

"ALWAYS WORTH A BROWSE" FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN TOWNSHIP LIBRARY NEWS JULY 2024

Important News

(1) The Township of Ocean Library will be closed on July 4, 2024 in observance of Independence Day.

(2) It's officially summer and The Township of Ocean Library will be operating on a summer schedule. **Please note that in July and August our library will be open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

(3) **Book Donations -- As we prepare for our July Book Sale we are in need of some very specific types of books that we know are extremely popular with our sale shoppers.** Do you have any of these types of books that you no longer want or need?

- Recent Hardcover Novels
- The Classics -- Dickens, Shakespeare, Austen, Twain, etc.
- True Crime Novels
- Art books
- Biographies
- History

If you do have books in these select categories that you'd like to donate, please reply to this message as soon as possible and we will be in touch promptly to arrange for the donation. We appreciate any assistance you can provide. Thank you!!

(4) **A Special Invitation -- We are so grateful for your ongoing support of the Friends of the Township of Ocean Library. And, to show our appreciation -- all current Friends members (those who have paid their 2024 membership dues) are cordially invited to a special "Friends Preview Book Sale" event from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on July 16, 2024.** Light refreshments will be available.

This will give you an opportunity to shop our Book Sale **before** the official sale opens to the public on July 17, 2024. **We hope you will be able to join us and we look forward to seeing you at this special preview sale event.**

Haven't renewed your membership yet? No problem.

You can renew before the special Friends Preview Book Sale Event:

- Membership Renewal Forms are available online on our website at: www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org
- or directly by clicking on **this link**. For your convenience you also 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.friends of ocean twp library.org.

You can also renew when you arrive for the special Friends Preview Book Sale Event.

SPECIAL NOTE: The Friends Member Preview Book Sale will take place on the second floor of our library (which you can access by stairs or elevator via the library's Terner Art Gallery).

(5) Help Wanted! -- We are looking for Friends members to volunteer to staff our book sale on July 17, 2024 and July 18, 2024 -- specifically during the 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. shifts on one or both of those days.

So, please consider signing up to volunteer. It's a fun way to help out, make new friends, and give back to our community. **We hope you will consider giving a few hours of your time to help us support our town's library.**

To sign up simply RSVP to this email with your availability. Thank you!!

(6) Don't Forget: Log Your Summer Reading -- Just a reminder that the Monmouth County Library system is once again sponsoring its Summer Reading Challenge. This year the program runs from **June 1, 2024 and runs through August 15, 2024.** **The theme this year is "Adventure Begins at Your Library."**

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 the number of books/ebook/audiobooks read this year. **Be sure to log in ALL the books you read between June 1, 2024 and August 15, 2024. The more books you read, the better!**

Keeping Up With The Friends

We have a lot of exciting news for you this month so be sure and check out all the items below so you don't miss a thing!!!

(1) Summer Book Sale -- our next book sale is scheduled for July 17, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and July 18, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. We have loads of hardback and paperback books, as well as DVDs and CDs all in good or better condition available for purchase -- including a great selection of beautiful art books, classics, cookbooks, fiction and non-fiction books, biographies, chapter books, children's books and so much more. We hope to see you there! And, please be sure to spread the word to your family, friends and neighbors so they don't miss our summer sale.

(2) The Friends of the Township of Ocean Library is pleased to report that, as part of our mission to promote literacy, we have made a donation to support State Senator Vin Gopal and Assemblywomen Luanne Peterpaul and Dr. Margie Donlon's "Back to School Drive". The drive is designed to help ensure that local students have the resources they need for a successful school year. For more details about the drive (which runs through August 16, 2024) see the "Happening Around Town" section below.

(3) Patriotic Poetry -- Plan on joining Friends member Evelyn Hampton and Flora Higgins when they host a poetry reading entitled "This Land is Your Land: Patriotic Poems" at the Monmouth County Library's Eastern Branch on July 12, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

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 terrific movies are being shown this month. And, best of all, the movies are all free to attend! Movies are shown each and every Thursday of the month at 2:00 p.m.

As a reminder, due to the terms of the Monmouth County Library's license agreement with the movie distributor, we can only provide you with a link to the

movie information posted on the Monmouth County Library's EventKeeper site. You will need to go to the site to see which films are being offered each month.

You can find details about the movies available this month by clicking [here](#) Once on the site, simply select our branch, the current month and the current year from the drop-down boxes at the top left of the page. Then scroll down to check out all the wonderful movies you can see in July. As a reminder, movies at our branch are shown every Thursday at 2:00 p.m.

