

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



**Important News**

**(1) All branches of the Monmouth County Library will be closed on October 10, 2022 in observance of Columbus Day.**

**(2) Thank You for Being a Friend -- National Friends of Libraries Week is October 16 - 22, 2022.** We want to thank each and every one of you for supporting the Friends of the Township of Ocean Library. Thanks to you we are able to provide materials and support which enhance our library and the programs it offers.

**(3) The Friends of the Ocean Township Library is kicking off its annual membership drive this month --** This year, as we finally emerge from the worst of the COVID-19 crisis, our library has resumed offering many wonderful programs -- from children's story time to fun young adult programs, to performances by the talented Charlie's Band. **The Friends of the Township of Ocean Library is happy to support these and other programs as our library branch fulfills its critical role as part of the town's Cultural Center.**

Like many non-profits, our group relies on fund raising efforts and membership dues (**our annual dues are only \$5.00**) to continue to provide services and support our library and keep you informed and aware of what programs, events and services are available to you.

**But, we need your help if we are to continue to provide these services going forward. How can you help?**

**(A) If your membership has lapsed, please renew today (remember it only costs \$5.00 annually to be a member of the Friends of the Township of Ocean Library). If your membership is current (memberships run from January to December of each year), plan ahead and pay your 2023 membership dues now.** Membership Renewal Forms are available online at our website: [www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org](http://www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org) or directly by clicking [here](#)

**(B) If you find the services we provide helpful, let your friends, family and neighbors know about the Friends of the Ocean Township Library and ask them to consider becoming a member.** Simply print out a copy of our membership

form (located on our website: [www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org](http://www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org)) for them and ask them to return it to the address provided on the form.

**Please note:** For your convenience you can choose to pay your \$5.00 annual membership dues either by check/money order or via our electronic payment option (which allows you to pay with PayPal or with a Debit or Credit Card). Simply go to our website to renew: [www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org](http://www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org)

**We appreciate your support and thank you!**

**(4) Happy National Book Month** -- Be sure to make time to enjoy a good book this month and a visit to our library is a great place to start. Our wonderful library staff are always available to help you find the perfect next great read.



### **Updates from the Township of Ocean Library**

**(1) Poetry Reading** -- Join us for an outdoor poetry reading by local poet Joe Bove on **October 6, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.** Mr. Bove will read selections from his book *Reflections*, as well as works from other poets. And, **attendees are welcome to share an original work, a selection from a favorite poet, or to simply sit and enjoy the poetry of others.** (Rain date is October 7, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.)

**(2) 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!**

**October 6, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.** -- **Cyrano** starring Peter Dinklage, Haley Bennett, and Kelvin Harrison, Jr. (2021) (Rated PG-13)

**October 13, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.** -- **Death on the Nile** starring Kenneth Branagh, Tom Bateman, Gal Gadot, and Annette Bening (2022) (Rated PG-13)

**October 20, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.** -- **The Lost City** starring Sandra Bullock, Brad Pitt, Channing Tatum, Daniel Radcliffe, Da'Vine Joy Randolph and Patti Harrison (2022) (Rated PG-13)

**October 27, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.** -- **Disturbia** starring Shia LaBeouf, Carrie-Anne Moss, David Morse (2007) (PG-13)

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

**(3) Get Your Toes Tapping!!!** -- Come enjoy an hour of wonderful music as our branch welcomes the very popular Charlie's Band on October 19, 2022 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 co-sponsored by the Friends of the Township of Ocean Library.)**

**(4) Teen Sip & Paint** -- Apple Cider and Pumpkins that is! **With the arrival of autumn, young adults are invited to join our library staff on October 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for a fun evening where they can paint a pumpkin while sipping some tasty apple cider.** The event is open to teens in grades 6 - 12. No registration is required. **(The Friends of the Township of Ocean Library is pleased to provide support for this program.)**

**(5) Getting in the Halloween Spirit** -- Our library will be welcoming teens and celebrating Halloween by making friendship bracelets and watching the 1990s Halloween classic **Hocus Pocus on October 26, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** The film, which is rated PG, stars Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker and Kathy Najimy. No registration is required.

