

"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 5, 2022 in observance of Labor Day.

(2) Fall Schedule -- Just a reminder: 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.**

(3) September is Library Card Sign-up Month -- A library card is your passport to great works of literature, magazines, audio and large print books, exciting movies, educational programming, and a host of digital resources like eBooks. If you need a card, please visit our library. Our library staff will be glad to help 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.

(4) Share Your Love of Libraries -- In honor of National Library Card Sign-Up Month, the American Library Association (ALA) is offering a chance for you to win \$100. All you need to do is share a photo of yourself with your library card on Instagram or Twitter with the hashtag #GetLibraryCarded. Entries can also be submitted by posting a comment or wall post on the I Love Libraries Facebook page. To learn more, simply go to <https://www.ala.org/conferencesevents/celebrationweeks/card>.



Updates from the Township of Ocean Library

(1) The Results Are In! -- Monmouth County Library's Summer Reading Program concluded on August 15, 2022. 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 529 books read!** And our branch's

teens also had an impressive showing -- coming in second in the county. Great job Township of Ocean library branch readers!

(2) Top 100 -- To commemorate the Monmouth County Library's 100th Birthday our library branch will be showing five of the American Film Institute's Top 100 Films:

. **September 1, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. -- A Streetcar Named Desire** starring Marlon Brando, Vivien Leigh, and Karl Malden. (1951) (Rated PG)

. **September 8, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. -- Fargo** starring Frances McDormand, Steve Buscemi, and William H. Macy. (1996) (Rated R)

. **September 15, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. -- Rear Window** starring James Stewart, Grace Kelly, and Raymond Burr. (1954) (Rated PG)

. **September 22, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. -- Forrest Gump** starring Tom Hanks, Gary Sinisi, Robin Wright Penn, Sally Field and Mykelti Williamson (1994) (PG-13)

. **September 29, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. -- North by Northwest** starring Cary Grant, Eva Marie Saint, and James Mason (1959) (PG)

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

(3) The Music Is Back!!! -- Come enjoy a wonderful musical interlude as our branch welcomes back the very popular Charlie's Band on September 21, 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 this performance!

(4) State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) Counseling for People with Medicare -- Beginning September 6, 2022 and continuing 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.**

(5) Eligible for Medicare? -- Then you won't want to miss our branch's special program "New to Medicare" on September 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. presented by Janet Schindler of the State Health Insurance Assistance Program

(SHIP). The workshop will provide the important facts you need to know to make an informed decision. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

(6) 100 Great Reads -- September 18, 2022 marks the Monmouth County Library's 100th birthday. **This special occasion makes it the perfect time to check out a special display featuring the top 100 books of all time -- created by our wonderful library staff.** Stop by our library to check out the display and find your next "must read" selection.

(7) I Love The Library Because.... -- As we mark the 100th birthday of the Monmouth County Library, **our library's staff could use your help in creating a list of the top 100 things our residents love about our library.** Helping is as simple as can be. **Next time you visit the library, just be sure to take a minute to fill out the "I Love The Library" form and drop it in the box inside by the front door.** Our branch library staff will be posting the top 100 reasons cited.

(8) 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 closed on September 4, 2022 in observance of the Labor Day weekend. The museum will be open on all other Sundays in September 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:

The Museum is happy to announce that its **Speaker Series** returns with another **informative in-person event** at **The West Park Recreation Center** at 615 West Park Avenue **on September 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** The talk, **"Nuclear Missiles in our Backyard"** is sure to bring back memories to those of you who remember ducking under a school desk during simulated drills of a Cold War nuclear attack. **Be sure to mark your calendar to hear Army veterans Bill Jackson and Kevin McMahon share their story of the Nike anti-aircraft missile system that resided at Fort Hancock on Sandy Hook from 1954 until 1974.** You'll hear many fascinating stories,

including how these missiles were actually placed on full alert and raised from their underground bunker three times -- in November 1963 (The Northeast Blackout), June 1967 (The Six-Day War) and October 1973 (The Yom Kippur War).

