

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

✓ Important News

(1) The Township of Ocean Library will be closed on:

- September 2, 2024 in observance of Labor Day
- September 11, 2024 for A Day of Remembrance

(2) As a reminder, beginning September 2, 2024 the Township of Ocean Library returns to its normal Saturday schedule -- our branch will be open on Saturday's from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

(3) Grand Reopening -- Don't miss the grand reopening of the Monmouth County Library Headquarters in Manalapan on September 29, 2024. The celebration includes a special concert by The Chronicles of Rock & Roll. **Opening remarks start at 1:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 2:00 p.m. Doors open at 12:30.** The program is free and seating is on a first come, first seated basis.

(4) Your Ticket to Endless Adventures -- With a library card you can travel to distant places, meet new and interesting characters, solve mysteries, explore unique perspectives, fall in love, better understand the world around you, and so much more -- all through great works of literature, magazines, audio and large print books, exciting movies, educational programming, and a host of digital resources like e-books available at our library.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a perfect time to get a library card so you can begin your endless adventure. Just visit our library and our branch's 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 the wonderful things that our library has to offer.

✓ Keeping Up With The Friends

(1) It's Not Too Late To Join In On The Fun -- **Our town will be hosting the Annual Fall Festival and Car Show on September 28, 2024 (rain date September 29, 2024) from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Joe Palaia Park.** The Friends of the

Township of Ocean Library will have a table at the Fall Fest to sign up new members and provide information regarding our library and all that it offers. **If you'd like to volunteer to help staff our table, simply RSVP to this email and let us know your availability for the Fall Fest event.** Thanks!!

(2) REMINDER -- Our Book Donation Day -- Due to the overwhelming success of our recent book sale, we've decided to hold another Book Donation Day at our library, on October 19, 2024 (RAIN OR SHINE) from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (or until our shelves reach capacity).

This will help us ensure that we have plenty of new inventory for our next book sale (in the spring of next year). As you know, the proceeds from our sales help us support our library and its many wonderful adult, teen and children's programs.

Of Special Note: Our donation day is open to all residents of our town, so please spread the word and let your friends, family and neighbors know about our October 19th Book Donation Day. Encourage them to join you in gathering up unwanted books, CDs, vinyl records, and DVDs (that are in good condition) and heading over to the library on October 19th.

BUT BEFORE YOU DO...PLEASE READ AND SHARE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT WE NEED AND WHAT WE CAN AND CANNOT ACCEPT...

Items we ESPECIALLY NEED:

- Recent Hardcover and Paperback Books
- The Classics -- Twain, Austen, Shakespeare, Dickens, etc.
- True Crime Books
- History Books
- Biographies
- Art Books
- Large Print Books
- Science/Math-Related Books (No Textbooks Please)

Items we can ACCEPT:

- Adult and Children's Fiction and Non-Fiction hard or soft covered books in good or better condition
- Travel Guides 2021 or later
- Vinyl Records
- CD audiobooks, music CDs, and DVDs in good condition **(Please check that each case has a disc inside before donating -- thank you)**

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
- VHS or Cassette Tapes

For more information on what we can and cannot accept go to [this link](#).

URGENT REQUEST: WE ALSO ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS -- If you'd like to volunteer at the Book Donation Day, we would love to have your help. **Simply RSVP to this email with your availability and we'll be in touch with more details about how you can help. Thanks in advance for your support!!**

✓ 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 September. 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 September 12, 2024 from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** The story is *"The Doll's House"* by Katherine Mansfield. The Burnell family receives an elaborate doll house from a generous house guest, but when the girls decide to invite their friends over, they find themselves swept up by social trends. **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) The Band is Back!! -- We know how much you enjoy the musical performances of Sandy Sasso and Band, so we are thrilled to tell you that the band returns to our branch on September 18, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. They 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! **So be sure and mark your calendar for their return. (This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Township of Ocean Library.)**

(4) Mark Your Calendar For Another Very Special Performance -- If you enjoy the music of Sandy Sasso and Band you won't want to miss her upcoming show at our library branch on October 16, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. This performance is sponsored by the Township of Ocean Department of Human Services.

