtle! Registration is required for this program and basic sewing skills are preferred.

THIS IS NOT A SEWING CLASS. Register at monroetpl.org under the Event Calendar or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206.

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.



Bingo for Adults

Friday, 7/12 from 11:30am–12:30pm

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

Bingo!

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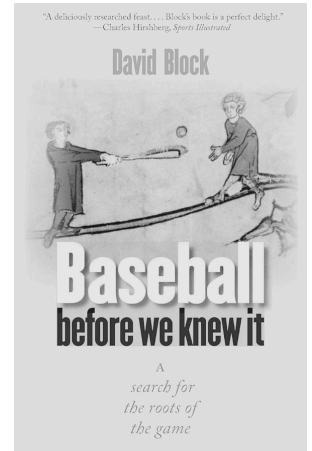
Bookworms Book Club

Wednesday, 7/17 from 1-2pm

Baseball Before We Knew It by David Block

It may be America's game, but no one seems to know how or when baseball really started. Theories abound, myths proliferate, but reliable information has been in short supply—until now, when *Baseball before We Knew It* brings fresh new evidence of baseball's origins into play.

David Block looks into the early history of the game and of the 150-year-old debate about its beginnings. He tackles one stubborn misconception after another, debunking the enduring belief that baseball descended from the English game of rounders and revealing a surprising new explanation for the most notorious myth of all—the Abner Doubleday–Cooperstown story.

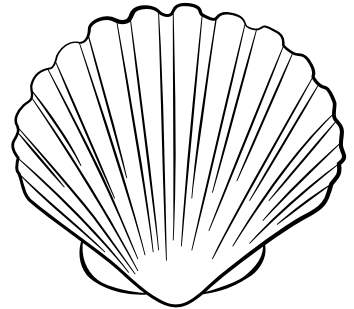


Craft for Adults: Painted Seashell Art

Thursday, 7/18 starting at 1:30pm

Adults of all ages are welcome to come to the Monroe Township Library and make a miniature piece of wall art with painted seashells! You can paint small seashells and glue them to miniature canvases to make a nice wall hanging that's perfect for summer.

Signups are required, so register via our online events calendar at www.monroetpl.org. If you sign up but can't attend, please cancel your online reservation as a courtesy to those on the waitlist. If you are on the waitlist and a spot opens up, you will be notified via e-mail.



Movie Discussion Club

Thursday, 7/18 from 7-8pm

Hit Man (2023)

A professor moonlighting as a hit man of sorts for his city police department, descends into dangerous, dubious territory when he finds himself attracted to a woman who enlists his services.

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(Some Violence | Sexual Content | Language Throughout)

Action, Comedy, Crime

Reminder: This is a discussion club; We do NOT view the movie during this program. Please view on your own time.

This is a program for adults. Some movies and discussions may be inappropriate for younger audiences.



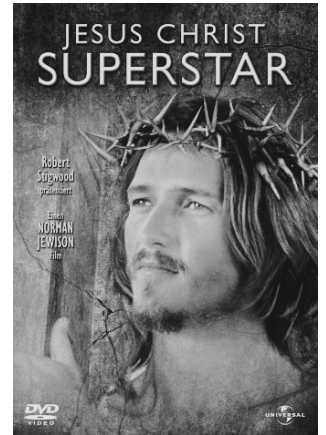
Adult Programming

Lunch & a Movie

Monday, 7/22 starting at 12pm

Jesus Christ Superstar (1973)

Norman Jewison's second movie musical adapts Andrew Lloyd Webber's hard-driving rock opera. This version of the story gives a far more sympathetic role to Judas Iscariot (Carl Anderson), who fears that Jesus' growing movement will bring the wrath of the Roman authorities down on all their heads. In a misguided attempt to stave off trouble, he turns Jesus (Ted Neely) in...only to find that he may be a pawn in a greater plan than he ever imagined. As for Jesus Himself, He struggles with His own feelings of self-doubt, fear, and questioning His destiny...and all the while, His disciples (including Mary Magdalene, who is trying to deal with her romantic feelings for Him) wrestle with their own role in the tragedy to come. With a driving, compelling rock score that includes the standout hits "I Don't Know How To Love Him" and "Superstar", this groundbreaking pop/rock opera illuminates the human side of the Passion.

