

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

 **Important News**

**(1) All branches of the Monmouth County Library will be closed on:**

- . **November 2, 2021 in observance of Election Day**
- . **November 11, 2021 in observance of Veterans Day**
- . **November 25 & November 26, 2021 in observance of Thanksgiving**

**Please note: All branches of the Monmouth County Library will close at 5:00 p.m. on November 24, 2021.**

**(2) The Friends of the Ocean Township Library is kicking off a membership drive this month.**

As you know, due to the COVID-19 crisis, we have been unable to host our two annual book sales -- our group's main fund raising events -- for the last two years. Like many non-profits, our group relies on such fund raising efforts and membership dues to continue to provide services and support our library. And, despite the impact of the pandemic, we have continued to provide funding to both beautify our library and make it more user friendly. In addition, our efforts also have been focused on keeping you informed and aware of what programs, events and services are available to you. We hope that you have benefited from our efforts.

**But, we need your help if we are to continue to provide these and other services going forward. How can you help?**

**(A) If your membership has lapsed, please renew today. If your membership is current (memberships run from January to December of each year), plan ahead and pay your 2022 membership dues now.** Membership Renewal Forms are available online at our website: [www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org](http://www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org) or directly by clicking [here](#)

**(B) If you find the services we provide helpful, let your friends, family and neighbors know about the Friends of the Ocean Township Library and ask them to consider becoming a member.** Simply print out a copy of our membership form (located on our website: [www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org](http://www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org) ) for them and ask them to return it to the address provided on the form.

**Please note: For your convenience you can choose to pay your membership dues either by check/money order or via our electronic payment option (which allows**

you to pay with PayPal or with a Debit or Credit Card). Simply go to our website to renew: [www.friendsofcoastwplibrary.org](http://www.friendsofcoastwplibrary.org)

**We appreciate your support and thank you!**

**(3) Some Long Awaited Good News** -- We have some fantastic news to share. **2022 will mark the return of our twice annual book sales!** More details will be forthcoming. In addition, we will let you know about opportunities for you to volunteer at the sales. Stay tuned.

**(Please note:** 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. With our plans to resume book sales in 2022, we hope to soon begin accepting donations.)

### Updates from the Township of Ocean Library

**(1) Welcome Back To Story Time** -- Exciting stories and song singing continue this month as indoor children's story time resumes at our branch. All ages are welcome (with parent/caregiver). **Registration is required and sign-ups begin one week in advance of each date.** Face coverings for everyone over the age of two is recommended when attending this indoor event. **(To register simply go to the Monmouth County Library EventKeeper site by clicking [here](#) Scroll down to the date of the Story Time event you are interested in and you will see a small "Register" box at the bottom of the description.)**

### Updates from Our Cultural Collaborators

**(1) The Township of Ocean Historical Museum** -- **The Township of Ocean Historical Museum** will be closed on Sunday, November 28, 2021 for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. The museum will be open on all other Sundays in November from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

#### **Museum Upcoming Events:**

**It's Not Too Late To Turn Your Old Jewelry and More Into Cash** -- Coming up on November 10, 2021 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., appraiser Earth Treasures will buy your unwanted jewelry and donate a portion of its profits\* to benefit the Ocean Township Historical Museum. The event will be held at the Museum. Bring your gold, silver, and platinum items (not just jewelry), costume jewelry, and estate jewelry. An appraiser will meet with you in a private session -- following all COVID-19 safety guidelines. **ALL VISITORS MUST WEAR A MASK.** (\*Please Note: The donation does NOT come from your payment -- you receive the same amount as if you went to the store for an appraisal.)

**Don't Forget** -- If you love to shop, be sure and stop by **the Museum quilters "Pre-Holiday Sale of American Girl Doll Clothes" on November 13 and 14, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Museum.** Beautiful handmade outfits and knitwear will be on sale for both 18" and 14" dolls.

