



Mount Laurel
Library

Newsletter and Program Guide

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Mah Jong

**Tuesday,
September 3, 10, 17, 24 1PM**

Mahjong is a fun and popular tile-based game of strategy, skill, and lots of luck. Some experience recommended. Bring your National Mahjong League 2024 card and a mahjong set (if you have one). No registration required.



Knit and Crochet

**Monday, Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 6:30PM
Wednesday, September 4, 11, 18, 25 1PM
Friday, September 6, 13, 20, 27 1PM**

Like to Knit or Crochet? Come and join this friendly group. Beginners to experts are welcome. Please bring your own materials. No registration required.

Scrabble Club

**Wednesday, September 4 2PM
Tuesday, September 24 6PM**

Beginners and experts are invited to join us for a fun evening. Scrabble boards, scoring materials, and a dictionary will be provided. Bring your friends or make new friends at the event. Participants will play in groups of up to four people. No registration required.



Tai Chi for Health

**Wednesday
September 4, 11, 18, 25 4PM**

Certified instructor Bob Stanton teaches tai chi, a gentle exercise that can improve muscle tone, flexibility, and coordination. It can be done seated or standing. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before the event.

Yin Yoga

**Wednesday, September 4 7PM
Wednesday, October 2 7PM**

Join us for a beginner-friendly yoga class led by Monica Walsh. Monica's yoga is focused on restorative principles, with an emphasis on relieving stress and maximizing range of movement. This is a very meditative style of yoga. Please bring a yoga mat if you have one – a small number will be available to borrow. Registration required.

Dungeons & Dragons

Thursday, September 5, 12, 19, 26 6PM

Come and join one of the adventures in the original roleplaying game. 5E ruleset. New and experienced players welcome. Registration required.



Matinee: India, Sweets and Spices

Saturday, September 7 1PM

India Sweets and Spices (2021) is a romantic comedy from the producer of Crazy Rich Asians. On summer break from college, Alia returns to her family's affluent New Jersey home. Pushing against her Indian-American parents, she invites the handsome son of working-class shopkeepers to her mother's extravagant soiree. No registration required. PG-13. 1hr 41min.



Chess Club

Saturday, September 7, 21 2PM

Come play Chess at the library! New and experienced players welcome. We'll provide chess boards, but feel free to bring your own if you like. Registration not required.

The Library will be CLOSED on Monday, September 2.

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ADULTS

ESL Conversation Class

Wednesday, September 11, 18, 25 6PM

This ESL class is for upper-level beginner to lower-level intermediate learners. To register for free classes through NJ Literacy, please fill out an application on their website at <https://literacynj.org/burlington-student-application>, or text them at 609-388-1506. They will contact you and place you in an appropriate class for your learning level. This class is for adults only (18+).



Film Forum: Ballad of Cable Hogue

Wednesday, September 11 7PM

A scruffy comedy Western about a desert rat (Jason Robards) who forms an unlikely friendship with a frontier town's con man preacher. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link.

Magic: The Gathering Night

Thursday, September 12 6PM

Stop by the library and play Magic: The Gathering. New and experienced players welcome. Commander has been the most popular format for experienced players at these events. New players can borrow a starter deck and learn the game - a librarian will be available to teach you the rules. Registration not required.



Freeze Frame: Movie Introductions

Thursday, September 12 7PM

What are the most iconic moments introducing a character in a motion picture? Many come to mind, but what makes them so powerful, mysterious, or funny, and why have they become frozen in time for you? Hosted by Irv Slifkin. Registration required. You will receive a zoom link.



Crystal Bowl Sound Bath Meditation

Saturday, September 14 2PM

Join us for an immersive sound bath meditation for mind, body, and soul healing, combined with the ambience of campfire sounds. Please bring your pillow, yoga mat and/or blanket for your comfort. Chairs will be available for those who choose not to lie down on the floor. Registration required.