(2) In-person Short Story Discussion -- Our branch manager, Mary Patterson, is moderating a Short Story Discussion Group again this month. **The discussion will be held at our branch on July 11, 2024 from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** The story, "A Dead Woman's Secret" by Guy de Maupassant, explores the question "is it possible to grieve after a devastating secret is revealed?" The author artfully weaves a tale of mystery and intrigue, deception and betrayal, and the complexities of human nature. **To register simply go to the Monmouth County Library EventKeeper site by clicking [here](#) Scroll down to the date for this event and you will see a small "Register" box at the bottom of the presentation description.**

(3) Summer Hiatus Reminder -- We know how much you enjoy the musical performances of Sandy Sasso and Band so we wanted to remind you that Sandy Sasso and Band is on a brief summer hiatus. **There will be no performances in July and August at our branch. Sandy Sasso and Band will return to our branch on September 18, 2024.** So be sure and mark your calendar for their return.

(4) Coming In August -- Not-To-Be-Missed Help -- **The Monmouth County's Mobile Connection will be coming to our library branch on August 7, 2024 from 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Monmouth County officers will be on hand to provide the following government services:

County Clerk's Office

- Passport Applications and Photos
- Veterans and Gold Star Family Cards
- County ID Cards
- Free Notary Services
- Election/Voter Information
- Property Fraud Alert Program

Surrogate's Office (Information on the Following)

- Probate of a Will
- Qualifying As Administrator of an Estate
- Guardianship of an Incapacitated Individual
- Finalizing Adoptions

- Guidance and Direction for the New E-Probate Filing Module
- Free Notary Services

Sheriff's Office

- Youth Identification Cards
- Register Ready ID Cards
- Safe Cargo/Child Seat Safety
- Prescription Disposal Drop Off Box

Representatives from The Division on Aging, Disabilities and Veterans Services

(5) Especially For The Little Ones -- Our library is the place to go for engaging, fun and informative children's programs each month. You'll find programs involving exciting stories, song singing and even craft making. It is a great way for the little one in your life to have fun, make friends, and develop a love for our library that will last a lifetime. **To find out what is happening this month simply go to: <https://monmouthcountylib.org/wp-content/uploads/cocean.pdf>**

Monthly Tip

Did you know that the Monmouth County Archives Division has sixteen searchable databases available on its website? Some of the documents in the databases even date back to the 17th century! The site also permits you to request specific database records and the records will be sent to you via email. **Among the documents included are marriage records, certificates of incorporation, tavern applications, and many more. To get started go to: <https://www.monmouthcountyclerk.com/archives/searchable-databases/>**

Hope you find this tip helpful.

Happening Around Town

(1) July 4th Celebration -- Don't miss out on the fun! Our town's Independence Day Celebration will be held on July 2, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. at the Joe Palaia Park. There will be fireworks, food trucks, and fun activities for kids. Music will be provided by Jillian Rhys McCoy and Skinny Amigo. **Plan on bringing your lawn chair to enjoy a fun evening celebrating our country's independence. REMINDER: No pets are permitted.**

(2) Cooling Off -- Our town's pool is now open daily from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. through Labor Day. With temperatures soaring, now is the perfect time to join so you

don't miss a chance to take a dip, cool off, and have some fun. For details and to register go to www.oceantwp.org/pool.

(3) Summer Party -- Our town is hosting a Summer Cocktail Party at the English Manor ([1 English Lane, Ocean, NJ](#)) in honor of the Township of Ocean's 175th Anniversary. The event, on July 31, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., will feature music by The Yacht Lobsters, good food, and a three-hour open bar. **So grab your captain's hat and come sip some pina coladas.** Tickets are \$95 per person and \$175 per couple. Funds will benefit future community celebrations, recreation programs, sports program improvements, and township community-based committees. **Reservations are required.** To make a reservation and purchase tickets call the Department of Human Services at 732-531-2600 (MasterCard and Visa accepted).

