



Mount Laurel  
Library

## Newsletter and Program Guide

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### Jigsaw Puzzle Night

**Wednesday, August 14 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.

### **Magic: The Gathering Night**

**Thursday, August 15 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.

### Chess Club

**Saturday, August 10, 24 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.

### Mindful Meditation

**Wednesday, August 7, 21 10AM**

Join an experienced meditation instructor and relax your mind and body. This program will be conducted on Zoom. Registration required. You will receive a link to the meeting a day prior to the event.

### **Second Sunday Concert - All That's Jazz**

**Sunday, August 11 2PM**

All That's Jazz plays an afternoon of, you guessed it, all types of jazz, from speak easy to smooth, Beboop to modern. The band consists of eight musicians. No registration required.

### Silent Book Club

**Monday, August 5, 19 6:30PM**

Looking for a cozy spot to read in companionable silence? The Library has our own chapter of The Silent Book Club. The first half hour will be set aside to share and socialize; the next hour will be quiet reading. We'll provide comfortable seating and refreshments, just bring a book, or choose one from our stacks, and join in. No registration.

### Arts & Crafts for Adults with Disabilities

**Wednesday, August 14 10:30AM**

Join us for a fun class designed for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We may be using materials such as clay and paint, so dress for 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).

### Blackout Poetry Workshop

**Thursday, August 8 2PM**

Blackout poetry, also known as erasure poetry or redacted poetry, is a form of found poetry whereby participants create a poem by blacking out words from a page to create a new work. Unleash your creativity in a fun, and supportive environment. Supplies provided. No registration.

### **Dungeons & Dragons**

**Thursday, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 6PM**

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

**The Library will be CLOSED on Monday, September 2.**

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**ADULTS****Outdoor Movie—The Secret of NIMH**  
**Thursday, August 15 7PM**

Let's enjoy the summer weather with a movie on the lawn! Please bring a blanket or other seating, if you don't want to sit on the grass. This animated film has long been praised for its characters, plot, and animation. No registration.

**Yin Yoga****Wednesday, August 7 7PM****Wednesday, August 24 3PM**

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.

**Mahjong****Tuesday, August 6, 13, 20, 27 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.

**Film Forum: Shane****Wednesday, August 7 7PM**

This classic Western dramatizes the familiar conflict between independent ranchers and defenseless settler-farmers. In the middle of the strife, a mysterious stranger rides into the valley. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.

**Knit & Crochet****Monday, August 5, 12, 19, 26 6:30PM****Wednesday, August 7, 14, 21, 28 1PM****Friday, August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 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.

**Giant CANDYLAND****Thursday, August 1 4PM**

Join us for an extra special game night for all ages! Our meeting rooms have been transformed into a game of GIANT CANDYLAND where YOU are the game pieces! Bring your friends and meet some new ones! All ages welcome. No registration required. Giant Candyland games are first come, first served and begin every few minutes. Last entry at 7:30pm.

**Afropop****Wednesday, August 14 7PM**

Join us as we sample mellow ballads and gentle mid-tempo tracks from a variety of countries, including Mali, Senegal, Congo, Tanzania, and more. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before the event.

**Movie Club: Hollywood Follies****Tuesday, August 20 7PM**

We take a closer look at some of the movie world's biggest flops and everything in-between. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. Registration required. You will receive a zoom link beforehand.

**Movie Club: Siskel & Ebert****Thursday, August 8 7PM**

Special guest Matt Singer discusses his new book on rock star film critics Gene Siskel and Roger Ebert and the impact their TV shows—and thumbs—had on the film industry and pop culture. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. Registration required. You will receive a zoom link beforehand.

**Book Club****Saturday, August 3 1PM**

Join our lively book group for our latest discussion of Charmaine Wilkerson's Black Cake. The next book selection will be handed out at this meeting. No registration required.

**Painting Class****Saturday, August 3 2PM**

Come and join us for a beginner-friendly painting class, led by Cassidy Colgan. In this class you'll be guided, step by step, through making a painting. Cassidy specializes in hand painted signs, folk art, murals, and recycled art. Supplies will be provided at the class. Registration required.

**Poetry: 16 Ways of Looking at a Blackberry****Monday, August 19 7PM**

In theory, an author can prove any subject worthy of attention by the quality of the resulting work. In honor of the picking season, we'll discuss some of the many poems devoted to this tart fruit. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.