Not only will you enjoy the toe-tapping musical talent of Sandy and her band, but you'll also have a wonderful opportunity to help our town's residents who may be struggling as the upcoming holiday season approaches.

How? It's simple. We will be collecting non-perishable food items at Sandy Sasso's October 16th performance to benefit the Township of Ocean Community Hope Fund and the Department of Human Services Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive!

Items most in need include: stuffing, cranberry sauce, canned soup, instant gravy, canned fruits/vegetables, instant potatoes, hot/cold cereals, peanut butter and jelly, pasta and sauces, instant hot chocolate and coffee, cookies, fruit snacks and crackers. (Please check expiration dates on all food before bringing your donation to the performance.)

Simply bring your non-perishable food donation to the October 16th performance and volunteers will be on hand to collect your donation for our town's Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and community spirit!

(5) Winter Is Coming -- And your garden can be ready thanks to The Rutgers Master Gardeners of Monmouth County. Plan on joining Bob Magovern, a certified Master Gardener with 22 years of experience, on September 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. as he discusses what to do -- and what not to do -- in your garden before that first frost hits -- including transplanting, fertilizing, watering, clean-up and pruning.

(6) The Good, The Bad, And The Scary -- There has been much debate in the news and in Washington lately about the benefits and dangers of AI (Artificial Intelligence). Want to know more about what the AI buzz is all about? Then plan on attending a special discussion "The Good, the Bad, And The Scary of Artificial

Intelligence" on September 24, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. The discussion will focus on the morals, values and ethics associated with AI, as well as on the scams, deep fakes and intellectual property implications of AI. This program is presented by Eddi Khaytman of Promo Ambitions/Web Design & SEO Artificial Intelligence. **Registration is required. 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.** You can also call our library at 732-531-5092 to register.

(7) Art Show -- The Terner Art Gallery, located within our library, is now featuring the artistic talents of The Adult Acrylics Class instructed by Theresa Trocchia. The show, "Creative Efforts II" will be on display during regular library hours through September 20, 2024. Several of the featured works were painted by members of the Friends of the Township of Ocean Library. Be sure to stop by and check out their beautiful art.

(8) 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**

While traditional books are still hugely popular, there has been a surge in residents expressing interest in e-books. Given this growing interest in e-books and the fact that we have a number of new members who have joined our ranks of late, we thought we'd repeat some helpful "getting started" tips geared to specific devices to help you download e-books from our library to your device. **The following links provide step-by-step directions:**

[For Kindle \(but not Kindle Fire\)](#)

[For Nook](#)

[For Ipad, Android, iPod touch, Kindle Fire, Nook HD and others](#)

If you need help, please ask one of our wonderful library staff members -- they will be happy to assist you.

Hope you find this tip helpful.

✓ Happening Around Town

(1) **Fall Fest Fun** -- Fall is in the air and what a perfect time for our town's popular Fall Fest and Car Show. **This year the Fall Fest will be held on September 28, 2024 (Rain date is September 29, 2024) from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Joe Palaia Park.** The day will be filled with vendors, food trucks, live music, children's activities, a car show, and so much more. **Don't miss this spectacular day of fun.**

Please Note: The Friends of the Township of Ocean Library will have a table at the Fall Fest to sign up new members and provide information regarding our library and all that it offers. If you'd like to volunteer to help out, simply RSVP to this email and let us know your availability for the Fall Fest event. Thanks!!

(2) **E-Waste Recycling Drive** -- Do you have cell phones, DVD players, computers, stereo equipment, TVs, etc. that you no longer want or need? **Then be sure to bring those unwanted electronic devices to the Suvit's Eagle Scout Project's E-Waste Recycling Drive on September 14, 2024 from 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Ocean Township Pool Parking Lot (615 West Park Avenue).** The drive will **accept:** cell phones, computers/laptops/tablets, video game consoles, copy/fax machines, printers, DVD players, monitors, stereo equipment, flat-screen TVs (less than 65 inches), and small household appliances. **The drive cannot accept:** batteries, light bulbs or ink cartridges. **If you have questions you can email the scouts at: t70scout@gmail.com**