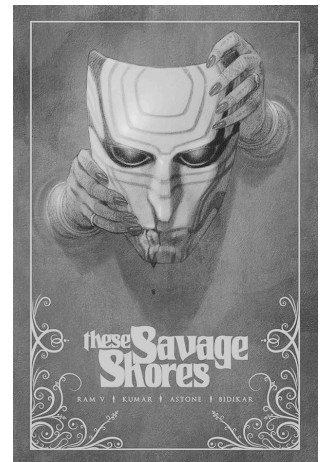


Horror Book Club

Wednesday, 7/24 from 2-3pm

These Savage Shores by Ram V (Graphic Novel)

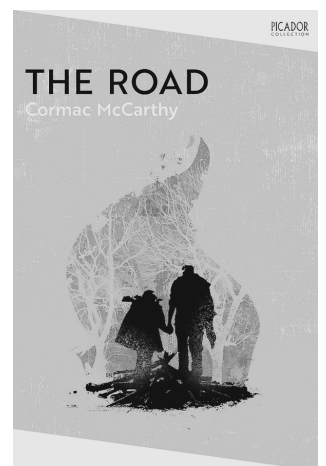
Two centuries after the first European ship sailed to the Malabar Coast and made landfall at Calicut, the East India Company seeks to secure its future along the lucrative Silk Route, in the year 1766. An old evil now sails aboard a company ship, hoping to make a home in this new found land. But he will soon find that the ground along the Indus is an ancient one with daemons and legends far older than himself. Along These Savage Shores, where the days are scorched and the nights are full of teeth.



The Road by Cormac McCarthy

A father and his son walk alone through burned America. Nothing moves in the ravaged landscape save the ash on the wind. It is cold enough to crack stones, and when the snow falls it is gray. The sky is dark. Their destination is the coast, although they don't know what, if anything, awaits them there. They have nothing; just a pistol to defend themselves against the lawless bands that stalk the road, the clothes they are wearing, a cart of scavenged food—and each other.

The Road is the profoundly moving story of a journey. It boldly imagines a future in which no hope remains, but in which the father and his son, "each the other's world entire," are sustained by love. Awesome in the totality of its vision, it is an unflinching meditation on the worst and the best that we are capable of: ultimate destructiveness, desperate tenacity, and the tenderness that keeps two people alive in the face of total devastation.



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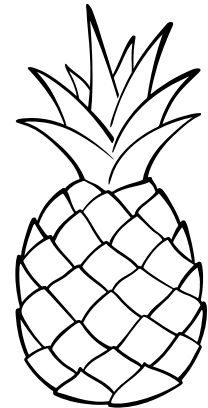
Felt Craft for Adults

Thursday, 7/25 from 1-2:30pm

Join us at the library to create your own felt pineapples!

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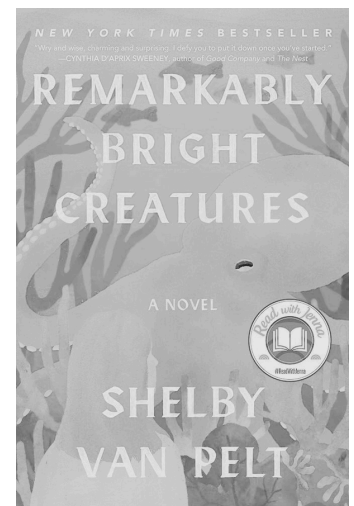


Bookmarks Book Club

Tuesday, 7/30 from 7-8pm

Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

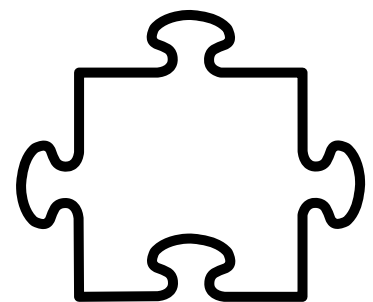
After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Keeping busy has always helped her cope, which she's been doing since her eighteen-year-old son, Erik, mysteriously vanished on a boat in Puget Sound over thirty years ago. Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine but wouldn't dream of lifting one of his eight arms for his human captors—until he forms a remarkable friendship with Tova. Ever the detective, Marcellus deduces what happened the night Tova's son disappeared. And now Marcellus must use every trick his old invertebrate body can muster to unearth the truth for her before it's too late.



