

"ALWAYS WORTH A BROWSE" FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN TOWNSHIP LIBRARY NEWS JUNE 2023

Important News

(1) **Up For A Challenge?** -- Then plan on visiting our library to pick up some great books to start reading because The Monmouth County Library system is once again sponsoring its **Summer Reading Challenge**. This year the program **kicks off June 1, 2023 and runs through August 15, 2023**. The theme this year is **"All Together Now"** -- a theme designed to capture the importance of kindness, friendship, and unity.

As in the past, each registered participant will be reading towards an opportunity to win a prize. So sign up and start logging your books right away to ensure your prize eligibility.

To register go to monmouthcountylib.beanstack.org

If you participated in the summer reading program in the past, you can use the same user name and password to register this year. No problem if you've forgotten your user name or password, you can simply reset it.

The summer reading program levels are: **"Read To Me;" "Vacation Reading Club"** (Grades K - 6); **"Teens"** (Grades 6 - 12); and **"Adults"** (Age 18+).

Let's make Ocean the top library branch in number of books/ebook/audiobooks read again this year. **Be sure to log in ALL the books you read between June 1 and August 15, 2023. The more books you read, the better. So, READY...SET...GET READING!**

Keeping Up With The Friends

(1) **Book Donation Day** -- Just a reminder that we are holding a Book Donation Day at our library **on June 3, 2023 (RAIN OR SHINE) from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (or until our shelves reach capacity).**

This will help us ensure that we have plenty of new inventory for our next book sale. As you know, the proceeds from our sales help us support our library and its many wonderful adult, teen and children's programs.

Open To All Town Residents -- This time we are opening our donation day to all residents of the town, so please spread the word and let your friends, family and neighbors know about our June 3rd Book Donation Day.

BUT BEFORE YOU DO...PLEASE READ AND SHARE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT WE CAN AND CANNOT ACCEPT...

Items we can ACCEPT:

- Fiction Books and Children's Books in good condition or better
- Non-Fiction Books dated 2018 or newer
- Travel Guides Dated dated 2018 or newer
- CD Audiobooks, music CDs, and viewable DVDs in good condition
- **We are especially in need of both Fiction and Non-Fiction Large Print Books**

Items we CANNOT ACCEPT:

- Books in poor or damaged condition
- Books with mildew, mold, water, or other stains, or without covers
- Books with wrinkled, marked, or highlighted pages
- Encyclopedias, Test books, Text Books, Reference, Reader's Digest
- Dated Non-Fiction (prior to 2018)
- VHS tapes or cassettes

(2) Don't Miss Our Next Super Sensational Sale -- **Our next book sale is scheduled for July 12 and July 13, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.** We will have hundreds of recently acquired hardcover and paperback books, CDs and DVDs on sale and all proceeds benefit our library and its wonderful programs.

If you are interested in helping out, please sign up to participate! We still need volunteers to staff our book sale. Shifts are usually two hours in length, but we can be flexible to accommodate your schedule.

If you have never worked at a book sale before you will be partnered with someone with book sale experience. It's a fun way to help out and give back to the community while raising funds for Friends' projects in support of our library. **To sign up simply RSVP to this email with your availability. Thank you!!**

(3) Annual Meeting -- The Friends of the Township of Ocean Library will be holding its annual meeting and election of officers on June 14, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at our town's library. Here is the slate of officers up for election:

- President -- Claire Steimle
- Vice President -- Phyllis Fyfe
- Treasurer -- Harriet Cook
- Recording Secretary -- Barbara Saint John
- Corresponding Secretary -- Michele Tringali
- Historian -- Bill Haas, Jr.

(4) We Still Are Looking For Realtors! -- If you are a realtor, or know someone who is, we would love to partner on a new pilot program we are launching in Ocean Township. As you know, our library is an important hub of our town and a terrific resource. We want to ensure new residents know about it and the many adult, young adult, and children's programs it offers. So, we are producing a postcard that highlights our library. We will provide the postcards (at no cost) to any realtor who is willing to give it to new residents when a home is purchased. If you are interested (or know someone who is) simply RSVP to this email and we'll be in touch.

Updates from the Township of Ocean Library

(1) Movies...Movies....Movies -- Interested in enjoying a good movie? Then look no further than our library, where a number of movies are being shown this month. All the movies are free to attend!

June 1, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. -- Black Panther: Wakanda Forever -- Queen Ramonda, Shuri, M'Baku, Okoye and the Dora Milaje fight to protect their nation from intervening world powers in the wake of King T'Challa's Death. Stars Angela Bassett, Lupita Nyong'o, Tenoch Huerta and Letitia Wright. (2022) (Rated PG-13)

June 8, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. -- Ticket to Paradise -- Lily sends a message to her parents that she intends to marry a local she met while vacationing in Bali. The distraught and long-divorced parents fly to Indonesia to try and derail their daughter's plans, but first they have to control their animosity toward each other if they hope to succeed. Stars George Clooney, Julia Roberts and Sean Lynch. (2022) (Rated PG-13)

