



Mount Laurel
Library

Newsletter and Program Guide

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Sunday Concert: Lew Leabman Trio

Sunday, August 14 2PM

The Lew Leabman Trio presents "I'll Be Frank," featuring Jonni Drue singing the very best of Frank Sinatra. With Gary Haberman on keyboard, Rob Cochran on bass, and Lew himself on drums. No registration required.



Tidy Up With the KonMari Method! Monday, August 15 2PM

Want to learn how to tidy up the Marie Kondo way? Come and learn her system, the KonMari Method® from Certified Consultant and Professional Organizer, Ana Catarrivas. Wherever you are in your decluttering journey, Ana's advice is sure to prove useful. This workshop will include plenty of question and answer time so you can get answers about your personal organizing and tidying situation. No registration required.



Tuesday Mahjong

**Tuesday, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 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 2022 card and a mahjong set (if you have one). No registration required.



The New Jersey Tomato

Tuesday, August 16 1PM

Everyone loves the Jersey tomato. Discover where the tomato originated and why it became one of New Jersey's favorite crops. Learn about heirloom varieties, modern hybrids, and the folklore attached to this fruit. Hosted by Judith Krall-Russo. No registration required.



Eight to the Bar: The Rise of Boogie Woogie

Thursday, August 11 7PM

Tracing the development of this American strain of popular music from its origins in lumber camps to a big band music craze, we'll listen to examples by artists including Pinetop Perkins, Jimmy Rushing, The Andrews Sisters, and Ella Mae Morse. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the

The Library will be closed Monday, September 5th.

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Book Club

Saturday, August 6 1PM

Please join us for our in person book discussion of the Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides. No registration required.



Billy Wilder Series

Some Like It Hot -

Friday, August 5 1PM

The Apartment – Friday, August 12 1PM

Avanti! – Friday, August 19 1PM

Irv Slifkin hosts a fascinating, hilarious, and suspenseful collection of films directed by Billy Wilder. No registration required.



Movie Matinee:

The Worst Person in the World

Thursday, August 18 1PM

The chronicle of four years in the life of a young woman navigating the troubled waters of her love life while struggling to find her career path. 128 mins. R. (In Norwegian, with English subtitles.) No registration required.



Foreign Film:

Belle Epoque

Sunday, August 21 1PM

In 1931 Spain, a soldier abandons his troop and seeks refuge at a farm. He befriends the boisterous farmer and discovers that his new host has four beautiful daughters, all with their own whims and fancies, and all of whom have an interest in him. Penelope Cruz stars. 1992. In Spanish with English subtitles. 109 min.

Hosted by Irv Slifkin. No registration required.



Film Forum:

A Month in the Country

Wednesday, August 31 7PM

This 1987 movie tells of one month in 1920 when shell-shocked veteran of The Great War arrives in a small village in England to restore a medieval church mural—and maybe himself. Watch beforehand and join the discussion. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.



Film Forum: 8 1/2

Tuesday, August 16 7PM

Marcello Mastroianni plays a director whose new project is collapsing around him. One of the greatest films about film, Federico Fellini's 8 1/2 turns one man's artistic crisis into a grand epic. Watch beforehand and join the discussion. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.



Poetry:

Mountains and Rivers Without End

Friday, August 26 7PM

In honor of the recent publication by of Gary Snyder's collected verse, we'll discuss his early Beat poetry, acclaimed ecological poetry, and a sampling of his sensitive translations. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.



Knitting and Crocheting

Wednesday

August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 1PM

Friday

August 5, 12, 19, 26 1PM

Join our knitting and crochet group. Bring a project you are working on, or get help if you are a beginner. Drop in whenever you have a free afternoon. We meet in the Craft Room. Come relax, create, and converse. No Registration required.



Strength and Conditioning Class for Beginners

Mon., August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 7PM

Sat., August 6, 13, 20, 27 11AM

Join Harman Ransi in his beginner-friendly resistance training course. The class will teach fundamental stretches and weighted exercises to build overall flexibility and functional muscle. Harman has been lifting for 4 years and has also been a member of Rowan University's Powerlifting Club for a year. The course is open to all adults of any experience. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.

ADULTS



TSOP: The Glory of Philly Soul **Sunday, August 21 7PM**

A salute to the stylings that put Quaker City Soul on the map. We'll make "crate digs" for some obscure discs and celebrate the smash hits of producers Gamble and Huff, hearing from Harold Melvin, The O'Jays, The Delfonics, and The Stylistics. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.



Mindful Meditation **Wednesday, August 3, 24 10AM**

Join an experienced meditation instructor and achieve relaxation of 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.



Book Chat **Wednesday, August 24 7PM**

Please join us for a lively virtual book discussion of National Book Award finalist, Pachinko by Lee Min-Jin. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link.



