

**"ALWAYS WORTH A BROWSE"
FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN TOWNSHIP LIBRARY NEWS
JULY 2022**

Big Book Sale News -- Don't Miss Out!

(1) Love a Bargain? -- Then be sure to check out our book sale this month. The sale is scheduled for July 12, 2022 (Tuesday), July 13, 2022 (Wednesday), and July 14, 2022 (Thursday). You won't want to miss this sale because it will include hundreds of new books and DVDs we acquired at our May book donation day event. Be sure and stop by to check out all of the wonderful new books, CDs, and DVDs that will be available for purchase.

(2) Want to Make Some Great Friends While Helping Our Library? -- Why not consider volunteering to help at our July book sale (July 12 - 14, 2022)? We are looking for volunteers to help staff the book sale which will be held Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Our greatest need for volunteers is for the afternoon shifts, 2-4, 4-6 and 6-8. **Shifts are usually two hours in length**, but we can be flexible depending on your schedule. 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 in advance for your support.

Please note: All attendees and volunteers must wear a mask at the sale so that we can help protect the health and safety of our volunteers and visitors. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Important News

(1) Summer Schedule -- From July 3, 2022 through August 28, 2022 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, 2022 in observance of Independence Day.

Updates from the Township of Ocean Library

(1) Happy Birthday -- Did you know that the Monmouth County Library System turns a very vibrant 100 this September 18, 2022? Our branch will be celebrating this amazing anniversary with many fun programs and activities throughout the month of September. **Stay tuned for more details!**

(2) Calling All Artists: Join in the Celebration! -- You can help the Monmouth County Library commemorate its 100th birthday by participating in its Centennial Celebration Bookmark Design Challenge. The challenge is open to artists of all ages. So put your creativity hat on, think about what you love most about our library, and don't forget that birthday-themed entries are encouraged. **For rules and entry guidelines go to: <https://monmouthcountylib.org/wp-content/uploads/bookmark-challenge-2022.pdf>** Be sure to act fast -- your submission must be submitted as a JPEG file to: **MonCoLibrary2022@gmail.com** by **July 15, 2022.**

(3) Are You Signed Up? --[The Monmouth County Library's summer reading program is in full swing and it runs through](#)

August 15, 2022. The theme this year is "Oceans of Possibilities".

As in the past, each registered participant will be reading towards an opportunity to win a prize. (The prize this year is an aluminum, BPA-free 20 oz. water bottle.) **So sign up and start logging every book you read to ensure your prize eligibility.**

To register go to: monmouthcountylib.beanstack.org/reader365

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+).

Together we can do it -- let's make Ocean the top library branch in number of books/ebook/audiobooks read this year. Be sure to log in **ALL** the books you read between **June 1 and August 15, 2022.** The more books you read, the better.

(4) Afternoon Movie -- Free movies return to our library branch on July 14, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. with the film "Dune" This film, adapted from the 1965 novel by Frank Herbert, tells the story of a noble family that becomes embroiled in a war for control of the galaxy's most valuable asset while its heir struggles with visions of a dark future. "Dune" is rated PG-13 and it won six Academy Awards (including for Best Achievement in Visual Effects, Best Sound, and Best Achievement in Cinematography).

(5) Fun Children's Programs On Tap This Month -- The month of July is brimming with exciting and fun programs at our branch for the little ones in your life. **Among the programs coming this month are a paper-themed craft with David Udovic on July 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. and a yoga class with Lauren Kranich on July 27, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. Registration is required.**

Children's Story Time also continues this month at our branch, and weather permitting, some of these sessions will be held outdoors. Registration is required.

Please be sure to check out the Monmouth County Library's website for details on these and other children's programs at our library branch this month. **You can access the children's program schedule and register for individual programs at: www.monmouthcountylib/kids.**

Updates from Our Cultural Collaborators

(1) The Township of Ocean Historical Museum -- The Township of Ocean Historical Museum will be closed on July 3, 2022 in observance of Independence Day weekend. The museum will be open on all other Sundays in July from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. In addition, the museum is open every Thursday evening from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Upcoming Event: The museum's highly popular American Doll Tea will be held August 7, 2022 from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. (Rain Date: August 14, 2022) The event includes doll collections, living history demonstrations, a Victorian playhouse to visit, a custom-made craft project, an original story about the sisters who lived in the Woolley House in the 1800s, and a fashion show featuring the girls and their dolls. Homemade, child-friendly treats, lemonade and iced tea will be served. And, a Doll

Shop will be open stocked with handmade doll clothes and accessories for sale. **Tickets are \$30 for one adult and one child (5 years or older). (Additional children are \$10 each; additional adults are \$25) To reserve your tickets call 732-531-6040 or the museum at 732-531-2136.**

Happening Around Town

(1) Independence Day Celebration -- Plan on celebrating our nation's Independence Day on July 1, 2022 at the Joe Palaia Park from 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. The event, organized by The Township of Ocean Community Celebrations, includes music (by Jobonanno & The Godsons, Pure McCartney, and A&S Sound), food trucks, fun and fireworks. **Bring a lawn chair, picnic in the park and enjoy the celebration!**

