



Mount Laurel
Library

Newsletter and Program Guide

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Mah Jong

Tuesday, October 1, 8, 15, 29 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.



Knit and Crochet

Monday, October 7, 21, 28 6:30PM

Wed., October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 1PM

Friday, October 4, 11, 18, 25 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.



Scrabble Club

Wednesday, October 2 2PM

Tuesday, October 29 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., October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 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.

Yin Yoga

Wednesday, October 2 7PM

Saturday, October 19 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 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.



Dungeons & Dragons

Thurs., October 3, 10, 17, 31 6PM

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



Matinee: One Life

Saturday, October 5 1PM

One Life tells the incredible true story of a young London broker who helps rescue hundreds of children from Czechoslovakia before Nazis close the borders. 1 hr. 49 mins. No registration required.



Chess Club

Saturday, October 5, 19 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.

Phil Bruschi Sings

Wednesday, October 16 1PM

Entertainer and educator, Phil Bruschi, returns to the library to sing and discuss famous movie tunes. No registration.

The Library will be CLOSED on Monday, October 14

Library Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:30am - 9pm, Fri. 9:30am-7pm, Sat. 9:30am - 5pm, Sun. 12noon-5pm
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ESL Conversation Class

Wednesday, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 6PM

This ESL class is for upper level beginner- to lower-level intermediate-learners. To register through NJ Literacy, please fill out an application on their website at <https://literacynj.org/burlington-student-application>, or text them at 609-388-1506. They will contact you and place you in an appropriate class for your learning level. This class is for adults only (18+).



Film Forum: Gods & Monsters

Wednesday, October 23 7PM

This fictional film is based on the last days of the real-life film director James Whale, who scored big hits with FRANKENSTEIN and THE INVISIBLE MAN and retired early. Featuring Ian McKellan, Brendan Fraser, and Lynn Redgrave, in an Oscar-winning performance. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link before the event.

Magic: The Gathering Night

Thursday, October 10 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. No registration required.



Movie Club: Beloved Series

Wednesday, October 16 7PM

Join us as we discuss the best film series. Which have stayed consistently solid? Which have flopped? And what keeps a film franchise going? Paul Fishbein co-hosts. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. Registration required. You will receive a zoom link beforehand.



Crystal Bowl Sound Bath Meditation

Tuesday, October 15 7PM

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



Dance Class: Tango

Tuesday, October 29 7PM

Stop in for a beginner's dance lesson! Diane, from Dances by Diane, will be here teaching a new dance this Tuesday evening. Have some fun and get yourself moving. No registration required.



Concert: Sea Dogs

Sunday, October 13 2PM

The Sea Dogs will perform traditional sea chanties, which are work-songs used on boats and ships, fock'sle songs, sung for entertainment by sailors, and instrumental pieces, played for dancing. Audiences are encouraged to sing along, clap, and stomp! No registration required.



Silent Book Club

Monday, October 21 6:30PM

Are you looking for a cozy spot to read in companionable silence? 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. No registration required.

Foreign Film:

Mississippi Masala

Monday, October 7 1PM

A cross culture romance, between two immigrant families in the south. 1991. R (mature themes, sexual situations). In English and Swahili with English subtitles. 118 min. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. No registration required.

Talk: The Harvest Season

Saturday, October 19 1PM

Autumn was a season of hard work for early Americans. Learn how our forefathers prepared for the long winter while celebrating the harvest. Hosted by Judith Krall-Russo. No registration required.



Melodious Musicals

Join Irv Slifkin for a musical series that will get your toes a' tappin! No registration required.

Swing Time

Friday, October 11 1PM

It's Always Fair Weather

Friday, October 18 1PM

Oklahoma!

Friday, November 1 12:30PM

ADULTS



Blackout Poetry Meetup

Tuesday, October 15 4PM

Have you ever wanted to write poetry but couldn't find the words? Blackout poetry is a form of found poetry whereby participants create a poem by blacking out words from a page to create a new work. All supplies provided. No registration required.



Zombie Stomp: Halloween Juke Box

Friday, October 18 7PM

Return to the jukebox of swingin' ghosts, rockin' zombies, and other funky creatures. We'll sample music dedicated to the frightful feast, from classical music to the present. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link before the event.



