

**"ALWAYS WORTH A BROWSE"**  
**FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN TOWNSHIP LIBRARY NEWS**  
**MAY 2022**



**Important News**

**(1) All branches of the Monmouth County Library will be closed on May 30, 2022 in observance of Memorial Day.**

**(2) Smashing Success -- Our first book sale in nearly two years was held last month. Thanks to a tremendous group of volunteers and a very supportive community, this four-day sale raised nearly \$1,900 that we can use to support our library branch!** While many people contributed to the event's success, we would like to especially thank Mickey Manna, chair of the Book Inventory Committee (BIC), who helped organized the sale. Now we are setting our sights on our next sale coming in July. Stay tuned as details are finalized.

**(3) Book Donation Day -- A Very Important Note -- because we have limited storage space available for donated books we ask that you DO NOT post news about this donation day on social media or otherwise publicize our event.**

**We will be hosting a Book Donation Day at the library on Saturday, May 21, 2022, from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or until we run out of storage space.** Our event will be rain or shine, but in case of inclement weather please check our website [www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org](http://www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org) for any announcement of postponement.

**As you know, we rely heavily on volunteers to staff our events and we ask you to consider helping out at our donation day event. If you have volunteered before you know how rewarding it can be. If you haven't yet volunteered at one of our events this is the perfect time to start -- you are guaranteed to have a great time while making new friends who share your love of books and our library. Simply reply back to this message and let us know your availability.**

Thank you in advance and we hope to see you at our book donation day!



## Updates from the Township of Ocean Library

**(1) Fun Facts -- During the first quarter of this year, our library branch circulated over 46,000 (!) items, hosted over 14,000 visitors, and made over 130 library cards** (more cards are coming as our town's local kindergarten classes will soon be touring our library and receiving their library cards). **A big thank you to our wonderful library staff whose hard work and dedication made these amazing results possible!**

**(2) Love a Good Movie? -- Then you'll be happy at this sneak peek of news. Our branch will resume showing movies beginning in June! The first film up will be "The Eyes of Tammy Faye," on June 16, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.** The film provides an intimate look at the rise, fall and redemption of televangelist Tammy Faye Baker. The film, which is rated PG-13, earned a Best Actress Oscar for Jessica Chastain as well as an Oscar for Best Achievement in Make-up. So mark your calendar for a movie afternoon at the library.

**(3) The Summer Reading Program Is Just Around the Corner --** The Monmouth County Library will be hosting its annual summer reading program again this year. This year the program kicks off **June 1, 2022 and runs through August 15, 2022**. **The theme this year is "Oceans of Possibilities".**

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 on June 1 to ensure your prize eligibility.

To register go to [monmouthcountylib.beanstack.org](https://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 grade); **"Teens"** (Grades 6 - 12 ); and **"Adults"** (Age 18+).

Let's make Ocean the top library branch in number of books/ebook/audiobooks read this year. **Be sure to log in ALL the books you read between June 1 and August 15, 2022. The more books you read, the better.**

**(4) Children's Story Time is Back -- Children's story time has resumed at our branch,** and weather permitting, some of these sessions will be held outdoors. **Registration is required.** Please be sure to check out the Monmouth

County Library's website for details on this month's children's programs. **You can access the children's program schedule at: [www.monmouthcountylib/kids](http://www.monmouthcountylib/kids).**

**(5) Please join us in extending a hearty welcome to our new Children's Librarian Leah Zilbergeld!**

**(6) If you stop by our library, be sure and take a moment to enjoy the new bench created by the 8th grade students at our town's intermediate school. The bench, located outside in front of our library, is made out of recycled materials including two liter soda bottles and 4,000 plastic bags. Kudos to the students and their teacher for this wonderful planet-friendly addition to our library.**



### **Updates from Our Cultural Collaborators**

**(1) The Township of Ocean Historical Museum -- [The Township of Ocean Historical Museum](#) will be closed on May 8, 2022 in observance of Mother's Day. The museum will be open on all other Sundays in from May 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. In addition, beginning May 19, 2022 the museum also now will be open on Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Sold Out! -- Our museum is happy to announce that they have fully booked their upcoming Spring Tea event. The museum's staff wish to thank all of you who signed up.**

**(2) The Art Council -- is excited to announce two upcoming events.**

**On May 15, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Art Council will be hosting a reception in our library's Turner Gallery to officially kick off the gallery's reopening after the pandemic. On display will be beautiful works by the artist Linda Alston. We hope you will plan to attend this joyous reopening event.**

