

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



## **Important News**

- (1) Summer Schedule -- Beginning July 1, 2023 through September 2, 2023, our branch will be open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**
  
- (2) All branches of the Monmouth County Library will be closed on July 4, 2023 in observance of Independence Day.**
  
- (3) It's Not Too Late To Get Your Reading Groove On -- The Monmouth County Library system's Summer Reading Challenge is underway. And you can help ensure our branch is #1 by simply reading and logging your books online. The program runs through August 15, 2023.**

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](http://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.

Let's make Ocean Township the top library branch in number of books/ebook/audiobooks read again this year. **Be sure to log in ALL the books you read between June 1 and August 15, 2023. The more books you read, the better. So...GET READING!**



## **Keeping Up With The Friends**

**(1) Our Book Donation Day -- on June 3rd was an overwhelming success. We received hundreds of books, CDs, audio books, and DVDS and we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to our town's residents who came out in droves to support our efforts.** A special thank you too to Lynn Librizzi for organizing the event and her team of dedicated volunteers -- including several students from our town's high school -- who pitched in to help.

**(2) HUGE SUMMER SALE -- Our next super sensational book sale will be held July 12 and July 13, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.** We will have many recently acquired hardcover and paperback books, CDs and DVDs on sale and all proceeds benefit our library and its wonderful programs. So come, find a good book/CD/DVD and support our library at the same time.

**Of Special Note:** -- **If you are a teacher (or know someone who is), and you are beginning to think about setting up your classroom library for the coming school year, we have hundreds (!!!) of new/gently used hardcover and softcover children's, tweens and young adult books that will be available for purchase.** (Hardcover books are only \$1 and softcover just 50 cents)

**(3) We Need You!!! -- Please consider becoming an ambassador for our upcoming Book Sale.** It is easy to do, doesn't require a great deal of time, and would greatly help our efforts. **How can you be an ambassador?**

- **Simply print out the attached flyer and share it with your family, friends, and neighbors.** Encourage them to stop by during our sale.
- **If you stop by a local business in the next few days, please ask the owner/manager to display a flyer on their window or bulletin board.** We really want to get the word out.

**Thank you, in advance, for pitching in to support the Friends and our library!**

**(4) Annual Meeting -- The Friends of the Township of Ocean Library held its annual meeting and election of officers on June 14, 2023. The following officers were elected:**

- President -- Claire Steimle
- Vice President -- Phyllis Fyfe
- Treasurer -- Harriet Cook
- Recording Secretary -- Barbara Saint John
- Corresponding Secretary -- Michele Tringali
- Historian -- Bill Haas, Jr.



## 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 movies are being shown this month. **All the movies are free to attend!**

**July 6, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.** -- **Dear Evan Hansen** -- Is a coming-of-age musical about seventeen-year-old Evan Hansen, a high school senior who suffers from social anxiety and depression, and his journey of self discovery after a classmate's suicide. Stars Ben Platt (reprising the role he played on Broadway), Kaitlyn Dever, Nik Dodani, Julianne Moore and Amy Adams. (2021) (Rated PG-13)

**July 13, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.** -- **Julie and Julia** -- This film contrasts the life of chef Julia Child in the early years of her career with the life of young New Yorker Julie Powell, who aspires to cook all 524 recipes in Child's cookbook in 365 days. Stars Meryl Streep, Amy Adams, Stanley Tucci, and Chris Messina. (2009) (Rated PG-13)

**July 20, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.** -- **High Note** -- A superstar singer and her overworked personal assistant are presented with a choice that could alter the course of their respective careers. In its opening weekend, this film was the second most rented film on Fandango Now, third most from the iTunes Store, and 11th most on Amazon Prime Video. Stars Dakota Johnson, Tracee Ellis Ross, Kelvin Harrison, Jr. and Ice Cube. (2020) (Rated PG-13)

**July 27, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.** -- **Lion** -- An Australian biographical drama based on the 2013 non-fiction book "*A Long Way Home*" by Saroo Brierley. It tells the true story of how Brierley, 25 years after being separated from his family in India, sets out to find them. Stars Dev Patel, Rooney Mara, David Wenham, and Nicole Kidman. (2016) (Rated PG-13)

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

**(2) Medicare Counseling** -- Have a question or problem involving Medicare? Then, you will want to register for one-on-one assistance with the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). SHIP provides confidential, unbiased information and assistance for evaluating health insurance options and dealing with claims. **SHIP volunteers will be at our branch on July 18, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please note: An appointment is required. You can register for an appointment by calling 732-728-1331.**

**(3) A Summer Musical Interlude -- Come enjoy an hour of music as our branch welcomes back the very popular Charlie's Band on July 19, 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) The Turner Art Gallery**, located within our library, **is featuring the work of** the talented artist **Jeanne Evans through August 3, 2023**. Her exhibit is entitled **"Acrylic Menagerie"** Be sure to stop by to enjoy her beautiful work. Please note that some of the artwork will be available for purchase.

