

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



Important News

(1) **Summer Reading Program Launches** -- The Monmouth County Library is hosting its annual summer reading program. This year the program kicks off **June 1, 2021 and runs through August 15, 2021**. **The theme this year is "Tails and Tales"**.

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 on June 1 to ensure your prize eligibility.

To register go to: 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.

The summer reading program levels are: **"Read To Me;" "Vacation Reading Club"** (Grades K - 6 grade); **"Teens"** (Grades 6 - 12); and **"Adults"** (Age 18+).

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 read between June 1 and August 15, 2021. The more books you read, the better.** So ready, set, go -- start reading!

(2) **Primary Election Day** in New Jersey is **Tuesday, June 8, 2021** This primary election will be an "in-person" voting event. The governor's office and all 120 seats in the state legislature are on the ballot.



Updates from the Township of Ocean Library

(1) **Local Spotlight** -- Our local branch is turning the spotlight on great books by local authors. Be sure to check out the new **"Local Authors' Corner"** near the Reference Section of our library. You'll find lots of good reads, including the book of poetry, by township resident Joe Bove, that we referenced in our last newsletter. A photo of the new Local Authors' Corner can be found at the end of this newsletter.

(2) **Just A Quick Reminder** -- **The Township of Ocean Library has resumed its normal hours of operation.** 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. - 5:00 p.m.**

** During July and August our branch's Saturday hours are 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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.)

(3) Our library branch's book drop is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Please note, that **all materials should only be returned in the book drop.** Returned materials will no longer be quarantined for 72 hours.

(4) Other Updates -- Computer use, which during the pandemic was by appointment only, **is now available on a first come, first serve basis.** Reservations will only be required if all computers are in use. Limited seating (one chair per table) is available throughout the library, but the "Quiet Room" remains closed to the public.



Updates from Our Cultural Collaborators

(1) The Township of Ocean Historical Museum -- [The Township of Ocean Historical Museum](#) will be closed on June 20, 2021 in observance of Father's Day. The museum will be open on all other Sundays in June from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Please Note: Masks are required for all visitors and staff.

The Museum will open a new exhibit "Aftermath: How World War II Changed a Nation" on Sunday, June 27, 2021. This new exhibit will explore 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 see this fascinating exhibit.

Please note some important updates regarding The Township of Ocean Historical Museum's 11th American Doll Tea. The event 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. Reservations will be accepted after June 15, 2021. To make a reservation call the museum at 732-531-2136.**



Happening Around Town

(1) Paper Shredding Event -- The Township of Ocean will be holding a shredding event on Saturday, June 12, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Dow Avenue school. This event is for residents only and for the shredding of confidential documents only.

(2) Celebrating Local Artists -- The Township of Ocean Community Celebration Committee is hosting a Spring Art Exhibit and Sale featuring local artists on June 12, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Township of Ocean Historical Museum. (Rain Date: June 13,

2021). The exhibit and sale features strictly paintings by our talented local artists (no craft items). **The Township of Ocean Historical Museum will be open to visitors during this event.** Face masks and social distancing are required.



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 June Reading Challenge -- For June 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 **"Tails and Tales"** (in keeping with the kick-off of the **Summer Reading Program**).

Debbie Bagchi, one of our library's reference librarians, has compiled a variety of books featuring animals. Be sure and check out Debbie's picks on our website: www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org

(2) Check Out LibraryThing -- **LibraryThing considers itself the world's largest book club with a community of over 2,550,000 book lovers.** You can add books to your catalog, get recommendations based on what you've read, or select "member recommendations" to get other alternatives. With **LibraryThing** you also can participate in book discussions and find information on featured authors and new books. **Just go to www.librarything.com to get started.**

(3) Find Out What Book Clubs are Picking to Read -- by checking out **Goodreads "Top 40 Book Club Picks"**. Goodreads has compiled a list of the most popular book club selections. To browse the list go <https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2077-readers-top-40-book-club-picks?int=Soapbox Signed Out 2021 May&int sub=Blog 2077>

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

Book Club Discussions:

June 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. - OR - June 9, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. -- Love is in the Air Part II -- Join this virtual book club to discuss **"The Viscount Who Loved Me" (Bridgerton Book Series 2) by Julia Quinn**. In this book, the gossip columnists have it wrong. London's most elusive bachelor, Anthony Bridgerton, hasn't just decided to marry -- he's even chosen his wife. The only obstacle is his intended's older sister.

June 17, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. -- This virtual book club will discuss **"The Searcher" by Tana French**. In this mystery book a Chicago policeman, who has retired to a bucolic Irish village, finds that even small towns shelter dangerous secrets.

Author Talks:

June 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. -- **Join author Alex Tresniowski to discuss his book "The Rope"**. This gripping and powerful book tells the story of what happened in the tranquil, segregated town of Asbury Park, New Jersey, in November of 1910. A 10-year-old schoolgirl, Marie Smith, is

brutally murdered and a black handyman and ex-boxer named Tom Williams is arrested for the crime and quickly presumed guilty by the white mob, ready for a lynching. But did Williams really do it? Williams' case became only the third legal case ever handled by the a new civil rights organization, the NAACP. This book is an important piece of history that resurrects a long-forgotten true crime story that speaks to the very divisions tearing at the nation's fabric today.

June 23, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. -- Alka Joshi will join in the discussion of her book "The Henna Artist". This novel brings to life the story of 17-year-old Lakshmi who escapes from an abusive marriage to the pink city of Jaipur. There Lakshmi becomes the most highly requested henna artist -- and confidante -- to the upper class. But, she can never reveal her own secrets.

Short Story Discussion:

June 24, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. -- This short short discussion will focus on **"The Haunted Boy" by Carson McCullers.** This story is about a young boy who becomes deeply concerned when he returns from school to find that his mother is not at home.

