

"ALWAYS WORTH A BROWSE"
FRIENDS OF THE OCEAN TOWNSHIP LIBRARY NEWS
JUNE 2022

Important News

(1) All branches of the Monmouth County Library will be closed on June 17, 2022 in observance of Juneteenth.

(2) Mark Your Calendar! -- We will be hosting another book sale next month! The sale is scheduled for July 12, 2022 (Tuesday), July 13, 2022 (Wednesday), and July 14, 2022 (Thursday). You won't want to miss this sale because it will include the new books and DVDs we acquired at our May book donation day event. Be sure and stop by to check out all of our new books, CDs, and DVDs that will be available for purchase.

We also need your help. We are looking for volunteers to help staff the book sale which will be held Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Our greatest need for volunteers is for the afternoon shifts, 2-4, 4-6 and 6-8. **Shifts are usually two hours in length**, but we can be flexible depending on your schedule. It's a fun way to help out and give back to the community while raising funds for Friends' projects in support of our library. **To sign up simply RSVP to this email with your availability. Thank you in advance for your support.**

Please note: All attendees and volunteers must wear a mask at the sale so that we can help protect the health and safety of our volunteers and visitors. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Updates from the Township of Ocean Library

(1) Ready...Set...READ!!!! The Monmouth County Library's summer reading program kicks off June 1, 2022 and runs through August 15, 2022. The theme this year is "Oceans of Possibilities".

As in the past, each registered participant will be reading towards an opportunity to win a prize. (The prize this year is an aluminum, BPA-free 20 oz. water bottle.) **So sign up and start logging your books on June 1st to ensure your prize eligibility.**

To register go to: monmouthcountylib.beanstack.org/reader365

If you participated in the summer reading program in the past, you can use the same user name and password to register this year. No problem if you've forgotten your user name or password, you can simply reset it.

The summer reading program levels are: **"Read To Me;" "Vacation Reading Club"** (Grades K - 6 grade); **"Teens"** (Grades 6 - 12); and **"Adults"** (Age 18+).

Let's make Ocean the top library branch in number of books/ebook/audiobooks read this year. Be sure to log in ALL the books you read between June 1 and August 15, 2022. The more books you read, the better.

(2) Afternoon Movie -- Free movies return to our library branch on June 16, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. with the film "The Eyes of Tammy Faye". The film provides an intimate look at the rise, fall and redemption of televangelist Tammy Faye Baker. The film, which is rated PG-13, earned a Best Actress Oscar for Jessica Chastain as well as an Oscar for Best Achievement in Make-up. So mark your calendar for a movie afternoon at the library.

And, while you are at it, be sure to plan on attending next month's film too. On July 14, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. our branch will be showing the film "Dune". This film, adapted from the 1965 novel by Frank Herbert, tells the story of a noble family that becomes embroiled in a war for control of the galaxy's most valuable asset while its heir struggles with visions of a dark future. "Dune" is rated PG-13 and it won six Academy Awards (including for Best Achievement in Visual Effects, Best Sound, and Best Achievement in Cinematography).

(3) A Song in Our Hearts -- We all have a song in our hearts with the news that the very popular **Charlie's Band performances will be returning to our library branch in September! The first performance in over two years will take place in the Turner Gallery at the library on September 22, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.** The performance will surely have your toes tapping. Be sure to add this event to your calendar so you don't miss out.

(3) Children's Story Time is Back -- Children's story time has resumed at our branch, and weather permitting, some of these sessions will be held outdoors. **Registration is required.** Please be sure to check out the Monmouth County Library's website for details on this month's children's programs. **You can access the children's program schedule at: www.monmouthcountylib/kids.**

[Updates from Our Cultural Collaborators](#)

(1) The Township of Ocean Historical Museum -- [The Township of Ocean Historical Museum](#) will be closed on June 19, 2022 in observance of Father's Day. The museum will be open on all other Sundays in June from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. In addition, the museum is open every Thursday evening from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Special Hours: The museum will be open on June 4, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. during the Art in the Park event (see Art Council/Terner Gallery item below for more details).

