

Monroe Twp. Library

Library Lines Newsletter

Friends & Trustees

The Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library are a nonprofit organization that provide supplemental funding for programs and special needs of the library. The Friends promote the library as a center for education and cultural enrichment. The Friends also promote awareness of the library and the services offered to the community.

The next meeting is **5/5 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 the highest quality of library service.

The next meeting is **5/21 at 7pm**. Members of the public may attend and participate in the public comment portion.

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday: 11am-9pm
Friday & Saturday: 10am-3pm
Closed Every Sunday

The library will be closed for Memorial Day Weekend on **5/24 & 5/26**.

Program Spotlight

Easy Fit Chair Yoga: **5/1, 5/8, 5/15, & 5/22 at 11:30am**. *Registration required.*

Art Show with Gina Martucci: **5/6 at 6:30pm**. *Registration not required.*

Am. Red Cross Blood Drive: **5/1 & 5/15 starting at 1pm**. Call 800-733-2767. *Appointments preferred.*

Junior Gardeners Club: **5/22 at 6:30pm**. For ages 5-12 with adult accompaniment. *Registration required.*

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Adult Programming

Felt Craft for Adults 5/1 at 1pm

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo early at the library by sewing felt tacos! Basic sewing skills are preferred. This is not a class.

Registration required.

Horticulture Craft 5/1 at 6:30pm

Add a little touch of historic ornamental gardening by creating your own indoor artificial tabletop topiary. Explore the unique tradition of topiaries while expressing your creative side as you design.

Registration required.

Lunch & a Movie 5/5 & 5/19 at 12pm

Bring your lunch to the library to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Jaws... the movie that introduced the summer blockbuster and put a hotshot director named Steven Spielberg on the map. Popcorn provided by Regal Cinemas. Jaws (1975) on 5/5 and Jaws 2 (1978) on 5/19.

Registration not required.

D&D Club 5/6, 5/13, 5/20, & 5/27 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.

Ceramics Workshop with Trudi Clark 5/7 at 6:30pm

Adults of all ages are invited to the library to paint and decorate a ceramic jar with pressed flowers!

Registration required.

Needle Arts Group 5/7 & 5/21 at 6:30pm

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.

Adult Programming

Movie Discussion Club 5/8 at 7pm

This month's movie is A Good Person (2023). This is a discussion group. We do not watch the film during the program.

Registration not required.

Felt Craft for Adults 5/10 at 11pm

Sew your own felt cactus! Basic sewing skills are preferred. This is not a class.

Registration required.

Inkwell Writers Group 5/14 at 6:30pm

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 and personal discovery.

Registration required. Contact the group facilitator Jerome Jackson at 609-372-8908.

Craft for Adults 5/15 at 1:30pm

Adults of all ages are invited to the library to make an adorable bird... just by wrapping and tying bunches of yarn!

Registration required.

Bingo for Adults 5/16 at 11:30am

Adults of all ages are invited to play Bingo at the library! You could win prizes like books to take home, ice cream coupons or other fun stuff.

Registration required.

Paint Night for Adults with Gina Martucci 5/20 at 6:30pm

Adults of all ages are invited to the library to paint their own work of art with local art teacher Gina Martucci! You'll have a custom-made painting that's perfect for the season.

Registration required.

Adult Programming

Bookworms Book Club 5/21 at 1pm

The Bookworms are a reading group for adults that meet on the third Wednesday of each month. All are welcome to read along with us and attend our discussions. This month's book is Henna House by Nomi Eve.

Registration not required.

Jigsaw Puzzle Contest 5/21 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.

Registration required.

Felt Craft for Adults 5/22 at 1pm

It's not a party unless there's a piñata! Join us and sew your own felt piñata. Sewing skills are preferred. This is not a class.

Registration required.

Murder Mystery 5/22 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.

Registration required.

Bookmarks Book Club 5/27 at 7pm

The Bookmarks are a reading group for adults that meet on the last Tuesday of each month. All are welcome to read along with us and attend our discussions. This month's book is Yellowface by R.F. Kuang.

Registration not required.

Nightmare on Marsha Ave Book Club 5/28 at 2pm

This month's book is The Butterfly Garden by Dot Hutchison.

Registration not required.

Teen Programming

Take-and-Make Teen Craft Starting 5/1

Teens ages 12-18 are invited to stop by the circulation desk starting Thursday, May 1st to grab a Mini Grow Pot Kit. Bags include a mini terracotta pot with soil pellet and seed pack to plant.

Reserved exclusively for ages 12-18 and are available on a first-come basis while supplies last.

Teen Advisory Board 5/3 at 1:30pm 5/12 at 5pm

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 Movie/Craft Night 5/5 at 6pm

Teens ages 12-18 (grades 7-12) are invited to come watch the movie *How to Train Your Dragon* while creating origami dragons.

Registration required.

Teen Game Night 5/12 at 6pm

Teens ages 12-18 (grades 7-12) can come experience the excitement, suspense, and mystery of an escape room experience! In this challenging and unpredictable game, teamwork is the magic word for success – you win together or lose together, solving puzzles and finding hidden clues before the clock runs out! You only have 60 minutes to escape.

Registration required.

Teen DIY Craft 5/17 at 1:30pm

Teens ages 12-18 (grades 7-12) are invited to join us to create their own slime!

Registration required.

Battle of the Books Book Club 5/19 at 6pm

Teens ages 12-18 (grades 7-12) are invited to join us for our book club. Books: *Throne of Glass* vs. *The Hunger Games*.

You only need to have read 1 book to participate! Familiarity with both books is great but not essential. All discussions respectful and supportive.

Registration required.

Children's Programming

ABC Storytime 5/1, 5/8, 5/15, & 5/22 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 story time!

Ages 18 months- 3 years at 11:30am & ages 3-5 at 1:30pm. Registration required.

Homeschool Hangout 5/5 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 & crafts, STEM, games, and more.

For ages 5-12. Registration required.

Take-and-Make Children's Craft Starting 5/6

Children can stop by the library and pick up some sunflower seeds, potting soil, a biodegradable pot and a card to decorate for Mother's Day.

For ages 1-12. Registration required.

MTPL Presents: Cole the Deaf Therapy Dog 5/7 at 6pm

Children can stop by the library and learn about Cole, who is a deaf therapy dog.

For ages 1-12. Registration required.

Children's Programming

Friday Fun Day 5/9 at 11am

Children can stop in the library and make a craft. Remember to dress for mess!

For ages 1-12. Registration required.

Tween Paint Night 5/13 at 6pm

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

For ages 7-12. Registration required.

Homeschool Book Club 5/19 at 11:30am

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

For ages 5-12. Registration required.

Tucked-in-Tuesday Storytime 5/20 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 is required.

Contact Information

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