

**"ALWAYS WORTH A BROWSE"
FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN TOWNSHIP LIBRARY NEWS
MARCH 2023**



Important News

(1) Donation Day -- Do you have books, DVDs and CDs in good condition that you've been waiting to donate? Then, we have some great news for you! **We will be hosting a Donation Day at our library on March 25, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. OR UNTIL WE RUN OUT OF STORAGE SPACE.**

So, please gather up the items you are interested in donating and head over to our library on March 25th. BUT BEFORE YOU DO...PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT WE CAN AND CANNOT ACCEPT...

Items we can ACCEPT:

- Fiction Books in good condition or better
- Non-Fiction Books dated 2018 or newer (We CANNOT accept Encyclopedias, Test Books, Text Books, Reference Materials, or Reader's Digest)
- Travel Guides Dated prior to 2018
- CD Audiobooks and viewable DVDs in good condition

Items we CANNOT ACCEPT:

- Books in poor or damaged condition
- Books with mildew, mold, water, or other stains, or without covers
- Books with wrinkled, marked, or highlighted pages
- Encyclopedias, Test books, Text Books, Reference, Reader's Digest
- Dated Non-Fiction (prior to 2018)
- VHS tapes or cassettes

Thank you for your support and cooperation!

In the event of inclement weather, the donation day will be held on April 1, 2023 (Please check our website www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org for any announcement of postponement.)

A Very Important Note -- because we have limited storage space available for donated materials we ask that you **DO NOT** post news about this donation day on social media.

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!

(2) Love Books? -- If you love books you won't want to miss our next **Book Sale**. We will have hundreds of hardcover and paperback books, CDs and DVDs on sale and all proceeds benefit our library and its programs. **So mark your calendar for April 26 and April 27, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

If you are interested in helping out, we still need volunteers to staff our book sale. Our greatest need for volunteers is for the afternoon shifts, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **Shifts are usually two hours in length, but we can be flexible to accommodate your schedule.**

If you have never worked at a book sale before you will be partnered with someone with book sale experience. It's a fun way to help out and give back to the community while raising funds for Friends' projects in support of our library. **To sign up simply RSVP to this email with your availability.** Thank you!!

(3) And the winner is... -- We are happy to announce that the winner of our giveaway of two tickets to a performance of the NJ Symphony Orchestra is Friends member Bonnie Dietz. Congratulations Bonnie!!



Updates from the Township of Ocean Library

(1) Budding Artists -- Beautiful art created by young artists from Ocean Township schools will be on display in our library throughout the month of March. **A reception to kick off the art show will be held on March 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.** Be

sure to stop by our library for the reception -- or anytime this month -- to see first hand the creativity and artistry of these amazing young people.

(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!**

March 2, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. -- **A Journal for Jordan** directed by Denzel Washington and starring Michael B. Jordan, Robert Wisdom, Tamara Tunie and Vanessa ASPILLAGA (2021) (Rated PG-13)

March 9, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. -- **The Big Sick** starring Kumail Nanjiani, Zoe Kazan, Holly Hunter and Ray Romano (2017) (Rated R)

March 16, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. -- **Angry Neighbors** starring Frank Langella, Bobby Cannavale and Stockard Channing (2022) (Rated R)

March 23, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. -- **Till** starring Whoopi Goldberg, Frankie Faison, Sean Patrick Thomas and Danielle Deadwyler (2022) (Rated PG-13)

March 30, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. -- **King Richard** starring Will Smith, Aunjanue Ellis, Jon Bernthal and Tony Goldwyn (2021) (Rated PG-13)

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

(3) A Musical Interlude -- Come enjoy an hour of music as our branch welcomes the very popular Charlie's Band on **March 15, 2023 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 sponsored by the Friends of the Township of Ocean Library.)**

(4) 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. This month, the group is meeting on **March 28, 2023**. 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).