**Then, mark your calendars for June 4, 2022 because the Art Council will be hosting an outdoor art exhibit on the paths near the library and museum. (Rain date is June 5, 2022). You'll have an opportunity to see paintings and photography by local artists as you stroll along the scenic pathways. We look forward to seeing you there!**



## Happening Around Town

**(1) Support Our Town's Fire Department -- The Township of Ocean Fire District #1 is looking for new members. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, contact our fire department at 732-222-4624 or via email at [newmembers@TOFD1.org](mailto:newmembers@TOFD1.org). to sign up. Please note all applicants must be at least 16 years of age. No experience is required and training will be provided. Help keep our community safe by becoming a member today!**

**(2) Shredding Event -- Mark your calendars for June 4, 2022 that's when the Township of Ocean will be hosting a paper shredding event from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Dow Avenue School. Please note that the event is only open to Ocean Township residents and is for the shredding of confidential documents only.**



## **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) Asian Pacific American Heritage -- May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and American Libraries Magazine, in cooperation with Booklist, has compiled a list of recommended titles as a "literary antidote to the ongoing fight against bigotry, harassment, and violence".** The selections of historical fiction help provide a window into the heritage and experiences of Asian Pacific Americans that will hopefully promote better understanding and demonstrate how much we all have in common. **To view the list of recommended reads go to: <https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/recommended-reading-asian-pacific-american-heritage-month/>**

**(2) 2022 Best Books -- We may only be entering the month of May, but its not too early to check out some of the year's best books. The BBC has compiled a list of the top "14 Books of the Year So Far".** The list includes family sagas, thrillers and

essays. To check out what the folks across the pond are picking as their favorite 2022 reads go to:

[https://www.bbc.com/culture/article/20220407-the-best-books-of-the-year-2022?utm\\_source=bbc-news&utm\\_medium=right-hand-slot](https://www.bbc.com/culture/article/20220407-the-best-books-of-the-year-2022?utm_source=bbc-news&utm_medium=right-hand-slot)

(3) **A Life Well Lived** -- can make for some fascinating reading. So, you may want to check out Goodreads list of "The Hottest New and Upcoming Memoirs". This list not only contains memoirs already receiving rave reviews, but also memoirs scheduled for later this year that have people talking. **To check out the list go to:**

[https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2282-explore-48-fascinating-lives-in-these-new-and-upcoming-memoirs?ref=pe\\_3097180\\_620824940&rto=x\\_qr\\_e\\_nl\\_general&utm\\_campaign=March152022&utm\\_content=New+Memoirs&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=new\\_sletter](https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2282-explore-48-fascinating-lives-in-these-new-and-upcoming-memoirs?ref=pe_3097180_620824940&rto=x_qr_e_nl_general&utm_campaign=March152022&utm_content=New+Memoirs&utm_medium=email&utm_source=new_sletter)

(4) **What's the Best Setting for a Great Mystery? -- Why choose just one?** Thanks to Goodreads you don't have to. Whether it is a creepy hotel, that mysterious country house, or a locked room, crime scenes can be just about anywhere. **And, Goodreads has made your search easier by creating a list that is sorted by where the body is found. What's more, there are over 100 books to choose from! So, if you want to head to the scene of the crime for a good read go**

**to:** [https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2319-100-mystery-and-thriller-recommendations-by-setting?ref=pe\\_3097180\\_632332540&rto=x\\_qr\\_e\\_nl\\_general&utm\\_campaign=April192022&utm\\_content=Mysteries.Setting&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=new\\_sletter](https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2319-100-mystery-and-thriller-recommendations-by-setting?ref=pe_3097180_632332540&rto=x_qr_e_nl_general&utm_campaign=April192022&utm_content=Mysteries.Setting&utm_medium=email&utm_source=new_sletter)

(6) **Consider Joining The Monmouth County Library's Virtual Book Discussion This Month\*\* --**

**May 19, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.** -- Join this virtual mystery book club to discuss "**While Justice Sleeps**" by **Stacey Abrams**. In this book, filled with many twists and a vibrant set of characters, Avery Keene, a law clerk for Justice Howard Wynn, is excelling at her job while dealing with a troubled family. When Justice Wynn slips into a coma, Avery learns he has named her as his legal guardian and given her power of attorney.