(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!!



Grab Some Popcorn & Binge Watch a Movie**

The Monmouth County Library's **"The Reel Movie Discussion: A Virtual Program"** (You simply watch the film at your leisure and then join a virtual discussion) **for June is:**

June 22, 2021 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. -- A 40th Anniversary Film Special: "Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark" (1981) (PG). Indiana Jones battles the Nazis in hopes of stopping them from using the power of the Lost Ark of the Covenant. This film, which was directed by Steven Spielberg, stars Harrison Ford and Karen Allen.

To reserve a physical copy of this film, please call our local branch at **732-531-5092** to place a hold. Pickup is available in person or through curbside service.

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Other Fun and Helpful Library Offerings**

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

June 8, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. -- Rethink Your Drink-Hidden Sugars Learn about the different ways added and natural sugars show up in what we consume and their effects on health. Explore helpful tips for getting the most health benefit from your beverage, including antioxidants, vitamins and minerals.

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.

(2) Be WISE -- With WISE, the Wellness Initiative for Senior Education, a presentation by **Samantha White of FCS for Family & Children's Services of Monmouth County**, you'll participate in a series of virtual lessons that cover a wide range of topics designed to increase your knowledge about how bodies age, health care empowerment, and use of over-the-counter medications. The next sessions of this series will be held:

June 1, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. -- Substance Misuse, Addiction, and Older Adults

June 15, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. -- An Enhanced Quality of Life

(3) Turning Lives Around -- On June 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. meet virtually with Erin Walker of 180 Turning Lives Around, an organization that empowers survivors and families affected by domestic violence and sexual assault to find the courage to turn their lives around. This presentation will provide an in-depth look at the programs and services 180 Turning Lives Around offers throughout Monmouth County and it also will offer an overview of domestic violence and sexual violence in New Jersey to help raise awareness.

(4) Learn More About Irresistible Irises -- On June 3, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. Jane Zysk, Rutgers Master Gardener, will present -- both live and virtually -- an enlightening discussion of irises including best planting sites, planting techniques and maintenance.

(5) Join a Chorus of Voices -- Presented by the Monmouth Civic Chorus, a community chorus dedicated to artistic excellence. In addition to singing locally, this talented musical group has brought the finest in choral music to audiences around the world since 1949. **The program premieres on June 13, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.** on the Monmouth County Library website. **(No registration is required. Simply go to the Monmouth County Library website to view: www.MonmouthCountyLib.org)**

(6) 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!

June 10, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. -- Join Monmouth County Director of Consumer Affairs David Salkin as he shares cyber security and online safety tips. Be sure and tune in to learn how to protect you and your family and friends from online threats..

June 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. -- Join Kevin Coyne, a respected journalist and adjunct professor at the Columbia School of Journalism, as he tells the story of **Three Men, Three Centuries, One Town. The Men and The Town: Nathaniel Scudder**, who signed the Articles of Confederation and is the only member of the Continental Congress to die in combat; **William Dayton**, a vice presidential nominee in 1856 who was later appointed ambassador to France and played a key role in helping

keep the French from joining the Confederate cause; and **Bruce Springsteen**, who has chronicled the lives of Americans in his songs and stories and who has introduced his vast audiences to the **the town that all three men share in common: Freehold**. Learn what their stories -- joined with other stories from this small town -- tells us about America's story.

June 16, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. - OR - June 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. -- Join naturalist Jim Peck as he **explores the Jersey Shore from High Point to Cape May**. His talk will cover such topics as barrier beaches, the nature and origin of our sand, the effect of jetties, primary and secondary dunes, beach grass, shore birds, lighthouses, shells, ocean life and much more.

June 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. -- Celebrate Lighthouse Week with a virtual **encore presentation of "The Navesink Twin Lights"** presented by Twin Lights Historian **Nicholas Wood**. **(No registration is required. Simply go to the Monmouth County Library website to view: www.MonmouthCountyLib.org to view.)**

(7) Learn How to Tell Your Personal Story -- Whether you want to tell "you" on stage, in a business meeting, a college interview, with your grandchildren or at the family table, professional storyteller **Terry Wolfisch Cole** of Tell Me Another **will teach you everything you need to know to engage your audience. The live session, on June 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. will feature Terry telling a story as well as tips and tricks for effective storytelling.** This program will be recorded and available to view on the Monmouth County Library website www.MonmouthCountyLib.org through July 9, 2021.

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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 and our state during these difficult times? Here are simple ways you can make a difference.

(1) Walk-in COVID-19 vaccinations -- All six of New Jersey's megasites are now open for walk-in vaccinations during select times. **No appointments are necessary.** To find out more go to: https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/slowing-the-spread/where-how-and-when-can-i-get-vaccinated?utm_campaign=20210514_nwsltr&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

(2) Vaccination Help for the Homebound -- If you are unable to leave home to receive a COVID-19 vaccine or if you have a family member who is homebound, you can now receive help. **Monmouth County residents can call the Monmouth County Regional Health Commission No.1 at 732-493-9520 or the Monmouth County Health Department at 732-845-2070 to request an in-home vaccination appointment for anyone who is homebound.**

You can also **request an in-home vaccination appointment by completing a form at www.covid19.nj.gov/homeboundvax**

If you have questions or need assistance completing the form you should call the NJ COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center at 1-855-568-0545.

(3) Need a Ride? -- **If you or a family member need a ride to a COVID-19 vaccination site, help is also available.** You can now request **free or discounted rides** to vaccination sites where Lyft services are available thanks to a partnership between Lyft, the United Way, and NJ211. **Simply dial 211 to schedule a ride.**

**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

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