(5) Programs For Little Ones -- Our library branch is the site of many special children's programs each month. The sessions are full of fun exciting stories, song singing, and even craft making. **Simply go to: the Monmouth County Library EventKeeper site by clicking [here](#) for a full list of the children's programs happening at our branch in March.** Select the event you are interested in and you will see a small "Register" box at the bottom of the presentation description



Updates from Our Cultural Collaborators

(1) The Township of Ocean Historical Museum -- [The Township of Ocean Historical Museum](#) will be open on Sundays in March from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Beginning March 16, 2023 the Museum will also be open on Thursday evenings from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

(A) Don't Miss the Museum's Spring Speaker event "Geraldine Thompson, New Jersey's First Lady" on April 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Park Recreation Center (615 West Park Avenue). During her lifetime, Geraldine Thompson served as New Jersey's first woman state delegate to the Republican National Convention and was also the first woman to be appointed to a state board in New Jersey. **Thanks to this remarkable woman, reforms were made to early primitive health and welfare programs within our state. She was instrumental in the establishment of a county tuberculosis hospital and the founding of what is now known as the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey. You won't want to miss this speaker event - where you are guaranteed to learn more about this trailblazing woman.**

(B) Mark Your Calendar -- The Museum will be hosting its 17th Annual Spring Tea event on April 29, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Woman's Club of Asbury Park Building, 57 Wickapecko Drive, Ocean Township. This event is limited to 60 guests and tickets are \$30.00 per person. **Tickets go on sale beginning March 1, 2023. For more details contact the Museum at (732) 531-2136 or visit the Museum's website at <https://www.oceanmuseum.org/>**



Happening Around Town

(1) **Spring Cleaning?** -- If your thoughts are turning to spring cleaning, then **be sure to mark down the date of the next Township of Ocean Paper Shredding Event. You can drop off confidential documents for shredding on June 3, 2023 between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at the Dow Avenue School.**

(2) **Water Maintenance** -- As part of an annual maintenance program New Jersey American Water will temporarily change the water treatment process at the company's

treatment plants in Colts Neck and Neptune. This temporary treatment process will continue until April 2023. **During this period, some customers may notice a slight taste and smell of chlorine in their water. This is normal and temporary until the system maintenance is complete. Customers who wish to reduce the taste of chlorine can place water in an uncovered glass container in the refrigerator overnight to dissipate chlorine faster.** The temporary treatment change applies to New Jersey American Water customers in a number of Monmouth County towns, including Ocean Township.



Helpful Tip

(1) Did you know that your library card gives you online access to our great local paper, *The Asbury Park Press*? Just follow the simple steps explained in this YouTube video to keep up on all the happenings in and around Monmouth County: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4j7yInhMfF0>

Hope you find this tip helpful.



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) **Here Them Roar** -- Books can help us explore the lives of women who have pushed traditional boundaries, broken glass ceilings, redefined roles in the workplace, and impacted history. March is Women's History Month, the perfect time to learn more about remarkable women. Here are two great sources to begin your exploration:

Princeton University Press has compiled a list of recommended books for Women's History Month at: <https://press.princeton.edu/ideas/books-to-read-during-womens-history-month>

Goodreads has also created a list (this one for women of all ages) **of books about and by women** -- including great books such as "*Hidden Figures*", "*Call the Midwife*", "*Beatrix Potter*", "*The Radium Girls*", "*The Diary of Clotee - a Slave Girl*", "*The Brontes*", and more. **To browse the list go**

to: [https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/120753.Women s History Month](https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/120753.Women_s_History_Month)

(2) For Library Lovers -- As a member of the Friends of the Township of Ocean Library, you already know that librarians and libraries are the best (especially true in our town!). If you enjoy all things library -- then be sure to check out Goodreads list of 45 books about libraries and librarians. The list includes mysteries, romances, World War II era settings, and even some science fiction. To find your next great library-inspired read **simply go**

to: <https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2535-45-books-about-libraries-and-librarians-to-check-out-now?ref=list-show>