**\*\* (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 & Fun Library Offerings\*\*

(Unless otherwise noted, all of these programs require registration. Instructions for registering can be found at the end of this section.)

**(1) Need Help With Your Garden?** -- then you'll want to join Diane Larson, Monmouth County Horticulturist of the Rutgers Master Gardeners, **on May 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** when she will provide assistance with your horticulture and garden questions via Zoom. Please email your questions to Ms. Larson before noon on May 4, 2022 at [MonCoLibrary2022@gmail.com](mailto:MonCoLibrary2022@gmail.com)

**(2) Explore Your Inner Artist** -- You can put your inner artist on display during a virtual Zoom "Henri Matisse-Inspired Vase and Flower Drawing" class with artist **Barbara Freiberg on May 12, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.** You will learn how to draw a vase and flowers based on the artwork of Henri Matisse using lines, shapes and angles to help complete your drawing. **To participate in this virtual art class you will need the following supplies: a regular pencil, eraser, one piece of 9x12 white paper or smaller, and assorted colors of markers** (Crayola Super Tips Washable Markers or similar.) (If you plan on participating in future virtual artist classes, Ms. Freiberg recommends getting a 50 pack of assorted colored markers.) **Registration for this class opens at 9:00 a.m. on May 2, and closes at noon on May 11, 2022.**

**(3) Seriously Spring Food Festival** -- Join Chef Rob on May 25, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. as he celebrates Spring with a tasty Food Festival. This mouth-watering presentation can be viewed LIVE on the Monmouth Library's Facebook Page - - which can be accessed through the Library's website at: [www.MonmouthCountyLib.org](http://www.MonmouthCountyLib.org)

The menu includes:

**Guacamole & Tri-Color Tomato Salad with Lime**  
**Baltimore Crab Cakes**  
**Rhubarb and Strawberry Crisp**

You will receive emailed recipes and photos when you register. (If you miss the LIVE Facebook event, this program will be rebroadcast on the Monmouth County Library's YouTube [Food Festival Playlist](#) after its initial airing.)

**(4) Herb Benefits** -- Join Rachel Tansey, MA, Family & Community Health Sciences, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County, **on May 17, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. for a virtual Zoom presentation on the micro-nutrients contained in herbs that can be beneficial to your health.** Ms. Tansey will also discuss how you can use herbs and spices to replace sodium in your diet.

**(5) Find Out What It's Worth -- On May 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** author, auctioneer appraiser, and radio show host, **Mike Ivankovich will let you know what your antiques, collectibles and personal treasures are worth today during this VIRTUAL presentation.** **PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE LIMITED APPRAISAL SLOTS AVAILABLE; HOWEVER VIRTUAL VIEWING SPOTS ARE UNLIMITED.**

**Important appraisal instructions:**

. **Registration will open May 2, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. The first 25 confirmed registrants should receive an appraisal of ONE item.** Registration does not guarantee a virtual appraisal.

. **Confirmed registrants should have one back up item available --** only to be used if the primary item cannot be viewed correctly by the appraiser.

. **Because of possible distortions, registrants should turn off Zoom's Virtual Backgrounds** during the program.

**(6) Sit In on a Lecture From the Comfort of Home --** The Monmouth County Library also sponsors interesting lectures. This month be sure to check out:

**May 1, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. -- "He Wrote That?! -- A Virtual Lecture-in-Song** Join pianist, singer, narrator **Fred Miller as he demonstrates how a few men -- Don Raye, Gene De Paul, Tom Adair, Matt Dennis, Jack Lawrence, Johnny Burke, and Harry Woods -- changed the musical world. Without them, countless songs that we all know and love --** including "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy", "All or Nothing at All", "Pennies From Heaven", "I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover," as well as the scores for *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* and *Li'l Abner -- would not have been possible.* Mr. Miller presents his lecture-in-song at a piano. **Registration is not required. This program will be available for replay throughout the month of May at the Monmouth County Library's website: [www.MonmouthCountyLib.org](http://www.MonmouthCountyLib.org)**

**May 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. -- "The World's Most Extraordinary Dollhouses"** Join miniaturist **Darren T. Scala** from D. Thomas Fine Miniatures as he takes you on a virtual journey featuring extraordinary dollhouses from the Renaissance era to modern times. Mr. Scala will present the rich history and unique details of each dollhouse.