Upcoming Museum Event:

Calling all Poetry Lovers -- The Township of Ocean Historical Museum will be hosting a poetry reading by Museum member and gifted poet Joe Bove on June 5, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at the Museum. Mr. Bove will share his own work as well as personal favorites by other poets. **His book of poems, *Reflections*, will be on sale with all proceeds going to the museum.**

(2) The Art Council/Terner Gallery -- is excited is host an "Art in the Park Event" on June 4, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. This outdoor art exhibit will be held on the paths near the library and museum. (Rain date is June 5, 2022). You'll have an opportunity to see and purchase paintings and photography by local artists as you stroll along the scenic pathways. **Admission is FREE.** (Please note that the Ocean Township Historical Museum also will be open from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on June 4th so you can stop by and tour our town's wonderful museum as well. And, The Friends of the Township of Ocean Library and the Garden Club will have a table at this event.) We look forward to seeing you there!

(3) Spring is Definitely in Bloom -- thanks to the many volunteers at our town's Garden Club. **The Garden Club will be hosting its annual outdoors plant swap on June 13, 2022 from 7:00 p.m. until approximately 8:30 p.m. at the Pavilion next to Fireman's Field. The concept is simple and fun -- for every item you bring, you can swap it for another.** Just a few things to keep in mind if you plan on attending:

- * All plants you bring to swap should be labeled and in containers.
- * You can also bring any type of flower pot, gardening books, or seeds to swap too.
- * In keeping with the state's new plastic ban, please do not bring any plastic bags.

Happening Around Town

(1) Tree Trimming -- Jersey Central Power & Light (JCP&L) is trimming trees across its service territory, including right here in Ocean Township. This effort, part of a \$40 million project, is one of the company's ongoing efforts to ensure service reliability, particularly with hot weather and summer storms just around the corner. **For more information you can visit our town's website at www.oceantwp.org**

(2) Township of Ocean and The Monmouth County Health Department Join Forces -- Ocean Township becomes the 31st town to join the Monmouth County Board of Health. This means that township residents will have full access to the wide array of public health and nursing services offered by the Monmouth County Health Department. **If you are interested in learning more you can download the**

Monmouth County Health Department App (available both in the Google Playstore and the Apple App Store). The App will also provide up-to-date information on available services/programs, news, clinics and events, emergency preparedness, consumer resources, etc.

(3) Reminder: Shredding Event -- The Township of Ocean **will be hosting a paper shredding event on June 4, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Dow Avenue School.** Please note that the event is only open to Ocean Township residents and is for the shredding of confidential documents only.

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) Explore the History Behind Our Newest Federal Holiday -- Last year President Biden signed into law the Juneteenth bill creating a new federal holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. It was on June 19, 1865 that word finally reached enslaved Black people in Texas that slavery had been abolished more than two years earlier by President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. **If you are interested in exploring the history of Juneteenth and the struggles that are behind its legacy, Essence Magazine has created a list of "9 Books To Celebrate The Spirit of Juneteenth". To access the list simply go to:** <https://www.essence.com/entertainment/juneteenth-books/>

(2) Craving That Summer Feeling? -- Can't wait for warm weather, days on the beach, and sunny skies? Well, how about exploring some summer reads that will make you feel like a sunny day outdoors no matter what the weather or where you are? With help from a popular magazine your search can be easy. **Good Housekeeping has compiled a list of "20 New Books To Add to Your Summer 2022 Reading List."** The list includes steamy romances, fascinating historical fiction, spine-tingling mysteries, and real life memoirs -- there's just about something for everyone. To get started on your summer read search go to: <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/entertainment/g3585/summer-reading/>

(3) Pride Month -- June is Pride Month, a time that both commemorates the Stonewall uprising in New York City in 1969 and celebrates LGBTQ+ communities. **CNN has compiled a list of 20 books for Pride Month to help promote understanding and tolerance.** If you are interested in learning more about Pride Month and LGBTQ+ communities be sure and **check out CNN's list at:** <https://www.cnn.com/cnn-underscored/home/pride-month-book-list-lgbtqia>

(4) Why Not Check Out What Celebrity Book Clubs Are Reading? -- Are you wondering **what books are topping celebrity book clubs?** Well, you need **look no further than Goodreads list of "Recent Celebrity Book Club Picks"**. The list includes titles from popular celebrity book club lists, including those of Oprah, Reese Witherspoon, the Belletrist, Read with Jenna (Hager Bush), and Good Morning America. **Just click on this link to learn more:** https://www.goodreads.com/blog/show/2327-get-inspired-by-these-recent-celebrity-book-club-picks?ref=xgr_e_nlgeneral_spot3NB%3Frto%3Dxgr_e_nlgeneral&ref=pe_3097180_631226070&utm_campaign=May032022&utm_content=Celeb.Picks&utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter

Scroll over each title on the list and you can learn more about the book.

