

**"ALWAYS WORTH A BROWSE"**  
**FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN TOWNSHIP LIBRARY NEWS**  
**JULY 2021**

 **Important News**

**(1) All branches of the Monmouth County Library will be closed July 5, 2021 in observance of Independence Day.**

**(2) Calling All Friends -- It's TIME to Join The Summer Reading Program --** We ask all Friends of the Township Of Ocean Library to be sure and join the Monmouth County Library's summer reading program. And, don't forget to encourage your friends and family members to do the same. The summer reading program runs through **August 15, 2021.**

As in summers past, it is easy to participate. The first step is to register by going to: [https://monmouthcountylib.beanstack.org/users/sign\\_in](https://monmouthcountylib.beanstack.org/users/sign_in)  
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.

Then, every time you read a book, simply log the book on the Beanstack website.

The summer reading program levels are: **"Read To Me;" "Vacation Reading Club"** (Grades K - 6 grade); **"Teens"** (Grades 6 - 12 ); and **"Adults"** (Age 18+). **Meet your program level's goal and you earn a prize.**

In 2019 Ocean was the top branch library in number of books/ebook/audiobooks read - let's do it again. **Be sure to log in ALL the books you've read between June 1 and August 15, 2021. The more books you read, the better.** So, start reading!

 **Updates from the Township of Ocean Library**

**(1) Summer Schedule Starts This Month -- The Township of Ocean Library is operating on a summer schedule on Saturdays in July and August. Our branch will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Normal Saturday hours resume in September.**

As a reminder, you can visit our branch:

**Monday -- 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday -- 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Friday -- 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.\*\***

\*\* During July and August

**Curbside pick-up still will be available Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (Curbside pick-up is unavailable on Friday and Saturday.)**

**(2) Masks are no longer required in the library for vaccinated visitors. It is recommended that non-vaccinated visitors kindly wear a mask while visiting the library.**

**(3) Our branch's study rooms are now open to the public with no capacity limits. While the township hasn't started hosting art exhibits yet, the Turner Gallery section is open for studying.**

**(4) A limited selection of magazines (since most are now available on Overdrive) and newspapers are available in the library**

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

**(1) The Township of Ocean Historical Museum -- [The Township of Ocean Historical Museum](#) will be closed on July 4, 2021 in observance of Independence Day. The museum will be open on all other Sundays in July from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Please Note: Masks are required for all visitors and staff.**

**The Museum is featuring a new exhibit "Aftermath: How World War II Changed a Nation".** This new exhibit explores how the cultural, social, technological and political transformation of the U.S. between 1945 and 1960 stems directly from the conditions of war. Be sure to stop by and check out this exhibit.

**As a reminder: The Township of Ocean Historical Museum's 11th American Doll Tea will be held from 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 1, 2021. (Rain date is Sunday, August 8, 2021).** The tea will be held under tents on the museum's back lawn. There will be a doll fashion show, a craft, a story, and a Tea Party. **Tickets are \$30 for a child + adult.** Tickets for an additional child are \$10 and \$25 for an additional adult. **This event is suitable for children five years and older. Reservations are required. To make a reservation call the museum at 732-531-2136.**

**(2) Keeping Our Town Beautiful -- The Township of Ocean Garden Club's green thumb is visible in the gardens they maintain around town. The Club's gardens include the Little League gatemmen, the Blue Star Garden at the library complex, and the garden at Town Hall.** You'll find photos of these delightful sights at the end of this newsletter. If you are interested in joining the Township of Ocean Garden Club you

can contact the Co-Presidents Pat Mercurio at (732) 493-8725 or Joanne Krulikowski at (732) 804-3139.

## **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 the July Reading Challenge** -- For July our library's round table of suggested reading based on a monthly theme is going **BOTH in-person and virtual**. This month's theme is "**Summer Olympics**" in keeping with the Olympic Games being held this month in Japan.

