



Mount Laurel
Library

Newsletter and Program Guide

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Concert: Brian Betz

Sunday, March 10 2PM

Library favorite, jazz musician, and educator Brian Betz returns with his quartet for an afternoon of music, featuring rising-star vibraphonist Behn Gillece! No registration required.



Mindful Meditation

Wednesday, March 6, 20 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.

Magic: The Gathering Night

Thursday, March 28 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.



Airs from Shamrock Shore:

Music of Ireland

Friday, March 15 7PM

We'll have a virtual St. Paddy's Day party celebrating the songs and instruments of the Emerald Isle. Join us for jigs and reels, for whistles, pipes, and fiddles, for tunes about love, nature, and comradeship. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.



Movie Club: Oscars Wild

Wednesday, March 6 7PM

We look at the soon-to-be broadcast Oscar show and talk about the favorites and potential upsets but also find time to reminisce about memorable and controversial Academy Award moments from the past. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.

Movie Club: Oscar Recap

Tuesday, March 12 7PM

What was good, bad, and just plain embarrassing in Sunday's ceremonies? Who surprised you the most in fashion and as a trophy winner? How does this year's program rank with others from the past? All this and more on a special Movie Club! Hosted by Irv Slifkin. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.



Crystal Bowl Sound Bath Meditation

Saturday, March 16 2PM

Join us for a sound bath meditation of harmonic crystal bowl sound frequencies, combined with the gentle forest sounds. Crystal Singing Bowls work on a vibrational level to help remove tension from your body while promoting relaxation. Please bring your pillow, yoga mat and/or blanket for your comfort. Feel free to bring your crystals and extra bottles of water to charge up! Chairs will be available for those who choose not to lie. Registration required.

The library will be CLOSED Friday, March 29 and Sunday, March 31

Library Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:30am - 9pm, Fri. 9:30am-7pm, Sat. 9:30am - 5pm, Sun. 12noon-5pm
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ADULTS



Virtual Book Chat

Wednesday, March 20 7PM

Please join us for a lively book discussion on zoom. You will receive the zoom invitation by the night before the scheduled meeting.



Chess Club

Saturday, March 9, 23 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.



Movie Club: Charlie Chaplin

Thursday, March 21 7PM

Charlie Chaplin. He wore a black derby, sported a mustache and walked in a funny way with a cane. He was also a master moviemaker. Joining us in this Chaplin primer is Joe Amodei, producer and Charlie-phile. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.



Book Club

Saturday, March 30 1PM

Please join us for a discussion of Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman. The book for the next discussion will be distributed at the next meeting. No registration required.

Museum of Words: Poetry About Art

Monday, March 18 7PM

This month our poetry discussion will focus on verse inspired by paintings, sculpture, and other forms of the visual arts. Before our discussion you'll receive a file containing the poems and reproductions of the works. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.



Jigsaw Puzzle Night

Wednesday, March 13 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.



Film Forum: Thief of Bagdad

Monday, March 11 7PM

One of Hollywood's most entertaining fantasy films, in which all the ingredients work their magic spell: a tale from the Arabian Nights, charming special effects, a spectacular set, and an acrobatic performance by legendary Douglas Fairbanks. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.



Strength and Conditioning Class for Beginners

Monday, March 4, 11, 18, 25 2PM

Friday, March 1, 8, 15, 22 2PM

Join Harman Ransi in his beginner-friendly resistance training course. The class will teach fundamental stretches and weighted exercises to build flexibility and muscle. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.



Mt Laurel Garden Club Info Table

Wednesday, March 20 1PM

The Mount Laurel Garden Club will be available to answer questions regarding membership and their many activities. Since 1964, the Garden Club has been an integral part of our town's history and continues to beautify Mount Laurel through the hard work of dedicated members. Feel free to stop by and learn how you can get involved. No registration required.



Saturday Matinee: Jules

Saturday, March 9 1PM

A man's quiet life gets upended when a UFO crashes in his backyard in rural Pennsylvania. As he befriends the mysterious extraterrestrial, things start to get complicated when neighbors discover it and the government closes in. Starring Ben Kingsley. No registration required.

Trading Card Night

Tuesday, March 12 5:30PM

Trading Card Night is a sport and non-sport card trading night for kids and adults. Come and see various collections, pick up free cards, join the free raffle, and watch hobbyist and sports videos together. You can bring your own collection to show or trade, or just come and enjoy the community. No registration required.

ADULTS



ESL Conversation Class

Wednesday, March 6, 13, 20, 27 7PM

This ESL class is for upper-level beginners to lower-level intermediate learners. To register 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.



Dance Class: Rumba

Tuesday, March 19 7PM

Come and learn the Rumba from Diane of Dances by Diane! Diane's dances are fun, easy to learn, and a great way to get yourself moving. Put some spring into how you move on the first day of Spring with a fun dance course at the library. No registration required.

Chair Yoga

Wednesday, March 13, 27 10AM

Chair Yoga involves gentle yoga exercises that can be done while seated. This class will teach guided breathing, simple physical stretches, and meditation. The exercises are safe for all levels. Registration required. You will receive a link to the meeting a day prior to the event.



Star Trek Trivia

Wednesday, March 20 7PM

Join us for a night of Star Trek trivia! Bring a team of 2-5 people and compete with other teams - or come alone and form a team at the event. Win fabulous prizes, enjoy free snacks, and have a good time with fellow fans! "Qapla!" No registration required.



Tuesday Mahjong

Tuesday, March 5, 12, 19, 26 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 2023 card and a mahjong set (if you have one). No registration required.