Book Chat:

Wednesday, October 23 7PM

Please join us on zoom for a lively book discussion of *The Berry Pickers*, by Amanda Peters. You will be sent the zoom link and will also receive a reminder the day before. The group is very informal there is no pressure to participate, all are welcome. This book is available in digital form, from Hoopla, and in physical form in the library. Registration required.



Music: Polka Madness

Monday, October 7 7PM

In honor of Oktoberfest, a celebration of polka music. We'll trace its history, from its origins in Bohemian folk music to the dance craze in Parisian ballrooms. Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. Lederhosen optional! You will receive a Zoom link before the event.



Jigsaw Puzzle Night

Wednesday, October 9 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 required.

Movie Club:

All the Movies' Presidents

Wednesday, October 9 7PM

In which we survey the most and least memorable POTUS's, real and fictional, in movie and TV history--just in case you needed more politics in your life! Hosted by Irv Slifkin. Registration required. You will receive a zoom link beforehand.



Community Trivia

Saturday, October 12 12PM

Come in for a game of Community Trivia, run by volunteers from Burlington County MENSA. Form teams, answer tricky trivia questions, and compete for a high score! Registration required.

Adult Craft

Saturday, October 26 2PM

A Halloween-themed Adult Craft class! In this class we'll be making terrariums with a ghostly theme to them - cemeteriums! Registration required.



Foreign Film: Rare Exports

Sunday, October 20 1PM

Celebrate Halloween and Christmas with this diabolical fantasy about a boy, in a village near the Arctic circle, who meets a monstrous Kris Kringle and his gang of murderous elves. 2010. R (brief nudity, violence). In Finnish and English, with English subtitles. 84 min. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. No registration required.



Movie Club: Creature Invasion

Wednesday, October 30 7PM

Let's take a look at monster movies where science runs amok, creating humongous critters. Whether it's big lizards, birds, spiders, or insects, moviegoers are sure to be frightened or tickled--sometimes both. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. Registration required. You will receive a zoom link beforehand.

Book Club

Saturday, October 26 1PM

This month we will be discussing Donna Tartt's *The Secret History*. The next book selection will be handed out at this meeting. New attenders are always welcome. No registration required.



Arts & Crafts

for Adults with Disabilities

Tuesday, October 8 10:30AM

Thursday, October 24 10:30AM

Join us for a fun class of arts and crafts. Dress for a possible mess! Ages 18+ only. 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 is required for each event (please register participants only; no need to register caregivers).

KIDS

Some events require registration. Some events require registration WITH a current Mount Laurel Library card. Registration begins on the first of the month. Please check the descriptions in advance to determine what you will need to participate. Many children's programs are designed for children and accompanying adults. Please plan to attend and be engaged with your child for these programs. Drop offs will not be permitted.



Story Time

Babies ages 0 to 18 months:
Friday, October 4, 18 10:30AM

Toddlers ages 18 months to 3 years:
Tuesday, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 10:30AM

Preschoolers ages 3 to 5:
Wednesday, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 10:30AM

Family all ages:
Saturday, October 12, 26 10:30AM

La Hora del Cuento (Storytime in Spanish):
Friday, October 4, 18 11:30AM

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

A B C Baby & Me Meetup
Friday, October 11 10:30AM

An informal, unstructured meetup for caregivers and babies. Bring your coffee and snacks and chat with other caregivers about the joys and challenges of raising babies -- or about whatever you'd like! We will provide developmentally appropriate toys and books to play with. Older siblings are welcome, however, we ask that you only attend this program if you have a baby between the ages of 0 and 18 months. No registration required.

Tumblin' Tots

Thursday, October 3, 17, 31
10:30AM and 11:15AM

A fun and energetic movement class designed especially for ages 2.5 - 5 years. Registration with a current Mount Laurel Library card is required.



Caregiver & Me Yoga

Friday, October 4 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 or towel if possible and come prepared to have fun! Registration required. Please register the child only.

Tots Art Time

Friday, October 11 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.

Move & Groove

Monday, October 7, 21, 28 10:30AM

Does your little one love to dance, sing, and move? 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.



Art Time

Sunday, October 20 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.

