

"ALWAYS WORTH A BROWSE"
FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN TOWNSHIP LIBRARY NEWS
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Important News

(1) All branches of the Monmouth County Library will be closed on September 6, 2021 in observance of Labor Day.

(2) September is Library Card Sign-up Month -- A library card is your gateway to great works of literature, exciting movies and a host of digital resources like eBooks. If you need a card, please visit our library. Our library staff will be glad to assist you. (Remember to bring along your driver's license.) And, if you have family, friends or neighbors who don't yet have a library card -- be sure to encourage them to get a card so they can experience all that our library has to offer.

(3) New Member Outreach (Free Books Too!) -- While we are not yet able to host our usual large book sales, we have been busy reaching out to our community. Two such outreach events took place last month. **On August 2, 2021 volunteers from the Friends of the Township of Ocean library staffed a table outside of our township library offering a selection of free books** culled from the donations we received prior to the pandemic. **We also handed out membership forms** to residents interested in joining our ranks. **The very next evening we shared a table with the Ocean Township Library staff at our town's National Night Out event.** Both of these events proved to be an excellent way to sign up new members and increase awareness about the Friends organization and the many services provided by our library.



Updates from the Township of Ocean Library

(1) The Results Are In! -- Monmouth County Library's Summer Reading Program concluded on August 15, 2021. And, **the Ocean branch's adult readers have once again earned the distinction of having the most adults completing the challenge.** Of those who logged, **there were 563 books read -- far surpassing all the other branches** (the branch holding second place had 298 books read). **Great job Township of Ocean library branch readers!**

(2) Fall Schedule Returns This Month -- With the arrival of September **The Township of Ocean Library** is returning to its normal **Saturday operating schedule**. Our branch will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on **Saturdays**.

As a reminder, you can visit our branch:

Monday -- 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday -- 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday -- 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Curbside pick-up still will be available **Monday through Thursday** from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (**Curbside pick-up is unavailable on Friday and Saturday.**)



Updates from Our Cultural Collaborators

(1) The Township of Ocean Historical Museum -- **The Township of Ocean Historical Museum** will be closed on **Sunday, September 5, 2021** for the **Labor Day weekend**. The museum will be open on all other **Sundays in September** from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar -- If you love to shop you won't want to miss **the Museum** quilters "**Pre-Holiday Sale of American Girl Doll Clothes**" on **November 13 and 14, 2021** from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at **the Museum**. Beautiful handmade outfits and knitwear will be on sale for both 18" and 14" dolls.

The Museum is featuring a new exhibit "Aftermath: How World War II Changed a Nation". This new exhibit explores how the cultural, social, technological and political transformation of the U.S. between 1945 and 1960 stems directly from the conditions of war. Be sure to stop by and check out this exhibit.



Happening Around Town

(1) Fall is in the Air -- The Township of Ocean Community Celebrations 2021 Fall Festival will be held September 26, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds in the Joe Palaia Park. Admission is free. Be sure to stop by to check out the music, food, entertainment, children's activities, craft fair, and more. Rain date is October 2, 2021.

(2) Educational Workshop About Goose Management -- On September 16, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. the Deal Lake Commission will host a special ZOOM presentation by a wildlife biologist from the USDA/Wildlife Services of NJ that will cover the reasons and techniques for controlling the Canadian goose population. The session will include biology, population and regulations. It also will provide techniques to prevent damage to property, bodies of water, and ensure human health and safety. A Q&A session will follow. This Zoom workshop will last about 50 minutes. The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82999777232>



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(1) Are You a Fan of History? -- Then you won't want to miss the Archives and History Day 2021 event hosted by The Monmouth County Archives. The event is being held at the Brookdale Community College's Collins Arena on October 2, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. The theme this year is "Facing Adversity: Monmouth Responds in Times of Crisis" This event, which is free and open to the public, will feature local history-related exhibitor tables, keynote speeches, and the Monmouth County history exhibit.

To find out more about the Monmouth County Archives you can go to <https://www.monmouthcountyclerk.com/archives>



Grab A Book and Sit Awhile

Looking for a good book to read this month? No problem! This month we once again are spotlighting several different ways you can locate recommended books in just about every genre.