Jigsaw Puzzle Contest

Wednesday, 7/31 starting at 6:30pm

The Monroe Township 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. The first one to finish will be the winning team and will win prizes. If no one's finished when time is up, the team with the fewest amount of pieces left is the winner. (We have puzzles to work on, but feel free to bring your own, as long as it's 500 pieces.) Signups are required, so visit our online calendar at www.monroetpl.org to register.



Teen Programming

TEEN Take-and-Make Bags: STEM Kits

TEENS AGES 12-18 are invited to stop by the circulation desk starting Monday, July 1st through July (while supplies last) to grab a to-go STEM kit to build their own Powered 3D Puzzle. Kits include models to assemble with solar powered or electrical engineering motor components. **TEEN craft bags are reserved exclusively for ages 12-18 and are available on a first-come basis while supplies last**
For questions, email kcasser@monroetpl.org.

TEEN Summer Writing Contest

Story entries are due by Friday, 8/9.
For questions, email kcasser@monroetpl.org.

TEEN Advisory Board

Tuesday, 7/2 & 7/30 from 2-3pm, Wednesday, 7/10 from 1:30-2:30pm & 7/24 from 3-4pm & Thursday, 7/18 from 11:30am-12:30pm

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!
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, email kcasser@monroetpl.org.

TEEN Life Learning Workshop with Trudi Clark

Monday, 7/15 from 6-7:30pm

Adventures in Learning! YOUNG ADULTS (ages 12-20) are invited to come learn skills for resume building and interview skills! These important life skills are great for both college and job applications!! *Registration required. Each teen must be registered individually.*
For questions, email kcasser@monroetpl.org.

TEEN Murder Mystery Game

Wednesday, 7/17 from 2-4pm

TEENS (ages 12-18) are invited to join us for a Murder Mystery Game Event! Calling all murder mystery and true crime fans to come live out your dreams of being a teen sleuth! This will be an episodic murder mystery game in six parts. Each program, we'll receive new evidence, 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. This event is Episode 2/6.
Registration required. Each teen must be registered individually.
For questions, email kcasser@monroetpl.org.

TEEN Library Olympics

Friday, 7/26 from 12-2pm

Adventures in Athletics! TEENS AGES 12-18 are invited to celebrate the kick off of the Summer Olympic Games with our own Library Olympics competition! All participants will be divided into 4 teams of 4 members each -- you can register multiple teammates together or be divided into groups the day of! The winning team will win a prize! *Registration required. Each teen must be registered individually.*
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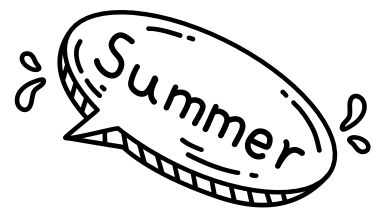
TWEEN & TEEN Intro to ASL Club

Monday, 7/29 from 6-7pm

In this intro session geared specifically toward TWEENS and TEENS (ages 7-18), come practice American Sign Language with Niki Leary! Learn some basic signs, finger spelling, numbers, and more! *Registration required. Each tween/teen must be registered individually.*
For questions, contact kcasser@monroetpl.org or khauserman@monroetpl.org.

2024 Back to School Supplies Drive

Simply bring in the items you'd like to donate any time between June 18th-Aug 23rd and place them in the box located by the reference desk. Teens are eligible to receive volunteer credit for donating items.



Children's Programming

Homeschool Hangout

Monday, 7/1 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 or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206. ***Remember to sign up each child individually.***

No Bake Brownie "Grill Bites"

Tuesday, 7/2 from 11:30am-12:30pm & 6-7pm

Do you plan to attend a BBQ during the 4th of July holidays? Well children (ages 1-12) can start early by creating these delicious No Bake Brownie "Grill Bites". Registration is required. Please sign up at monroetpl.org or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206. ***Remember to sign up each child individually.***

Summer Storytime

Wednesday, 7/3, 7/17, 7/24 & 7/31 from

11:30am-12:30pm (ages 18 months- 3 years) & 1:30-2:30pm (ages 3-5)

Each Wednesday, we will read some stories, sing some songs and make a craft. Registration is required for each storytime. Please register online at monroetpl.org under events or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206 to sign-up.