**A Don't Miss Event** -- The Museum will be hosting a **Holiday Open House on December 4, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and on December 5, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** There will be something for everyone to enjoy -- from a holiday hunt, model trains, two new exhibits, a real fire engine, a boutique of handmade gifts, and a bakeshop of homemade goodies. **The annual quilt raffle will take place on December 5, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.**

### **Happening Around Town**

**(1) Support The Township of Ocean Community Hope Fund's Thanksgiving Drive** -- Each year schools, businesses, public employees, families and neighbors work together to ensure that people in need in our community are remembered during the holidays. This effort is coordinated by The Community Hope Fund and the Department of Human Services.

**There are two ways you can help.**

**First, for the Thanksgiving Food Drive, you can donate individual items or a complete box of food to accommodate a family of 4 - 6 people.** 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 making a donation.**

**All donations must be received no later than November 12.** If you wish to make a monetary donation to allow for the purchase of perishable items, gift cards, and turkeys, please make your check payable to the Community Hope Fund. Donations can be made Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Fridays, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**All donations should be dropped off at the Department of Human Services building at [601 Deal Road](#).**

**Second, The Community Hope Fund is also seeking volunteers to help provide holiday gifts to Ocean Township families.** The Adopt a Family Program connects individuals, families, and business/community groups with local families that may not be able to purchase holiday gifts and necessities. **For more information** on how you can help, **please contact Jennifer Appio at 732-531-2600 or at [jappio@oceantwp.org](mailto:jappio@oceantwp.org)**

**(2) Thank a Hero -- Write a note of thanks to veterans and active duty service members in our community. Mail or deliver your letter by November 5, 2021 and address it to the Township of Ocean Community Celebrations, [601 Deal Road, Ocean, NJ 07712](https://www.twp.ocean.nj.us/). Mark your letter Attn: J. Nordstrom. Letters will be distributed on Veterans Day, November 11. For more information contact Jennifer Nordstrom at [jnordstrom@oceantwp.org](mailto:jnordstrom@oceantwp.org) or at 732-2600 ext. 6220**

**(3) It's Not Too Early to Get Into the Holiday Spirit -- Our town will host its annual Menorah lighting on November 29, 2021 and its annual Christmas Tree lighting on December 5, 2021. For more information go to our town's website at [www.twpocean.org](http://www.twpocean.org)**

### **🌟 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 November Reading Challenge --** For November 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 **"Nonfiction Of Your Choice"**.

Debbie Bagchi, one of our library's reference librarians, **has compiled a variety of nonfiction books in history, biography, science, business, travel, health and sports**. So if you're looking for a nonfiction book to read, check out Debbie's list which includes such options as "The Sisters of Auschwitz," "The Lost Boys of Montauk," "First Women: The Grace and Power of America's Modern First Ladies," "The Code Breakers" and "The Note Through the Wire." You can take a peek at Debbie's picks on our website: [www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org](http://www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org)

**(2) In Celebration of "World Food Day" --** Later this month we mark **World Food Day** and if you are interested in marking this day with some food-related reading you'll want to check out Goodreads list of **"Food Books for Readers to Devour"**. The list, which is heavy on foodie memoirs, offers a host of recommendations about what, why, and how we eat. To check out the list simply go to: [https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/157723.Food Books for Readers to Devour nonfiction](https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/157723.Food_Books_for_Readers_to_Devour_nonfiction)

**(3) Must Reads --** Ever wonder what are the books that everyone should read? Goodreads has answered that question with their list of **"Books that Everyone Should Read At Least Once"**. The list includes such classics and popular reads as "The Diary of a Young Girl," "To Kill a Mockingbird," "1984," "The Book Thief," "The Kite Runner," and "Wuthering Heights". To see the full list and find your next must read go

to: [https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/264.Books That Everyone Should Read At Least Once](https://www.goodreads.com/list/show/264.Books_That_Everyone_Should_Read_At_Least_Once)

**(4) Looking for a Children's Book?** -- If you are looking for a book for the children in your life be sure to **check out Reading Rockets**. Reading Rockets provides specific lengthy lists of books for young readers by theme. You'll find bedtime stories, fairy tales, stories about friends and family, and more. **To get started go to:** [www.readingrockets.org/books/booksbytheme](http://www.readingrockets.org/books/booksbytheme)