**(6) State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Counseling for People with Medicare** -- Through December 6, 2022, a SHIP counselor will be available at our library branch **on the first and fourth Tuesdays of each month** from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. to provide free one-on-one help to New Jersey Medicare beneficiaries who have problems with or questions about their Medicare insurance. Counselors can help you deal with claims, evaluate health insurance options, apply for financial assistance for prescription plans, etc. **All information is confidential. To schedule an appointment for the one-on-one counseling, please call the offices of SHIP at 732-728-1331.**

**(7) 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.** 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).



**Updates from Our Cultural Collaborators**

(1) The Township of Ocean Historical Museum -- [The Township of Ocean Historical Museum](#) will be open on Sundays in October from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. In addition, the museum is open every Thursday evening from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

#### Upcoming Events:

**Turn Old Jewelry and More Into Cash** -- while also benefiting the Township of Ocean Historical Museum. Scheduled for November 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., this event, held at the museum, will be hosted by fully licensed local jeweler and appraiser Earth Treasures. The appraiser will buy your unwanted jewelry and a portion of Earth Treasures' profit will benefit the museum. (Please note that the donation in no way affects your payment -- you will receive the same appraisal amount whether you attend this event or sell your item in Earth Treasures' store) For a full list of sale-able items go to: [www.shopearthtreasures.com/sellyourjewelry](http://www.shopearthtreasures.com/sellyourjewelry)  
**Please note: All participants are required to wear a mask at this event.**

**Dressing Dolls in Style** -- The Museum will once again be hosting its popular doll clothes sale just in time for the holidays. Mark your calendar for November 12 and 13, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. We'll have more details for you in our next newsletter.

(2) **Turner Art Gallery** -- The Turner Art Gallery, is currently featuring the work of talented artist Barbara Calvo. The public is invited to stop by the library during regular operating hours to see Barbara's beautiful art work. Please note some of the displayed art is available for purchase.

(3) **Don't Miss The Ocean Township Garden Club's Holiday Wreath Sale** -- After more than 15 years of selling wreaths, grave blankets, and swags by the Ocean Township Historical Museum, this year the Garden Club is trying something different for its annual fundraiser. The Garden Club will be taking mail orders beginning October 1, 2022 through October 31, 2022. Your order will be ready and waiting for you to pick up at the side entrance of The West Park Recreation Center at 615 West Park Avenue on the evening of November 18, 2022 and November 19, 2022. The cost is \$30 each for a grave blanket or wreath and \$15 for a swag. Photos of the blankets, wreaths and swags will be available to view on the Garden Club's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/597553924494267/> If you are interested in purchasing one of the Club's beautiful holiday items, you can email them at [otgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:otgardenclub@gmail.com) or contact the Club through its Facebook page. They will send you an order form to fill out and you simply mail it back to the Club with your check.



## Happening Around Town

**(1) Town-wide Garage Sale -- will be held on October 7 - 9, 2022.** If you would like to be included in the sale, you can register

at: [www.CommunityPass.net/Oceantwp](http://www.CommunityPass.net/Oceantwp) Registration is FREE! Please note that you must sign up for each day you intend to participate. For additional information you can call 732-531-5000 x 3312

**(2) Community Fair & Family Day -- Don't miss a day of fun and music at Joe Palaia Park on October 8, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. sponsored by the Vin Gopal Civic Association. The event will benefit Monmouth County's volunteer First Aid Squads and Fire Departments** and will feature food trucks, a cornhole tournament, carnival rides, boardwalk games, a rock wall, inflatables, face painting, and live music. Be sure to stop by and enjoy the fun. Vendors and those interested in signing up for the corn hole tournament can do so at [www.VinGopalCivic.org](http://www.VinGopalCivic.org) or by email at [VinGopalCivic@gmail.com](mailto:VinGopalCivic@gmail.com)

**(3) Fall Clean Sweep -- will be held on October 9, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Oakhurst Fireman's Field. Volunteers are needed** to help give our community a little extra TLC. Families are welcome and children are encouraged to join in too. **If you have questions or wish to volunteer, call Clean Communities at 732-531-5000 x3378** (Rain date is October 16, 2022).