Debbie Bagchi, one of our library's reference librarians, has compiled a variety of books featuring summer sports, Olympic athletes, or books set in Japan. Be sure and take a peek at Debbie's picks on our website: [www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org](http://www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org)

**(2) Check Out Whichbook** -- Whichbook is different from any other book recommendation site because it is not based on what books you've already read or a particular genre. Instead Whichbooks' recommendations are based on emotions or elements of a book. There are a series of slider scales, such as "Happy--Sad," "Short--Long," "Gentle--Violent," "Expected--Unpredictable," etc. **Simply go to [www.whichbook.net](http://www.whichbook.net) to begin your search for your next great read.**

**(3) Locate This Summer's Top Reads** -- by checking out **Goodreads employees' top summer books**. Goodreads' staff each share three books they have bumped to the top of their summer reading list. From biographies to upcoming page turners to thought provoking nonfiction, these are the books you'll be talking about all summer. Go to: [https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2050-it-s-time-for-summer-reading-on-goodreads?ref=x\\_gr\\_sr2021\\_soh](https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2050-it-s-time-for-summer-reading-on-goodreads?ref=x_gr_sr2021_soh)

**(4) Too Busy to Tackle a Long Novel? Then a Collection of Short Stories Could Be Just What You Need** -- Goodreads has compiled a list of 42 Superb New Short Story Collections. With collections ranging from translated tales to pure fantasy you are sure to find an interesting short read at: [https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2078-42-superb-new-short-story-collections-to-read-in-2021?ref=pe\\_3097180\\_578639370&rto=x\\_gr\\_e\\_nl\\_general&utm\\_campaign=June152021&utm\\_content=Short.stories&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter](https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2078-42-superb-new-short-story-collections-to-read-in-2021?ref=pe_3097180_578639370&rto=x_gr_e_nl_general&utm_campaign=June152021&utm_content=Short.stories&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter)

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

**Book Club Discussions:**

**July 7, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. -- Love is in the Air Part III--** Join this virtual book club to discuss **"An Offer From A Gentleman" (Bridgerton Book Series 3) by Julia Quinn.** In this book, Sophie Beckett sneaks into Lady Bridgerton's masquerade ball. Although the daughter of an earl, Sophie has been relegated to the role of servant by her stepmother. But, dancing with the handsome Benedict Bridgerton, she feels like royalty. Benedict has sworn to find and wed his mystery miss, but a maid catches his eye. If he offers her his heart, will Benedict sacrifice his only chance for fairy-tale love?

**July 15, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. --** This virtual book club will discuss **"Madame Fourcade's Secret War" by Lynne Olson.** In 1941 a thirty-one-year-old Frenchwoman, born to privilege and known for her beauty, became the only woman to serve as a chef de resistance during the war. No other French spy network lasted as long or supplied as much critical intelligence. Ms. Olson tells the fascinating story of a woman who stood up for her nation, her fellow citizens, and herself.

**July 28, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. --** This virtual book club will discuss **"The Vanishing Half" by Britt Bennett.** The Vignes twin sisters are identical, but after growing up together in a small southern black community and running away at the age of 16, everything about their lives is different. What will happen to the next generation, when their own daughters' storylines intersect? This novel considers the lasting influence of the past as it shapes a person's decisions, desires and expectations.

#### **Short Story Discussion:**

**July 22, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. --** This short short discussion will focus on **"How Pearl Button Was Kidnapped" by Katherine Mansfield.** This is a story about the clash of two cultures seen through the eyes of a child.

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We hope you find this spotlight helpful. Happy Reading!!

#### **Other Fun and Helpful Library Offerings\*\***

**(1) Cook Along With Chef Rob -- Enjoy a summer virtual cooking class with Chef Rob** as he introduces and integrates interesting ingredients. **Your family will have fun creating delicious food and make great memories together.** (Recipes and photos will be emailed to all registrants in advance).

## Here's what's on the menu:

**July 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** -- S'mores Cookies and Salted Caramel Pretzel Milkshakes

**July 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** -- Lemon Glazed Blueberry Muffin Cookies and Kit Kat<sup>(R)</sup> Milkshakes

**July 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** -- Zucchini Tacos with a Grilled Corn Salsa, Balsamic and Rosemary Grilled Chicken with Local Farm Tomato and Blue Cheese Relish, and Swirled Blueberry Crumb Cake Ice Cream (No ice cream machine needed.)

**July 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** -- Chicken Quesidillas Fajita Style and Holy Guacamole

**July 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** -- Roasted Plum Tomatoes with Garlic, Herbs, and Cheese and Banana Cream Milkshakes

**(2) Get Healthier -- By checking out Virtual Health Seminars** offered by the Monmouth County Library.

**July 20, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. -- Making the Most of Family Mealtimes** This presentation will discuss simple tips and easy ways to make the most of family mealtime and the health benefits of eating together. This program is offered by Family and Community Health Sciences Department Educator **Sharese Porter**, PhD, MPH, CHES, Sr. Program Coordinator Supervisor, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Burlington and Monmouth Counties.