(3) **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.**

September 26, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. -- Join other township seniors for an informational Lunch & Learn presentation from the Jersey Shore Center a Genesis HealthCare facility. Jersey Shore Center is a skilled nursing facility offering ACCELerate Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation. ACCELerate is designed to get you back home as quickly as possible after a hospital stay. **Registration is required. To register simply click here: [Lunch & Learn - Jersey Shore Center \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com)**

September 30, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. -- Join other town seniors for an afternoon of Bingo. There will be fun & games and a chance to win prizes too! **Registration is required. To register click here: [Community Pass](#) to login to your account.**

(4) **CODE RED** -- **With hurricane season upon us and other weather-related incidents becoming more common, be sure to sign up for our town's CODE RED community notification system.** By signing up you'll ensure that you receive critical community alerts for events such as evacuation notices, boil water

advisories, missing child reports, bio-terrorism alerts, etc. **Signing up is easy to do. Just go to our town's website at www.oceantwp.org and scroll down to the bottom of the home page and then click on Code Red sign up.** It only takes a moment to make sure that you are prepared!

✓ **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) A Friend's Pick -- As part of our Friends monthly newsletter, we occasionally feature a "Friend's Pick" -- a book or author that one of our members would like to recommend to other members of our group.

This month's recommendation comes from Friends member Karen Devlin.

Karen is highly recommending the international bestseller "*The Frozen River*" by Ariel Lawhon. This book is a Good Morning America Book Club Pick and was honored as a National Public Radio Book of the Year.

According to Karen..."This is a great adventure/mystery tale that is taken to further heights of enjoyment by the fact that it is based on a real-life person in history. Martha Ballard, a midwife in the 18th Century, delivered hundreds of babies in her lifetime and left a diary that immortalized her. The author has written this fictionalized version based on actual events of the time. Here we learn of 18th century day-to-day home life as well as the perils and struggles of the time. A very enjoyable and informative read."

So if you like a good historical adventure/mystery be sure to check out "*The Frozen River*".

(2) Short & Sweet -- A short story discussion will be held at our branch on September 12, 2024 from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The story is "*The Doll's House*" by Katherine Mansfield. The Burnell family receives an elaborate doll house from a generous house guest, but when the girls decide to invite their friends over, they find themselves swept up by social trends. 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**

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(3) Plan Ahead & Register This Month for More Short & Sweet -- Another short story discussion will be held at our branch on October 10, 2024 from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The story is "The Bride Comes to Yellow Sky" by Steven Crane. This story centers on Jack Potter, a Texas Marshall, who returns to the town of Yellow Sky with his new bride. 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.**

(4) This Year's Best Kids Books -- If you are looking for a good book for the young people in your life, then be sure to check out Five Books' list of the "Best Kids' Books of 2024 (so far)". The list includes beautiful picture books for children as young as two years old, to novels for children between the ages of 8 and 12. The site also provides a link that will take you to their book recommendations for teens. To get started check out the list at: <https://fivebooks.com/category/best-kids-books/best-kids-books-of-2024/>

(5) Got That Autumn Feeling? -- Well if you are a book lover there's an especially good reason to look forward to fall. After all, it is the busiest season for book publishers with many top notch authors choosing this time of year to release their new books. **If you'd like a sneak peak into what new books will be published this autumn, then be sure and check out Goodreads "Readers' Most Anticipated Book of Fall".** This list, organized by genre, includes new releases by Elizabeth Strout, Olga Tokarczuk, Freida McFadden, Haruki Murakami, Richard Osman and Brandon Sanderson. The list even includes new books for young adults. **So break out your sweater and start searching for a great fall read at:** <https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2783-readers-most-anticipated-books-of-fall?ref=Soapbox Signed Out 2024 Aug Blog 2783>