**(4) Tree Preservation -- If you are considering removing a tree on your property be sure to check out the Township of Ocean's Preservation of Trees ordinances first.** The policy includes information about required permits and limitations on the number of trees that can be removed. Should you exceed the limitation on the number of trees allowed you are required to replace the trees or pay a fee which benefits the Township of Ocean Shade Tree Fund. The Township of Ocean Preservation of Trees ordinances provides detailed specifications required for replacement trees and the fees that will be assessed if the trees are not replaced. **You can find a link to the Preservation of Trees ordinance right on our town's website's home page at: [www.oceantwp.org](http://www.oceantwp.org)**

**(5) Recycling 101 -- Confused about what may or may not be recyclable? You aren't alone. But, if you are interested in making sure you are recycling correctly -- help can be found on our town's website (including a list of items that are and aren't recyclable). Simply go to [www.oceantwp.org](http://www.oceantwp.org) click on Public Works on the left hand side of the homepage, then click on the recycling link on the left hand side of the Public Works page. You can also find recycling guidelines on the inside back cover of the Township of Ocean 2022 Municipal Calendar** which was mailed to residents homes.



### Monmouth County News

**(1) History Day -- On October 1, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. the Archives Division of the Monmouth County Clerk's Office will be hosting the "2022 Archives & History Day" at the Collins Arena, Brookdale Community College.** The event will feature a historical exhibit "Monuments and Markers of Monmouth County," local historical organizations, speakers, award presentations, and more. If you are interested in attending you'll find more information at [www.MonmouthCountyClerk.com/Archives](http://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 a Page From BookPage -- This easy-to-navigate website, BookPage, highlights the best new books in a variety of genres, including fiction, nonfiction, romance, cooking, biography, children, young adult, mystery, and more.** Every book is recommended by the editors of BookPage and if you see a **star by a book** it indicates a book "of exceptional quality" in its genre according to the website. To start browsing go to: <https://www.bookpage.com/>

**(2) Are You an Amazon Prime Member? -- Then be sure to take advantage of Amazon's First Reads program. This feature provides early access to Amazon editor's picks and Prime Members get to choose one FREE Kindle book each month.** To get started **simply open your Amazon website link or app, type in First Reads in the search box** and you'll find options including thrillers, contemporary fiction, memoirs, and more to select from. Each month the titles change out so there is always something new to explore.

**(3) 70 Years of Service -- With the recent passing of Queen Elizabeth II there is increased interest in the life of this amazing woman. If you'd like to learn more**

about her incredible life and the challenges she faced, **AARP has a list of four fascinating books they are recommending.** To check out the titles go to: <https://www.aarp.org/entertainment/books/info-2022/books-about-queen-elizabeth-ii.html?intcmp=AE-ENT-BOK-BB>

**(4) Fall's Best -- AARP has also compiled a list of 45 of the best new books of the Fall.** Their list includes much anticipated books like Paul Newman's memoir, Stephen King's *Fairy Tale*, John Grisham's *The Boys From Biloxi*, and many more. Check out the full list at: <https://www.aarp.org/entertainment/books/info-2022/fall-new-book-releases.html?intcmp=AE-ENT-BOK-BB>