(3) Big Things in Small Packages -- If you like the convenience of a paperback then you'll want to check out this list of books recently released in paperback compiled by the editors of Amazon Book Review. The list includes some great mysteries, thrillers and memoirs. **To check out the list go**

to: [https://www.amazon.com/amazonbookreview/read/B0BTZBT18F?ref =abr wid get_nav&theme=light](https://www.amazon.com/amazonbookreview/read/B0BTZBT18F?ref=abr_wid_get_nav&theme=light)

(4) Books For Little Ones -- If you are looking for books for the little ones in your life -- be they children, grandchildren, or even great-grandchildren, then be sure to take a peek at the "100 Best Children's Books From the Last 100 Years" compiled by The Book Trust. If you aren't familiar with Book Trust , it is an organization in the United Kingdom which is supported by the Arts Council of England and which is renowned for its #JustOneBook program which sends festive parcels of books to children who are vulnerable or in care (this past Christmas the group sent books to 16,000 children). **The list is easy to navigate and its sorted by age range (0-5 years, 6-8 years, 9-11 years, 12-14 years).** You'll find the list at:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/100-best-books/>

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

March 16, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. -- Join this virtual Murder, They Wrote Book Club to discuss "*Harlem Shuffle*" by Colson Whitehead. This book, set in New York City in the 1960s, is a family saga masquerading as a crime novel, a funny morality play, a social novel about race, and ultimately a love letter to Harlem.

March 22, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. -- Join this virtual book club to discuss "*The Personal Librarian*" by Marie Benedict. Bella da Costa Greene was hired by J.P. Morgan to curate a collection of books and artwork for his newly built museum. As a

result, Belle becomes a fixture in New York City society and one of the most powerful people in the art and book world. But, she is also hiding a secret -- one that she feels she must protect at all costs. Her real name is Belle Marion Greener and her complexion is not dark because of her alleged Portuguese heritage, but because she is African American.

March 23, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. -- Join this virtual short story discussion to discuss "The Waltz" by Dorothy Parker. This is one of Dorothy Parker's best-known stories. It demonstrates the humorous possibilities of what one is thinking in social settings. (Please note the link to the story PDF is included in your registration.)

**** (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) Music and Romance -- Music is definitely in the air as two of the Monmouth County Library's most popular musical performers, conductor Erik Ochsner and pianist Jenny Lin, team up for a virtual four-part series that will celebrate women composers, composers of African American and Latin descent, the iconic music of John Williams, and provide some behind-the-scenes insights into the lives of pianists and composers.

Please note that you need only register once -- your registration permits you to attend all four sessions. **The sessions are:**

March 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. -- Behind The Scenes With a Pianist and a Conductor
March 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. -- Composers Who Are Women
March 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. -- The Iconic Film Music of John Williams
March 29, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. -- Composers of African American and Latin Descent

(2) Take Your Garden to New Heights -- On March 2, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. with some virtual help from Jane Zysk, of the Rutgers Master Gardeners, as she highlights the

world of raised bed gardening. You'll pick up many useful insights and tips from garden placement to structure options to the do's and don't's that will make your elevated garden successful.

(3) Quick Bites -- Join Chef Rob for a series of virtual Quick Bites as he provides tips to create something savory or sweet this month. **These virtual quick bites are available to view on the Monmouth County Library's website at: www.MonmouthCountyLib.org**

Here is the Quick Bites Schedule:

March 4, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. -- Cajun Penne Pasta with Chicken & Scallions

March 11, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. -- Slow Cooker Corned Beef & Cabbage with Carrots and Potatoes

March 11, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. -- Traditional Soda Bread with Caraway & Raisins

March 18, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. -- Almost Famous Buttermilk Fried Chicken Sandwich

March 25, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. -- Pineapple Upside-Down Cake

March 25, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. -- Salmon Stuffed with Jumbo Lump Crabmeat, Spinach and Roasted Peppers

Recipes are available on the Monmouth County Library's Eventkeeper site by clicking [here](#) Simply scroll down to the date of the Quick Bite session you are interested in viewing and you'll find instructions on how to access the recipe.