Dance Class: Hustle

Tuesday, September 17 7PM

Come and learn to do the Hustle! Diane, from Dances by Diane, will be here teaching. Have some fun and get yourself moving. No registration required.



Concert: The Live Wire Band

Sunday, September 15 2PM

Live Wire is an instrumental band that play a wide range of New Orleans funk, pop tunes, light jazz, and bossa nova styled music. No registration required.

Silent Book Club

Monday, September 16, 30 6:30PM

Are you looking for a cozy spot to read in companionable silence? The first half hour will be set aside to share and socialize; the next hour will be quiet reading. We will provide comfortable seating and refreshments, just bring a book, or choose one from our collection, and join in. No registration required.

Moguls: Film Pioneers

Monday, September 16 7PM

Filmmaker and author Craig Singer is our special guest, discussing the book he recently co-authored: "Moguls: The Lives and Times of Hollywood Film Pioneers Nicholas and Joseph Schenck." It details the exploits of the little-known sibling movie producers, whose involvement with the mob, famous scandals, and the blacklist is sure to wow you. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. Registration required. You will receive a zoom link beforehand.



Arts & Crafts

for Adults with Disabilities

Tuesday, September 17 10:30AM

Join us for a class designed for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Dress for possible mess! Ages 18+ only. Please note that the library does not provide respite care; caregivers are required to stay with adults who need them. Adults who do not require a caregiver are also welcome to attend. Registration required (please register participants only; no need to register caregivers).

Wild About Senses, for Adults w/Disabilities

Friday, September 27 11:45AM

In this program designed for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, experience the outdoors in the library with Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge! Feel the sand of the Pinelands, touch elements related to New Jersey's wildlife and meet a wildlife ambassador. Ages 18+ only. Please note that the library does not provide respite care; caregivers are required to stay with adults who need them. Adults who do not require a caregiver are also welcome to attend. Registration is required (please register participants only; no need to register caregivers). Program includes live animals.

ADULTS



Blackout Poetry Meetup

Tuesday, September 17 4PM

Have you ever wanted to write poetry but couldn't find the words? Blackout poetry is a form of found poetry whereby participants create a poem by blacking out words from a page to create a new work. All supplies provided. No registration required.



Music: Rockin' N Rollin'

Tuesday, September 17 7PM

We'll explore the roots of rock and roll leading up to the great rock explosion in the 1950s. Sure to be one stompin' and boppin' history lesson! Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before the event.



Book Chat: Demon Copperhead

Wednesday, September 18 7PM

Please join us for a book discussion on zoom about Barbara Kingsolver's *Demon Copperhead*, winner of the 2023 Pulitzer Prize. You will be sent the zoom link after you register. The group is very informal there is no pressure to participate, all are welcome.



Poetry: Poems About Orpheus

Thursday, September 19 7PM

This month we'll read and share our reactions to poetry that retells the Orpheus myth: from Shakespeare to contemporary poets. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.

Music: The Saga of "Louie, Louie"

Monday, September 23 7PM

A truly American story of how an obscure tune by a gifted doo wop singer was transformed into a surprise smash hit! We'll listen to the Latin and pop songs that inspired the original, and some of the more than 5000 versions that have been made over the years. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before the event.

Jigsaw Puzzle Night

Wednesday, September 11 6PM

Bring your friends (or make new ones) and work together to complete a puzzle! Looking forward to having a friendly and fun evening puzzling. No registration required.



Book Club

Saturday, September 14 1PM

Join our lively book group, this month we will be discussing Emma Heatherington's *The Legacy of Lucy Harte*. The next book selection will be handed out at this meeting. New attenders are always welcome. No registration required.

Movie Club: Coppola Now!

Wednesday, September 25 7PM

From sickly kid to Oscar winning screenwriter, Francis Ford Coppola's life reads like one of his epic movies. The Movie Club focuses on the 85-year-old Coppola, the man, and his dream. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. Registration required. You will receive a zoom link beforehand.

