



Mount Laurel  
Library

## Newsletter and Program Guide

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### Health Benefits of Gardening

**Thursday, April 11 1PM**  
**Wednesday, April 24 5PM**

Joanne Mason, a Chairperson of the Mount Laurel Garden Club, discusses the myriad of health benefits of gardening. Ms. Mason is a graduate of Rutgers Master Gardener Program. No registration required.



### Songs About Rain

**Friday, April 19 7PM**

In honor of April, our online jukebox will shower us with varied tunes from classical to jazz to pop, soul, and rock. Join us to listen, discuss your favorite rainy tunes, and let your smile be your umbrella. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.

### Magic: The Gathering Night

**Thursday, April 25 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, April 6, 20 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.



### Blackout Poetry Slam

**Thursday, April 4 2PM**  
**Tuesday, April 16 7PM**

In honor of National Poetry Month, we will be having a Blackout Poetry Slam. Blackout poetry, also known as erasure poetry or redacted poetry, is a form of found poetry whereby participants use pages from a book and blackout words to create a poem. Afterwards, we will read our poems aloud in a fun and supportive environment. All supplies provided. Registration required.



### Jigsaw Puzzle Night

**Wednesday, April 10 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.



### Strength and Conditioning

**Monday, April 8, 15, 22, 29 2PM**  
**Friday, April 5, 12, 19, 26 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.

### Garden Club Plant Sale

**Saturday, April 20 9AM**

Visit the library for a nice new plant. No registration required.

## ADULTS

### Yin Yoga

**Wednesday, April 3 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. Please bring a yoga mat if you have one – a small number will be available to borrow. Registration required.



### Movie Club: In the Pipeline

**Wednesday, April 10 7PM**

What movies are set to be released? And what movies are in the pipeline? Let's take a deep dive into what Hollywood is working on for the near and far future. What classic film is set to be remade soon? Find out here! Hosted by Irv Slifkin. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.

### Movie Club: TV Themes

**Wednesday, April 24 7PM**

From the unforgettable to the forgotten, Movie Club covers the TV theme songs. Listen to songs, sung and instrumental, that introduce us to talking cars; a creepy, kooky altogether ooky family; a train pulling up to Petticoat Junction; and lots more! Hosted by Irv Slifkin. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.



### Film Forum: Certain Women

**Tuesday, April 9 7PM**

Based on three short stories by Maile Meloy, this film examines decisive moments in the lives of four women striving to forge their own paths amidst the wide-open plains of the American Northwest. Director Kelly Reichardt frames the movie within the desolate beauty of the Montana landscape. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.

### Concert: Minas — Sunday, April 14 2PM

This husband/wife duo, Orlando and Patricia Hadad, perform Bossa Nova classics, as well as original songs they've written. No registration required.

### Trading Card Night

**Tuesday, April 9 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 & sports videos together. You can bring your own collection to show or trade, or just come and enjoy the community. No registration required.



### Knit & Crochet

**Monday, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 6:30PM**

**Wednesday, April 3, 10, 17, 24 1PM**

**Friday, April 5, 12, 19, 26 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.



### Poetry: Shakespeare's Birthday Party

**Tuesday, April 23 7PM**

Help us to wish Will many happy returns. A packet with poems and excerpts from selected plays will be sent out prior to our discussion and a few recordings of recitations will be the icing on The Bard's cake! Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.

### Music: Rimsky-Korsakov's Scheherazade

**Monday, April 15 7PM**

This Russian masterpiece has been dazzling listeners with its colorful orchestration for close to a century and a half. We'll examine its background in The Arabian Nights, learn how its motifs weave together, and hear many excerpts. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.



### Movie Club: Jack Lemmon

**Wednesday, April 17 7PM**

Superb in any role, Jack Lemmon was one of our most revered actors. No matter the challenge or type of picture, parts seemed to fit him like a kid glove. So let's review some of Jack's greatest roles as well as some that were sorely overlooked. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.

## ADULTS



### ESL Conversation Class

**Wednesday, April 3, 10, 17, 24  
6PM**

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.



### Matinee

#### Three Thousand Years of Longing

**Saturday, April 6 1PM**

While attending a conference in Istanbul, Tilda Swinton purchases an antique bottle in a bazaar and unwittingly releases a djinn (genie), who offers her three wishes in exchange for his freedom. The djinn, Idris Elba, recounts his life story, a sweeping and fantastical tale spanning centuries. Free popcorn and snacks provided. No registration required. R. 1hr 48min.