(4) Mark Your Calendar -- The Italian American Association of the Township of Ocean (IAATO) will be hosting it's highly popular Italian Festival at the Joe Palaia Park August 7, 2024 - August 11, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. You'll enjoy great food, rides, games, fireworks, and so much more. **Don't miss this wonderful free-to-attend event.**

(5) American Doll Tea -- The Township of Ocean Historical Museum is once again hosting it's highly popular American Doll Tea on August 4, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Rain date is August 11, 2024) at the Eden Woolley House yard, [703 Deal Road](#). The day includes an opportunity for attendees to complete a custom-made craft, enjoy homemade tasty treats, hear the original story of the sisters who lived in the Woolley House in the 1800s, and tour the Museum which will be filled for the day with doll collections. There is even a full stocked Doll Shop offering hand-made doll clothes and accessories for sale. **Tickets are just \$30 for an adult and one child (5 years and older). Additional children are \$10 each; additional adults \$25.**

Seating is limited and reservations are required. And the event is sure to be a sell-out so act fast! To register call 732-531-6040 or the Museum at 732-531-2136. You can also order tickets online at: <https://tohmfutureevents.blogspot.com/p/2023-annual-american-doll-tea-sunday.html>

(6) Back to School Drive Is Underway -- State Senator Vin Gopal and Assemblywomen Luanne Peterpaul and Dr. Margie Donlon's "Back to School Drive" is underway through August 16, 2024. The drive is designed to ensure that local students have the resources they need for a successful school year. **Interested in supporting this worthwhile effort? You can do so by donating such basic school essentials as pencils, erasers, pens, notebooks, glue sticks, stickers, pencil cases, and more. Back to school shopping can be a major expense for families living on a budget and the Back to School Drive is designed to help ease that burden.** You can drop off your donation at the District 11 Legislative Office at 802

**West Park Avenue Building 3, 2nd Floor, Suite 302 from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Monday thru Friday.**

(7) If you are a senior living in Ocean Township, you won't want to miss the interesting and fun senior programs offered through the Department of Human Services. All of these programs take place at 615 West Park Avenue in the Oakhurst section of town.

Chiropractic Care For Seniors -- Join Ocean Township Councilman and Chiropractor David Fisher on July 11, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. for a presentation that will explore the multifaceted causes of back pain -- with particular emphasis on spine protection and proper lifting techniques. Dr. David Fisher will provide practical strategies to prevent back problems, including weight management and regular exercise. He will also explain treatment options including the role of chiropractic care, physical therapy, acupuncture, medication and surgical inventions. **Registration is required for this free event. To register go to: [Dr. David Fisher - Chiropractic care \(google.com\)](#)**

The Keys to Healthy Eating -- Join local personal trainer Mike Duffy for a lunch and learn session about "The Keys to Healthy Eating" on July 25, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Mr. Duffy will discuss practical strategies for meal planning and mindful eating, empowering seniors to make informed choices that support their overall health and well-being. Mr. Duffy will be catering the event through Local Urban Kitchen. **Registration is required for this free event. To register go to: [The Keys to Healthy Eating - Mike Duffy \(google.com\)](#)**

(8) Stay Summer Safe -- The Ocean Township Police Department is reminding residents with summer's arrival comes many more cyclists, pedestrians, and vehicles in town. They remind everyone to use marked crosswalks when walking across roadways, wear light colored/reflective clothing if walking at night, ride E-bikes with the flow of traffic, wear an approved helmet if biking, and follow all traffic laws. By following these simple tips you can help keep everyone safe.

(9) Another Way To Stay Safe -- Our volunteer fire department is asking residents to please make sure that your house number is displayed clearly so it is visible from the street. This will ensure that, in the event of an emergency, help can reach you quickly.

(10) Attention All Dog Owners -- Our town has issued a reminder that all residents must obtain a license for each dog they have residing within town limits. Dogs also must be leashed when in public (including on public streets, any public park and in any public building).

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) Short & Sweet -- A short story discussion will be held at our branch on July 11, 2024 from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The story, "*A Dead Woman's Secret*" by Guy de Maupassant, explores the question "is it possible to grieve after a devastating secret is revealed?" The author artfully weaves a tale of mystery and intrigue, deception and betrayal, and the complexities of human nature. The discussion will be moderated by our branch manager, Mary Patterson. **To register simply go to the Monmouth County Library EventKeeper site by clicking here** Scroll down to the date for this event and you will see a small "Register" box at the bottom of the presentation description.

(2) Plan Ahead & Register This Month for More Short & Sweet -- Another short story discussion will be held at our branch on August 8, 2024 from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The story is "*The Model*" by Bernard Malamud. When an amateur artist in need of a muse hires a young model to capture on canvas, their professional relationship quickly evolves into a captivating dance of power and intimacy. The discussion will be moderated by our branch manager, Mary Patterson. **To register simply go to the Monmouth County Library EventKeeper site by clicking here** Scroll down to the date for this event and you will see a small "Register" box at the bottom of the presentation description.