Tai Chi for Health **Wednesday, Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 1PM**

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.



Sci-Fi Book Club **Saturday, August 27 2PM**

Come and join us for the inaugural meeting of our Sci-Fi book club! This month we'll be discussing the hit novel Annihilation by Jeff Vandermeer. No registration required.

MOVIE CLUB EVENTS



Movie Club: **Beach Blanket Movies**

Wednesday, August 17 7PM

As we head into the waning days of summer, let's take a look at the films that have a special place as hot month favorites. Join us as we take to the beaches for this discussion about cinematic summers. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.

Movie Club: **Brando – For Better and Worse**

Tuesday, August 23 7PM

This meeting we'll focus on the always fascinating, usually controversial method acting genius, Marlon Brando, through his trendsetting highs and lows, on both the big screen and in his personal life. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.

Movie Club: Here We Go Again? **Unnecessary Sequels**

Wednesday, August 24 7PM

Ever wonder why Hollywood cranks out so many sequels that are seemingly unnecessary other than to make money? "We'll explore the practice with producer/director Danny Wolf, a frequent visitor to Quentin Tarantino's New Beverly Cinema and connoisseur of all things weird and wild. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.

Movie Club: General Meeting **Tuesday, August 30 7PM**

As the summer fades away, we'll look into the best and worst movies and TV series of the past couple months, previews what films are on the horizon and discuss anything and everything that's on our minds in terms of trends and news. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.

KIDS

**Outdoor Story Time****Wednesday, August 3, 10, 17, 24, 30**
10:30AM

Join us for stories, songs, rhymes, and a take home craft as we explore a new theme every week! This story time will be held outside on the library lawn. Please be mindful of social distancing. All ages are welcome. Registration is only required if we move indoors due to inclement weather. Check the events calendar for updates.

**Board Game Afternoon****Saturday, August 13 2PM**

Come play board games at the library! Try one of the many board games the library has available, or bring your own. Our games are appropriate for ages 6+. so anyone ages 6-100+ can come! Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Afterwards, you are welcome to check out a game with your library card to play at home. Registration is required.

**Peaceable Kingdom Petting Zoo****Saturday, August 13 11AM**

A petting zoo at the library! The best petting zoo around! Charis Matey, owner of Peaceable Kingdom Petting Zoo, is visiting us with her adorable friends, including baby goats, lambs, ducks, chickens, bunnies, and more! They would love to meet you... you can feed them, pet them, and talk to Charis all about how she takes care of them, what it's like to live with them, and each of their unique and fun personalities. It is sure to be a great day! No registration needed.

**Art Time****Sunday, August 14 2:00PM**

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. Please register.

**Virtual LEGO Club****Tuesday, August 2, 9, 16, 23 2PM**

This is a weekly virtual event for LEGO enthusiasts! A different theme will be explored each week. Please register so a Zoom link can be provided prior to the event.

**Family Art Night****Tuesday, August 9 & 23 6PM**

Another great class with Miss Susan, for little ones and parents to experience together! Please register.

**Move and Groove****Monday, August 1, 8, 15, 22 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 2-5 years old, this program will give kids a chance to learn new dance moves and get active! We meet on the library lawn, weather permitting. No registration required.

**Paws for Reading****Thursday, Aug. 11 1, 1:15, 1:30, 1:45PM****Tuesday, Aug. 23 4, 4:15, 4:30, 4:45PM**

Practice your reading skills with a captive canine audience in a private setting with Wilson, a registered therapy dog, and his owner, Ms. Judy. Wilson is a friendly Bearded Collie mix who is waiting to hear you read to him. Please note, sessions are in 15-minute blocks. Bring your favorite book from home or arrive early to choose a book from the library's collection. Grades 1-4. Please register. Masks are required for this event.

**All About Dolphins!****Monday, August 15 2:30PM**

Learn about dolphins, one of the ocean's most dynamic species, through storytelling and crafts! Follow the adventures of Danny the bottlenose dolphin as he finds himself lost and in need of help. Discover the dolphins that visit New Jersey's waters and how the Marine Mammals Stranding Center in Brigantine, NJ, helps them. This is a virtual event, please register and a Zoom link will be provided prior.

**Adventure Aquarium:
Oceans of Possibilities****Saturday, August 20 2PM**

The ocean is a wonderful and mysterious place. In this program, you will learn about oceanic wildlife and how scientists are able to study the world's largest and most diverse habitat! Prepare to see live animals from the Adventure Aquarium in this event! Presented by the Center for Aquatic Sciences at Adventure Aquarium. Please register.

TWEENS



First Chapter Friday Friday, August 5 All day

Looking for something new to read but can't decide where to start? Join us for First Chapter Friday where you will hear the first chapter of a carefully selected book that is sure to draw you in. We are going to finish up summer with yet another old-school chapter this month with E. B. White's *Charlotte's Web*. You can not go wrong with a genuine, caring girl, a creative spider, "some pig" and host of farm friends that will touch your heart.