Community Trivia

Saturday, September 28 1PM

Come in for a game of Community Trivia, run by volunteers from Burlington County MENSA. Form teams, answer tricky trivia questions, and compete for a high score! Please register so that the organizers know how many teams to expect.



Adult Craft: Craft Alcohol Ink Mugs

Saturday, September 28 2PM

Use alcohol ink and saran wrap to create a beautiful color design on a mug! Please note that participants will need to wear gloves (provided) during this craft, and that they will need to take this craft home and bake it to finish it. Registration required.

Foreign Film: Mississippi Masala

Sunday, September 29 1PM

From Mira Nair, director of "Monsoon Wedding," comes this compelling romantic drama centered on two families of immigrants, one from India, the other from Uganda, both now living in Mississippi. 1991. R (mature themes, sexual situations). In English and Swahili with English subtitles. 118 min. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. No registration required.

KIDS

Some events require registration. Some events require registration WITH a current Mount Laurel Library card. Please check the descriptions in advance to determine what you will need to participate. Registration begins on the first of the month for most but not all events. Please check our online calendar for exact dates.



Story Time

**Babies ages 0 to 18 months:
Friday, September 6, 20 10:30AM**

Toddlers ages 18 months to 3 years:

**Tuesday,
September 3, 10, 17, 24 10:30AM**

Preschoolers ages 3 to 5:

**Wednesday,
September 4, 11, 18, 25 10:30AM**

**Family: Saturday,
September 14, 21 10:30AM**

Join us for fun stories, songs, and rhymes as we explore a new theme every week!
No registration required.

Tumblin' Tots

**Thursday, September 5, 19
10:30 & 11:15AM**

Join Miss Amy of Tumblin' Tots for a fun and energetic movement class designed especially for ages 2.5 - 4 years. This program is designed for children and accompanying adults. Plan to attend and be engaged with your child for this program. Drop-offs will not be permitted. Registration with a current Mount Laurel Library card is required.



Caregiver & Me Yoga

Friday, September 6 10:30AM

Connect with your child through yoga! This class incorporates yoga poses, breathing techniques, music, and games in a safe and engaging way. The class is open to children of all abilities, ages 2-5. Please bring a mat if possible and come prepared to have fun! Registration required please register the child only. Adults must attend with child for this program. Drop offs will not be permitted.

Tots Art Time

Friday, September 13 10:30AM

An art class for the little ones to enjoy with parents and caregivers. Designed for ages 18 months – 3 years old. Registration with library card required.

Wild About Senses

with Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge

Friday, September 27

10AM, 10:15AM, 11AM, 11:15AM

Experience the outdoors in the library with Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge! Feel the sand of the Pinelands, touch elements related to New Jersey's wildlife and smell plants native to the area. What will you discover? This program is designed for children and accompanying adults. Plan to attend and be engaged with your child for this program. Drop-offs will not be permitted.



Move & Groove

Monday, Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30 10:30AM

Does your little one love to dance, sing, and get active? Join us for this weekly event where we celebrate music through rhymes, songs, and dance-alongs! Designed for ages 18 months - 5 years old, this program will give kids a chance to learn new dance moves and get active!
No registration required.



Art Time

Sunday, September 22 2PM

Miss Susan combines Art History, Literature, Science, and maybe even a little Math! Participants will be exposed to a variety of artists, mediums, and techniques. No experience or supplies necessary! This is a school-aged program for grades Kindergarten and up. Registration with library card required.



Paws for Reading

Sunday, September 15 2PM

Tuesday, September 24 1PM

Practice your reading skills with a captive canine audience in a private setting. Bring your favorite book from home or arrive early to choose a book from the library's collection. Grades K-4. Sessions are in 15-minute blocks and registration is required.