(5) Are You A Little Bit Country and a Little Bit Thriller Genre Fan? -- Then you may want to **check out one of the AARP's recommended reads. The book -- an unlikely pairing between Dolly Parton and well-known thriller author James Patterson -- is called "Run, Rose, Run"**. While Patterson composed the plot line and cliff-hangers, Parton's bigger-than-life personality comes through loud and clear in two of the book's main characters. And Parton even released a soundtrack based on the book. **If you are interested in learning more about this unlikely collaboration and how it came to be, check out this article in AARP's books section:** <https://www.aarp.org/entertainment/books/info-2022/dolly-parton-james-patterson-interview.html?intcmp=AE-ENT-BOK-BB>

(6) Early Access To Editors' Picks -- If you like to be the first to read newly released books then take a peek at Amazon's First Reads. **Amazon First Reads is a service which allows Amazon Prime members to get early access to upcoming books for free -- a month before the book is officially published.** (If you aren't a Prime member then the service costs \$1.99 per month.) With rotating titles from popular genres like true crime, romance, and fiction, you can read a book from your favorite genre or try something new. **Please note that all the books offered on this service are ebooks only and are from Amazon Publishing.** You simply download the book on your Kindle or via your Kindle app on any device that is compatible. **To find out more go to:** <https://www.amazon.com/firstreads>

(7) Consider Joining The Monmouth County Library's Virtual Book Discussion This Month** --

June 8, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. -- Join this virtual book club to discuss **"Rose Code" by Kate Quinn**. In this book, you'll join three elite former female members of the Bletchley Park code breaking team as they reconnect years later to uncover a spy's dangerous agenda set against the backdrop of the royal wedding of Elizabeth and Phillip.

June 16, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. -- Join this virtual book club to discuss **"The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race" by Walter Isaacson**. Jennifer Doudna and her collaborators turned a curiosity of nature

into an invention that will transform the human race: a easy-to-use tool that can edit DNA. This invention opened a new world of medical miracles while raising many moral questions.

**** (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**

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(1) Celebrating Dads -- Join an interactive Zoom poetry reading on June 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. by Flora Higgins and Evelyn Hampton, published poets and members of the Jersey Shore Poets, as they celebrate fathers everywhere through poems. Attendees are invited to bring a favorite father poem to share as well.

(2) Hydration Happiness -- Join Rachel Tansey, MA, Family & Community Health Sciences, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County, on June 9, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. for a live Zoom presentation about the importance of keeping well hydrated. Ms. Tansey will discuss tips for maintaining proper hydration and explain the critical role hydration plays in supporting good health.

(3) Everything Blueberry -- If you are interested in learning how to grow blueberries then you won't want to miss the virtual program "Growing Blueberries at Home" presented by Master Gardener John Eaves on June 9, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. You'll learn how to care for blueberries, how much sun and water they require, which varieties grow best in which soil, and more! Join Mr. Eaves as he helps you ensure that your blueberries will bloom for years to come.

(4) Exciting In-Person Guided Tour Into Wedding History -- We told you in our April newsletter about the beautiful Wedding Dress Collection currently on display at the Monmouth County Eastern Branch. Now we have some even more exciting news. This month you can delve deeper into the history of these dresses, the restoration process, and the backstories of the brides who wore them, through a special in-person guided tour led by curators from the Shrewsbury Historical Society.

The tours are scheduled for three days in June: June 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., June 16, 2022 at 11:00 a.m., and June 28, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Please Note: registration is required. To register go to the Monmouth County Library

EventKeeper site by clicking [here](#) Scroll down to the date of the tour you are interested in and you will see a small "Register" box at the bottom. Click on that box to register.

