

"ALWAYS WORTH A BROWSE"
FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN TOWNSHIP LIBRARY NEWS
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Important News

(1) All branches of the Monmouth County Library will be closed on October 11, 2021 in observance of Columbus Day.

(2) National Friends of Libraries Week is October 17 - 23, 2021. Our library branch staff asked that we pass along this message to you:

"The Ocean Township Library staff would like to thank the Friends of the Ocean Township Library for all they do for our library staff and patrons from beautifying our library (and making it more user friendly!) with bookends, shopping carts and book carts to funding programs (hopefully we'll be back to it sooner than later) and everything in between. October 17-23 is National Friends of Libraries Week, and we celebrate each and every one of you. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!"



Updates from the Township of Ocean Library

(1) Welcome Back To Story Time -- Exciting stories and song singing are back as indoor children's story time resumes at our branch. All ages are welcome (with parent/caregiver). **Registration is required and sign-ups begin one week in advance of each date.** Face coverings for everyone over the age of two is recommended when attending this indoor event. **(To register simply go to the Monmouth County Library EventKeeper site by clicking [here](#). Scroll down to the date of the Story Time event you are interested in and you will see a small "Register" box at the bottom of the description.)**

(2) Best Wishes -- Miss Jackie, our branch's children's librarian is leaving to accept a position at the Monmouth County Library Headquarters. We wish Miss Jackie

well and thank her for all her efforts to promote a love of reading among our town's youngest residents.



Updates from Our Cultural Collaborators

(1) The Township of Ocean Historical Museum -- [The Township of Ocean Historical Museum](#) will be open on Sundays in October from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Museum Upcoming Events:

New Exhibit Opening This Month -- Be sure to stop by on October 24, 2021 as the Museum unveils a new exhibit honoring the 100th anniversary of the Wanamassa Fire Company.

Turn Your Old Jewelry and More Into Cash -- Coming up on November 10, 2021 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., appraiser Earth Treasures will buy your unwanted jewelry and donate a portion of its profits* to benefit the Ocean Township Historical Museum. The event will be held at the Museum. Bring your gold, silver, and platinum items (not just jewelry), costume jewelry, and estate jewelry. An appraiser will meet with you in a private session -- following all COVID-19 safety guidelines. **ALL VISITORS MUST WEAR A MASK.** (*Please Note: The donation does NOT come from your payment -- you receive the same amount as if you went to the store for an appraisal.)

Don't Forget To Mark Your Calendar -- If you love to shop you won't want to miss the Museum quilters "Pre-Holiday Sale of American Girl Doll Clothes" on November 13 and 14, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Museum. Beautiful handmade outfits and knitwear will be on sale for both 18" and 14" dolls.



Happening Around Town

(1) **Seeking Photos -- The Township of Ocean is once again looking for photos to be included in our town's 2022 Township of Ocean municipal calendar and newsletters.** So if you have photos that depict the beauty and unique qualities of our

township, photos of volunteers in action at community events and gatherings, or photos that show what the "Community of Gracious Living" is all about, consider submitting them. You DON'T have to be a professional photographer to participate. **All photos must be submitted by October 20, 2021 to Tracey Berkowitz at tberkowitz@oceantwp.org and should include "2022 calendar photos" in the subject line. The town will be giving credit for all photos selected so be sure to include your full name in your email.**

(2) An Educational Workshop About Goose Management -- Has been rescheduled to **October 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.** The Deal Lake Commission will host a special **ZOOM presentation** by a wildlife biologist from the **USDA/Wildlife Services of NJ** that will cover the reasons and techniques for controlling the **Canadian goose population**. The session will include biology, population and regulations. It also will provide techniques to prevent damage to property, bodies of water, and ensure human health and safety. A Q&A session will follow. **This Zoom workshop will last about 50 minutes.** The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82999777232>



County News

(1) Calling All Fans of History -- Don't miss the **Archives and History Day 2021** event hosted by The Monmouth County Archives. The event is being held at the **Brookdale Community College's Collins Arena on October 2, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:45 pm.** The theme this year is "Facing Adversity: Monmouth Responds in Times of Crisis" **This event, which is free and open to the public,** will feature local history-related exhibitor tables, keynote speeches, and the Monmouth County history exhibit.

To find out more about the Monmouth County Archives you can go to: <https://www.monmouthcountyclerk.com/archives>



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 October Reading Challenge -- For October 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 **"You Haven't Read That?"**.