June 15, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. -- Elvis -- A look at the life of the legendary rock star, Elvis Presley. Stars Austin Butler, Tom Hanks Olivia DeJonge and Helen Thomson. (2022) (Rated PG-13)

June 22, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. -- Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance with Somebody --- Small-town girl Whitney Houston discovers her powerful vocals that soon catapult her to

the forefront of pop music in the early 1980s. Based on true events. Stars Naomi Ackie, Stanley Tucci, Tamara Tunie, and Ashton Sanders. (2023) (Rated PG-13)

June 29, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. -- 80 for Brady -- After decades of dreaming, a quartet of older women, who are dedicated football fans, finally decide to travel to the Super Bowl to meet their favorite player: NFL superstar, Tom Brady. Stars Rita Moreno, Sally Field, Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin and Harry Hamlin. (2023) (Rated PG-13)

You definitely won't want to miss these highly popular films -- so be sure and save the dates to your calendar.

(2) Medicare Counseling -- Have a question or problem involving Medicare? Then, you will want to register for one-on-one assistance with the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). SHIP provides confidential, unbiased information and assistance for evaluating health insurance options and dealing with claims. **SHIP volunteers will be at our branch on June 6, 2023 and June 20, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please note: An appointment is required. You can register for an appointment by calling 732-728-1331.**

(3) A Summer Musical Interlude -- Come enjoy an hour of music as our branch welcomes the very popular Charlie's Band on June 21, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Charlie's Band will be performing song selections from the Great American Songbook, as well as some smooth jazz and Latin musical numbers. You won't want to miss their performance! **(This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Township of Ocean Library.)**

(4) The Turner Art Gallery, located within our library, is featuring the work of the talented artist **Anthony Russo through June 22, 2023. His exhibit is entitled "The Sun, The Sea, and the Snow."** Be sure to stop by to enjoy his beautiful work. Please note that some of the artwork will be available for purchase.

(5) Join a Knitting/Crocheting Group -- that is now meeting at our library on the **4th Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.** for an evening of knitting and/or crocheting. **This month, the group is meeting on June 27, 2023.** All levels are welcome. Please bring your own yarn, needles and/or hooks. Those interested in learning how to knit or crochet also are welcome (just be sure to bring some chunky yarn along with your needles).

(6) Programs For Little Ones -- Our library branch is the site of many special children's programs each month. The sessions are full of fun exciting stories, song singing, and even craft making. **Simply go to: the Monmouth County Library EventKeeper site by clicking here for a full list of the children's programs happening at our branch in June.** Select the event you are interested in and you will see a small "Register" box at the bottom of the presentation description

Monthly Tip

(1) Did you know that our library offers a large selection of large print books in a variety of genres? In fact, a whole section of large print books can be found near the reference desk. If you, or someone you know, are looking for large print books be sure and stop by our library. And, if you need help, please ask one of our wonderful library staff members -- they will be happy to assist you.

Happening Around Town

(1) New Jersey Primary Election Day -- is June 6, 2023. For more information you can go to the League of Women Voters of Southern Monmouth County at www.lwvsmc.org and our state's site at www.Vote.NJ.Gov

(2) Shredding -- The Township of Ocean is hosting a **Paper Shredding Event on June 3, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Dow Avenue School.** The Event is **open to township residents only** and is only for the shredding of confidential documents.

(3) Sprucing Up Our Town -- The Township of Ocean will be getting a little TLC on **June 10, 2023 from 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. thanks to the 2023 Clean Sweep Event.** Litter not only is an environmental hazard, but it also reduces property values. **So plan on bringing your family (kids are welcome) to the Oakhurst Fireman's Field (corner of Larkin Place and Arthur Schenck Lane) in Oakhurst on June 10th.** For more information you can call Clean Communities at 732-531-5000 ext. 3378.

(4) Eliminating Pesky Pests -- Just FYI, **pesticides may be applied in town** by the Monmouth County Mosquito Control Division **to eliminate adult mosquitoes at any point between now and November 30, 2023.** For more information go to our town's website at www.oceantwp.org

(5) If you are a senior living in Ocean Township, you won't want to miss the interesting senior programs offered through the Department of Human Services.

Here is what is coming up this month (Please note all of these events take place at the West Park Recreation Center at 615 West Park Avenue):

Brain Games -- Join other seniors on **June 5, 2023 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. for this interactive presentation about our brain and the importance of brain health.** You'll receive information and tips on how diet, physical exercise and proper rest can improve brain health. There also will be games and exercises to stimulate different areas of the

brain. This program is hosted by Sandra Vega of Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield. **If you are interested, act fast! You must register by June 2, 2023 at: www.oceantwp.org/seniors**

Stop Fraud In Its Tracks -- Learn how to protect yourself from banking fraud on **June 12, 2023 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.** with tips from **Caroline Glynn**, Vice President Retail Branch Manager of Manasquan Bank. **If you are interested you must register by June 9, 2023 at www.oceantwp.org/seniors**

Senior Wellness and Resource Fair -- On **June 15, 2023 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** all town seniors are invited to stop in and learn ways to lead a happier and healthier life. A variety of vendors will be on hand to discuss programs and resources that are designed to benefit our town's seniors. **You'll also find FREE health screenings: blood pressure, hearing and memory, plus fun raffles and prizes! NO REGISTRATION necessary.**

