



Mount Laurel
Library

Newsletter and Program Guide

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Green Team Event: Composting **Tuesday** **June 7 7PM**

So you want to compost? The Green Team can help. Learn what options work best for you as a homeowner, condo resident, or apartment dweller. They'll cover tips and tools when composting on your own or working with a pickup service. No registration required.



Mindful Meditation **Wednesday** **June 8, 29 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 the day before.



Talk: Women and Tea **in the Victorian Era** **Thursday,** **June 23 1PM**

Learn how tea had an impact on both upper-and working-class women. Discover how tea affected social events, dress styles, business ventures, and health. Hosted by Judith Krall-Russo. No registration required.



Dungeons and Dragons **- Adult Night** **Thursday, June 9 6PM**

Come learn how to play the original fantasy roleplaying game. Grab a pre-made character we'll provide (or make your own beforehand if you are familiar with the game) and join the adventure. Players will investigate the mysterious Sunless Citadel, a labyrinth thought to be built by a long-forgotten cult, now infested with kobolds and goblins. Registration required. Space will be limited, as D&D is best played with a small group.



Kink Kronikles: **The Songs of Ray Davies** **Wednesday, June 15 7PM**

This band, which helped invent power pop and went on to pioneer the concept album, had a few famous hits, then struggled to keep their sound in the charts. But fans are still crazy for them! We'll focus on leader/songwriter Ray Davies' eclectic blend of blues and English music hall and the songs through which he shaped a large cast of eccentric British fictional characters. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.

The Library will be closed Sunday, June 19th for Juneteenth.

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ADULTS



Tuesday Mahjong

Tuesday, June 7, 14, 21, 28
1PM

Mahjong is a fun and popular tile-based game of strategy, skill, and lots of luck. All levels of experience welcome. Bring your National Mahjong League 2022 card and a mahjong set (if you have one). Registration required, for first two weeks, to gauge interest beforehand.



Tai Chi for Health

Wednesday
June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 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.



Knitting and Crocheting

Wed., June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 1PM
Friday, June 3, 10, 17, 24 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. Come relax, create, and converse. No registration required.



Book Chat

Wednesday, June 29 7PM

Please join us for a lively virtual book discussion of *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* by Taylor Jenkins Reid. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link.



Foreign Film: The Dinner Game

Sunday, June 26 1PM

Hilarity abounds in this farce from director Francis Veber (*La Cage aux Folles*), in which a publisher attends a dinner party where participants bring an idiot to participate unknowingly against the other fools for the crown of "champion idiot." 1998. In French with English subtitles. PG-13. 80 min. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. No registration required.



Poetry: Green Thoughts in a Green Shade

Tuesday, June 21 7PM

In honor of summer we'll discuss classic and contemporary poems celebrating wanderings through fields, groves, and woods. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.



Strength and Conditioning Class for Beginners

Monday, June 6, 13, 20, 27 7PM
Saturday, June 4, 11, 18, 25 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. He has also helped provide programs and train family members and friends. The course is open to all adults of any experience. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.



Movie Matinee: Cyrano

Thursday, June 16 1PM

Too self-conscious to woo Roxanne himself, wordsmith Cyrano de Bergerac helps young Christian nab her heart through love letters. 123 mins. PG-13. No registration required. (Doors open at 12PM.)



Plants and Pollinators

Thursday, June 30 6PM

Join Burlington County Park Naturalist Jennifer Bulava for an inspiring discussion about native wildlife. Learn which species of plants attract different kinds of pollinators and why these relationships are so important to our ecosystem. No registration necessary.

ADULTS



Film Forum: Safety Last Friday, June 10 7PM

Harold Lloyd was the third member of the silent comedy triumvirate, along with Chaplin and Keaton. In this classic, his character, a bespectacled go-getter, dreams of making it big in the city and ends up scaling a skyscraper, in one the most iconic sequences of movie history. Watch beforehand and join for the discussion. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.

Film Forum: Ironweed Thursday, June 30 7PM

Based on the Pulitzer Prize winning novel by William Kennedy, the film follows the return of Franny Phelan to Albany, New York after many years "on the bum" during the Great Depression. Jack Nicholson and Meryl Streep were both nominated for Academy Awards. Watch beforehand and join for the discussion. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.



Street Corner Symphonies: The Glory of Doo Wop Friday, June 24 7PM

Beginning seventy years ago, the urban youth of America gave voice to their longings in harmony with their neighborhood friends, starting a recording craze crucial to the development of rock and soul. Join us to listen to groups including The Flamingos, The Orioles, The Moonglows, The Penguins, and more. It's sure to be an evening both jumpin' and dreamy. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before.

New App

We're excited to announce our new & improved library app, available in your app store or use this QR code to find!



MOVIE CLUB EVENTS



Foreign Film Presenter and writer, Irv Slifkin, hosts fun discussions for experts and beginners. Some example films are available on Kanopy and Hoopla, but the conversation may include other films as well. Registration is required for each event, and the discussions will be conducted on Zoom. You will receive a link to the meeting a day prior to the event.

Scorsese, Part 2 Tuesday, June 14 7PM

Time for more Marty! We'll resume our discussion of Martin Scorsese's life and amazing career...from 1997's "Kundun" through his most recent efforts. We'll also uncover unrealized projects, TV series, and the array of documentaries he's directed.

Memorable Theatrical Experiences Friday, June 17 7PM

We've all had them: weird, quirky, or memorable experiences. They don't have to be movie theaters, either. It might've been a concert hall or Broadway theater in which something funny, exciting, absurd, or even perilous occurred. This should be a fun program.

Funniest TV Shows Tuesday, June 28 7PM

I can't stop laughing just thinking of that hilarious episode. No, I'm not telling you what it is now. First, we need to know what you find or found funny on TV and why--the dialogue, the characters, the physical shtick?

