

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

 **Important News**

(1) **Sizzling Summer Success** -- We are thrilled to report that our July book sale was a huge success. **We earned \$1,658 which we can use to enhance our library and support its programs.** Thank you to all the Friends members who volunteered their time to help with this important fund raising event. And, a special note of appreciation to Mickey Manna and Lynn Librizzi for their efforts in organizing and planning our sale.

(2) **Summer Schedule** -- Just a reminder: **Our branch will be open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. through August 28, 2022.**

(3) **Happy National Book Lovers Day** -- National Book Lovers Day commemorates the power of books and the reader in all of us. **Celebrated this year on August 9, 2022, it is a perfect time to pick up a new book or an old favorite and lose yourself in the pages of a powerful story.**

 **Updates from the Township of Ocean Library**

(1) **Amazing Stats** -- Our library branch is seeing over 400 visitors a day and in June over 10,000 items were put into circulation! **A big shout out to our amazing library staff for handling all of these avid readers' requests and for always being so helpful.**

(2) **Young Adult Room** -- Our library's young adult room is freshly painted. **And, thanks to the friends and family of Patrick O'Grady Boyce and the Friends of the Township of Ocean Library, the room now also features some breathtaking surfing-themed photographs taken by Chris Spiegel.**

(3) **Act Fast! Time is Running Out!** --**The Monmouth County Library's summer reading program is in full swing and it runs through August 15, 2022. If you haven't yet done so, please be sure to log all the books you've read since June 1, 2022.**

To register go to: [monmouthcountylib.beanstack.org/reader365](https://monmouthcountylib.beanstack.org/reader365)

**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 have returned to our library branch. **On August 25, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. the film "Belfast" will be shown.** This film, a coming-of-age drama set during "The Troubles" in Northern Ireland, was written and directed by Kenneth Branagh. It was nominated for seven Academy Awards and won for Best Original Screenplay. The film grossed over \$48 million worldwide and is rated PG-13.

**(5) Fun Children's Programs On Tap This Month** -- The month of August is brimming with exciting and fun programs at our branch for the little ones in your life. **Among the programs coming this month is "Gyotaku: The Art of Japanese Fish Painting" with WILD Jersey's Debbie Hadley on August 8, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.** During this program children will make their own fish print and learn all about fish. (Be sure to dress for mess!) **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](http://www.monmouthcountylib/kids).**

**(6) 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.** 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).

### **Updates from Our Cultural Collaborators**

**(1) The Township of Ocean Historical Museum** -- **[The Township of Ocean Historical Museum](#)** will be open on all Sundays in August from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. In addition, the museum is open every Thursday evening from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

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)** 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.**

The Museum is happy to announce that its **Speaker Series returns with an in-person event at The West Park Recreation Center at 615 West Park Avenue on August 17, 2022 at 7:15 p.m.** Be sure to mark your calendar to hear Randall

**Gabrielan share highlights from his new book *Lost Monmouth County*.** Mr. Gabrielan, an acknowledged authority on the history of our region, will discuss many areas in our county that have disappeared or been extensively changed over the years - including the Long Branch shore-front housing colony built by the promoter of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show, Wall Township's Circus Drive-in, and the opera houses in Asbury Park and Red Bank.

**(2) Terner Art Gallery -- The Terner Art Gallery**, located inside our library branch, **will host a new exhibit in August. The exhibit "COVID Made Me Paint" will feature art from approximately 30 local residents and will be available for viewing through September 2, 2022.** The exhibit is open to the public during regular library hours. Please note some of the displayed art will be available for purchase.

**Artists interested in having shows in the gallery can contact Diane Novobilsky at [dnovobilsky@aol.com](mailto:dnovobilsky@aol.com) or Becky McHugh at [bzfreeloder@yahoo.com](mailto:bzfreeloder@yahoo.com).**

### **Happening Around Town**

**(1) Help Needed -- The Ocean Township Meals on Wheels Program is in need of volunteers. The program**, run through the Department of Human Services, **is looking for volunteers who have a reliable car (large enough to hold a cooler with about 8 - 10 meals) and who are willing to donate two hours (between 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.) one day a week. If you have a few hours to spare and are interested in helping our town's seniors, please reach out to Jen Appio at 732-531-2600 or at [jappio@oceantwp.org](mailto:jappio@oceantwp.org)**

**(2) The 46th Annual Italian American Association of the Township of Ocean Festival -- If you love great food, live music, cooking seminars, carnival rides, and tons of other fun, you won't want to miss the IAATO's Italian Festival August 10, 2022 - August 14, 2022 at the Joe Palaia Park in Oakhurst. The festival is open daily from 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.**

**(3) Make Your Reservation Now -- to support the Ocean Township Community Hope Fund as they present "The Rat Pack One Man Variety Show" featuring Johnny Petillo (former member of The Duprees and currently on tour with Tony Orlando) on September 9, 2022 from 6:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. at Falco's "Copa Room" in The Renaissance (1110 Highway 35 in Ocean Township)** The event includes music, a three course plated meal with beer and wine, chance auction and a 50/50 raffle. **If you are interested act quickly -- you must make a reservation before August 28, 2022 by contacting [events@communityhopefund.org](mailto:events@communityhopefund.org) and ask for a reservation form.** Tickets are \$65 per person. The Ocean Township Community Hope Fund is a 501c3 non-profit organization that promotes youth development and supports the charitable needs of our community.

