

Library Lines Newsletter

MONROE TWP. LIBRARY



Library Friends and Library Board

The Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library are a nonprofit organization that provides supplemental funding for programs and special needs of the library not included in the budget. They promote the library as a center for education, cultural enrichment, and entertainment in the community as well as recruiting and developing volunteers to serve with us as ambassadors of the library.

Members are made up of local residents and businesses who like you, recognize all that the library has to offer and want to support it. The Friends raise money through fundraising to offer financial support for various library programs and library materials. The Friends also promote awareness of the library and the services offered to the community.

The next meeting is 3/3 at 2:30pm. Have any questions? Contact Suzanne King at sking@monroetpl.org.

The Library Board of Trustees

New Jersey's public libraries are vital community centers dedicated to lifelong learning. The success and achievements of public libraries depend upon the leadership, commitment and dedication of its trustees. Library trustees have legal and fiduciary obligations to ensure that all public libraries provide the highest quality of library service.

These core competencies enumerate skills, qualities and abilities essential for trustees to undertake their duties. Being a library trustee means that you have been entrusted with the welfare of an important community institution capable of serving everyone in your community.

The next meeting is 3/19 at 7pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend and may participate in the public comment portion.

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Library Hours:
Mon-Thu: 11am-9pm Fri-Sat: 10am-3pm Sunday: Closed

Adult Programming



Dungeons and Dragons Every Tuesday at 6pm

Are you interested in diving into the world of tabletop RPGs, but not sure where to start?

A Dungeon Master with over 30 years of experience, and his assistant, will be teaching all of the skills needed to make and play characters in the amazing fantasy setting of Pathfinder.

Registration required.



Needle Arts Group 3/5 and 3/19 at 6:30pm

Do you like to knit or crochet? Do you 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.

No registration required.



Felt Craft for Adults 3/6 at 1pm

As highly requested, we will be sewing felt... Wait for it... Mushrooms! Basic sewing skills are preferred. This is not a class.

Registration required.



Murder Mystery 3/6 at 6pm

Calling all crime and mystery fans! Join us at the library for an evening of sleuthing, as we work through clues, evidence, and puzzles in an attempt to solve a murder case. We'll work through a new case at each meeting

Registration required.



Lunch and a Movie 3/10 at 12pm

Bring your lunch and join the library in celebrating the 85th anniversary of Disney's animated masterpiece Fantasia (1940). Popcorn generously provided by Regal Cinemas.

No registration required.



The Inkwell Writers 3/12 at 6:30pm

An adult creative writing group looking for fun, creative, artistic writers who find it hard to stay motivated to write. For writers of any genre.

To register, contact the group facilitator Jerome Jackson at 609-372-8908.



Horticulture Craft 3/13 at 6:30pm

Explore the abundance of plants that grow best indoors and how to nurture them. Have fun designing and creating a potted garden which will reflect all the whimsy of St. Patty's Day and welcome in spring.

Presented by Rachelle Hasenberg of Inspirational Horticultural Therapy. Registration required.



Movie Discussion Club 3/13 at 7pm

Cat Person (2023)
When Margot, a college sophomore, goes on a date with the older Robert, she finds that he doesn't live up to the Robert she has been flirting with over texts. A razor-sharp exploration of the horrors of dating.

Rated R for sexual content, violent, and language. No registration required.

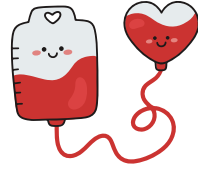
Adult Programming



Bingo for Adults 3/15 at 11:30am

Adults of all ages are invited to play a little bingo at the library. You could win prizes like books, ice cream coupons, or other fun stuff.

Registration required.



Blood Drive 3/20 from 1-6pm

Appointments are strongly preferred. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

You can also visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter the sponsor code: Williamstown.



Bookworms Book Club 3/19 at 1pm

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 needed.

This month's book is *My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante.



ASL Club 3/19 at 6pm

The library is putting together a Sign Language Club with Niki Leary. Each month, a group of us will meet to go over basic signs and practice finger spelling and numbers. Please be aware that this is NOT a class and Niki is NOT an interpreter.

Registration required.



Chair Yoga 3/20 and 3/27 at 11:30am

Certified teachers from Relax Mind and Body (621 S. Main Street in Williamstown) will be here offering Chair Yoga. Chair yoga is modified stretches that can be done in a seated position. Participants have the option to do standing or seated.

Space is limited and registration is required. Sponsored by The Friends of the Library.



Craft for Adults 3/20 at 1:30pm

Adults of all ages are invited to the library to paint and decorate a seven-inch wooden shamrock to hang on a wall or a door.

Registration required.



Lunch and a Movie 3/24 at 12pm

Bring your lunch and join the library in celebrating the 20th anniversary of *Fantasia 2000*! Popcorn generously provided by Regal Cinemas.

No registration required.