(4) Immune Health -- Join Rachel Tansey, of the Family & Community Health Sciences Department, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County, for a live Zoom program on March 9, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. as she discusses the nutrients you need to keep your immune system strong. You'll learn the differences between prebiotics and probiotics and antioxidants and phytochemicals. You'll also gain insights into what vitamins and minerals you need for a robust immune system.

(5) Frida Kahlo Inspired Still Life -- In honor of Women's History Month learn how to draw a still life based on the artwork of Frida Kahlo in this virtual art class with Barbara Freiberg on March 28, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. You'll need the following supplies to participate: pencil, eraser, ruler or straight edge, one piece of 9x12 white drawing or sketch paper, and crayola markers or similar brand.

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

March 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. -- Join archivist and photographer **Gary D. Saretzky for a live Zoom lecture on "19th Century NJ Women Photographers"**. In the 19th Century only three percent of the more than 3,000 photographers in New Jersey were women. But, like their male counterparts they produced tintypes, ambrotypes, cabinet cards and other types of photographs. **During this presentation you'll learn about a**

number of talented New Jersey women who were active in the field including Charlotte Prosch, Hannah Flanagin, Jessie Carhart, Amelia Van Buren and more.

This presentation will be rebroadcast on the Monmouth County Library's website (www.MonmouthCountyLib.org) on March 21, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

March 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. -- Join author, auctioneer and appraiser **Mike Ivankovich** for a virtual presentation on "**eBay 101: The Basics of Buying and Selling**". You'll learn the basics of using eBay -- including how to buy, how to locate treasures, how to gauge the reputation of sellers and buyers, how to sell, how to use eBay as a part-time job, and more.

March 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. -- Join documentary filmmaker **Craig Dudnick** for a live Women's History Month **conversation about the documentary film "Alice's Ordinary People"**. The film tells the story of Alice Tregay, a woman who refused to tolerate injustice. Her story spans America's history from the marches of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to the election of former President Barack Obama. **This documentary is available to view via the Kanopy streaming movie service -- which is included with your Monmouth County library card. Here is the link:**
[Monmouth County Library's Kanopy streaming service](#)

March 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. -- Join Dr. **Stanley Blair** for "**Welcome to Wanalasset, NJ.: Margaret Widdemer's North Asbury Park and Wanamassa, Ocean Township, circa 1901-1915**". Margaret Widdemer was an award-winning poet and novelist who grew up in Asbury Park and whose early novel "*Why Not?*" shows similarities between the novel's fictional setting and two actual Monmouth County communities. The novel was adapted into a silent film (*The Dream Lady*). The recently discovered partial manuscript of her novel and related documents suggests Widdemer took a possible autobiographical approach to her novel.

March 29, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. -- Join instructor and batik egg artist **Jenny Santa Maria** for "**Pysanky, The Ancient Art of Egg Decorating**" a virtual program that will teach you about the techniques, designs, and historical significance of Ukrainian eggs or "Pysanky", which are decorated using beeswax and dyes applied in layers.

March 30, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. -- Join author, auctioneer and appraiser **Mike Ivankovich** for a virtual presentation on "**eBay 201: Beyond the Basics: Taking eBay to the Next Level**". After a quick review of the basics, you'll learn advanced techniques including how to write descriptions that sell, list more items in less time, deal with the eBay Seller Dashboard, reduce shipping costs, use good photography to make a difference, and more.

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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) Eliminate Pesky Pests -- If you have tires stored outdoors, they can hold enough rainwater for mosquitoes to grow. In fact, **did you know that just one tire can produce over 10,000 biting mosquitoes?** **You can help protect yourself, your family and friends by taking part in the 2023 Monmouth County Mosquito Madness Tire Pick-up Program.** It's easy to do. **The Monmouth County Mosquito Control team will come to your property and pick up as many as 10 car tires (without rims) -- and you don't even have to pull the tires to the curb. All you need to do is call 732-542-3630 to make arrangements.** You'll be asked to provide your name, address, and the exact location of the tires on your property -- the Monmouth County Mosquito Control team will do the rest. **Tires will be picked up between now and March 31, 2023. So act fast!**

**Thank you again for your continued support of
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