Favorite Actresses Wednesday, June 29 7PM

Time to get your true confession! Who is your favorite actress and why? What is it that makes you tune in to every movie or TV show they're in? What is it that makes them so magnetic on screen? Choose any era or type of actress, from the biggest stars to the near-unknowns.

KIDS

**Outdoor Story Time****Wednesday, June 1, 8, 15 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.

**Art Time****Sunday, June 12 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.

**Family Art Night****Tuesday, June 28 6PM**

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

ALL AGES

**Maker Space – Sewing Saturday****Saturday, June 4, 25 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****Saturday, June 25 1PM**

Whether you have played before or not, join us for some rousing games of chess. This is not a class, but we have information on what the pieces are called and how they move for the true beginner and 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.

**Move and Groove****Monday, June 6, 13, 20 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.

**Magic Show with Magic Jim****Thursday, June 30****6:30PM & 7:30PM**

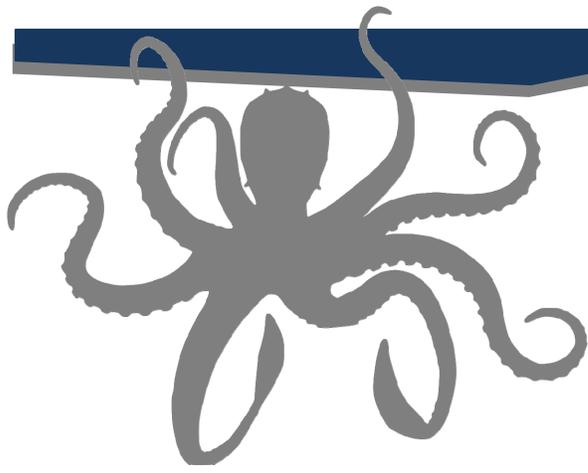
Magic Jim combines his unique backgrounds in theatre and education to bring you the most entertaining magic show there is! You will laugh, learn, and be amazed at the same time! This is a great show for all ages, young and old. Please register, this event will be held inside the library meeting rooms and space will be somewhat limited to allow for social distancing. Please note there are two of the SAME back-to-back shows taking place to accommodate everyone who wants to attend.

**Board Game Afternoon****Saturday, June 18 2pm**

Come play board games at the library! Try one of the many board games the library has available, or bring your own. 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 required.

**Anime Matinee & Party – The Girl Who Leapt Through Time****Saturday, June 4 12:30PM****Saturday, July 9, 12:30 PM - Film TBA**

Join us for a matinée screening of the award-winning anime *The Girl Who Leapt Through Time*, (2006), directed by Mamoru Hosoda. Makoto Konno regards herself as a normal high-school student whose favorite pastime is playing baseball with her best friends. When Makoto nearly loses her life in a bicycle accident, she escapes by moving back through time, but her leaps eventually backfire and forever alter the fate of those she cares about. Can she fix everything before it is too late? **Snacks and popcorn will be provided! Dress up like your favorite anime or manga character (if you'd like). Registration required.** Rated PG. Running time is 1 hr 38 minutes.



Oceans of Possibilities! Youth Summer Reading Program 2022

June 25 - August 20

We want you to make reading a fun summer habit! Sign up and we will give you activities to try with your pre-reader to encourage early literacy skills all summer. Or, if you are an independent reader, keep it going and win a different prize every week!

TWEENS



First Chapter Friday **Friday, June 3 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. This month we are reading a classic, *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh* by Robert C. O'Brien. This book is packed full of action, excitement and shows the lengths that caregivers will go to to ensure the safety of their loved ones.



Tween Only – **Domino Chain Reaction Challenge** **Wednesday, June 29 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.



Tween/Teen **Book to Movie Matinee** **Saturday, June 25 2PM**

Grab a friend or two and join us in Discord to watch *Ramona and Beezus*. This is the film adaptation of Beverly Cleary's novel of the same name. "When Ramona's Quimby's dad loses his job, the family must make adjustments. Ramona dreams up various plans to make money so that she can save their house, but because everybody in the family seems too preoccupied to help her with her own worries, she turns to the one person who always has time for her, Aunt Bea. But even Aunt Bea is distracted these days because of her ex-boyfriend and Quimby family next-door neighbor - Hobart." -imdb

TEENS



Teen Only – Domino Chain Reaction Challenge **Thursday, June 30 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 Newspaper **Saturday, June 18 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.**

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



Adult Summer Reading

Summer's here, so exercise your brain while perfecting your tan by reading a good book. Library patrons 18 or older can join the adult reading program. Starting June 25th, sign up online or at the Info Desk. For every book you read or audio book you listen to, fill out a ticket at the desk or online. On August 20th, two lucky participants will receive a fabulous prize.



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Friends Corner



Annual Election of Executive Board Officers

The election of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will take place this month at the **June 8, 2022** business meeting, at the Mt. Laurel Library at **7PM**.

President: Plans board meetings and the Annual Meeting for the year, prepares meeting agendas, chairs meetings, and works with all board members.

Vice-President: Helps with planning for the year, and assumes the president's duties when the president is not available.

Secretary: Keeps a record of meeting minutes, handles all The Friends correspondence and is responsible for sending meeting notices to members and invitations to the Friends functions.

Treasurer: Keeps bank records, makes deposits, signs checks, prepares fiscal statements for regular meetings and the annual meeting, participates in audits, and submits the annual registration form and fee to the State of New Jersey and other reports as needed.

Thanks to all of you who attended and who volunteered for the April book sale we are happy to say that we raised \$6,648. Some of this money will be used for 8 additional museum passes and Hoopla.