Paint Night for Adults 3/25 at 6:30pm

Adults of all ages are invited to the library for a paint night with local artist Gina Martucci. This session, we'll be creating a vase of flowers.

Registration required.

Adult Programming



Bookmarks Book Club 3/25 at 7pm

The Bookmarks meet on the last Tuesday of each month at 7pm. All adults are invited to read along with us and join our monthly discussions held in the library meeting room.

No registration needed.

This month's book is *The Turtle House* by Amanda Churchill.



Felt Craft for Adults 3/26 at 12:30pm

Join us at the library to celebrate spring a little early! This month we will be sewing spring chicks. Basic sewing skills are preferred.

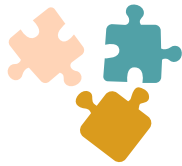
Registration required.



Nightmare on Marsha Ave Book Club 3/26 at 2pm

Hound by Sam Romesburg
During WWI, a young soldier is assigned to one of the most deadly areas along the western front. However, he finds the greater threat to his life lies not with the enemy, but with a cult formed by his own men.

No registration required.



Jigsaw Puzzle Contest 3/26 at 6:30pm

The 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.

Registration required.



Trivia Night 3/27 at 6:30pm

Join us at the library for a casual game of trivia. Participants can join in solo, or compete in group of up to 4 people. The first place team will receive a prize.

Registration required.



Shades of Harmony 3/29 at 1pm

Join Shades of Harmony, the women's a cappella chorus of Williamstown, at the library for a send-off performance as they head to Lancaster for their Regional Contest! This concert is for all ages and is free and open to the public.

No registration required.

Teen Programming



Teen Craft Bags While Supplies Last

Teens ages 12-18 are invited to stop by the circulation desk starting Saturday, March 1st.

Teen craft bags are reserved exclusively for ages 12-18 and are available on a first-come basis while supplies last.



Teen Advisory Board 3/3 at 5pm and 3/22 at 1:30pm

TAB is the perfect place 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.

Registration required.



Teen Writers Club 3/10 at 6pm

Teens ages 12-18 (grades 7-12) are invited to let your creativity flow! Monthly writing prompts can help inspire something new... or bring in your own work to share and discuss.

Registration required.



Teen Craft Night 3/17 at 6pm

Teens ages 12-18 (grades 7-12) are invited to join us to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day by making "Lucky" Charm Bracelets.

Registration required.



Battle of the Books Teen Book Club 3/24 at 6pm

Teens ages 12-18 (grades 7-12) are invited to join us for a Battle of the Books Book Club. The books facing off against each other this month are TBD... to be decided at the February meeting so stay tuned! You only need to have read 1 book to participate.

Registration required.

Children's Programming



Homeschool Hangout 3/3 at 11:30am

Meet other homeschoolers in the community while enjoying family-friendly activities. Each session will focus on different hands-on activities, such as arts and crafts, STEM, games, and more.

Registration required. Dress for mess. Program for ages 5-12.



ABC Storytime Every Tuesday at 11:30am & 1:30pm

ABC Storytime is all about the alphabet, books, and crafts! 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 storytime.

Registration required. Ages 18 months-3 years can sign up for the 11:30am slot, and ages 3-5 can sign up for the 1:30pm slot.



Stuffed Animal Sleepover 3/4 at 6pm (Drop Off) 3/6 at 11am-9pm (Pick Up)

Have you ever wondered about what happens at the library when it's closed? We will share our secret world with your animal friends at our sleepover. You will fill out a permission form, create a name tag, and read a few books to your animal friend before you leave for the night. Guest appearance by Lucky the Library Leprechaun!

Registration required.



Dr. Seuss Storytime 3/5 at 11:30am

Let's celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday by reading a story and making a craft!

Registration required.



Tween Paint Night 3/11 at 6pm

Tween's can join Williamstown's very own travelling artist Gina Martucci! Tween's will paint their own painting.

Registration required. Program for ages 7-12.

Children's Programming



Children's Author Visit 3/12 at 6pm

Children will learn what it takes to be a writer! Ms. Nancy Viau is a local author who will explain to children all the steps it takes, read a couple of chapters from a book, and even have the kids become editors.

Registration required. Program for grade 3 and up.



Friday Fun Day 3/14 at 11am

Children can stop by the library and make a craft for St. Patrick's Day. Please remember to dress for mess!

No registration required and while supplies last. Program for ages 1-12.



Tucked-in-Tuesday Storytime 3/18 at 6pm

Wear your coziest pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal to this evening storytime. We'll read books and sing songs and rhymes in the story room.

Registration required.



Homeschool Book Club 3/24 at 11:30am

Are you homeschooled and love to read? Then join our Homeschool Book Club!

Registration required. Program for ages 5-12.



Tween Chess Club 3/25 at 6pm

Are you a tween who likes to play chess? Then stop by the library to play against other tweens who like to play chess too. All levels of experiences are welcome. This is not a class, however a sharing of tips and experience is encouraged.

Registration not required. Program for ages 7-12.

Contact Information

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