Yoga for Kids

Wednesday, October 9, 30 4:15PM

This 45-minute yoga class is designed for kids ages 6-8. Students will build strength, balance, and flexibility while promoting body awareness and self-confidence. The class includes breathwork, yoga poses, music, and games. Registration required. Please bring a mat or towel if possible.



Sensory Friendly Yoga for Kids

Thursday October 10 4:15PM

Sensory friendly yoga is an accessible yoga class for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities and special needs. This class features adaptations like lower lighting, shorter program length, smaller class size, a visual schedule, and fidget toys/tools. Best for ages 6-8. Registration required. Please bring a mat or towel if possible.

KIDS

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Paws for Reading

Tue., Oct. 22 2PM, 2:15PM, 2:30PM, 2:45PM

Sun., Oct. 20 4PM, 4:15PM, 4:30PM, 4:45PM

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.

Halloween Parade

Thursday, October 31 10:30AM

Bring your best costume and join us for trick-or-treat around the library and a special visit from Wilson, one of our PAWS for Reading dogs! Stay after the parade for a craft and coloring. Children of all ages welcome. Registration not required. Drop in any time from 10:30AM to 12PM.

TWEEN EVENTS



First Chapter Friday

Friday, October 4 All day

Join Ms. Molly for the first Chapter of award-winning Kate DiCamillo's newest adventure, Ferris, a love story about a girl, a ghost, a grandmother, and growing up. {"Every good story is a love story," and Kate DiCamillo has written one for the ages: emotionally resonant and healing, showing the two-time Newbery Medalist at her most playful, universal, and profound.}-Goodreads



Curbside Crafts

The month of October

Create your own Halloween themed decorations to add a little holiday flair to your space. Kits are located just outside the Children's department.

Which Would Win

The month of October

Every month we poll the community to see where our interests lie. This month we would like to know which is better... a night in a haunted house or a week's worth of black licorice? Stop by the Juvenile Non-fiction section to cast your vote and see what is winning!

TEEN EVENTS

Yin Yoga

Saturday, October 19 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.

Jigsaw Puzzle Night

Wednesday, October 9 6PM

Mount Laurel Library is hosting a Jigsaw Puzzle Night for ages 12 to 99! We meet the second Wednesday of the month. Bring your friends or make new friends and work together to complete a puzzle! Looking forward to having a friendly and fun evening puzzling! No registration required. You will find people at the event to work on the puzzle together.



Adopt-a-shelf Test

Friday, October 18 6PM

Saturday, October 19 1PM

Registration opens 2 weeks prior to the test. 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. **Next test is offered January.**

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Mindful Meditation

Wednesday, October 9, 23 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.

Talk: Brain Health and Wellness

Thursday, October 10 2PM

This educational program will help you to understand brain, with a focus on common brain health issues that occur with aging. A clinician from Elevate Health will be presenting on common issues and warning signs. The presentation will include tips for keeping your mind sharp. No registration required.

Medicare Info Table

Friday, October 11 1PM

Representatives from SHIP (Jersey's State Health Insurance Assistance Program) will provide free help to New Jersey Medicare beneficiaries who have problems with, or questions about, their health insurance. SHIP is a statewide program administered by the New Jersey Department of Human Services. No registration required.



Discussion: E. A. Poe's Terrifying Tales

Tuesday, October 15 7PM

Celebrate the spooky season with a gruesome gumbo of ghastly tales by Poe. "Hop-Frog." "MS. Found in a Bottle." "The Cask of Amontillado." And: "The Masque of the Red Death." Read them ahead of time and join for a discussion, hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link.

Friends Corner



October Book and Media Sale October 23rd to 26th

Wednesday's Preview Night (6:00 to 8:30) is open only to paid Members of the Friends. New Friends are welcome to join that night.

Membership to the Friends is: Individual \$10, Family \$15.

The Book Sale is open to EVERYONE on

Thursday the 24th Noon to 8:30

Friday the 25th Noon to 4:00

Saturday the 26th 10 to 4:30

Thursday and Friday everything is regular price ...

BUT on Saturday, fill a grocery size bag with anything and the price is \$5.

Larger bags will be charged accordingly.

Important.... Please Note....

We will only be accepting cash and checks at check out.

If you can't wait for the book sale you can always go to our in-house book sale and find a book there to buy. The in-house books are located in the back left hand corner of the library.