Dungeons & Dragons

Thurs., March 7, 14, 21, 28 6PM

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



Music: Songs About Dreaming

Friday, March 22 7PM

A musical excursion in which we'll drift along a stream of varied reveries: from classical styles to blues, pop, doo wop, rock, and more. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.



Scrabble Club

Tuesday, March 26 6PM

Wednesday, March 27 2PM

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.

Hedgehog Book Art

Saturday, March 23 2PM

Turn a book into a piece of 3D art! The hedgehog is one of the easiest book art patterns to learn, and you'll end up with a great piece of handmade art. Registration required.

Foreign Film: Triplets of Bellville

Sunday, March 24 1PM

This one-of-a-kind movie from France is a delight, boasting gorgeous animation, offbeat humor, and a lively jazz score. A Tour de France racer finds his grandmother, a trusted dog, and the trio of elderly sibling singers trying to rescue him from sinister mobsters. 2003. PG-13 (animated sexuality, mild violence). In French with English subtitles. 80 min. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. No registration required.



Tai Chi for Health

Wednesday, March 6, 13, 20, 27 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 mZoom link the day before the event.

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, March 8, 22 10:30AM

Toddlers ages 18 months to 3 years:

**Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26
10AM and 11AM**

Preschoolers ages 3 to 5:

**Wednesday, March 6, 13, 20, 27
10:30AM**

All Ages:

**Saturday, March 2, 16, 30
10:30AM**

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

Tumblin' Tots

**Thursday, March 14
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. Registration with library card required.



Art Time

**Sunday, March 24
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, March 17
2PM**

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.

Yoga for Kids

**Wednesday, March 6, 20
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.



Tots Art Time

**Friday, March 1, 15
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.

Move and Groove

**Sunday, March 4, 11, 18, 25
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.

TWEENS/TEENS

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TWEEN EVENTS



First Chapter Friday

Friday, March 1 All day

Join Ms. Molly for the first chapter of *The Book of Stolen Dreams* by David Farr. According to Goodreads, "Rachel and Robert live a grey, dreary life under the rule of cruel Charles Malstain. But when their librarian father enlists their help to steal a forbidden book, they are plunged into adventure. With their father captured, it is up to Rachel and Robert to uncover the secrets of the Book of Stolen Dreams and track down its mysteriously missing final page in order to save him."

Quidditch/Quadball

Friday, March 8, 22 4PM

Inspired by fictional quidditch, quadball is a mixed gender sport with a unique combination of elements from basketball, dodgeball, and tag. Students will learn the non-contact version of the sport including how to score a quaffle, throw a bludger, and catch a snitch for their team! While the game can appear chaotic to the casual observer, once familiar with the basic rules, quadball is an exciting team sport to watch and even more exciting to play! Ages 8-12 ONLY. Registration required. Please register child(ren) only, not adult caregivers. To participate in this program, a parent/guardian must read and sign the Media Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement, available through our events calendar.

Tween KEVA Plank Challenge

Friday, March 22 5PM

Welcome back to the 40 plank challenges! This session we are going to see who can build the widest bridge span, and yes... we will be measuring :) You will receive 40 planks and you must use them all as you try to out-build your competitors! It is not as easy as you think. You can try more than once over the duration of this 2-hour event. Each completed bridge that stands for at least 3 full seconds will be measured. The winner gets posted on the Maker Space high score board and the tween webpage! Please register.

TEEN EVENTS



Teen Newspaper Retooling Meeting

Saturday, March 2 3-PM

Friday, March 15 5PM

This meeting is only open to current, active newspaper members who have worked on the paper within the last 6 months. This same meeting is being held on 2 dates to accommodate participant schedules. Please attend 1 meeting. Registration required.



Tween/Teen Domino Challenge

Friday, March 8 5PM

Challenge of the night... picture fields! A video by Builder Bros is available through our events calendar.



The Seed Library is officially open!

Why a seed library?

To empower our community to grow their own food and flowers by offering free seeds.

To support our local pollinators.

To foster an interest in the tradition of growing food through information and education about sustainable gardening.

How to use the Seed Library

1. Browse the seed catalog **online** or at the **Propagation Station**.
2. Fill out a request form online or at the library (drop off at Info Desk). You may request up to 8 packs of seeds. One request per household, per season. Our request season runs from February through November. An email address is required.
3. Your seeds will be ready in 3-5 business days. We will email you when they are ready. Please pick them up at the check-out desk by giving your name and telling staff you are picking up seeds.

Important details

1. A valid Mount Laurel library card is required. One request per household, per season please.
2. We will keep the catalog as up to date as possible but may run out of your requested seeds.
3. Seeds are first- come, first-served.
4. **Please see full seed library details online or at the propagation station. You must agree to these guidelines to request seeds.**

Happy Gardening !!

Friends Corner

Book and Media Sale April 17th to 20th

Preview Night, is Wednesday, April 17th from 6:00 to 8:30 and is open only to people who are paid Members of the Friends. New Friends are welcome to join that night.

Membership to the Friends is: Individual \$10, Family \$15, Patron \$50 and Benefactor \$100.



The Book Sale is open to EVERYONE on	Thursday the 18th	Noon to 8:30
	Friday the 19th	Noon to 4:00
	Saturday the 20th	10 to 4:30

Thursday and Friday everything is regular price ... *BUT* on Saturday fill a grocery size bag with anything and the price is \$5. Larger bags will be charged accordingly.

Important.... Please Note....

We will only be accepting cash and checks at check out.

Most everyone loves to have a good book they can sit and read. So come and buy something for yourself, your child, niece or nephew. Also think of your parents, maybe they would love a book or CD for Mother's or Father's Day.