(3) Especially For Young Adults -- Looking for a good book recommendation for the young adults in your life? Then look no further than the Monmouth County Library! The Monmouth County Library's Eventkeeper site now features a selection of book recommendations each month geared specifically for young adult readers. The recommendations are sorted by category such as sports fiction, award-winning novels, Mystery/Thriller/Horror, Classics, and more. **To get started go to the Eventkeeper site by clicking here** Select the current month and year from the drop-down box at the top left of the screen and scroll through the activities listed for the month -- you'll find several separate recommended reading lists sprinkled throughout the month. Be sure to check back each month for more wonderful recommendations.

(4) Summer's Sizzling New Releases -- With this year's summer's heat comes the hottest in new book releases. And, if you are looking to find the perfect summer read to enjoy -- Goodreads is making your search super easy. They've compiled a list of the most highly anticipated summer releases and sorted them by genre -- horror, romance, contemporary, historical fiction, science fiction, mystery/thriller, etc. - so you are bound to find something that catches your eye. To begin perusing the list simply go to:

https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2751-readers-most-anticipated-summer-books?ref=pe_3097180_855364200&rto=x_gr_e_nl_general&utm_campaign=May212024&utm_content=SR.Hot.Books.of.Summer&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter

(5) Murder and Mayhem -- Want to channel your inner Sherlock Holmes or just lose yourself in a thought-provoking and utterly frightening murder investigation? Then this list of books might be right up your alley. **Reader's Digest has compiled a roundup of the top 25 true crime books of all time.** The list includes books by Pulitzer-Prize winning journalists, books that have been adapted into TV series or hit movies, and books that have garnered rave reviews from readers and critics alike. **So turn on all the lights, lock your doors, and check out the list at:** <https://www.rd.com/list/best-true-crime-books/>

(6) It's The Jersey Shore So We Are All About Beaches -- You've packed the sunscreen, the beach umbrella, the snacks and the beach blanket, but one thing is missing -- the perfect beach read. No problem! **Parade Magazine has you covered thanks to their list of the 60 best summer beach reads of 2024.** The list includes plenty of romances, biographies, historical fiction, mysteries, comfort reads, and more. So dive in...the reading is fine...and check out the list at: <https://parade.com/books/best-reads/best-summer-beach-reads-2024>

(7) Consider Joining The Monmouth County Library's Book Discussion This Month**

July 25, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. -- Join this virtual mystery book club to discuss "*Have Some Questions for You*" by Rebecca Makkai. This book is about successful film professor and podcaster, Bodie Kane. Kane is content to forget her past -- the family tragedy that marred her childhood, her miserable years at a boarding school, and the murder of her former roommate in her senior year. But, when the school invites Kane back to teach a course, she is drawn back into the case and its apparent flaws.

****Registration is required to participate in this book discussion. 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 July to the Monmouth County Library System...

The Monmouth County Library system will host a wide range of virtual and in-person programs this month including:

- **Author Talks (By the likes of Kate DiCamillo, Elizabeth Acevedo, Max Brallier and Dan Santat)**
- **Yoga Sessions**
- **Lectures:** including Soft Skills Mastery, The American Bald Eagle: The Perils of our Patriotic Bird, The Wellness Wheel and Mindful Self Care, Five National Parks in Utah, Intro to the Eight Dimensions of Wellness, Bug Off: Mosquito and Tick Protection, Strolling the Boards: The History of American Boardwalks, Creatures of the Night: The Bats of New Jersey, Ancient Olympics, They Are Not Called Seagulls: The Many Gull Species of New Jersey, What the Shell: Mollusks of the Jersey Shore, An Introduction to PopDown^(R) & Pop-up Greeting Cards, Quick Clothes Closet Clean-out, etc.
- **Virtual Citizenship Classes**
- **Virtual Craft Afternoons**
- **Poetry Session (This Land is Your Land: Patriotic Poems)**
- **Chef Rob's Summer Virtual Family Cooking Camp**
- **English as a Second Language Classes**
- **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 July.**

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 (look at the bottom of the home page for "Community Highlights", then click on the red arrow on the right until you see Human Services and click on it)

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

**Thank you again for your continued support of
The Friends of The Township of Ocean Library
You truly are making a difference!**

We love hearing from you. If you have a comment please send an email
to friendsofoceantwplibrary@gmail.com