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) Summer Reads -- Whether you are lazing by the pool, the beach, or just in your backyard, summer is a perfect time to enjoy a good book. **If you are looking for something a little different this summer, you may want to check out Bill Gates' "Annual Summer Book List."** His five picks cover topics such as climate change, political polarization, gender equality, and how life never quite goes the way we plan when we are younger. You can **browse Gates' list at: <https://people.com/human-interest/bill-gates-shares-summer-book-list-including-sci-fi-novel-about-gender-equity-daughter-jennifer-suggested/>**

(2) Looking For a Summer Read For the Kids in Your Life? -
- Then you may find just what you are looking for thanks to former First Lady Laura Bush. Mrs. Bush recently unveiled her top book recommendations for young readers through middle schoolers. Her selections feature books on humor, adventure and discovery. You can check out the list at: https://www.bushcenter.org/publications/articles/2022/05/mrs-laura-bush-recommended-summer-reading-2022.html?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=fiveforfriday&utm_term=06032022

(3) It's All About Mysteries -- Calling all Mystery and Thriller book fans. Be sure and check out Goodreads list of this summer's biggest and most anticipated mysteries and thrillers. You'll find lots of spine tingling adventure this summer in a host of books, including new titles by genre favorites like Ruth Ware, Riley Sager and Rachel Howzell Hall. To find your next great mystery read simply go to: https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2338-hot-mysteries-and-thrillers-of-summer?ref=pe_3652430_635611660&rto=x_gr_e_nl_mystery&utm_campaign=June2022Mystery&utm_content=Big.Summer.Mysteries&utm_medium=email&utm_source=mystery_newsletter

(4) One Can Never Have Too Many Mysteries -- Especially if you like ones set in bygone eras. There are a slew of new historical mysteries arriving this year. And, with a little help from Goodreads, you can browse the list so you are sure not to miss a single one. You'll find books set in Regency England to mid-1980s California (yes, unbelievable as it may seem...but the 1980s are now considered historical!) **So pack your time travel bag and find your next historical mystery book** at: <https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2343-discover->

[timely-thrills-with-these-42-new-historical-mysteries?ref=pe_3652430_635611660&rto=x_gre_nlmystery&utm_campaign=June2022Mystery&utm_content=Historical.Mys.Thrill&utm_medium=email&utm_source=mystery_newsletter](https://www.amazon.com/amazonbookreview/read/BOB3)

(5) Half Over Already? -- Yes, it is true -- 2022 is already half over! **As time is flying by so quickly, it seems the perfect time to stop and make sure you haven't missed one of this year's top non-fiction books. Amazon's Editors are offering you some help.** They have compiled a list of the top non-fiction books released so far in 2022 complete with book details. **To review the list go**

to: www.amazon.com/amazonbookreview/read/BOB3

(6) A Trip To Paris Not in Your Plans for 2022? -- Well, that doesn't mean you can't still enjoy the City of Light. **Thanks to the AARP you can immerse yourself in the beauty of Paris from the comfort of home with seven historical novels all released in the last few years.** All of the books are available in paperback. **To start your "French adventure" go**

to: <https://www.aarp.org/entertainment/books/info-2020/books-set-in-paris.html?intcmp=AE-ENT-BOK-BB>

(7) Consider Joining The Monmouth County Library's Virtual Book Discussion This Month --**

July 14, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. -- Join this virtual book club to discuss **"Lady in the Lake" by Laura Lippman.** This mystery, set in 1960s Baltimore, is about a middle-aged housewife turned aspiring journalist who pursues the murder of a forgotten young woman.

July 21, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. -- Join this virtual short story discussion about **"Reunion" by John Cheever.** The story is

about an eager young man who meets up with his divorced father while on a layover at New York's famed Grand Central Station.

July 27, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. -- Join this virtual book club to discuss **"The Nature of Fragile Things" by Susan Meissner**. Sophie Whalen is so desperate to get out of a New York City tenement that she answers an ad for a mail order bride and agrees to marry a man in San Diego who she's never met. Then one evening, a stranger at the door sets in motion a chain of events that intertwines the lives of three women on the eve of a devastating California earthquake and tests their resiliency, resolve, and their belief that love can overcome fear.