**Dance Class: Line Dances****Tuesday, August 20 7PM**

Come and learn to line dance! Diane from Dances by Diane will be here teaching a new dance this Tuesday evening. Have some fun and get yourself moving with a dance course at the library. No registration required.

## ADULTS

### Classic Musicals: Hairspray

**Friday, August 2 1PM**

Hosted by Irv Slifkin. No registration required.



### Movie Club: Court Disorder

**Monday, August 12 7PM**

We'll track the greatest legal films ever produced, from early Hollywood to contemporary times. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. Registration required. You will receive a zoom link beforehand.

### Grins & Grins Comedy Show

**Monday, August 12 7PM**

The Grins & Grins Comedy Show is a fast-paced variety show that incorporates magic, ventriloquism, whip-cracking, "daring" feats of balance, circus skills, and more to create a family-friendly show. All ages welcome. Registration required (please register all members of your group, including adults).



### Matinee: West Side Story

**Saturday, August 10 1PM**

Join us for West Side Story (2022), directed by Steven Spielberg, music by Leonard Bernstein, lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. This dazzling musical tells the tale of forbidden love and fierce rivalry in 1957 New York City. No registration. PG-13. 2hrs 36 min.



### Scrabble Club

**Wednesday, August 7 2PM**

**Tuesday, August 27 6PM**

Beginners and experts are invited to join us for a fun evening. 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, August 7, 14, 21, 28 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.



### Community Trivia

**Saturday, August 31 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.



### Foreign Film: Mostly Martha

**Sunday, August 25 1PM**

In this winning, food-filled film from Germany, Martha is an obsessive single chef who cooks at one of Hamburg's finest restaurants. Her life outside of the kitchen is a mess, but that changes when she cares for her young niece. With Martinq Gedick. 2004. PG (mature themes) In German with English subtitles. 106 min. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. No registration required.



### Crystal Bowl Sound Bath Meditation

**Tuesday, August 13 7PM**

Join us for an immersive sound bath meditation for mind, body, and soul healing, combined with the ambience of the rainforest. 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.



### Concert for Adults with Disabilities

**Thursday, August 22 11:30AM**

Join us for a fun, interactive concert designed for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, presented by award-winning music performers TWO OF A KIND! 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).

### Adventures in Organizing

**Thursday, August 22 6:30PM**

Join the quest for a tidy home with organizer Jamie Novak when she takes you on a quest to neatening-up, one messy spot at a time. Join in the fun with live guided sessions during the virtual program. Registration required. You will receive a zoom link in your email.



### Music: Jelly Roll Morton

**Friday, August 23 7PM**

An introduction to this great New Orleans musician and pioneer of jazz: a virtuoso pianist, a wry vocalist, and one of the most important composers and arrangers in the history of American music. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before the event.

## KIDS

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### Story Time

**Babies ages 0 to 18 months:  
Friday, August 9, 23 10:30AM**

**Toddlers ages 18 months to 3 years:  
Tuesday,  
August 6, 13, 20, 27 10:30AM**

**Preschoolers ages 3 to 5:  
Wednesday,  
August 7, 14, 21, 28 10:30AM**

**Family: Saturday,  
August 3, 17, 24 10:30AM**

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



### Art Time

**Sunday, August 11 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.

### African Drum Circle with Mister Boom Boom's Play Patrol

**Wednesday, August 14 1:30PM**

Unleash the rhythm within you! Mister Boom Boom teaches you to play a range of West African hand drums, including the djembe and the talking drum. The program wraps up with an exhilarating dance and drum circle where you get to showcase your newly acquired skills. For ages 2 and up. No registration required.

### Chinese Knot Mini Doll

**Monday August 19 3PM**

Learn to make one-of-a-kind mini dolls to hang on your backpack or use as a keychain! Ages 8 and up.  
Registration required.

### Tots Art Time

**Thursday, August 8, 22 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.

### Paws for Reading

**Sunday August 25 2PM**

**Tuesday, August 27 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. Please note sessions are in 15-minute blocks and registration is required.



### Move and Groove

**Monday, Aug. 6, 12, 19, 26 10:30AM**

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.