Tween Only – Domino Chain Reaction Challenge Wednesday, August 24 1PM

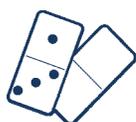
Do you have what it takes to make these dominoes fall while going up steps? Come out and give it a shot. For ages 8-12. Registration is required.

TEENS



Anime Matinee – Demon Slayer Saturday, August 6 12:30PM

Join us for a matinee screening of *Demon Slayer the Movie: Mugen Train* (*Kimetsu no Yaiba*), (2021), directed by Haruo Sotozaki, the movie that broke box office records, and is the sequel to the hugely successful anime series and manga. Tanjiro Kamado, his sister, two cohorts, and the most powerful swordsman in the Demon Slayer Corp, Flame Hashira Kyojuro Rengoku, join forces to combat the demon aboard the Mugen [Infinity] Train. With stunning animation and exciting action, they battle seemingly unstoppable evil. Yummy popcorn and snacks provided. Dress up like your favorite anime or manga character and chat afterwards (if you like). Registration required. R (violence & bloody images). 1hr 56 min.



Teen Only – Domino Chain Reaction Challenge Thursday, August 25 1PM

Do you have what it takes to make these dominoes fall while going up steps? Come out and give it a shot. For ages 13-17. Registration is required.



Teen Only – KEVA Plank Challenge Friday, August 26 1PM

With the aid of only 40 Keva planks, we are going to see who can make the best of the best of certain structures. This session we are going to attempt Thinnest to Fattest from a center point out.



Dungeons and Dragons Monday, August 1 2-4:30PM

Come learn how to play the original fantasy roleplaying game, *Dungeons & Dragons*. Return to, or join the adventure in the Sunless Citadel. If you missed the first part, don't worry, it'll be easy to catch up. Ages 15-18, please register.

Teen Volunteer Opportunities



Teen Newspaper Saturday, August 13 & 20 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. Discord server is clickable through our online events calendar or can be entered using <https://discord.gg/eFkMd6mGkA>. Registration is required.



Sidewalk Chalk Wednesday, August 10 10:45AM

The children's librarian, is looking for helpers (between the ages of 10 and 17) over the summer to run sidewalk chalk events after storytime. You will be signing in and collecting supplies from the info desk, setting up chalk stations outside, assisting the storytimers with drawing, ideas, positive feedback, cleaning up the supplies and returning them to the info desk. Each shift is 1 hour long.

Please visit our teen webpage for additional opportunities that arise throughout the month.
<https://www.mountlaurellibrary.org/youth-services/>

ALL AGES



Maker Space – Sewing Saturday **Saturday, August 20 10AM**

Please join us for Sewing Saturday in the Maker Space. Each Sewing Saturday is now 2 hours long. Please feel free to bring a project that you are currently working on, start a new one here, or simply learn how to use our machines. You will have access to one of our four state of the art machines and shared supplies. If you require specific supplies you are encouraged to bring them with you. We have 4 machines so registration is required to hold your spot.



All Ages Chess Club **Wednesday, August 10 7PM** **Thursday, August 18 1PM** **Saturday, August 27 1PM**

Whether you have played before or not, join us for some rousing games of chess. This is not a class. We have information on what the pieces are called and how they move for the true beginner and an open play space for the seasoned player. All levels are encouraged to attend and bring a friend! We have a good number of boards for you to use, however if you have one that you prefer, please feel free to bring it with you. No registration required.



Pirate Escape Room **Monday, August 22 &** **Friday, August 26** **1:00, 2:15, 3:30**

Can you find the Jewels of Aphrodite among the wreckage of Pirate Captain LaStar's ship? You only have 45 minutes to solve the puzzles and claim the treasure! Sign up as a family or a group for a chance to crack this escape room.

Friends Corner



Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time before, during and after our Book Sale. Also thank you to all the customers who came and purchased books. Together, all of you made this sale a great success. Next month we will let you know how much we collected and what the money was spent on.

We have been asking for people to step forward and volunteer to help with the book sales. I am glad to say that 4 new people volunteered and helped at our July book sale and had a good time while volunteering.

We are still looking for people who have a love of reading and would like to spend some time helping others find the joy in reading. Many of you may have volunteered at School book sales and had fun volunteering or are you a person who just loves reading? Here is your chance to become a volunteer in a place you find joy "The Library". You can volunteer for a few hours or many as you want. There are different areas where you can volunteer. Come by yourself or come and volunteer with a friend. Contact us at: friendsofmountlaurellibrary@gmail.com for more information and someone will get back to you. We look forward to meeting fellow book lovers.