**(3) New to Medicare? -- If your knowledge of Medicare is limited and you are eligible this year**, then tune in **on July 13, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.** as **Samantha White** of FCS for Family & Children's Services of Monmouth County, presents the information you need to know to make a thorough and informed decision.

**(4) Need Some Gardening Tips? -- Help is on the way thanks to Diane Larson**, Monmouth County Horticulturist of the Rutgers Master Garden Program. **On July 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** Ms. Larson will provide assistance and answer your horticulture and garden questions. **Please email all questions by July 13, 2021 to [MonCoLibrary2021@gmail.com](mailto:MonCoLibrary2021@gmail.com)**

**(5) Sit In on a Lecture From the Comfort of Home --** The Monmouth County Library is sponsoring several lectures in June. Be sure and check them out.

**July 14, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.** -- Join naturalist **Jim Peck for "Discover Natural New Jersey: From High Point to Cape May."** Mr. Peck, the author of the "Trail Mix Column" for the *Home News Tribune*, will share his photos and discuss beautiful and little know natural areas found all across our diverse state. This program will be

recorded and available to view on the Monmouth County Library website [www.MonmouthCountyLib.org](http://www.MonmouthCountyLib.org) on July 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

**July 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** -- Join **John R. Barrows**, founder and editor of *Monmouth Timeline*, as he presents **Three Curious Stories from the Monmouth History Timeline**. The stories include:

- (1) Thomas Edison's little known time in Monmouth County
- (2) The activities of the "wreckers" -- the land pirates of Monmouth County
- (3) The two Army privates who, using the newest radar technology developed at Fort Monmouth, detected the incoming Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, but whose warnings were not heeded.

If you would like to explore the Monmouth Timeline you can do so by going to <https://monmouthtimeline.org>

**(6) Tired of the Clutter?** -- Then you'll want to join best-selling author and organizing humorist, **Jamie Novak**, as she hosts **three mini makeovers to get your home decluttered**. During this three-part virtual series Ms. Novak will walk you through makeovers that will make a huge difference in your home.

**July 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** -- **Tidy the Kitchen** (Five tips to tidy the heart of your home)

**July 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** -- **Sort Out the Storage Area** (Three steps to declutter your storage spots)

**August 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** -- **File, Sort, & Shred the Paperwork** (Organize your papers now)


**(7) Hear the Suffragists Speak: Race, Slavery and the Fight for the Vote** -- On **July 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** view a video performance of an original stage-reading that tells the story of how race and the legacy of slavery played out in the fight for the vote. **The film will be followed at 7:00 p.m. with a discussion** of suffrage and voting rights led by members of the Suffragists Speak cast. Although the discussion will reference material in the video, participants do not need to view the film prior to the discussion to participate.

**(8) Encore! Encore!** -- Throughout July the Monmouth County Library is hosting virtual encore performances of some of their popular programs from this year. These encores include performances by the **Monmouth Troubadours**, **The Monmouth Civic Chorus**, as well as programs such as "Introduction to Personal Storytelling", "Gouverneur Morris: The Forgotten Founding Father", and "A Tour of Historic Colts Neck." If you missed one of these programs earlier in the year, be sure and tune in for an encore showing. **No registration is required to view these encore performances, simply go to the Monmouth County Library EventKeeper site by clicking [here](#) for the date and time when each program is being repeated.**

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** A Reminder:**

**(1) Book Donations** -- Just a reminder, although we greatly appreciate your kind intentions, we are still unable to accept any book donations at this time. But, please hold on to your donations. We hope to host our book sales later this year and we will let you know as soon as we are once again accepting donations. Thank you.

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

**(1) Planning a "Stay-cation" this Year? -- If you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (or receive your first COVID-19 vaccination shot by July 4, 2021), you are eligible for a free season "State Parks Vax Pass" good for entrance to any State Park for the rest of 2021. Go to [www.nj.gov/vaxandvisit](http://www.nj.gov/vaxandvisit) to register for your State Parks Vax Pass and you will receive an email with your pass. Once you have your pass you will have free access to all of New Jersey's 51 state parks and forest facilities that normally charge daily walk-in or parking fees.**

**Thank you again for your continued support of  
The Friends of The Township of Ocean Library  
You truly are making a difference!  
Please continue to take care and stay safe!**

We love hearing from you. If you have a comment about or a suggestion for our newsletter -- send an email to [friendsofoceantwplibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofoceantwplibrary@gmail.com)