

**"ALWAYS WORTH A BROWSE"**  
**FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN TOWNSHIP LIBRARY NEWS**  
**MAY 2021**



**Important News**

**(1) All Monmouth County Library Branches will be closed Monday, May 31, 2021** in observance of Memorial Day.

**(2) We Appreciate Your Feedback** -- We received a number of comments regarding the Friends of the Township of Ocean Library Newsletter and we wanted to share some with you...

"Outstanding information, thank you."

"Very helpful, thanks."

"Thank you for the service you provide. This most recent newsletter was packed full of information! Such a useful guide."

"...appreciate all the time put into the newsletter..."

"Thank you."

And, we thank you for taking the time to contact us. If you have other comments or suggestions you can reach out to us at [friendsofoceantwplibrary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofoceantwplibrary@gmail.com)

**(3) Book Donations** -- Just a reminder, although we greatly appreciate your kind intentions, **we are still unable to accept any book donations at this time.** But, please hold on to your donations. We hope to host our book sales later this year and we will let you know as soon as we are once again accepting donations. Thank you for your understanding.



**Updates from the Township of Ocean Library**

**(1) High Tech Addition** -- **Our library branch now has a new self-check-out machine!** It's super easy to use and is located by the circulation desk. **With this machine you can check out books, pick up holds (ask the circulation desk for your items first), and pay bills. Payment is by credit or debit card only.** The machine also has **another helpful function. If you print something from one of the library's computers, you can pick up your printed materials at the machine using a credit card.** (For cash payments, patrons can continue to use the printer located near the public internet computers.) See images of the new check-out station attached to this email.

**(2) Summer Is Coming** -- and with it comes the library's **Summer Reading Program.** The program **will begin in June** and **the theme this year is "Tails and Tales."** Stay tuned for more information in our next newsletter.

**(3) Thanking Our Branch Staff** -- As you'll recall **April 6th was National Library Workers Day.** In recognition of this day and to thank our library staff for all they do to keep our library a vibrant part of the

Township of Ocean community, **The Friends of the Township of Ocean Library sent the staff a beautiful floral arrangement and a platter of cookies.** Librarian **Diana Zambrano** asked us to pass along this message..."I do want to thank the Friends on behalf of the staff for the delicious goodies and beautiful flowers. It was so sweet and we are all very thankful for your kindness."



### Updates from Our Cultural Collaborators

**(1) The Township of Ocean Historical Museum -- [The Township of Ocean Historical Museum](#) will be closed on May 9, 2021 in observance of Mother's Day. The museum will be open on all other Sundays in May from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Please Note: Masks are required for all visitors and staff.**

**If you enjoy poetry, don't miss "Reflections," a poetry reading by author Joe Bove in honor of National Poetry Month. This event will be held on May, 2, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. on the lawn of The Township of Ocean Historical Museum.** You'll also be able pick up a copy of "Reflections." The collection of 23 poems, which costs \$15, was written by museum member, Joe Bove. (A portion of the proceeds from sales of the poetry book will benefit the museum.)

**Mark your calendar, the museum is hosting a ZOOM event on May 12, 2021 featuring speaker Sean McHugh.** Mr. McHugh will discuss the **archeological finds of the Woolley House.** More details to come at: [The Township of Ocean Historical Museum](#)

Sadly the museum has announced that **the 2021 Spring Tea is canceled** because of ongoing COVID-19 restrictions.

However, the Township of Ocean Historical Museum **DOES plan to hold their 10th American Doll Tea on the afternoon of Sunday, August 8, 2021.** The tea will be held under tents on the museum's back lawn. There will be a doll fashion show, a craft, a story, and a Tea Party. Tickets are \$25 for a child + adult. Tickets for an additional child are \$10 and \$25 for an additional adult. **Reservations are required. Reservations will be accepted after June 15, 2021. To make a reservation call the museum at 732-531-2136.**



### Happening Around Town

**(1) Come Honor Our Hometown Heroes -- The Township of Ocean Community Celebration Committee and the Township of Ocean Intermediate School invite you to celebrate our Hometown Heroes at a drive-in event on May 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mike Cernigliaro Bandshell in Joe Palaia Park. (Gates open at 6:30 p.m.) (Rain Date: May 13, 2021) Be sure to bring a sign to show your thanks!** For more information or to nominate someone as a Hometown Hero, contact Jennifer Nordstrom at 732-531-2600 x6220 or at [jnordstrom@oceantwp.org](mailto:jnordstrom@oceantwp.org)

