



Mount Laurel
Library

Newsletter and Program Guide

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Jigsaw Puzzle Night

Wednesday, July 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.



Silent Book Club

Monday, July 8, 22 6:30PM

Are you looking for a cozy spot to read in companionable silence? The Library is starting 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 will provide comfortable seating and refreshments, just bring a book, or choose one from our collection, and join in. No registration required.



Chess Club

Saturday, July 13, 27 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, July 3, 17 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.



Golden Eagle Community Band

Thursday, July 11 6:30PM

The Golden Eagle Community band presents an evening of music at the Mount Laurel Community Center, across from the library. No registration required.

Magic: The Gathering Night

Thursday, July 18 6PM

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.



Arts & Crafts for Adults with Disabilities

Wednesday, July 10 10:30

Join us for a fun arts & crafts class designed for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We may be using materials such as clay and paint that can get messy, so please wear appropriate clothing! 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, July 11 2PM

Have you ever wanted to write poetry, but couldn't find the words? The library is hosting two Blackout Poetry Workshops this summer. 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 in a book to create a new work. Unleash your creativity in a fun, creative, and supportive environment. All supplies provided. No registration required.

The Library will be CLOSED on Thursday, July 4.

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ADULTS



Blueberries

Tuesday, July 16 1PM

The cultivated blueberry has its roots in the Pinelands of New Jersey. Learn about this fascinating berry's history, health benefits, and a variety of ways to prepare and savor them. Hosted by Judith Krall-Russo. No registration.

Yin Yoga

Wednesday, July 10 7PM

Saturday, July 27 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, July 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 2024 card and a mahjong set (if you have one). No registration required.



Film Forum: The Third Man

Tuesday, July 9 7PM

This suspense thriller was the collaboration of English director Carol Reed and novelist Graham Greene, with handsome assistance by an impressive cast. You might say that the other collaborator is the setting—a corrupt post-war Vienna whose decadent and sinister atmosphere. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before the event.



Knit & Crochet

Monday, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 6:30PM

Wed., July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 1PM

Friday, July 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.



Dungeons & Dragons

Thursday, July 11, 18, 25 6PM

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

Tarot Time

Wednesday, July 17 7PM (Major Arcana)

Wednesday, July 24 7PM (Minor Arcana)

Are you a tarot beginner, ready to make the jump to readings, or a veteran looking for tips, to improve your game? Join local mystic Carol for the advice you'll need. The two events will cover different arcana of the Rider-Waite deck. Please feel free to bring your own cards or use one of the decks that will be available. Registration required.



Summer Soundtrack

Monday, July 15 7PM

If Gershwin is right and the livin' is easy, the listenin' will be, too when we audition some great tunes for the season. We'll sample classical music, jazz, pop, rock, and soul, evoking lazy days, hazy afternoons, sultry nights, and vacation relaxation. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.



Movie Club:

Film Censorship & Disaster Movies

Thursday, July 11 7PM

The ever-prolific Nat Segaloff joins us to discuss his latest books. First, there's "The Naughty Bits," in which Nat gives us the lowdown on what bits and pieces the censors took out of your favorite movies, which you may not be aware of. Then, the subject shifts to the production of Irwin Allen's 1974 disaster epic "The Towering Inferno," which the author chronicles in his book "More Fire!" Hosted by Irv Slifkin. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before the event.

Movie Club: Celebrating Michael Caine

Thursday, July 18 7PM

Join us in discussing the life and career of two-time Oscar winner Michael Caine. Catch this overview of the 91-year-old British Army veteran, author, acting guru, and inexhaustible performer as we look at his amazing career. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before the event.

Mazurka Madness

Tuesday, July 23 7PM

The story of how Chopin adapted a folk dance from his native Poland for his own pianistic purposes and spread the fame of its quirky, hypnotic rhythms throughout Europe. We'll hear some examples of Chopin's most inventive and emotionally profound pieces. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before the event.

ADULTS

Classic Musicals

Neptune's Daughter – 7/12

South Pacific – 7/19

Hairspray – 8/2

Get your toes tapping. All screenings at 1PM. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. No registration required.



Homegrown String Band

Sunday, July 14 2PM

A family band with a unique repertoire of original and traditional music, the Homegrown String Band brings an American folk tradition into the twenty-first century. This dynamic trio adds their own musical DNA to an American tradition. No registration required.

Hot Dogs: A Humble History

Wednesday, July 17 7PM

A celebration of the fabulous frankfurter, from its European origins to its enshrinement as a portable all-American meal, including some celebratory tunes. Chef John Pullis will join us to recommend the best dogs, share grilling tips, and enlighten us about toppings throughout the US and world. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before the event.



Matinee: Wonka

Saturday, July 13 1PM

Join us for a matinee screening of *Wonka* (2024), directed by Paul King, starring Timothée Chalamet. *Wonka* tells the wondrous story of how the world's greatest inventor, magician, and chocolate-maker became the beloved Willy Wonka. PG. 1 h 56 mins. No registration required.