**(4) Have a Concern About Something in Town? -- Now you can report it with the App ReportIt and it will go directly to Dave Brown, Town Manager.** If you have a concern about grass that's too high, unkempt homes, potholes, etc., or a suggestion to improve our town, you can submit your concern/suggestion anonymously or you can submit using your name (if you wish to be alerted of the resolution). **The ReportIt App link can be found on the lower right hand corner of the town's website at [www.OceanTwp.org](http://www.OceanTwp.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) Summer Reads -- Looking for a great summer beach read? Then you should check out CBS News' list of the "Best Summer Beach Reads for 2022."** The list includes Viola Davis' acclaimed memoir "Finding Me", "Book Lovers" by Emily Henry, "Sparring Partners" by John Grisham, the "Guest List" by Lucy Foley, and more. **You can find the full summer beach read list at: <https://www.cbsnews.com/essentials/best-summer-beach-reads/>**

**(2) More Perfect Summertime Reads -- CBS News is not the only one with a host of great summertime reading suggestions. Readers Digest has compiled a list of great summertime reads that are just perfect whether you are laying on the sand or your just mowed back yard.** Simply select a book from the list which includes fiction, fantasy, romance, mystery, historical fiction (and more) and you'll find yourself pleasantly lost in amongst the pages. **To get started go to: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/lifestyle/smart-living/30-best-books-to-add-to-your-2022-summer-reading-list/ar-AAZeJcE>**

**(3) Literal Page Turner -- The term page turner typically refers to books with gripping plots that have a reader yearning to know what happens next. Now Goodreads has another take on the term. By researching the average time it took Goodreads' readers to mark a book from "currently reading" to "read" Goodreads' editors compiled a list of the literally fastest page turners.** Interestingly the majority of the books on Goodreads' list were completed by readers in less than seven days. Curious to know the fastest book on average? Turns out it is Rebecca Serle's *One Italian Summer* which readers devoured in an average of three days. **To find the full list of guaranteed page turners go to: [https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2301-guaranteed-reader-approved-summer-page-turners-by-genre?ref=pe\\_3097180\\_635493000&rto=x\\_qr\\_e\\_nl\\_general&utm\\_campaign=June212022&utm\\_content=Summer.Pageturners&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter](https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2301-guaranteed-reader-approved-summer-page-turners-by-genre?ref=pe_3097180_635493000&rto=x_qr_e_nl_general&utm_campaign=June212022&utm_content=Summer.Pageturners&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter)**

**(4) 100 Years of Books -- As you may know, 2022 marks the 100th anniversary of the Monmouth County Library system. In that time, countless books have been**

written, read and talked about. **In honor of the Monmouth County Library's centennial birthday, we are including here a link to a list of the top books of the last 100 years compiled by Goodreads.** The list includes classics, children's books, graphic novels and books in nearly every genre. You'll find the complete list at: [https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2304-100-years-of-popular-books-on-goodreads?ref=pe\\_3097180\\_635475850&rto=x\\_gr\\_e\\_nl\\_general&utm\\_campaign=July062022&utm\\_content=Century.Books&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter](https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2304-100-years-of-popular-books-on-goodreads?ref=pe_3097180_635475850&rto=x_gr_e_nl_general&utm_campaign=July062022&utm_content=Century.Books&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter)

**(5) Now Available in Paperback** -- Some of 2021's best books are now available in paperback. **If you prefer this more portable form of a novel, be sure and check out AARP's list of "10 Fantastic Novels Now in Paperback"** You'll find the recommended reads at: <https://www.aarp.org/entertainment/books/info-2022/new-in-paperback.html>

**(6) Let A Duchess Suggest Your Child's/Grandchild's Next Read** -- The Duchess of Cambridge recently shared her top book recommendations for children. Included in her list are her own favorite childhood titles, along with the books she reads to her children Prince George, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louie. **Interested in a royal recommendation? Then look no further than this article in *Good Housekeeping* which lists the duchess' favorite children's books:** <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/uk/lifestyle/editors-choice-book-reviews/a39365373/duchess-of-cambridge-childrens-book-recommendations/>

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

**August 10, at 10:30 a.m.** -- Join this virtual book club to discuss *Libertie* by Kaitlyn Greenidge. Inspired by the life of one of the first Black female doctors in the U.S., this book tells the story of Libertie Sampson who comes of age in a free Black community in Reconstruction-era Brooklyn and who is all too aware that her mother, a physician has a vision for their future together.