Who Doesn't Love a Sale? -- So you definitely won't want to miss the Museum's Outdoor Antique and Flea Market scheduled for October 8, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the Museum's grounds and adjacent parkland. (Rain date is October 9, 2022.) **The market organizers are now accepting applications from vendors, organizations and individuals offering antiques, arts and crafts, vintage or repurposed home decor, and flea market items.** The fee for a 10'x10' space is \$35. Deadline for vendor applications is September 30, 2022. Applications can be downloaded from the Museum website at: <https://www.oceanmuseum.org/>. The vendor fee funds will go towards helping the Museum save the historic early 20th century tower behind the Museum.

(2) Turner Art Gallery -- The Turner Art Gallery, located inside our library branch, will host a new exhibit in September. The exhibit featuring artwork by Katie and Joe Valencia will be available for viewing from September 4, 2022 through October 7, 2022. The exhibit is open to the public during regular library hours. Please note some of the displayed art will be available for purchase.

Artists interested in having shows in the gallery can contact Diane Novobilsky at dnovobilsky@aol.com

(3) Garden Club -- If you love gardening or are interested in honing your gardening skills, consider becoming a member of the Township of Ocean Garden Club. The Garden Club meets on the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fireman's Field Meeting Room. This group always has a number of fun and informative projects going. For example, in September the group will be having a presentation on making Kokedamas, a style of Japanese bonsai; in October club members will be making a succulent pumpkin planter (pumpkin and succulent provided); and in November there will be a hands-on holiday wreath making class. Membership dues are \$30. **To become a member, please IM John Lubisco on the Garden Club's Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/597553924494267/>**



Happening Around Town

(1) Hello Fall -- Welcome in Fall with some fun and excitement by attending the 2022 Ocean Township Fall Fest on September 25, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

at the Joe Palaia Park (Band Shell area). Fall Fest will feature a Classic Car Show, Pumpkin painting, music, food, craft fair, vendors, and more. **The Friends of the Township of Ocean Library will have a table at the event, so be sure to stop by and say hello!** Please note that no pets are permitted at the event.

(2) Have a Concern About Something in Town? -- Now you can report it with the App ReportIt and it will go directly to Dave Brown, Town Manager. If you have a concern about grass that's too high, unkempt homes, potholes, etc., or a suggestion to improve our town, you can submit your concern/suggestion anonymously or you can submit using your name (if you wish to be alerted of the resolution). **The ReportIt App link can be found on the lower right hand corner of the town's website at www.OceanTwp.org**



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) Fall Preview -- Looking for a great read to ease you into Fall? Then you should check out Goodreads' list of its members most anticipated Fall books. All the books listed will be published between September and December. The books are sorted by genre to make your search even easier. **You can find the Fall book list at: https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2378-readers-most-anticipated-new-books-of-fall?ref=pe_3097180_649862060&rto=x_gr_e_nl_general&utm_campaign=August162022&utm_content=Fall.Big.Books&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter**

(2) Here's the Buzz -- Wondering what all the buzz is about? Well, wonder no more! Thanks to Goodreads you can check out the buzz around 57 new and about-to- be published debut novels. These titles are all aimed at adults -- no young adult books are included -- and only full fledged novels are listed -- no short stories. To get in on the buzz go to: https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2389-57-brand-new-and-about-to-drop-debut-novels?ref=pe_3097180_649837840&rto=x_gr_e_nl_general&utm_campaign=August022022&utm_content=New.Debut&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter

(3) Love Books? -- Well, so does National Public Radio. That's why they've created an easy-to-navigate website that lets you use one (or more) of 33 filters to explore a database of more than 3,000 book recommendations from National Public Radio staff and their trusted book critics. You can find books from this year or as far back as 2013. It is a great source if you are looking for something to read. You can find the website at <https://apps.npr.org/best-books/?s=09#view=covers&year=2022>

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

September 7, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. -- Join this virtual book club to discuss ***The Paper Palace*** by **Miranda Cowley Heller**. This book tells the story of Elle, a happily married mother of three, who wakes at the "The Paper Palace" -- the family summer home -- the morning after she and her oldest friend, Jonas, had sex together for the first time. Over the next 24 hours, Elle will have to decide whether to keep her life with her genuinely loved husband, Peter, or pursue the life she always dreamed about with her childhood love, Jonas.

September 15, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. -- Join this virtual mystery book club to discuss ***Clark and Division*** by **Naomi Hirahara**. Inspired by historical events, this Edgar Award-winning author's book is set in 1944 Chicago and tells the story of a young woman searching for the truth about her older sister's death after the family is released from mass incarceration at Manzanar during World War II.