**(2) Enjoy Some Guilty Pleasure -- Load a lawn chair into your car and head over to the Mike Cernigliaro Fairgrounds in Joe Palaia Park for a drive-in concert on May 27, 2021 featuring some toe-tapping good music courtesy of the New Jersey cover band Guilty Pleasure.** This drive-in event, brought to you by The Township of Ocean Community Celebration Committee, will have you grooving to music from the 60's to today. **Gates open at 5:30 p.m. and the show is from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$20 per vehicle. Go to the Township's website at: [www.oceantwp.org](http://www.oceantwp.org) for registration/payment details and important "house rules".**

**(3) Love a Good Sale?** -- Then you'll want to be sure and check out **The Township of Ocean's Fifth Annual Township-Wide Garage Sale**. The sale is scheduled for **May 28 - May 30, 2021**. **(Rain or Shine)** No permit is necessary to participate in this sale. **To register to participate, see a list of all the participating addresses, and view important sale rules go to the township website at: [www.oceantwp.org](http://www.oceantwp.org)**

**(4) Celebrating Local Artists** -- The Township of Ocean Community Celebration Committee is hosting a **Spring Art Exhibit and Sale** featuring local artists on **June 12, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Township of Ocean Historical Museum**. **(Rain Date: June 13, 2021)**. The exhibit and sale features strictly paintings by our talented local artists (no craft items). **The Township of Ocean Historical Museum will be open to visitors during this event**. Face masks and social distancing are required.



### **Grab A Book and Sit Awhile**

**Looking for a good book to read this month?** No problem! This month we once again are spotlighting several different ways you can locate recommended books in just about every genre.

**(1) Take the May Reading Challenge** -- For May our library's round table of suggested reading based on a monthly theme is going **BOTH in-person and virtual**. This month's theme is **"Planes, Trains and Automobiles."**

Debbie Bagchi, one of our library's reference librarians, has compiled a variety of books featuring some form of transportation. So if you are feeling the call of the road -- or the sky -- be sure and check out Debbie's picks on our website: [www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org](http://www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org)

**(2) Check Out National Public Radio (NPR) for a Book!** -- NPR's **The Book Concierge** is back with nearly 2,500 recommendations from NPR and trusted critics. **The Book Concierge** lets you filter the list by year and by genre. It is a great source if you are looking to find the perfect next read. **Just go to <https://apps.npr.org/best-books/#view=covers&year=2020>**

**(3) Get a Jump on the Latest Mysteries** -- by checking out **Goodreads "Top 60 New (and Upcoming) Mysteries."** To browse the list go to: [https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2051-the-60-hottest-new-and-upcoming-mysteries-thrillers?ref=pe\\_3097180\\_569083280&rto=x\\_gr\\_e\\_nl\\_general&utm\\_campaign=April062021&utm\\_content=Big.Mysteries.Mys.Week&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter](https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2051-the-60-hottest-new-and-upcoming-mysteries-thrillers?ref=pe_3097180_569083280&rto=x_gr_e_nl_general&utm_campaign=April062021&utm_content=Big.Mysteries.Mys.Week&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter)

**(4) Want to Explore Some Multi-generational Family Stories?** -- Then take a look at **Goodreads'** list of sweeping multi-generational family dramas. Follow fictional families through generations of triumph, turmoil and more. The list includes both new books and classics. Browse the list at: [https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2048-33-sweeping-multigenerational-family-dramas?ref=pe\\_3097180\\_569083280&rto=x\\_gr\\_e\\_nl\\_general&utm\\_campaign=April062021&utm\\_content=Family.Dramas&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=newsletter](https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2048-33-sweeping-multigenerational-family-dramas?ref=pe_3097180_569083280&rto=x_gr_e_nl_general&utm_campaign=April062021&utm_content=Family.Dramas&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter)

**(5) Consider Joining The Monmouth County Library's Virtual Book Discussions, Short Story Discussions, or Author Talks This Month\*\*** --

**Book Club Discussions:**

**May 20, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.** -- Join this virtual book club to discuss **"The Splendid and the Vile" by Erik Larson**. In this book, best-selling author Erik Larson shows how Winston Churchill taught the British people "the art of being fearless." The book offers new insights into London's darkest year through the day-to-day experiences of Churchill and his family.