**(5) Time Flies -- But that doesn't mean you have to miss out on a good book,** especially if the book came out in the last decade. **Goodreads has compiled a list of 80 Hit Books of the Last Decade.** And, these most popular books (eight from each year in the decade) are sorted by decade and received four star ratings from Goodreads readers. The list can be found at: <https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2427-80-hit-books-of-the-past-decade-by-year?int=Soapbox Signed Out 2022 Sep&int sub=Blog 2427>

**(6) Consider Joining The Monmouth County Library's Virtual Book or Short Story Discussions This Month\*\* --**

**October 12, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.** -- Join this virtual romance book club to discuss ***The Bromance Book Club* by Lyssa Kay Adams.** This book tells the story of a Nashville baseball player, Gavin Scott, whose marriage is on the rocks. Faced with divorce, Gavin finds help from a surprising source -- a secret romance book club made up of the city's top alpha men. But, it will take more than flowery words and showy gestures to help Gavin save his marriage and regain the trust of his wife.

**October 27, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.** -- Join this virtual short story club to discuss ***Cathedral* by Raymond Carver.** In this story a working-class man muses over an impending visit from an old friend of his wife's, a blind man whose disability makes him uncomfortable.

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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) The Shadow Knows -- Classic Radio Road Show recreates the Golden Age of Radio with an episode of "The Shadow Knows" premiering on October 8, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. on the Monmouth County Library's website**

**at: [www.MonmouthCountyLib.org](http://www.MonmouthCountyLib.org)** In this episode, called the Case of the Flaming Skull, the Shadow tries to find the truth after a burning skull kidnaps his friend Lamont Cranston and later robs a home and a jewelry store. As the Shadow tries to get to the truth, people are killed and the kidnapped victim's wife is threatened. The Shadow, originally written by Walter Gibson, was the most popular fiction radio program of the 1930s and 1940s. **(The program will continue to be shown on the Monmouth County Library's website through November 9, 2022.)**

**(2) New to Medicare? -- Then you won't want to miss this virtual Zoom workshop by Janet Schindler, State Health Insurance Assistance Program Coordinator for Monmouth County, on October 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** Ms. Schindler will discuss enrollment, the components of Medicare, options for coverage, and programs that can help qualifying individuals pay for prescription plans and Medicare premiums.

**(3) Spruce Up Your Resume -- with some help from Workforce Development/Resume Writer LaPora Lindsey on October 19, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** This virtual Zoom resume workshop will cover all the fundamentals of an effective resume. You'll learn what hiring managers are looking for and how to ensure your resume gets noticed.

**(4) Seafood & Your Health -- Join Rachel Tansey, MA Family & Community Health Sciences, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County, on October 25, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. for this virtual Zoom presentation that will discuss how adding more seafood in your weekly diet can be beneficial to your brain, cardiovascular system and your overall health.**

**(5) The Tastiest Fall Food Festival -- Join Chef Rob on October 15, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. as he whips up three delicious fall-inspired foods 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 three items on the menu are:**

**Skillet Rosemary Chicken with Pink Lady Apples  
Moroccan Sweet Potato Soup with Lentils**



## **Halloween Pumpkin Pie Scones with Cinnamon Glaze**

(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.)

**(6) Essence of Matisse** -- You can put your inner artist on display on **October 26, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.** as you learn to draw the portrait of a lady with an interesting patterned background inspired by the artwork of Henri Matisse. This live Zoom class is conducted by artist Barbara Freiberg. Registration for this class opens on **October 1, 2022.**

**(7) 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:

**October 19, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.** -- **"Go, van Gogh!"** -- Join Mike Norris of Armchair Art Tours as he presents a virtual Zoom talk on pastor and painter Vincent van Gogh. Van Gogh produced over 2,000 works of art in his last decade. During the presentation you'll explore the art works of Vincent van Gogh, especially those located at the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

**October 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** -- **"A Haunted History of Invisible Women: Women and Their Ghost Stories"** -- A virtual Zoom lecture presented by Andrea Jones and Leanna Renee Hieber. These award-winning authors will discuss their new book *A Haunted History of Invisible Women: True Stories of America's Ghosts* and tell you what it was like to focus on just women's ghost stories. You'll also find out more about some women who were ghost stories even before they were dead!