(5) Explore Your Inner Artist -- You can put your inner artist on display during a live Zoom "Pointillism Art Seascape" class with artist Barbara Freiberg on June 14, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. You will learn how to create a pointillism art seascape inspired by Georges Seurat's artwork. You will learn how to sketch a seascape and then how to fill in your drawing using the pointillism art technique. **To participate in this virtual art class you will need the following supplies: a regular pencil, eraser, one piece of 8x8 sketch or drawing paper, and assorted colors of markers (Crayola Super Tips Washable Markers 50 pack or similar markers.) Registration for this class opens at 9:00 a.m. on June 1, 2022.**

(6) Sounds of the Sixties -- Join the Simply Sixties Band on June 15, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Monmouth County Library's Headquarters as they give a concert featuring the best songs and sounds of the 1960s. This blast from the past will include a wide variety of musical styles including the British Invasion, Motown, Rock & Roll, Soul, Surf, R&B and some Doo Wop as well. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Seating is on a first come/first seated basis. No registration is required. "Saving seats" will not be permitted.

(7) Sit In on a Lecture From the Comfort of Home -- The Monmouth County Library also sponsors interesting lectures. This month be sure to check out:

June 7, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. -- "How Did They Die? -- A virtual lecture about the deaths of famous people by author and historian Greg Caggiano. The presentation examines (with plenty of dark humor) the circumstances surrounding certain historical figures' deaths, including Henry VII, Christopher Columbus, Napoleon, Marie Curie and more. **PLEASE NOTE: In dissecting historical detail the presentation will get anatomically specific (historians who are faint of heart be forewarned!!)** A question and answer session will follow the lecture.

June 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. -- "Historic Wedding Dresses" -- this live Zoom lecture takes you on a journey of bridal fashion from the Victorian Era, mid-19th Century, the Edwardian Era, early 19th Century and current times. (Many of the dresses featured belonged to families local to the Shrewsbury, New Jersey, area.) Each dress reflects the the influences of its time -- whether that is the Jazz Age, World War I, World War II, and beyond. **Not only will the history of the dresses be discussed by Don Burden and Robin Blair,** president and vice president of the Shrewsbury Historical Society, **but you'll also hear from Judi Buncher,** a stylist and garment restorer, **about the restoration process each dress underwent.**

June 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. -- "Memorializing African American History: Cemeteries, Monuments, and Markers" Join Dr. Linda Epps, president and CEO of 1804 Consultants, as she explores the changing public narrative of the United States

and the recognition of non-Anglo cultures that helped define what we know about the United States. Presented by the Monmouth County Historical Association, this lecture will also discuss how history impacts the way we see ourselves and others and how public markers influence our interpretation of our culture.

June 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Synagogues of Western Europe" -- Join author, architect and NYC tour guide, **Oscar Israelowitz as he takes you on a virtual tour of the most beautiful Jewish synagogues of Western Europe.** Your "tour" will take you to Italy, Switzerland, Germany, France, Holland, and the United Kingdom. This is one tour you definitely won't want to miss. (Due to technical issues during the original April 2022 presentation of this program, Mr. Israelowitz and the Monmouth County Library is pleased to offer this program again LIVE.)

(8) Encore! Encore! Encore! -- Step Into Spring on June 7, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. with this encore rebroadcast of "A Virtual Mind and Body Seasonal Guide," a wellness presentation by Lauren Kranich of Holistic Wellness. During the presentation Ms. Kranich will discuss foods, herbs, aromas and gentle movements that can help brighten your mood and return balance to your body this spring. No registration is required. **This program can be viewed via the Library's website at: www.MonmouthCountyLib.org**

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

(1) Hunger Hits Close to Home -- with skyrocketing prices for food, fuel and other necessities, **many in our community are struggling. In fact, according to Fulfill (the Foodbank of Monmouth County), demand for food at the Jersey Shore is 22% higher than it was prior to the Covid-19 pandemic.** Interested in helping your neighbors in need? Then, **consider making a donation to Fulfill.**

If you'd like to donate food, the most needed items include canned tuna/chicken/salmon, canned vegetables, cooking oils, shelf-stable milk, pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruits, fruit juice, soup, ready-to-eat meals, and hot or cold cereals. (NO GLASS CONTAINERS PLEASE!) **Fulfill accepts non-perishable food items Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at its facility at 3300 Route 66 in Neptune.**

If you prefer to make a monetary donation go to www.fulfillnj.org

(2) Baby Formula Shortage -- If you or someone you know is **having difficulty locating baby formula during the nationwide shortage, please explore the Monmouth County Department of Health's list of suggested resources. You can find the resource suggestions on our town's website:** <http://www.oceantwp.org/>

**Thank you again for your continued support of
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