### Tuesday Mahjong

**Tuesday, April 2, 9, 23, 30 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

**Thursday, April 4, 11, 25 6PM**

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



### Painting Class

**Saturday, April 27 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, on how to paint a painting. Supplies will be provided. Registration required.



### Scrabble Club

**Tuesday, April 30 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.



### Foreign Film: The Third Man

**Sunday, April 28 1PM**

From director Carol Reed and writer Graham Greene comes one of the most acclaimed thrillers of all time, starring Joseph Cotten as writer Holly Martins, landing in post-war Vienna to meet his old pal Harry Lime (Orson Welles). The word that Lime has died in an auto accident sends Martins on a dangerous trek to uncover the truth about his friend. 1949. Not Rated (mature themes). In English with English subtitles. 104 min. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. No registration required.



### Tai Chi for Health

**Wednesday, April 3, 10, 17, 24 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.



### Sound Bath Meditation

**Tuesday, April 23 7PM**

Join us for an immersive sound bath meditation, enhanced by the gentle sounds you'd hear in a sunflower field. 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. Feel free to bring crystals and extra bottles of water to charge up! Chairs will be available for those who choose not to lie down on the floor. Registration required.

### Virtual Book Chat **Wed., April 24 7PM**

Please join us for a lively book discussion, of Happiness Falls by Angie Kim, on zoom. You will receive the zoom invitation by the night before the scheduled meeting.

## KIDS

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### Story Time

**Babies ages 0 to 18 months:  
Friday, April 5, 19 10:30AM**

**Toddlers ages 18 months to 3 years:  
Tuesday, April 2 10AM and 11AM  
Tues., April 9, 16, 23, 30 10:30AM**

**Preschoolers ages 3 to 5:  
Wed., April 3, 10, 17, 24 10:30AM**

**All Ages:  
Saturday, April 27 10:30AM**

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

**Poem in My Pocket Day Drop-in Craft  
Saturday, April 27 10AM**



### Art Time

**Sunday, April 21 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.



### Children's Show

**with the Big Idea Committee**

**Thursday, April 4 11AM**

Join us for a very special show with the Big Idea Committee! The Big Idea Committee blends musical theatre vocals and live cello instrumentals to create an interactive and theatrical experience for kids. President Christine and VP Melissa, along with everyone's favorite musical friend, Karl the Cello, facilitate the committee by engaging BIG Thinkers in the power (and fun!) of their ideas. Join the musical journey with fun, games, grand adventures, acts of kindness and, of course, song and dance. All in favor? Say, "AYE!" Think BIG and let your ideas soar!



### Paws for Reading

**Sunday, April 21 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.

### Tumblin' Tots

**Thursday, April 11, 25 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.



### Tots Art Time

**Friday, April 12, 26 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

**Mon., April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 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.



### Caregiver/Child Yoga

**Wednesday, April 8, 22 11:15AM**

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 you and your child as a group of two.)

## TWEENS/TEENS

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### TWEEN EVENTS



#### Tween Events

##### First Chapter Friday

**Friday, April 5 All day**

Join Ms. Molly for the first chapter of Ragweed by Newbery Medal winning author Avi. This is the book that kicked off the popular Poppy series. Follow along on this amazing, fun and sometimes treacherous adventure of a country mouse off to see the big world.

#### Tween KEVA Plank Challenge

**Friday, April 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.

#### Quidditch/Quadball

**Friday, April 5, 19 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.

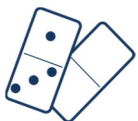
### TEEN EVENTS



#### Teen Newspaper

**Saturday, April 13, 27 3PM**

Calling all tweens and teens ages 10-17... please join us in the production of a publication created by and made for tweens and teens only. We meet in Discord, and create in Canva. Minimum age for Discord is 13 so if you are under 13 a parent or caregiver may need to set up an account for you. If this is your first time joining us, please do so at a regularly scheduled virtual meeting. Registration is no longer needed.



#### Tween/Teen Domino Challenge

**Friday, April 12 5PM**

Challenge of the night... picture fields! Graph paper will be provided with domino shaped blocks if you would like it to design your field before set-up. Diagrams for "knock-down" set-ups will also be provided.

Please register.

# Lockers are here!

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## Coming Soon!

### A New event calendar and room reservation system.

Get ready for a new look for our calendar and booking process. More details to come in the near future.

## Friends Corner

### Book and Media Sale April 17th to 20th

Preview Night, is Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