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Yoga for Kids

Wednesdays, Sept. 11 and 25 4PM

This 45-minute yoga class is designed for kids ages 6-8. The students will build strength, balance, and flexibility while promoting body awareness and self-confidence. The class includes breathwork, yoga poses, music, games, and relaxation and is presented in a fun and engaging way. Registration required. Please bring a mat or towel if possible.

Future Coders -

Intro to Programming with Scratch

Tuesday, September 3, 10, 17 5PM

Saturday, September 7, 14, 21 10AM

Students will learn to use Scratch, a kid-friendly, interactive, and immersive coding program. Please register.

Sensory Friendly Yoga for Kids

Thursday, September 12 4:15PM

Sensory friendly yoga is an accessible yoga class that meets your child where he/she is in their development. Children with exceptional learning and movement challenges and developing sensory systems are welcome to come to this class. Yoga poses, movement and breathing exercises will be practice working on motor skills, encourage relaxation, improve focus, practice social skills and encourage self-regulation. This class features adaptations like lower lighting, shorter program length, smaller class size, a visual schedule, and fidget toys/tools. For ages 6-8. Registration required.

TWEEN EVENTS



First Chapter Friday

Friday, September 5 All day

Looking for a new book but don't know where to start? Join Ms. Molly for the first chapter of a carefully selected title that is sure to draw you in. This month Torrey Maldonado's *Tight* "delivers a fast-paced, insightful, dynamic story capturing urban community life. Readers will connect with Bryan's journey as he navigates a tough world with a heartfelt desire for a different life." – courtesy of Goodreads



Curbside Crafts

All month long

In honor of Happy Cat Month, stop by the Children's section and pick up a kit to create your very own, cute and easy to make Happy Lucky Cat.

TEEN EVENTS

Yin Yoga

Wednesday, September 4 7PM

Join us for a beginner-friendly yoga class led by Monica Walsh. Monica's yoga is focused on restorative principles, with an emphasis on relieving stress and muscular tension, and maximizing range of movement. This is a very meditative style of yoga. Please bring a yoga mat if you have one – a small number will be available to borrow. Registration required.

Students will be asked to sign a Waiver of Liability before the class starts.

Save the Date

for the Next Adopt-a-Shelf Quiz

Friday, October 18 6PM

Saturday, October 19 1PM

This test is for students between the ages of 10-17 (18 if still a senior) looking to participate in the Adopt-a-Shelf program. It covers both alphabetical order and Dewey Decimal order (numerical order from smallest to largest, including decimal places) and should take no more than 30mins. Orientations will be hosted the following week, on the same days and times as the tests, for those who pass. You will be contacted after the tests are graded to confirm your orientation day and time.

End of Season Seed giveaway!

Requests have slowed to a trickle, so we'll be closing the seed library for the season in September. This season the library distributed over 18,000 flower, herb and vegetable seeds all throughout the community!

Our remaining 2022 dated seeds will be at the Information Desk for gardeners to take home if they wish. Please stop by and take up to 15 packs of seeds while supplies last. First come, first served.

Staff will now focus on gathering donations for next season. Donations will be accepted all year long. Seed saving and sharing is not required but if you choose to do so, donations can be dropped at the Information Desk whenever we're open.

Thanks to all who participated and happy harvesting!



Friends Corner



Our next Book Sale will be October 23 to 26, 2024.



The Friends next book sale is October 23rd to 26th. Wednesday the 23rd is the night that members of the Friends can come and purchase books prior to the official opening of the book sale on Thursday, October 24th.

If you would like to come on the preview night and are not already a member of the Friends, please check the library website click on the Friends Corner and fill out a registration form or you can sign up on Wednesday night before entering the book sale room.

If you would like to volunteer to help on the sale days, please let us know by sending an e-mail to us. Check out our web site for further information.

Thanks to all who came to our book sale in April we raised \$7,852. Some of that money was spent on the new tables and chairs you see at the entrance to the library. We hope you will enjoy using them.