**** (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) A Game of Bridge Anyone? -- Play Duplicate Bridge at the Monmouth County Library's Headquarters as part of an in-person group. (Please note, this is not a class to learn to play.) Seating is limited and on a first come, first seated basis. Duplicate Bridge is the most widely used variation of bridge in club play. It is called "duplicate" because the same bridge deal (for example, the arrangement of the 52 cards into the

four hands) is played at each table and scoring is based on relative performance. Duplicate Bridge players will meet:

- . July 6, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- . July 13, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- . July 20, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- . July 27, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

(2) More Bridge Playing -- Play Bridge in person at the Monmouth County Library's Headquarters. This is a social interaction group, not a class to learn to play. Seating is limited and on a first-come, first seated basis. Bridge enthusiasts will meet:

- . July 11, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- . July 18, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- . July 25, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

(3) Stop the Bleed^(R) -- The number one cause of preventable death after an injury is bleeding. That's why the American College of Surgeons want you to learn how to Stop the Bleed^(R). No prior experience is needed to take this course. **Anyone can learn how to help bleeding patients before medical professionals arrive.** The Stop the Bleed^(R) program was launched in October of 2015 by the White House. Certification will be awarded upon successful completion of this hands-on course. Certified STB Instructor and EMT **Connor Crafton-Tempel will present this hands-on, hour long course, which is free for registered participants at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters on the following dates and times:**

- . July 12, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.
- . July 18, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

. July 26, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

(4) Stay Safe This Summer -- Join Rachel Tansey, MA Family & Community Health Sciences, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County, on July 12, 2022 for this virtual Zoom presentation on how to stay safe this summer whether you are spending time in the sun, grilling, or preparing food to serve outdoors.

(5) Travel Back In Time -- Through a wonderful in-person musical performance by "Just Friends" as they perform hits from the '50s, '60s, and '70's on July 13, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters. No registration is required. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Seating is on a first come basis (no saving seats permitted).

(6) Explore Your Inner Artist -- You can put your inner artist on display as you create a Monet-inspired tree during a live Zoom session with artist Barbara Freiberg on July 14, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. You will learn how to sketch and then fill in your drawing using Monet's style. To participate in this virtual art class you will need the following supplies: a regular pencil, eraser with rules/straightedge, one piece of white 9x12 sketch or drawing paper, and assorted colors of thin markers (Crayola Super Tips Washable Markers 50 pack or similar markers.), and a black ultra fine marker. Registration for this class opens at noon on July 1, 2022.

(7) Find Answers -- On July 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m as Diane Larson, Monmouth County Horticulturist of the Rutgers Master Gardeners, answers your horticulture and garden questions via Zoom. Please email questions in advance to Ms. Larson at MonCoLibrary2022@gmail.com before noon on July 13, 2022.

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

July 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. -- "Love, Death and Betrayal" -- A virtual lecture about Anna and Vito Genovese. They were both married with children when they fell in love. **She was the ultimate mafia wife and he was the most feared gangster in America, but she was not afraid.** In fact, when she became a woman scorned she had the courage to violate the southern Italian code of silence. **Join** historian **John Barrows** as he discusses the most famous mob queen and her life with her husband -- including their time living in Monmouth County.

(9) Happy Summer -- Join **Chef Rob** on **July 25, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.** as he dishes up a true summertime feast **LIVE** on the **Monmouth Library's Facebook Page** -- which can be accessed through the Library's website at: www.MonmouthCountyLib.org

The tasty menu includes:

Summer Green Onion & Chicken Lettuce Wrap
Stuffed Zucchini Boats with Parmesan & Cherry Tomatoes
Indulgent Raspberry Banana Chocolate Chip Bread

You will receive emailed recipes and photos when you register. (If you miss the LIVE Facebook event, this program will be rebroadcast on the Monmouth County Library's YouTube [Food Festival Playlist](#) after its initial airing.)

(10) Career Help -- On **July 26, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.** join the **"The Advantages of Career Rejection,"** a live Zoom workshop that explains how instead of taking rejection as a personal attack, you can learn and grow from these moments and actually end up ahead in your career search. **Join**

LaPora Lindsey, a certified workforce development professional and certified professional resume writer, for this enlightening session.

(11) Self Care -- If you are interested in meditation or yoga, then be sure to check out the Monmouth County Library for a host of self-care programs they are offering during the month of July. For a list of the sessions and to register simply go to: [the Monmouth County Library EventKeeper site by clicking here](#)

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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) Enjoy New Jersey's State Parks -- If you are looking for something to do close to home this year, consider visiting one of New Jersey's many state parks, forests and recreation areas. Not only will you enjoy our state's beautiful resources, but entry fees into these parks are waived this summer! (Please note that other individual fees for camping, interpretive programs, and mobile sport fishing permits remain in place.) To learn more go to: www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/

(2) Health insurance, doula services, home visit assistance, early childhood education, and many other services are now

available for families with young children through a new simplified website -- **Connecting NJ**. To find out more go to: **[www.nj.gov/connectingnj/?utm_campaign=20220!](http://www.nj.gov/connectingnj/?utm_campaign=20220)**

(3) Answer The Call -- Randomly selected residents of our state may receive a phone call from the New Jersey Department of Health asking them to participate in an anonymous health survey. (Please note: No personally identifiable information will be collected.). The New Jersey Behavioral Risk Factor Survey, conducted in conjunction with the CDC, is seeking to understand the behavioral risk factors that affect residents' health both positively and negatively. If you are called, your caller ID will indicate "New Jersey Department of Health". State officials encourage all residents to participate in the survey if they are contacted.

**Thank you again for your continued support of
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