(1) Take the September Reading Challenge -- For September our library's round table of suggested reading based on a monthly theme is going **BOTH in-person and virtual**. This month's theme is **"Who Now?"**.

Debbie Bagchi, one of our library's reference librarians, **has compiled a variety of books featuring real people**. So if you'd like to explore the lives of Ike and Kay, Mrs. Lincoln's dressmaker, Madame Tussaud, or the "other" Einstein, **you'll find a book that provides a glimpse into those and other real people's lives**. Be sure and take a peek at Debbie's picks on our website: www.friendsofcoceanwplibrary.org

(2) More Real People -- If the September Reading Challenge has you craving to know more about the lives of real people, then be sure to check out Goodreads list **"54 Memoirs That Readers Are Raving About"**. These memoirs offer a wonderful way to explore the world through the eyes of others. The list includes memoirs by Priyanka Chopra Jonas, Leslie Jordan, Sharon Stone, Gabriel Byrne, Julianna Margulies, Ben Philippe, Hunter Biden, Seth Rogen, and Yusef Salaam. You can find the list at:

https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2141-54-memoirs-that-readers-are-raving-about?ref=pe_3097180_587051080&rto=x_gr_e_nl_general&utm_campaign=August032021&utm_content=New.Memoirs&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter

(3) Looking for a New Author? -- Then take a peek at Goodreads list of **"69 New and Upcoming Debut Novels"**. You're bound to discover a new author that soon could become a favorite. The list includes debut novels released since June of this year, as well as debut books headed for shelves later this year. You'll find the list at https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2124-69-new-and-upcoming-debut-novels-to-discover?ref=pe_3097180_587051080&rto=x_gr_e_nl_general&utm_campaign=August032021&utm_content=New.Upcoming.Debut&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter

(4) Don't Forget About Amazon -- If you search on Amazon for a book you've read or heard about, Amazon will provide **"Customers Who Bought This Item Also Bought"** recommendations that can offer you some great book suggestions. While the list may be limited, it does have the advantage of providing you with a synopsis of the book, editorial reviews, customer reviews, and even an opportunity to sample the book. You also can view lists and search by genre.

(5) Consider Joining The Monmouth County Library's Virtual Book Discussions, Short Story Discussions, Poetry Readings, or Author Talks This Month** --

Book Club Discussions:

September 8, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. -- Join this virtual book club to discuss **"People We Meet On Vacation"** by Emily Henry. In this novel, Poppy and Alex, who have nothing in common, become the best of friends after a ride home from college. Every summer

since they have taken a one week vacation together -- that is until two years ago when they ruined everything. They haven't spoken since. Poppy now has a week to fix everything. What could possibly go wrong?

September 22, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. -- This virtual book club will discuss **"Friends and Strangers" by J. Courtney Sullivan**. In this novel, Elizabeth, an accomplished journalist and new mother, is struggling to adjust to small town life. Elizabeth hires Sam to babysit. Sam, a student at a local women's college also is struggling -- between following her life plan or a romance that threatens her ambition. But, when Sam finds a kindred spirit in Sam's father-in-law the stark differences between the two women are revealed and a betrayal has devastating consequences.

Poetry Readings:

September 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. -- Join **"Welcome, Autumn Poetry: The Weather Is Worth Endless Praise: a virtual open mic session with poets Flora Higgins and Evelyn Hampton (who is also a long-time member of the Friends of the Township of Ocean Library)**. Ms. Higgins and Ms. Hampton, published poets and members of the Jersey Shore Poets, will be reading from their poetry collections, followed by an open mic session for all who wish to read a poem of their choosing. (If you intend to share a poem, please provide the poem's title as you register.)

Short Story Discussion:

September 23, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. -- This short story discussion will focus on **"The Handsomest Drowned Man In The World" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez**. When the body of a handsome stranger is found afloat in a small remote town by the ocean, the townsfolk attempt to discover his identity.