**August 25, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.** -- Join this virtual short story discussion about *Everyday Use* by Alice Walker. In this story a mother in the rural south reflects on the differences between her two daughters, the youngest who lives a simple life in the South and the oldest who returns from the big city educated and outspoken.

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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:

- . August 3, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- . August 10, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- . August 24, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- . August 31, 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:

- . August 1, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- . August 8, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- . August 22, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- . August 29, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

**(3) Getting Your Garden Prepared For Three Seasons -- Join Jane Zysk of the Rutgers Master Gardeners on August 4, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. for a virtual program that will help you make the most of your garden through three seasons.** You'll find out what should be planted when and where, and how to maintain a beautiful garden throughout most of the year.

**(4) Get Your Toes Tapping -- at a live in-person concert, at the Monmouth County Library's headquarters in Manalapan on August 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., as Steven Russell takes you on a musical tour of the songs and sounds that were popular in 1922 -- the year that the Monmouth County Library was established.** You'll enjoy Ragtime, Blues, jazzy romantic songs, Broadway, Vaudeville and jazz-influenced classical piano music. Registration is not required for this event. Seating is on a first come, first seated basis. Although not required, attendees are encouraged to kindly wear a mask during the performance.

**(5) Welcome Your Wellness -- Join Rachel Tansey, MA Family & Community Health Sciences, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County, on August 11, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. for this virtual Zoom presentation that will offer you tips and strategies**



for improve your overall wellness, stress management, self-care, and healthy routines.

**(6) Explore Your Inner Artist -- You can put your inner artist on display as you learn to draw a Summer Tanager bird on a tree branch during a live Zoom session with artist Barbara Freiberg on August 16, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.** You'll learn how to use lines, shapes and angles to complete your drawing. **To participate in this virtual art class you will need the following supplies: a regular pencil, eraser, ruler/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 August 1, 2022.**

**(7) 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:

**August 9, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. -- "Advance Funeral Planning" -- A virtual lecture presented by Kellie Bender, Advanced Planning Funeral Director at a local funeral home. You'll learn about the benefits of and importance of pre-planning so that when a death occurs the family can focus on supporting each other instead of having to make difficult decisions.**

**(8) Encore! Encore! Encore! --** These programs will be available for a one time rebroadcast on the Library's website: [www.MonmouthCountyLib.org](http://www.MonmouthCountyLib.org)

**August 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. -- Impressionism with a Woman's Touch -- This program, hosted by Mike Norris, explores the French Impressionist, Berthe Marie Pauline Morisot, whose art often focused on modern young women and children.**

**August 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. -- Synagogues of the United States -- This program, hosted by Oscar Israelowitz, features some of the oldest congregations throughout the United States.** The presentation includes a discussion of synagogues designed by such notable architects as Frank Lloyd Wright, Percival Goodman, Minoru Yamasaki, Paul Rudolph, Harrison Abramovitz, and Louis Kahn.


**August 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. -- Cheers! History of Liquor -- This program, hosted by Greg Caggiano, provides a history of liquor from its origins in Biblical times right through American Prohibition and even what people are drinking today.**

**August 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. -- An Evening of Reiki -- This program, hosted by Lauren Kranich, will demonstrate the natural and holistic healing powers of Reiki, an energy healing art.**

**August 31, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. -- Shipwrecks and Lifesavers: The U.S. Coast Guard -**  
**-This program, hosted by Mara Rasa, highlights the history of the U.S. Coast**  
**Guard and the critical role Monmouth County played in the story.**

**(9) 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 August. **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) Make the Call -- The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has created a**  
**special three-digit dialing code, 988, for mental health crisis and suicide**  
**prevention. The 988 line will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for calls, texts**  
**and chat.** If you or someone you know is struggling with mental health issues please  
don't hesitate to make the call.

**(2) Help is Available -- New Jersey has launched** a free, confidential, online tool to  
help state residents connect with appropriate addiction treatment care and find available  
programs. Known as **ATLAS (R)**, **this tool allows you to search and compare**  
**programs using criteria such as location, insurance accepted, and services**  
**offered. To learn more go**  
**to: [https://www.treatmentatlas.org/?utm\\_campaign=20220708\\_nwsltr\\_a&utm\\_med](https://www.treatmentatlas.org/?utm_campaign=20220708_nwsltr_a&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)**  
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**(3) It's Not Too Late -- If you are looking for something to do close to home this**  
**summer, 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/](http://www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/)**

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