**May 26, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.** -- This virtual book club will discuss **"Dear Edward" by Ann Napolitano**. "Dear Edward" is about a boy named Edward who is the sole survivor of a plane crash that killed everyone on board, including his family. The novel, told in two timelines, tells the stories of the ill-fated passengers and of Edward as he navigates through his new reality.

#### **Author Talks:**

**May 4, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.** -- **Suzanne Woods Fischer** will join in the discussion of her book **"The Moonlight School."** This novel brings to life the story that shocked the nation into taking action to improve adult literacy. It tells the story of a young woman sent to the hills of Kentucky to act as a scribe for the mountain people who are living in primitive conditions and intellectual poverty. This book is inspired by the true events of the Moonlight Schools.

#### **Short Story Discussion:**

**May 27, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.** -- This short short discussion will focus on **"Rope" by Katherine Anne Porter**. This story is about the tensions between a husband and wife which escalates when a coil of rope and forgotten coffee reveal hidden frustrations.

(\*\* Registration is required for all of these programs. To register simply go to the Monmouth County Library EventKeeper site by clicking [here](#) Scroll down to the date of the event you are interested in and you will see a small "Register" box at the bottom of the presentation description.)

We hope you find this spotlight helpful. Happy Reading!!



#### **Grab Some Popcorn & Binge Watch a Movie\*\***

The Monmouth County Library's **"The Reel Movie Discussion: A Virtual Program"**  
(You simply watch the film at your leisure and then join a virtual discussion) **for May is:**

**May 13, 2021 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** -- **"The King's Speech" (2010) (R)**. This four-time Oscar winning film is the story of King George VI of Britain, his impromptu ascension to the throne, and the speech therapist who helped the unsure monarch. Starring Colin Firth, Geoffrey Rush, Helena Bonham Carter and Sir Derek Jacobi.

To reserve a physical copy of this film, please call our local branch at **732-531-5092** to place a hold. Pickup is available in person or through curbside service.

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### Other Fun and Helpful Library Offerings\*\*

**(1) Commemorating Jewish-American Heritage Month -- "The Other Jewish Songwriters" Virtual Lecture-in-Song** premieres on the Monmouth County Library website on **May 2, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. (and is available for viewing through May 31, 2021.)** This program is a musical and anecdotal tribute that specifically focuses on several lesser-known, outstanding, and prolific Jewish songwriters. **Musical entertainer and storyteller Fred Miller** regales the lives, careers and enduring songs of **Arthur Schwartz, Burton Lane and Sammy Fain.** **(Registration is NOT required for this program. Simply go to the Monmouth County Library website to view: [www.MonmouthCountyLib.org](http://www.MonmouthCountyLib.org) )**

**(2) Get Healthier -- By checking out Virtual Health Seminars** offered by the Monmouth County Library.

**May 11, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. -- Healthy Cooking with Herbs** Explore cooking with herbs. This presentation will discuss common kitchen herbs, how to use and store them, as well as some of the health benefits associated with these herbs.

**May 25, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. -- Reading Food Labels** This discussion will explain how to read food labels, why reading food labels is important, and what they can tell you about the foods you eat.

This program is offered by **Family and Community Health Sciences Department Educator Sharese Porter, PhD, MPH, CHES, Sr. Program Coordinator Supervisor, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Burlington and Monmouth Counties.**

**(3) Be WISE -- With WISE, the Wellness Initiative for Senior Education,** a presentation by **Samantha White of FCS for Family & Children's Services of Monmouth County, you'll participate in a series of virtual lessons that cover a wide range of topics designed to increase your knowledge about how bodies age, health care empowerment, and use of over-the-counter medications.** The next sessions of this series will be held:

**May 4, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. -- Valuing Cultural and Generational Diversity**

**May 18, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. -- Medication and the Older Adult**

**(4) Spring Has Sprung: Get Your Gardening Questions Answered -- On May 6, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.,** thanks to the **Rutgers Master Gardener Virtual Program,** you can get your gardening questions answered by **Diane Larson, Monmouth County Horticulturist** of the Rutgers Master Gardeners. **Please email all questions by May 5, 2021 to Ms. Larson via [MonCoLibrary2021@gmail.com](mailto:MonCoLibrary2021@gmail.com)**

**(5) Join a Symphony of Hope Virtual Concert -- by the New Jersey State Youth Orchestra (NJSYO) on May 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. (and available through May 31, 2021 for viewing).** The NJSYO presents a free program of classics by Dukas, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Bizet, and Dvorak performed by the orchestra's talented woodwind, brass and percussion students. **(Registration is NOT required for this program. Simply go to the Monmouth County Library website to view: [www.MonmouthCountyLib.org](http://www.MonmouthCountyLib.org) )**

**(6) Sit In on a Lecture From the Comfort of Home --** The Monmouth County Library is sponsoring several lectures in May. Be sure and check them out!