Debbie Bagchi, one of our library's reference librarians, **has compiled a variety of books that are highly popular with readers**. So if you're looking for a popular book that you might have missed, check out Debbie's list which includes such best sellers as "A Man Called Ove," "The Light Between Oceans," "The Woman in Cabin 10," and "The Wife Upstairs." You can take a peek at Debbie's picks on our website: www.friendsofoceantwplibrary.org

(2) Across Time -- If you are interested in exploring the Roaring Twenties, the Spanish Flu pandemic, World War II, the upheaval of the 1960s, or even the more recent 1990s, Goodreads has a book recommendation for you. Goodreads has compiled a list of new novels, sorted by decade, that are set in time periods throughout the 20th Century. **To begin your reading journey go to:** https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2169-read-across-the-20th-century-with-these-new-novels?ref=pe_3097180_595330930&rto=x_gr_e_nl_general&utm_campaign=September082021&utm_content=Century.Reading&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter

(3) It's No Longer a Mystery -- That if you are looking for a new mystery or thriller to read you'll want to follow the clues in Goodreads list of **"The Biggest Upcoming Mysteries and Thrillers."** You're bound to discover a great whodunit or suspenseful story including new books from reader favorites James Patterson, John Grisham, Lisa Jewel and many others. You'll find the list at: https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2163-peek-ahead-at-the-biggest-mysteries-and-thrillers-for-the-rest-of-the-year?ref=pe_3097180_595330930&rto=x_gr_e_nl_general&utm_campaign=September082021&utm_content=Upcoming.Mysteries&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter

(4) Fall Favorites -- The Washington Post has compiled a list of 15 books not to miss this fall, from debut novels to an Amanda Gorman poetry collection. To find a fall "don't miss" read go to: https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/books/fall-books/2021/09/07/2e945e00-0fe6-11ec-882f-2dd15a067dc4_story.html

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

Book Club Discussions:

October 6, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. -- Join this virtual book club to discuss **"All Adults Here"** by Emma Straub. A Today Show #ReadWithJenna Book Club Pick and described by the New York Times as "literary sunshine", this book is a story about adult siblings, aging parents, high school boyfriends, middle school mean girls, the lifelong effects of birth order, and all the other things that follow us into adulthood.

October 14, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. -- This virtual book club will discuss **"The Thursday Murder Club"** by Richard Osman. In this mystery, four unlikely friends meet weekly in the Jigsaw Room of a retirement community to discuss unsolved crimes -- calling themselves The Thursday Murder Club. When a local developer is found dead, the Thursday Murder Club embarks on their first live case. As the bodies begin to pile up, can this unorthodox but brilliant gang catch the killer, before it's too late?

October 20, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. -- This virtual book club will explore **"Leave the World Behind"** by Rumann Alam. This suspenseful book weaves together a story about race, isolation, crisis, and how much strangers can truly trust one another during a catastrophe. In this book, a family leave New York City for a getaway to a remote part of Long Island, only to have their vacation interrupted by the homeowners who claim a blackout has swept through New York City. But, there is no way of knowing...are the homeowners really telling the truth?

Short Story Discussion:

October 28, at 10:30 a.m. -- This short story discussion will focus on **"The Untold Lie"** (Part of the **Winesburg, Ohio: A Group of Tales of Ohio Small-Town Life**) by **Sherwood Anderson**. This is a story of two farm laborers -- Ray, a serious-minded family man living a simple life, and Hal, who has a reputation as a fighter and womanizer. When Hal sets out to do the right thing by a girl he has gotten into trouble, Ray begins to question his own identity.

(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!!



Other Helpful & Fun Library Offerings**

(1) The Fight for the Vote -- Join a cast-led discussion of the film "**Suffragists Speak: Race, Slavery, and the Fight for the Vote**" on **October 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** Simply view the film at your leisure at <https://youtu.be/FK4CILazLYo> and then join the cast to discuss this story of how race and the legacy of slavery played out in the fight for the vote. (Please Note: Although the discussion will reference material in the film, you can still participate if you don't have an opportunity to view the film prior to the discussion.)

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

October 26 , 2021 at 10:30 a.m. -- What's The Scoop? Sugar Substitutes and Sweeteners This presentation will explore sugar substitutes and alternative natural sweeteners as a way to cut back on "sugar." Learn about the different types of sugar substitutes and how they affect the body so you can make healthy eating decisions. 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) If Your Garden is an All-You-Can-Eat Buffet for Deer -- Then you won't want to miss "**Not Tonight My Deer**" On **October 7, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.** when **Irene Wanat, Rutgers Master Gardener**, will discuss deer resistant plants that will save your garden from these four-legged neighbors

(4) Eligible for Medicare? -- Then you won't want to miss "**Medicare for Newbies: A Virtual Workshop**" on **October 19, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.** presented by **Samantha White, Coordinator for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program -- part of Family & Children's Services of Monmouth County.** Ms. White will provide the important facts you need to know to make an informed decision.