Read the Book and Meet the Author :

September 30, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. -- This author talk will feature Julian Sanction's **"Madhouse At The End Of The Earth: The Belgica's Journey Into The Dark Antarctic Night."** Mr. Sanction, a senior features editor for Departures Magazine, tells the story of the 1897 journey of the good ship Belgica on a three-year expedition to Antarctica. Drawing on diaries and journals from the crew and with exclusive access to the ship's logbook, Sanction brings to life the story of human extremes -- one so extreme that NASA studies it for research on isolation for future missions to Mars.

(Registration is required for all of these programs. To register simply go to the Monmouth County Library EventKeeper site by clicking [here](#) Scroll down to the date of the event you are interested in and you will see a small "Register" box at the bottom of the presentation description.)**

We hope you find this spotlight helpful. Happy Reading!!



Other Helpful & Interesting Library Offerings**

(1) We Will Never Forget -- September 11, 2001 was a day that changed the world forever. **In commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the attacks of September 11, 2001, the Monmouth County Library and the 9/11 Memorial & Museum are presenting an in-person poster exhibit.** This educational exhibition recounts the events of that day through the personal stories of those who witnessed and survived the attacks. Told across a series of 14 posters, this exhibition includes archival photographs and images of artifacts from the Museum's permanent collection. **The exhibit will be on display at both the Library Headquarters in Manalapan and Eastern Branch Library in Shrewsbury between September 1, 2021 and September 30, 2021.**

(2) Turning Lives Around -- **On September 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. meet Kate Gerahty, CSVA Manager of 180 Turning Lives Around, an organization that empowers survivors and families affected by domestic violence and sexual assault** to find the courage and strength to turn their lives around. This presentation provides information on the programs and services provided by 180 Turning Lives Around that are available throughout Monmouth County and gives an overview of domestic and sexual violence in New Jersey to help raise awareness.

(3) Get Healthier -- **By checking out Virtual Health Seminars** offered by the Monmouth County Library.

September 28, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. -- The Power of the Bean This presentation will explore the versatile bean. Learn about the variety of beans and the health benefits of this nutrient rich plant-based protein. This program is offered by Family and Community Health Sciences Department Educator **Sharese Porter**, PhD, MPH, CHES, Sr. Program Coordinator Supervisor, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Burlington and Monmouth Counties.

(4) Get Your Gardening Questions Answered -- **On September 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Diane Larsen, Monmouth County Horticulturist of the Rutgers Master Gardener**, will provide assistance regarding horticulture and garden questions. Please email all questions in advance to Ms. Larsen via MonCoLibrary2021@gmail.com by noon on September 1, 2021.

(5) Enjoy a Musical Interlude -- The Monmouth County Library is sponsoring several musical performances in September.

September 8, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. -- Sentimental Journey Big Band Pop-Up Outdoor Concert Presenting Big Band on Broadway. Bring a lawn chair (the library will not provide chairs) to the Library Headquarters in Manalapan for a free concert featuring an exciting 17 piece Big Band playing melodies and show tunes from yesterday and today. Enjoy the lullabies of Broadway. (**Please note:** If the weather is inclement, the concert will be held indoors. Chairs will not be permitted to be brought into the library. Indoor seating and space are extremely limited and face coverings are strongly recommended.)

September 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. -- A Patriot Day Performance to Commemorate September 11, 2001. Join this **virtual concert of remembrance by the Navesink Brass Quintet.** The performance will provide a historical perspective on how Americans have united and reinforced themselves when faced with adversity from the Civil War years through the COVID pandemic. **The concert will be available to view on the Monmouth County Library's website at www.MonmouthCountyLib.org and will be available for replay through September 30, 2021.**

September 15, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. -- Enjoy a variety of music in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month including the Latin salsa, Latin jazz, meringue, ballads and waltzes **during a virtual concert featuring the David Cedeno Orchestra.** The concert will be available to view on the Monmouth County Library's website at www.MonmouthCountyLib.org and will be available for replay through October 15, 2021.

(6) Sit In on a Lecture From the Comfort of Home -- The Monmouth County Library is sponsoring several lectures in September. Be sure and check them out.