**(5) Have a Song in Your Heart?** -- Then **check out the AARP's list of "Nine Music Memoirs"** that are being released this fall. Among the new releases are books about B.B. King, Led Zeppelin, Stevie Van Zandt, and other blues and rock legends. You'll find the list at <https://www.aarp.org/entertainment/books/info-2021/rock-music-bios.html?intcmp=AE-ENT-BOK-BB>

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

#### **Book Club Discussions:**

**November 10, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.** -- Join this virtual book club to discuss "**Lafayette in the Somewhat United States**" by **Sarah Vowell**. This book chronicles General Lafayette's years in Washington's army and the ideals of the American Revolution versus the reality of the Revolutionary War.

**(\*\* 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\*\***

**(1) Music From World War I** -- Join the **Florian Schantz Jazz Combo** anytime **between November 1 and November 30, 2021 for a virtual program of music from World War I**. The performance will offer a mix of early Dixieland, military music and other standards popular between 1914 - 1918 and includes educational content to honor our veterans and the anniversary of the WWI armistice. **The program will be available for viewing throughout the month of November on the library's website at:** [www.MonmouthCountyLib.org](http://www.MonmouthCountyLib.org) Registration is not necessary.

**(2) Does Your Garden Need Help?** -- Then you won't want to miss having your garden and horticulture questions answered by **Diane Larson**, Monmouth County

Horticulturist of the Rutgers Master Gardeners **on November 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** Please email your questions before noon on November 3, 2021 to Ms. Larson at [MonCoLibrary2021@gmail.com](mailto:MonCoLibrary2021@gmail.com)

**(3) Kitchen Gadgets & Gizmos: Should You Buy It or Leave It?** -- Tune in to hear a real chef's take on what you should buy or leave at the store. You'll also learn how to use the latest innovations. **The program will be broadcast live on November 6, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. on [Facebook.com/MonmouthCoLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/MonmouthCoLibrary).** No registration is required for this event. (If you miss the **live Facebook event**, **this presentation will be rebroadcast on November 17, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.** on the Monmouth County Library's website at [www.MonmouthCountyLib.org](http://www.MonmouthCountyLib.org) )

**(4) Health Care Enrollment** -- On **November 16, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.** join **Samantha White**, from Family and Children's Services of Monmouth County, as she presents the **information you need to make an informed decision during Open Enrollment for 2022 health care coverage** (which begins November 1, 2021 and which continues in most states through January 22, 2022).

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

**November 23, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.** -- **How to Eat A Rainbow: Harvest Veggies, Greens and More on World Food Day.** This presentation will explore the variety of colorful autumn veggies that are a good source of vitamins, antioxidants, and a number of other health promoting nutrients. Learn how you can eat a rainbow with what's in season and explore some simple ways to prepare and cook these tasty veggies. 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.

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

**November 9, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.** -- Join historian **Mary Rasa** for "**The Smallest War Heroes: US Army Pigeon Service**". This presentation **discusses the impact that "hero pigeons" played in World War I and World War II.** Ms. Rasa highlights WWI hero, Cher Ami, who saved approximately 200 lives in October 1918 and explains how this service was homed at Fort Monmouth until its discontinuation in 1957.

**November 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** -- Join theater enthusiast **Brian Stoll** for "**Broadway Returns**" -- a discussion of all things **Broadway** beginning with an update on the current state of Broadway, the history of the Broadway *Playbill*, as well as tips on how to see Broadway shows for under \$50.

**(7) Find Out What It's Worth -- On November 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** author, auctioneer appraiser, and radio show host, **Mike Ivankovich will let you know what your antiques, collectibles and personal treasures are worth today.** **PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE LIMITED APPRAISAL SLOTS AVAILABLE; HOWEVER VIEWING SPOTS ARE UNLIMITED.**

**Important appraisal instructions:**

**. Registration will open November 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The first 30 confirmed registrants should receive an appraisal of ONE item.** Registration does not guarantee a virtual appraisal.