Get Ready to PARTY! -- Ocean Township seniors get ready to mix and mingle with old and new friends on **June 20, 2023 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** at the Senior Summer Barbecue! Entertainment will be provided by the RAGTIMERS. **And, don't forget to bring a dessert to share. This is a FREE event sponsored by the Township of Ocean Department of Human Services and is open to Ocean Township seniors only. If you are interested in attending you must register by June 16, 2023 at www.oceantwp.org/seniors**

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) Book Club Picks -- **If you are looking for a good book to tackle this month you might want to check out Goodreads list of "*The 144 Most Recent Celebrity Book Club Picks*".** The list includes selections picked by the book clubs of Good Morning America, Reese Witherspoon, Jenna Bush Hager, Oprah, Belletrist, and *Good Housekeeping*. You are sure to find a book that you will love. **Just go to: https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2556-144-books-recently-selected-by-the-big-celebrity-book-clubs?ref=pe_3097180_700718250&rto=x_gr_e_nl_general&utm_campaign=April182023&utm_content=Celebrity.Book.Clubs&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter**

(2) A Friends' Pick -- **As part of our redesign of the Friends monthly newsletter, we will be occasionally featuring a "Friend's Pick",** a book or author that one of our members would like to recommend to other members of our group.

This month's recommendation comes from Friends member Susan D'Agostino.

Susan actually has two picks this month -- "*The Nightingale*" (a 2016 novel set during World War II which features a story of French resistance, two sisters, survival, love and freedom) and "***The Four Winds***" (a 2021 release set during the Great Depression and which is a powerful novel about love and hope). **Both books are historical fiction written by one of Susan's most favorite authors. Kristin Hannah.** According to Susan, both books are "excellent reads, well-written and captivating".

(3) Road Trip -- If the open road is calling to you this summer, be sure to take a great audio book along for the ride. And, if you need some help finding the perfect long-haul audio book (especially if you enjoy non-fiction books) **be sure to check out the AARP's list of "7 Nonfiction Audiobooks Perfect for Long Road Trips"**. The list includes books by Viola Davis, Kate Moore, Danny Trejo and Malcolm Gladwell. **To review the list before you hit the open road go to:** <https://www.aarp.org/travel/vacation-ideas/road-trips/info-2021/audiobooks-for-long-drives.html>

(4) LARGE Print Books -- If you prefer reading large print books, you aren't alone. And, **Penguin Random House has you covered.** Their website now lets you browse (by genre) for books that are available in large print format. To get started simply go to: <https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/large-print-format-books/>

Goodreads also has compiled a list of over 9,000 titles available in large print format. To search Goodreads' extensive list go to: <https://www.goodreads.com/shelf/show/large-print>

(5) Consider Joining The Monmouth County Library's Virtual Book Discussions This Month --**

June 7, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. -- Join this virtual book club to discuss "*Crying in H Mart*" by Michelle Zauner. The author tells her story of growing up as one of the few Asian American kids at her school in Oregon, of struggling to meet her mother's expectations, of her painful adolescence, and of her treasured trips to Korea to visit her grandmother. Yet it wasn't until reaching the age of 25, after her mother's serious health diagnosis, that the author is forced to confront her identity and begin the process of reclaiming the gifts of taste, language and history her mother gave her.

June 22, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. -- Join this virtual book club to discuss "*The Private Lives of the Impressionists*" by Susan Roe. This book follows an extraordinary group of artists for 20 years -- from their Paris studios, down the rural lanes of Montmartre, and into rowdy bars. It casts a revealing light into the society and lives of these genius artists.

**** (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!!



More To the Story

Coming in June, the Monmouth County Library will host a wide range of virtual programs including several virtual author talks, cooking classes with Chef Rob, yoga sessions, lectures (on topics such as maximizing memory, Colonel Tye and the Black Loyalist Movement in Monmouth County, the rescue of Danish Jews in October 1943, gardening, how to use the records at the Monmouth County Archives, spring and summer coastal birding, etc.), art workshops, and so much more.

You can find details about all the programs available this month, as well as register for those that interest you, **by clicking [here](#)** Once on the site, simply select this month and year from the drop-down box at the top left of the page and **check out all the wonderful programs you can take advantage of in June.**



Looking for Links?

Here are some links for our town, county, and state that we hope will help you stay connected:

Ocean Township:

Friends of the Township of Ocean Library: www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org

Ocean Township Department of Human Services website -

- www.oceantwp.org (click on Departments on the left hand side of the home page and then on the Department of Human Services)

Ocean Township Garden Club -

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/597553924494267/>

Ocean Township Historical Museum -- www.oceanmuseum.org

Ocean Township Town Website -- www.oceantwp.org

Monmouth County:

Monmouth County Department of Health -- www.visitmonmouth.com

Monmouth County Library -- www.MonmouthCountyLib.org

New Jersey:

New Jersey Official State Web Site -- www.nj.gov

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