**October 26, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** -- **"Vampires: History, Myth and Film"** -- A virtual lecture presented by historian Greg Caggiano. Are vampires simply legends or something more real? In this lecture, you'll go on a journey which will cover the historical basis and folklore of the vampire and see how pop culture evolved this creature from a hideous monster into a suave predator in many Hollywood films. You'll even learn how Bram Stoker based one of his most famous characters on a real person -- Vlad the Impaler. This presentation is **NOT recommended for younger audiences.**

**October 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** -- **"Ghosts, the Victorians and Us"** -- Join author, actress and playwright Leanna Renee Hieber as she leads a lively discussion about the spirit world, including a brief history of America's Spiritualist movement and its role in women's rights and modern storytelling.

**(8) Encore! Encore! Encore!** -- If you missed any of these earlier Monmouth County Library virtual offerings, now is your chance to catch them during their special encore presentations...

**October 11, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. -- Women Leaders of the Arts and Crafts Movement: The Innovation of Women Artists in the American Workforce** Join author, actress and playwright **Leanne Renee Hieber** as she showcases important female figures in 19th and 20th century industrial and commercial art, including Clara Driscoll designer of Tiffany stained glass lamps and Pamela Colman Smith whose art is featured on the Rider-Waite-Smith tarot cards. Registration is required.

**October 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. -- Visiting Graves of Vice Presidents** Join **T.J. Fallon**, founder of the Dead History Channel, as he recounts his visit to the grave sites of every former Vice President and shares his fascinating and funny journey while learning about America's seconds in command.

**(9) Self Care** -- If you are interested in meditation or yoga, then be sure to check out the **Monmouth County Library** for a host of self-care programs they are offering during the month of October. For a list of the sessions and to register simply go to: **[the Monmouth County Library EventKeeper site by clicking here](#)**

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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) Do Your Part: Conserve** -- Did you know that the average American uses about 100 gallons of water per day? With **New Jersey still experiencing a persistent drought, which could impact our state's water supply, all residents are being asked to conserve.** To help you do your part, our state has put together some helpful tips on how you can help conserve water both inside and outside your home. **These tips are available at:**  
**[https://dep.nj.gov/conservewater/?utm\\_campaign=20220902\\_nwsltr&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://dep.nj.gov/conservewater/?utm_campaign=20220902_nwsltr&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)**

**(2) Get Boosted -- If you haven't already done so, be sure and get the new COVID-19 bivalent booster that offer stronger protections against severe illness and death from the Omicron sub-variants.** You can receive this booster as long as it has been two months since your most recent booster or primary vaccination series. The new **Pfizer bivalent booster is recommended for all individuals 12 years and older.** The new **Moderna bivalent booster is recommended for those ages 18 and older.** Locations offering the boosters can be found at [www.covid19.nj.gov](http://www.covid19.nj.gov)

**(3) Enjoy Some Property Tax Relief -- More than three million NJ residents are eligible for up to \$1,500 in property tax relief under the new ANCHOR program (which replaces the Homestead Rebate Program).** To be eligible for this year's ANCHOR benefit, you must have occupied your primary resident on October 1, 2019 and met income limits. You must also file (or be exempt from) NJ income taxes. Payments will be sent out no later than May 2023. **Please note: The deadline for filing is December 30, 2022.** The state began mailing filing information to residents of Monmouth County on September 23, 2022. You should receive your filing information in early-to-mid October. In the meantime, to find out more about the ANCHOR program, including how benefits are calculated and paid and answers to frequently asked questions, you can visit: [https://www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/anchor/index.shtml?utm\\_campaign=20220916\\_nwsltr&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.nj.gov/treasury/taxation/anchor/index.shtml?utm_campaign=20220916_nwsltr&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

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