**(5) 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 July 25, 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).

**(6) 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 July.** Select the event you are interested in and you you will see a small "Register" box at the bottom of the presentation description



## Monthly Tip

**(1) Did you know that our library offers a large selection of DVDs that you can take home to view?** In fact, our branch boasts a whole section of the latest movies, hit TV shows, and more. As you enter the library, you'll find the DVDs in the adult book area near the circulation desk. So, stop by the library and then break out the popcorn when you get home. And, if you need help with the DVDs, please ask one of our wonderful library staff members -- they will be happy to assist you.



## Happening Around Town

**(1) July 4th Celebration -- Grab your coolers and lawn chairs and come picnic in Joe Palaia Park on Saturday July 1, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. as our town celebrates our country's Independence Day.** There will be music, children's activities, and food trucks. You won't want to miss the fun and the fireworks (which will go off at dark).

**(2) New Complaint Portal Launched -- Experiencing a problem in town? Take note that our town has created a new complaint system which permits you to submit your concerns for attention. [Simply to to our town's website](#) at: [www.oceantwp.org](http://www.oceantwp.org) and click on the new complaint portal (located under "news" in the center of the home page).**

You'll be asked to select to whom you are directing the problem (our town manager or the police), the type/nature of the complaint, and its location. You also will need to provide your name and contact information so that the town can both contact you if there are questions about your submission and alert you to the issue's resolution.

**(3) Wood Smoke -- With the growing popularity of outdoor wood burning stoves and fire pits and the recent air quality issues we experienced due to the Canadian wildfires, our town is reminding residents that while wood smoke may smell good, it's not good for your health -- especially if you have heart or lung disease, are older, or are pregnant. But, there are four easy ways to reduce harmful wood smoke:**

- **Use a cleaner heating device like a heat pump, gas stove or EPA-certified wood pellet stove.**
- **Burn only dry, seasoned wood for a hotter fire and less smoke.**
- **Test your wood with a wood moisture meter (20% moisture or less burns best).**
- **Provide sufficient air to the fire; never let it smolder.**

You can learn more at [www.epa.gov.burnwise](http://www.epa.gov.burnwise)

**(4) If you are a senior living in Ocean Township, you won't want to miss the interesting senior programs offered through the Department of Human Services.**

**Here is what is coming up this month (Please note all of these events take place at the West Park Recreation Center at [615 West Park Avenue](#)):**

**Get Moving -- Join other seniors for information and a demonstration of senior exercises presented by Fox Rehabilitation on July 10, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** You'll also be provided with information about the new All American assisted living

facility. Registration is required and **you must register by July 7, 2023**. Simply click on this:

**[Fox Rehabilitation & All American Assisted Living \(google.com\)](#)**  
to get started.

**The 70's Are Calling** -- Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon on July 20, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. with this retro 1970s inspired art project -- painting a pet rock. This loyal pet is guaranteed not to leave you -- because it can't! **Light refreshments will be provided (and don't forget to bring a dessert to share!). You must register by July 17, 2023. To register click on this: [Paint a Pet Rock \(google.com\)](#)**

**Lunch & Learn** -- Join other town seniors for a free lunch and information session presented by Sunrise Senior Living on July 24, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Attain Physical Therapy will also be on hand to showcase their approach to creating wellness plans that will enhance quality of life. **You must register by July 21, 2023 in order to participate. To register click on this: [Lunch & Learn with Sunrise Senior Living and Attain Physical Therapy \(google.com\)](#)**

**Heads Up Seniors** -- Get yourself balanced on July 27 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. by attending a free workshop called **Heads Up! Seniors: A Pedestrian Safety and Fall Prevention Program**. The purpose of this workshop is to increase independence and decrease falls, along with discussing driving and pedestrian safety tips. The workshop is fun and interactive. **You must register by July 25, 2023 in order to participate. To register simply click on this: [Heads up! Seniors: A Pedestrian Safety and Fall Prevention Program. \(google.com\)](#)**



## **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) Share Your Pick** -- Ever read a book review and think "I could do that"? Ever wish someone would review that book you just couldn't put down? Well...now you can! You can recommend your latest great read or your most favorite book and share your thoughts with other members of the Friends of the Township of Ocean Library.