### Yoga for Kids

**Thursday, August 15 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.



### Caregiver & Me Yoga

**Friday, August 9, 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.



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### Sensory Friendly Yoga for Kids

**Thursday August 8 4PM**

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.

#### Disclaimer(s)

This program is designed for children and accompanying adults. Please plan to attend and be engaged with your child for this program. Drop offs will not be permitted.

### Library Safari

**with Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge**

**Wednesday, August 21 4PM**

Delve into the diversity of life just outside the library's walls! Even the tiniest plot of land is teeming with life. Lets investigate the library grounds and discover the complex ecosystems they hold!



### End of Summer Reading Party

**Saturday, August 17 12PM**

Celebrate the end of Summer Reading with crafts, games, music, and snacks! Explore fun activities inside and outside the library and pick up the last of your summer reading prizes at the table in the lobby. All ages welcome. No registration required.

## TWEEN EVENTS



### First Chapter Friday

**Friday, August 5 All day**

Join Ms. Molly for the first chapter of *The Sky Over Rebecca* by Matthew Fox. Follow along with Kara in this epic, heart-warming tale of heroism that cuts through the networks of space and time.

### Lego Club

**Thursday August 1, 8, 15 10AM**

Join Mount Laurel's own Vivian J as she demonstrates that even though Legos are fun toys, children can develop their creativity and skills (like problem-solving) through them. There will be some competitions and time limits! Once the time is up, everyone in the room will vote on who's build is the best. The top 3 winners will get a prize! Please register.



### DnD Lego

**Monday, August 5, 12 2PM**

Check out this awesome new Dungeons and Dragons club with a unique twist - LEGOS. This club will feature a captivating storyline, visual aids in the form of Legos, and more, catering to tweens and younger teens. Please register.



### Arts and Crafts with Vivian J.

**Tuesdays, August 2, 9, 16 10AM**

Join NJHS student Vivian J for a fun and fantastic summer art and craft. Each week you will be learning about and working on a new subject. Supplies are limited, please register.



### Drawing Club

**Wednesday, August 7, 14, 28**

**5:30PM**

This is a student run drawing class where the participants will learn how to draw pet animals: Dog, Cat, and Hamster. The background will be inside a home. Please register.

## TEENS



### Teen Newspaper

**Saturday, August 3, 17, 31 3PM**

Calling all tweens and teens ages 10-18 (18 if you are still in HS) -Are you a writer or an artist looking for a venue to showcase your talents? Would you like to share your talents with the community? Here's your chance! We create in Canva and meet in the DGeneral Chat channel Discord. Discord link available through the online events calendar. No registration required.

### Yin Yoga

**Wednesday, August 7 7PM**

**Saturday, August 24 3PM**

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.**



### Teen Book Club

**The First Wednesday of Every Month**

Join fellow student and Mount Laurelite Julia in the Teen Space for this new, informal, and relaxed book club. It is a great way to hang out with your friends or make some new like-minded ones with... get this... no "required" book to read!! Check it out.



### Painting Class

**Saturday, August 3**

Come and join us for a beginner friendly painting class led by Cassidy Colgan. In this class you'll be guided, step by step, through making this painting. This summer painting can be customized with personal details. Cassidy specializes in hand painted signs, folk art, murals, and recycled art. Her work can be found at several shops and hotels in Philadelphia and Atlantic City. Besides painting, her joy comes from helping others tap into their own creativity and artistic spirit. Supplies will be provided at the class. Registration required.

### STEM Champions Initiative Sessions

**Monday, August 5, 12, 26 3:30PM**

Each of these sessions is all about making science fun and easy to understand for students aged 9-12. We'll dive into cool topics with hands-on activities and simple explanations to spark curiosity and a love for learning. Join us and help inspire the next generation of young thinkers and innovators! Students can come to whatever class they want. Each class is a different topic that they can choose from. Please register.

## Friends Corner

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

If you would like to purchase a book or two before our October Book Sale, please check out our In-House-Book Sale. We have two locations where you can find a book. For Adult books visit the back corner of the library, we have posted signs pointing the way. Children and Adult books can be found on the book shelves in the entrance way. New books are added to the shelves on a regular basis. Once you have your book bring it to the circulation desk and tell the library staff you would like to purchase the book.

Our April book sale in April raised \$7,852. Some of the money was spent on the new table and chairs at the entrance to the library.