Remember to sign up each child individually.

"Hunters of the Sky" by Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge

Tuesday, 7/9 from 1-2pm

Children 1-12 are introduced to a variety of raptors (birds of prey) through hands on exploration and an engaging lesson. Observe each species' unique characteristics and learn about its adaptations. Students will spend time learning how raptors fit in our ecosystem and use these adaptations to succeed in the wild. Registration is required. Please register each child individually. Register online at monroetpl.org under Events or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206.

Tween Paint Night

Tuesday, 7/9 from 6-8pm

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 or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206. ***Remember to sign up each child individually.***

Children's Felt Mushroom Craft

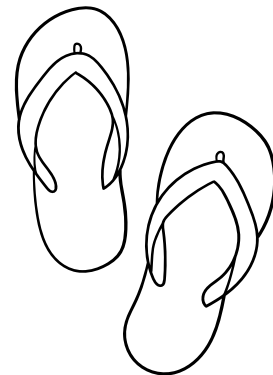
Thursday, 7/11 from 11:30am-12:30pm and 1:30-2:30pm

Children (1-12) are invited to stop by the library and make a mushroom craft using felt, glue and cotton balls. Registration is required. Please register each child individually. Register at monroetpl.org under Events or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206. Please email Ms. Katrina at khauserman@monroetpl.org if you have any questions.

Children's Fish Tank Craft

Tuesday, 7/16 from 11:30am-12:30pm & 6-7pm

Children (1-12) will create an underwater adventure with hidden surprises! The children will trace a template or use their imagination to draw silhouettes using black card stock, plastic sheet protectors, permanent markers and other craft supplies. Registration is required. Please register each child individually. Register online at monroetpl.org under Events or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206. Please email Ms. Katrina if you have any questions.



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Children's Programming

Chess Club

Wednesday, 7/17 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.

Children's Clay Imprint Craft

Thursday, 7/18 from 11:30am-12:30pm & 1:30-2:30pm

Children (1-12) can stop and make imprints of different plants and leaves by using model magic and water color paints. Registration is required. Please register each child individually. Register at monroetpl.org under Events or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206. Please email Ms. Katrina at khauserman@monroetpl.org if you have any questions.

The Lizard Guys

Monday, 7/22 from 1:30-2:30pm

The Lizard Guys are back! The Lizard Guys are a New Jersey based educational entertainment group that provides live animal presentations with lizards, snakes, turtles, frogs & various bugs. Registration is required. Each child must be registered individually. Register at monroetpl.org or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206.

Children's Foil 3D Craft

Tuesday, 7/23 from 11:30am-12:30pm & 6-7pm

Children (1-12) will use foil and markers to color a 3D image. Registration is required. Please register each child individually. Register at monroetpl.org under Events or call 856-629-1212- ext. 206. Please email Ms. Katrina at khauserman@monroetpl.org if you have any questions.

Children's Sand Art Craft

Thursday, 7/25 from 11:30am-12:30pm & 1:30-2:30pm

Children (1-12) will create a picture using sand art. Registration is required. Please register each child individually. Register online at monroetpl.org under Events or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206. Please email Ms. Katrina at khauserman@monroetpl.org if you have any questions.

Homeschool Book Club

Monday, 7/29 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 or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206.

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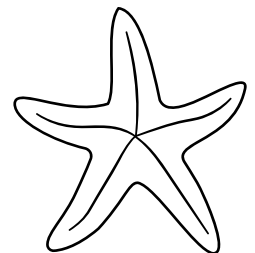
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Children's Nature Suncatcher Craft

Tuesday, 7/30 from 11:30am-12:30pm & 6-7pm

Children (1-12) will create a nature suncatcher using plants, flowers and other pieces of nature. Registration is required. Each child must be registered individually. Register at monroetpl.org or call 856-629-1212 ext. 206. Please email Ms. Katrina at khauserman@monroetpl.org if you have any questions.



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