September 14, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. -- Join miniaturist Darren T. Scala for a history of miniatures from the earliest known beginnings with the ancient pharaohs in Egypt, to the cabinet houses of the renaissance era (the modern equivalent of doll houses) to today's growing interest in small scale treats.

September 15, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. -- Join Michael Norris, of Armchair Art Tours, for Medieval Dress-Up: A Virtual Art History. Learn more about medieval styles from hats to heels and from unmentionables to outer layers. You'll leave with a sense of everyday fashion for noblewomen, peasants and everyone in between. The talk will feature medieval paintings, sculptures and tapestries, including examples from the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

September 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. -- Join archaeologist and author Richard Veit for "What Lies Beneath: Recent Archaeological Investigations at Marlpit Hall and the Allen House". Dr. Veit will offer a glimpse into an archaeological dig and explore recent excavations at historic Marlpit Hall in Middletown. The excavations -- both

interior and exterior -- provide an amazing window into the lives of those who lived there long ago.

(7) It's Apple Festival Time -- So you're sure to want to join **Chef Rob on September 25, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.** as he dishes up an **Apple Fest Virtual Baking and Cooking Festival LIVE on the Monmouth County Library's Facebook Page** -- which can be accessed through the Library's website at www.MonmouthCountyLib.org

The tasty menu includes:

Fuji Apple and Cinnamon Baked French Toast Casserole
Arugula and Walnut Salad with Blue Cheese and Cranberries
Autumn Apple Pie Muffins/Donuts.

(You will receive emailed recipes and photos when you register.)

(8) Missing the Broadway Theater? -- then you won't want to miss **"By Light of Tiffany: A Virtual Meeting With Clara Driscoll"** -- a live, virtual one-woman theatrical performance by actress **Leanna Renee Hieber on September 29, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** Ms. Hieber will channel the talented artist Clara Wolcott Driscoll, designer of iconic Tiffany lamps and the manager of the Women's Glass Cutting Department of Tiffany Studios from the late 19th century until 1909. The performance provides a window into a lively life devoted to art, light and beauty. A Q&A session will follow the performance.

(9) Turn Your Treasures Into Cash -- Join author, auctioneer, appraiser and radio show host **Mike Ivankovich on September 30, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. for a virtual program that will offer you tips and strategies designed to turn your treasures into cash.** If you are moving, downsizing or just cleaning out -- this program will offer you many helpful suggestions.

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A Reminder:

(1) Book Donations -- Just a reminder, although we greatly appreciate your kind intentions, we are still unable to accept any book donations at this time. But, please

hold on to your donations. We hope to host our book sales in the near future and we will let you know as soon as we are once again accepting donations. Thank you.



Help Our Community -- Want to do your part to help our community? Here are simple ways you can make a difference.

(1) Mask Up in Risky Indoor Settings -- Due to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, as well as new data suggesting the Delta variant is more transmissible, **New Jersey is now strongly recommending that both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals wear masks in indoor settings when:**

- . **The space is crowded**
- . **There is the potential for close contact with others who may not be fully vaccinated**
- . **The vaccine status of other individuals is unknown**
- . **When individuals who are immunocompromised or at increased risk for severe disease are present.**

(2) Don't Forget to Access Your COVID-19 Vaccination Record On Your Phone With -Docket -- this new app, from the New Jersey Department of Health, **makes it easier for you and your family to securely access your COVID-19 vaccination history.** Individuals with an email or phone number on file with the New Jersey Immunization Information System can access and download their COVID-19 vaccination record using this app. If you don't have your vaccination card with you or if you've lost it, you'll be able to easily access your record through the app to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination as needed. Future plans call for the Docket App to expand access to provide full immunization histories. **The Docket app is now available (in English or Spanish) in the [App store](#) or on [Google Play](#).** Please note that the app adheres to federal and state standards for data security and privacy.

(3) Eviction Protections -- As our state winds down the COVID-19 eviction moratorium, Governor Murphy signed legislation that provides critical protections to renters who experienced economic hardships during the pandemic. Go to covid19.nj.gov/renter to learn more about the protections and how to qualify.

**Thank you again for your continued support of
The Friends of The Township of Ocean Library**

You truly are making a difference!
Please continue to take care and stay safe!

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