**We are looking for reviews to include in our monthly newsletter's "Grab a Book and Sit Awhile" section. All we need is:**

- **The name of the book you are recommending**
- **The author's name**
- **One - two sentences describing what the book is about**
- **One - two sentences describing why you love and are recommending it**

**It's as simple as that. Then just submit your entry by replying to this email (be sure to include your name so we can give you credit for the review!).** Thanks and happy reviewing!

**(2) Best Literature & Fiction -- Hard as it is to believe, the year 2023 is more than half over. But, this also means that we've had over six months of new book releases. The editors of Amazon's Book Review have compiled a list of the best literature and fiction released so far this year -- including many that take you to far away places and put you in the everyday lives of other people. The list includes "The Covenant of Water" by Abraham Verghese, "Pomegranate" by Helen Elaine Lee, "Hello Beautiful" by Ann Napolitano, and many more. To peruse the list simply go to: [https://www.amazon.com/amazonbookreview/read/B0C87K93S9?ref\\_=abr\\_widget\\_nav&theme=light](https://www.amazon.com/amazonbookreview/read/B0C87K93S9?ref_=abr_widget_nav&theme=light)**

**(3) Summer's Hot, Hot, Hot New Novels -- Whether you are looking for a great beach read, an engrossing big thriller, or just some fabulous fiction, be sure and check out AARP's List of 32 of Summer's Hottest New Novels. The list is sorted for easy searching -- you'll find fiction by big name authors, thrillers and crime, beach reads, and other novels of note. To find you next summer read go to: <https://www.aarp.org/entertainment/books/info-2023/new-novels-for-summer.html>**

**(4) Consider Joining The Monmouth County Library's Book Discussions This Month\*\* --**

**July 12, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. -- Join this romance book club to discuss "The Love of My Life" by Rosie Walsh. This book tells the story of Emma who loves her husband and daughter. But, everything she has told them is a lie. She might have gotten away with it if she hadn't suffered a serious illness and her husband, an obituary writer, hadn't tried to cope by researching and writing about her life. As he starts to unravel the truth, he learns the wife he loves doesn't really exist. (Please note this book club discussion will be hybrid -- presented in person at the Library Headquarters in Manalapan and on Zoom.)**

**July, 20 2023 at 10:30 a.m. -- Join this mystery book club to discuss "The Expats" by Chris Pavone. This book is about Kate Moore, a working mother struggling to make ends meet, raise her children, and keep her marriage alive. When her husband is transferred to Luxembourg, she jumps at the chance to start anew. But, then another American couple arrives raising Kate's suspicions that they aren't who they say they are and causing her to fear that her past is about to catch up with her. (Please**

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

**(And Please Don't Forget: After you've finished reading your book be sure to log it in the Monmouth County Library's [Summer Reading Challenge!!](#))**



## **More To the Story**

**Coming in July**, the Monmouth County Library system will host a wide range of virtual and in-person programs including several author talks, writing classes, cooking classes with Chef Rob, yoga sessions, lectures (on topics such as summer safety, the bird Piping Plovers, planting your winter vegetable garden now, Medicare, easy summer decluttering, Antarctic exploration, etc.), art workshops, 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](http://www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org)

Ocean Township Department of Human Services website -  
- [www.oceantwp.org](http://www.oceantwp.org) (click on Departments on the left hand side of the home page and then on the Department of Human Services)

Ocean Township Garden Club -  
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/597553924494267/>

Ocean Township Historical Museum -- [www.oceanmuseum.org](http://www.oceanmuseum.org)

Ocean Township Town Website -- [www.oceantwp.org](http://www.oceantwp.org)

**Monmouth County:**

Monmouth County Department of Health -- [www.visitmonmouth.com](http://www.visitmonmouth.com)

Monmouth County Library -- [www.MonmouthCountyLib.org](http://www.MonmouthCountyLib.org)

**New Jersey:**

New Jersey Official State Web Site -- [www.nj.gov](http://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](mailto:friendsofoceantwplibrary@gmail.com)