(6) The Greatest? You Decide! -- It is no small feat -- trying to decide what books would make a list of the greatest American novels from the past century. What criteria do you use? And, how do you ever choose among the millions of the beautifully crafted books penned by some of America's treasured authors? Not to be deterred, The Atlantic decided to rise to the challenge by consulting with book experts, literature professors, book critics, and novelists -- giving each an opportunity to offer five top picks. Then *The Atlantic* compiled the results and added in other selections to fill out any gaps. **And, now the AARP is taking a look at The Atlantic's list and offering some perspective. You can look at the selections and join in on the debate -- are these the greatest? You decide! Just go to:** <https://www.aarp.org/entertainment/books/info-2024/the-atlantic-great-american-novels.html>

(7) Browsing For Books -- If you are a book lover you know that nothing beats losing yourself in the shelves of your local library or a local book store as you search for your next great read. [And, if you are a browser at heart you may want to check out the new book "The Bookshop: A History of the American Bookstore" by Evan Friss.](#) In it Friss offers lively profiles of bookstores and their owners from the 18th century to today. His journey through time shows that books stores do more than sell books -- they are at the heart of a community and an important gathering place. Friss' survey takes you from Benjamin Franklin's Philadelphia print shop to book stores in Boston, New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, and more. Along the way you discover The Strand in New York City, The Old Corner Bookstore in Boston, Washington's Politics and Prose bookstore, and more. The story isn't always happy as many bookstores have shuttered their doors in recent years, but Friss' book provides an interesting look at the iconic role bookstores have played in American life.

(8) Consider Joining One Of The Monmouth County Library's Book Discussions This Month --**

September 18, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. -- Join a hybrid (in-person or on Zoom) discussion of "*The House of Eve*" by Sadeqa Johnson. In 1950s Philadelphia fifteen-year-old Ruby Pearsall is on track to become the first in her family to attend college, but a taboo love affairs threatens to pull her back into poverty. Eleanor Quarles arrives in Washington, D.C., with ambition and secrets. When she meets the handsome William Pride, Eleanor hopes that a baby will make her finally feel at home in his family. With their stories colliding in the most unexpected ways, Ruby and Eleanor will both make decisions that shape the trajectory of their lives.

September 26, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. -- Join a hybrid (in-person or on Zoom) discussion of "*Anne Boleyn & Elizabeth I: The Mother and Daughter Who Forever Changed British History*" by Tracy Borman. Anne Boleyn may be best known for losing her head, but Tudor expert Tracy Borman reveals, in a book that recasts British history, that Anne's greatest legacy lies in the path-breaking reign of her daughter, Elizabeth.

****Registration is required to participate in these book discussions. 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

(1) Coming in September 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 Garrett Graff, Nate Klemp, and Liane Moriarty)**
- **Yoga Sessions**
- **Lectures:** including When Baseball Was Still Topps, Archaeological Investigations at the Twin Lights, The History of American Boardwalks, Mastering the Art of Public Speaking, The Jersey Pinelands, Reaping the Whirlwind: The U-Boat War Off North America During World War II, On Environmental Well-Being, I Do: Victorian Wedding Traditions, Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, Don't Read THAT: Banned Books, Leonardo da Vinci, etc.
- **Meet the Bruce Springsteen Archives & Center for American Music**
- **Sweater Weather: Keep Calm & Garden On**
- **Rutgers Master Gardeners: Enchantment in Your Evening Garden**
- **Empowerment and Self-Defense Workshop**
- **Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR): Suicide Prevention Training**
- **Writing Workshops**
- **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 September.](#)

(2) Coming in September to the New Jersey State Library System (NJSL)...

The New Jersey State Library System offers "NJSL Presents Webinars" which are free and open to anyone interested in attending. Registration is required in advance and all webinars are recorded and posted to their [YouTube page](#) afterward. You can also check out event recaps on their [blog](#) .

Here's what is on tap in September from the NJSL:

- [Get the OFFER!: A Killer Interview Technique That Works -](#)
- September 13, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

- **Virtual Author Talk -- The Puerto Rican Farm Workers in the Garden State, 1950's-1970s -- September 19, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.**

For a description of each webinar's content and to register -- simply go to: <https://www.njstatelib.org/> Scroll down to the listing of Upcoming Events and click on the program you are interested in attending.

✓ **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**](mailto:friendsofoceantwplibrary@gmail.com)