**May 12, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. -- Join Nicholas Wood,** Resource Interpretive Specialist-Historic Resources, Twin Lights Historic Site, Division of Parks & Forestry for a **virtual exploration of the history of the**

**Twin Lights Lighthouse** along with other notable historical events in and around the Navesink Highlands.

**May 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** -- Join **Dick Evans**, a San Francisco-based photographer, **Kathy Chin Leong**, a career journalist, and **Gregory Yen**, an Asian-American pharmacist and lawyer, to **commemorate Asian/Pacific-American Heritage Month. This presentation will feature a dynamic slide show with commentary showcasing Mr. Evan's and Ms. Chin Leong's book "From Resilience to Celebration: An In-Depth, Virtual Pictorial Journey Inside San Francisco's beloved Chinatown."** It brings to life the history, culture, tourism and traditions of Chinatown and its residents who have proven to be resilient against all odds.

**May 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** -- Join **Jennifer W. Reiss** (who holds a Master's in history from Cambridge University, a JD from Harvard University, and is a PhD candidate in history at the University of Pennsylvania) as she **explores the life of Gouverneur Morris, one of our nation's founding fathers, a signer of both the Articles of Confederation and the U.S. Constitution, author of the preamble to the Constitution, envoy to France during the French Revolution, and senator from New York.** Morris was one of the most outspoken critics of slavery among the Founding Fathers and also argued for the right of people to practice their own religion without interference. Ms. Reiss highlights how Morris negotiated his multiple physical disabilities (his left leg was amputated after a carriage accident and he was severely burned on his right side) alongside class and gender expectations in the early days of our republic.

**May 19, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.** -- **Find out how they partied hearty in the Middle Ages through this virtual art history lecture by Michael Norris of Armchair Art Tours.** Despite the Middle Ages being viewed by some as the "Dark Ages," people in that era often enjoyed good times, especially at the table. Through art and archeology learn about medieval foods and their preparations (including a recipe for roast unicorn!!), as well as the rules and ceremonies under which these foods were presented and the types of entertainment guests might enjoy. Works from the Museum of Art and the Met's Cloisters Museum will highlight this presentation.

**May 20, 2021 at 7 p.m.** -- Archivist, educator and photographer **Gary Saretzky presents a virtual lecture on 19th century New Jersey photographer, Gustavus Pach.** The most successful photographer in Long Branch in the 19th century, Pach began photographing Long Branch from a mobile wagon in 1866 and opened a gallery there the following year. Pach is highly regarded for hundreds of scenic stereo views of Monmouth County and many of his glass negatives are at the Monmouth County Historical Association.

**(8) What's It Worth? -- Well now you can find out thanks to appraiser Michael Ivankovich and his live virtual antiques road show.** Author, auctioneer, appraiser and radio host, Mr. Ivankovich will reveal what your antiques, collectibles and personal treasures are worth. **Please note that appraisal slots are VERY limited. Registration for this program will open on May 3, 2021 at 9 a.m. For more information on registration and other important instructions go to the go to the Monmouth County Library EventKeeper site by clicking [here](#)** Scroll down to the date of this event and you will find more information in the presentation description.

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**A Few Reminders:**

**(1) The library's in-person times are:**

**Monday - Thursday: 1 - 9 p.m.**

**Friday: 1 - 5 p.m.**

**Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**(2) Curbside pickup is available:**

**Mondays: 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

**No curbside service will be available on Friday or Saturday.**



**Help Our Community** -- Want to do your part to help our community and our state during these difficult times? Here are simple ways you can make a difference.

**(1) If You Are 65+ and Are Having Trouble Booking a COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment -- The state of New Jersey has created a "Dedicated Vaccine Appointment Assistance for Seniors (65+)" phone line to help. Just call the special senior hotline at 856-249-7007 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. for scheduling support.**

**Thank you again for your continued support of  
The Friends of The Township of Ocean Library  
You truly are making a difference!  
Please continue to take care and stay safe!**

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