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

October 13, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. -- Join T. J. Fallon, founder of the Dead History Channel, for "Pandemic Pursuit: Visiting Graves of Dead Presidents". During the pandemic Mr. Fallon traveled over 50,000 miles throughout the United States to visit the grave sites of every former President, Vice President, Declaration of Independence Signer, and U.S. Constitution Signer. Come hear about his fascinating and funny journey through 33 states.

October 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. -- Join Lawrence R. Jones and Joni Jones, two of the original founders of Parents of Autistic Children, for "Autism and Divorce". This presentation focuses on the many challenges of mediating and resolving issues during a divorce, as well as other family disputes that may arise between parents who have a child with autism. Topics to be discussed include custody,

parenting time, educational issues, disputes over diagnosis and intervention, and much more. A Q&A session will follow the presentation.

October 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. -- Join **author, historian and paranormal investigator, Greg Caggiano for "Ghost Hunting 101"**, an intimate look at the ins and outs of ghost hunting -- including the special equipment and methods that are used. Be prepared to hear some spooky tales of personal ghostly encounters at historical sites in our state. **(An encore presentation of this program will be available to view on the library's website at www.MonmouthCountyLib.org on October 29, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.)**

October 21, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. -- Join **Michael Norris of Armchair Art Tours for "Making a Good Impressionism"**. Learn how French Impressionist painters, rebelling against an ancient system of art training, created new images filled with emotion and energy. Art from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Princeton University Art Museum, and the Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers University will be featured during the presentation.

October 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. -- Join **Medium Phyllis Mitchell for "Intuition: Are You in Touch with Yours?"**. During this presentation Medium Phyllis Mitchell will help you understand what intuition is and methods for enhancing it. You'll also have an opportunity to participate in exercises that will help you explore your own intuition.

October 27, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. -- Join **award-winning author and Ghost Tour actress Leanna Renee Hieber on a spirited tour with "The Magic and Mysticism of Central Park"**. You'll have an opportunity to virtually visit the most iconic spaces in Central Park and learn about the 19th century movements that helped create the park and its contents.

October 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. -- **Attend "Morbid Monmouth" at your own risk for a bone-chilling, spine-tingling and utterly fascinating presentation on the most macabre, dreadful and eerie objects in the Monmouth County Historical Association's collection. Bernadette Rogoff, Director of Collections, will discuss the Hook of Death, post-mortem imagery, and even wreaths made of human hair. Recoil at tales of the dangers of life in the 18th and 19th centuries and more. (Important Note: This program is not intended for young children. Recommended for those age 14+ only.)**

(6) It's Time for an Autumn Feast -- Join **Chef Rob on October 23, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.** as he dishes up a true autumn feast **LIVE on the Monmouth Library's Facebook Page** -- which can be accessed through the Library's website at www.MonmouthCountyLib.org

The tasty menu includes:

Autumn Garden Vegetable Soup

Chopped Fall Salad with Apples, Cranberries & Maple Cider Dressing

Harvest Pumpkin Coffee Cake

(You will receive emailed recipes and photos when you register.)

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A Reminder:

(1) 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 in the near future and we will let you know as soon as we are once again accepting donations. Thank you.



Help Our Community -- Want to do your part to help our community? Here are simple ways you can make a difference:

(1) Vote Early -- You may not know that recently new legislation passed which **establishes in-person early voting in New Jersey**. This new option allows registered voters to cast their ballots in person -- using a voting machine -- during a nine-day period prior to Election Day. **The designated locations will be open from Saturday, October 23, 2021 through Sunday, October 31. Hours will be Monday - Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary. One of the designated sites in Monmouth County is the Monmouth County Library Headquarters in Manalapan. For more information go to <https://www.state.nj.us/state/elections/vote-early-voting.shtml>**

(2) Time for Your Flu Shot -- Our state encourages everyone six months of age or older to get a flu vaccine every year and October is a good time to get vaccinated. It is more important than ever to get a flu shot this year since it is likely that flu viruses and the virus that causes COVID-19 will both be spreading this fall and winter. Getting a flu shot is the best way to protect yourself and others (especially those who are particularly

vulnerable to both COVID-19 and influenza such as older adults and those with chronic health conditions).

**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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