**. Registrants should have one back up item available --** only to be used if the primary item cannot be viewed correctly by the appraiser.

**. Because of possible distortions, registrants should turn off Zoom's Virtual Backgrounds** during the program.

**(8) Happy Thanksgiving -- Join Chef Rob on November 20, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.** as he dishes up a true feast **LIVE on the Monmouth Library's Facebook Page -- which can be accessed through the Library's website at: [www.MonmouthCountyLib.org](http://www.MonmouthCountyLib.org)**

**The tasty menu includes:**

**Pears with Mixed Greens, Dried Cherries & Candied Walnuts with a Balsamic Dressing**  
**Turkey Corn Chowder with Scallions (Perfect for Leftover Turkey)**  
**Pumpkin Snickerdoodle Cookies**

(You will receive emailed recipes and photos when you register.)

**(9) Encore! Encore! Encore! -- This month is the perfect time to catch up on a Monmouth County Library program you may have missed.** Several popular programs are available in November for an encore. **Viewing is available on the Monmouth County Library's website at: [www.MonmouthCountyLib.org](http://www.MonmouthCountyLib.org)** Registration is not required.

**November 2, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. -- Join T. J. Fallon,** founder of the Dead History Channel, **for "Pandemic Pursuit: Visiting Graves of Dead Presidents"**. During the pandemic Mr. Fallon traveled over 50,000 miles throughout the United States to visit the grave sites of every former President, Vice President, Declaration of Independence Signer, and U.S. Constitution Signer. Come hear about his fascinating and funny journey through 33 states.

**November 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** -- Join Monmouth County Director of Consumer Affairs **David Salkin** for **"Protect Yourself from Smart Scammers"** as he shares cyber security and online safety tips

**November 11, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.** -- Join historian **Mary Rasa** for the **"Skirt and Stocking Clad Soldier"** as she discusses the first women to join the military during World War II, their civilian defense worker counterparts, and the Women's Army Corps members from Fort Hancock and Fort Monmouth.

**November 12, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.** -- Join award-winning author and Ghost Tour actress **Leanna Renee Hieber** on a **spirited tour with "The Magic and Mysticism of Central Park"**. You'll have an opportunity to virtually visit the most iconic spaces in Central Park and learn about the 19th century movements that helped create the park and its contents.

**November 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** -- Join miniaturist **Darren T. Scala** for a **history of miniatures** from the earliest known beginnings with the ancient pharaohs in Egypt, to the cabinet houses of the renaissance era (the modern equivalent of doll houses) to today's growing interest in small scale treats.

**November 26, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.** -- Join award-winning author, playwright and actress **Renee Hieber** as she **channels the talented artist Clara Wolcott Driscoll** for **"By the Light of Tiffany: A Virtual Meeting with Clara Driscoll"**. Driscoll was the designer of iconic Tiffany lamps and the manager for the Women's Glass Cutting department of Tiffany Studios from the late 19th Century until 1909.

**November 30, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.** -- Join **Michael Norris**, of Armchair Art Tours, for **Medieval Dress-Up: A Virtual Art History**. Learn more about medieval styles from hats to heels and from unmentionables to outer layers. You'll leave with a sense of everyday fashion for noblewomen, peasants and everyone in between. The talk will feature medieval paintings, sculptures and tapestries, including examples from the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

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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) Don't Forget To Vote -- November 2, 2021 is Election Day.** You will have an opportunity to cast your vote for New Jersey governor, state senate & house representatives, and for our town's local school board members. **If you need more**



information go to the League of Women Voters of Southern Monmouth County's website at [www.lwvsmc.org](http://www.lwvsmc.org)

**(2) COVID-19 Vaccine Booster** -- Booster Covid-19 doses are available now to many New Jersey residents. If you are eligible for a booster you can use the [NJ Vaccine Appointment Finder](#) to book an appointment.

**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 have a  
happy & healthy Thanksgiving!**

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