**May 18, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. -- "Think Like a Vegan: What Everyone Can Learn from Vegan Ethics"** -- Join author **Emilia A. Leese** will discuss her new book *Think Like a Vegan: What Everyone Can Learn from Vegan Ethics.* During this virtual presentation she will discuss a wide variety of topics including animal use, and how vegan logic impacts politics, economics, love, the environment, and other aspects of human existence. A discussion period will follow Ms. Leese's presentation.

**May 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. -- "You Are Here: A New Jersey Travel Guide" -**  
- **Join** writer and librarian **Kerri Sullivan** for this virtual presentation that utilizes **photography and fun facts to highlight cool places around our state.** Whether you are new to our state or a lifelong resident, you are sure to find some interesting places to add to your "must see" list including the Roebling Museum, Fort Mott, Whitesbog Village, and more.

**May 24, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. -- "Shipwrecks and Lifesavers" -- Join** historian **Mary Rasa** for this Zoom presentation as she highlights the history of the **U.S. Coast Guard** through its predecessor organizations from colonial days until **1915.** You'll also learn the critical role Monmouth County played in the Coast Guard's history.

**May 25, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. -- "My Flight Around the World" -- Join** pilot **Tom Fisher** as he details the **50,000 miles** he has traveled examining the most beautiful places on Earth. Throughout his journey, taken virtually thanks to the new **Microsoft Flight Simulator 2000** (which offers breathtaking-realistic modeling of the entire surface of our planet) **Mr. Fisher has kept a log of his experiences and taken hundreds of photos.** In this first of a five-part series **Mr. Fisher will share his journey both in person at the Monmouth County Library headquarters in Manalapan and via Zoom.** Please note you only need to register **ONCE** to attend all five sessions in this series.

**(7) Encore! Encore! Encore! -- If you are a fan of the popular TV show Jeopardy you won't want to miss a replay of last month's "My Jeopardy! Story" on May 1, 2, and May 3, 2022** with recent contestant and professional storyteller **Terry Wolfisch Cole.** On January 6th of this year, after decades of watching from home, Terry Wolfisch Cole finally had an opportunity to compete on her favorite game show...only to learn she would be competing against super-champ Amy Schneider. **Hear about Ms Wolfisch Cole's experience from audition through game day and the lessons she learned along the way.** This program can be viewed via the Library's website at: [www.MonmouthCountyLib.org](http://www.MonmouthCountyLib.org)

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

**(1) Moving Past Plastic -- Starting May 4, 2022, New Jersey retail stores, grocery stores, and food service businesses can no longer provide or sell single-use plastic carryout bags and polystyrene foam food service containers.** So if you are heading out to buy some groceries or visit a retail store this month, be sure to bring along your own reusable bag for your purchases!

**(2) Get Your Booster -- Is it time for you to get a second COVID-19 booster shot? The CDC is recommending that people age 50 and above, people aged 12 and above who are immunocompromised, get a second booster shot for COVID-19 if they received a previous booster dose at least four months ago. Schedule your second booster today at [covid19.nj.gov/finder](https://covid19.nj.gov/finder) or call 855-568-0545.**

**(3) Step Into Spring in New Jersey -- Looking for something fun to do? Be sure and check out [VisitNJ.org](https://www.visitnj.org)** This site features a wide array of events, festivals, shows, and other attractions to help you get out of the house while supporting New Jersey's local business community.

**(4) Free Financial Wellness Checkup -- If your finances are causing you stress, you may wish to check out a new free tool to help you take control of your financial wellness -- NJ FinLit. NJ FinLit is sponsored by the New Jersey Department of the Treasury and features user-friendly tools, articles and videos to help you better understand and manage your finances. You can visit NJ FinLit at: [https://njfinlit.enrich.org/?utm\\_campaign=20220418\\_nwsltr&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://njfinlit.enrich.org/?utm_campaign=20220418_nwsltr&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)**

**(5) Librarian Super Heroes -- We all know that librarians are special. But, did you know that some 1,300 librarians, historians and teachers have united to help the people of Ukraine save the country's digital history -- its poems, archives and pictures -- from bombs and cyber attacks? Their efforts have already resulted in over 2,500 of the country's museums, libraries and archives being preserved on servers outside of Ukraine. To read more about this amazing herculean effort go to <https://www.washingtonpost.com/technology/2022/04/08/ukraine-digital-history/>**

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