Scrabble Club

Wednesday, July 3 2PM

Tuesday, July 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.



Tai Chi for Health

Wed., July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 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.

Foreign Film: Madame Rosa

Sunday, July 28 1PM

Simone Signoret turns in a tour de force performance as a former Jewish prostitute, and Holocaust survivor, who now runs a foster home in Paris. Her favorite resident is an abandoned Muslim boy from Algeria, who attempts to help Rosa when she gets into a financial bind. Winner of the Academy Award for Best Foreign Film. 1977. 105 min. PG (mature themes). In French with English subtitles. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. No registration required.



Crystal Bowl Sound Bath Meditation

Saturday, July 6 2PM

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



Around the World in 80 Days

Saturday, July 20 1PM

This highly entertaining adventure spectacle, based on Jules Verne's novel, won the Academy Award for Best Picture and has delighted audiences for decades. It stars David Niven as Phileas Fogg, an Englishman who wagers he can traverse the globe in a mere 80 days. Filled with star cameos, boasting an Oscar-winning score, *80 Days* is colorful and exciting. Rated G. 155 min. There will be a brief intermission. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. No registration required.

Movie Club: General Meeting

Wednesday, July 24 7PM

In which look at 2024 at the midway point, take a quick survey of two epics from major filmmakers-Kevin Costner's "*Horizon: An American Saga*" and Francis Ford Coppola's "*Megalopolis*," and a whole lot more. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. Registration required. You will receive a zoom link beforehand.



Dance Class: Waltz

Tuesday, July 16 7PM

Come and learn to dance the Waltz! 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.

KIDS

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Story Time

**Babies ages 0 to 18 months:
Friday,
Friday, July 12, 26 10:30AM**

**Toddlers ages 18 months to 3 years:
Tuesday,
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 10:30AM**

**Preschoolers ages 3 to 5:
Wednesday,
July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 10:30AM**

**Family:
Saturday,
July 6 & 20 10:30AM**

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



Art Time

Sunday, July 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.

Creative Kids

Mondays in July 11:30AM and 12:15PM

Calm Kids, July 1

Dive Deep with Dolphins, July 8

Lego Time!, July 15

Kid Detectives, July 22

Join us for a fun afternoon learning about new and exciting topics followed by a coordinating activity. Please register.

Tots Art Time

Friday, July 11, 25 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

**Thursday, July 18 4PM
Sunday, July 28 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.



Move and Groove

**Monday, July 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.

Yoga for Kids

Thursday, July 11, 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.



Caregiver & Me Yoga

Friday, July 12, 26 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, July 18 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 practiced to work on motor skills, encourage relaxation, improve focus, practice social skills and encourage self regulation. We promise to offer a calm environment where every child feels nurtured and supported. 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.

TWEEN EVENTS



First Chapter Friday

Friday, July 5

All day

Join Ms. Molly for the first chapter of *The Unfortunate Wish of Melony Yoshimura* by Waka T. Brown. This slightly scary and psychological coming of age story is about a young Japanese-American girl pushing against the boundaries of her strict parents. A special birthday wish brings many unexpected twists and turns leading Melony far from her family and herself. Will she be able to reverse the wish and right her wrongs? Let's find out!!!

Game Design Academy

Friday, July 12

4PM

Explore some of the unique board and card games in the library's collection in this fun and educational class! Students will analyze game elements such as agency, mechanics, and narrative techniques to learn how to define what makes a game truly FUN while playing and comparing games of a similar genre. Ages 8-12. Registration required.

Python Coding Camp

Monday, July 1, 15, 22 7PM

Tuesday, July 2, 23 7PM

Wednesday, 17 7PM

This 8-week series aims to introduce students to the fundamentals of computer programming using the Python programming language. Students will learn to write basic programs, work with data structures, create functions, learn Object-Oriented programming, visualization, APIs, and develop simple projects. The program will incorporate hands-on coding exercises, collaborative activities, and opportunities for students to work on their own projects. Best for ages 10 and up. Please register and bring your own laptop.



Arts and Crafts with Vivian J.

**Tuesdays, July 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.

TEENS



Teen Newspaper

Saturday, July 6, 20 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 Discord. Discord link available through the online events calendar. No registration required.

Yin Yoga

Wednesday, July 10 7PM

Saturday, July 27 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.



Adopt-a-shelf

Friday, July 19 6PM

Saturday, July 20 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 approximately 30mins. Orientations will be hosted the following week, 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.

Friends Corner



The Friends of the Mount Laurel Library held their annual election for executive board officers last June.

The results of the election are as follows.

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Recording Secretary

Bernadette Garofola
Deb Collins-Williams
Maryann Papa
Eileen King

Thank you for volunteering to lead the Friend's of the Library group.