September 22, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. -- Join this virtual short story club to discuss ***Representing T. A. Buck*** by **Edna Ferber**. In this story a divorced traveling saleswoman uses ingenuity and business wiles in her encounters with sly predatory salesmen.

September 28, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. -- Join this virtual book club to discuss ***Of Women and Salt*** by **Gabriela Garcia**. This book takes you from 19th-century cigar factories to present-day detention centers and from Cuba to Mexico as it presents a portrait of the betrayals that have shaped the lives of some extraordinary women.

**** ([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) Happy Birthday...Card -- You can put your inner artist on display as **you learn to sketch and fill in a birthday card design during a live Zoom class** with artist **Barbara Freiberg on September 8, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.** To participate in this virtual art class you will need the following supplies: a regular pencil, eraser, one piece of white 9x12 sketch or drawing paper, and assorted colors of thin markers (Crayola Super Tips Washable Markers 50 pack or similar markers). **Registration for this class opens on September 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.**

(2) Getting Your Gardening Questions Answered -- Join **Diane Larson**, Monmouth County Horticulturist of the Rutgers Master Gardeners, **on September 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for a virtual Zoom program that will help answer your most pressing gardening questions.** Please email your questions in advance (by noon on September 7, 2022) to Ms. Larson at MonCoLibrary2022@gmail.com

(3) Healthy Living to 100 -- Join **Rachel Tansey**, MA Family & Community Health Sciences, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County, **on September 27, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. for this virtual Zoom presentation that will offer you tips for improving your well-being, personal outlook and health** to reach the goal of living to 100, and even learn how others have done it.

(4) Oktober Food Festival -- Join **Chef Rob** on **September 24, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. as he whips up three delicious Oktoberfest-inspired foods LIVE on the Monmouth Library's Facebook Page** -- which can be accessed through the Library's website at: www.MonmouthCountyLib.org

The three items on the menu are:

- Simmered Bratwurst in Ginger and Onions
- Panko Paprika Chicken Schnitzel
- German Apple Cake

(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.)

(5) 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:

September 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. -- "Hello from Bushy Hollow: Henry Morford's New Monmouth, Middletown, NJ, c 1838-1843" -- A virtual lecture presented by Dr. Stanley Blair. While many of us have heard or read about fictional places such as Narnia and Lilliput -- few know about Bushy Hollow, a fictional town based on New Monmouth, Middletown in the 19th century that was featured in a popular compilation of stories by Middletown resident Henry Morford. The book and this presentation provide a fun portal back into 19th century life in Middletown.

September 20, at 6:30 p.m. -- "The Titanic -- 110 Years Later" -- A virtual lecture presented by historian Gregg Caggiano about this magnificent ship and it's tragic sinking. Included will be an overview of the ship's construction, what daily life was like for the passengers, and what factors led to its sinking. As an avid food blogger, Mr. Caggiano will also focus on some of the more interesting culinary aspects of the journey, including the last meal served to the first, second and third class passengers. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

(6) 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 September. 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 -- Given the hot, dry weather we've experienced this summer, New Jersey American Water is mandating that its customers restrict their outdoor water use to odd/even days until further notice to help ease the demand on our water supplies. Under the guidelines, if your home's address is an odd number then you should only do outdoor watering on odd numbered days of the month. If your home address is an even number then you can do outdoor watering on even numbered days of the month. The water company is also asking that you water late in the day or very early in the morning to minimize evaporation.

(2) Stomp It Out -- Native to China, India and Vietnam, **the spotted Lanternfly has become a major invasive threat to plants and trees in our state.** New Jersey is asking residents to help the NJ Department of Agriculture stomp it out. **For more information on how you can help go**

to: <https://www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/pi/prog/pests-diseases/spotted-lanternfly/>

(3) Sales Tax Holiday -- Some good news for New Jersey residents. **The state has declared a sales tax holiday on certain computers, school supplies, and sports equipment. Retailers will not charge sales tax on these items through September 5, 2022, so act fast.** [A complete list of items that are eligible for the Sales Tax Holiday](#) is available from the NJ Division of Taxation.

**Thank you again for your continued support of
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You truly are making a difference!**

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