



Second Sunday Concert

Greg Giannascoli

Marimba

Sunday, December 12 2PM

Take a break from traditional holiday favorites for something completely different – works by Liszt, Gershwin, and Bernstein played on the marimba! Marimba and percussion artist Greg Giannascoli has won a number of competitions and his performances have been presented on CBC and on NPR radio and PBS TV. No registration needed. Light refreshments will be served compliments of Wegmans.



Get Fired Up For Literacy

December 20 – January 3

The Mount Laurel Library and the Mount Laurel Fire Department are excited to announce the second year of “Get Fired Up For Literacy,” a reading contest for all Mount Laurel public school students in grades 1 through 4.

One winner from each grade at each school who reads for the most minutes during this two-week period will receive a backpack, compliments of Target in Centerton Square, and will be entered into a raffle for the chance to win a ride to school on a real fire truck! One student from each school will then be randomly selected from this pool of winners for the fire truck ride.

All students will receive a Reading Certificate and small prize for reading a minimum of 60 minutes.

Prize winners will be announced on Friday, January 14.

Register and track your minutes online beginning Monday, December 20 at www.mtlaurel.lib.nj.us or www.mountlaurelfire.com. Paper reading logs will be available at the library. Remember to complete and submit your minutes by Monday, January 3.

Library Hours

Mon - Wed. 10am - 8pm, Thurs. CLOSED, Fri. 10am - 8pm, Sat 10am - 6pm, Sun 12 - 5pm

CLOSED Friday, Dec. 24, Saturday, Dec. 25 and Friday, Dec. 31.

ADULTS

Chess Club Friday, December 10 5:30-7:30PM



Chess players wanted for fun and competition. All ages and levels are welcome. Drop in for a game! Club to be held on 2nd Fridays. No registration.

Intro to Spanish for Adults Wednesday, December 8 1-2PM Tuesdays, January 4, 11, 18 1-2PM

Join Ada Ramos for an Introduction to Spanish. Beginners are welcome. Ms Ramos will introduce attendees to Spanish grammar, some vocabulary and conversation. No registration is necessary.



Bonsai Basic Training Tuesday, December 7 10:30AM – noon

Join Tom De Simone, president of the Bonsai Society of South Jersey, for an introduction to the world of bonsai. No registration needed.

Learn How to Interview Like a Pro Wednesday, December 1 3-4PM

Attend this webinar provided by the Tutor.com and featuring Barbara Safani, career expert, author and owner of Career Solvers.

Participants will learn how to feel comfortable during an interview, the latest interview styles, techniques and how to answer the top two interview questions everyone gets asked.



Intro to Origami Holiday Models Wednesday, December 8 10AM



Join origami enthusiast Martie Burton and discover the joy of origami. Participants will create a hexagon box, some origami snowflakes, and other holiday models. Supplies are provided. Registration is required.



Intro to Zumba Fitness Saturday, December 11 2PM

Join Zumba fitness instructor Martini Dowling for a Zumba fitness class. Do a little sweating, burn a few calories and have some fun. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers. Bring along water. No registration needed.

Book Discussion Group

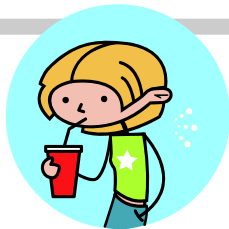
The Space Between Us by Thrity Umrigar Tuesday, January 4 6:30PM

Join some friends and neighbors for a lively discussion of *The Space Between Us* by Thrity Umrigar. Come be a part of this session of Mount Laurel Library's own book club! No registration needed.



TEENS

Teen events are for grades 7-12 unless otherwise noted.



TAB

**Wednesday,
December 1 4-5PM**

Get Involved! Join the Teen Advisory Board and share your opinions. Help us plan teen lockdowns and suggest new teen programs for the library. Pizza will be served.

Teen Lego League

**Monday,
December 6 6-7PM**

Teens now have their very own Lego League! Join us for some creative fun with everyone's favorite interlocking blocks.

Teen Game Night

**Monday,
December 20 6-7:30PM**

Join us for open video game play on Xbox 360, PS2, and Wii. Teens are welcome to bring their own games rated T or lower.



Positive Signs and Symbols Painting

**Tuesday,
December 7 5-6:30PM**

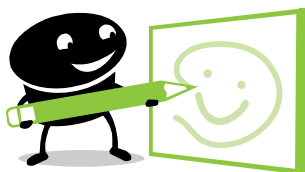
Share your self expression about life stories that are important to you through symbols and images, using self-made stencils, charcoal and acrylic paint. Registration required.

KIDS

Making Faces:

**Friday,
December 3 4PM**

Young artists will learn to draw and paint the various emotions we express through our faces, using markers, paintbrushes, sponges and stamps on paper. Ages 4-6. Registration required.



Positive Signs and Symbols

**Monday,
December 6 4PM**

Share your self expression about life stories that are important to you through symbols and images, using self-made stencils, charcoal and acrylic paint. Ages 7-10. Registration required.

Positive Signs and Symbols Painting

**Friday,
December 17 4PM**

Imagine all the signs in your world. Which ones bring good feelings and create positive actions? Considering this, students will create a mixed media painting using markers, stencils and spongebrushes. Ages 4-6. Registration required.



Stuffed Animal Sleepover

**Monday,
December 27 7PM**

Bring a favorite stuffed animal to the library for a sleepover. We will share stories and music, and then tuck the animals into bed for the night. Come back the following day to pick up your animal and find out what mischief they got into during the night. This program is best suited for 3-6 years. Registration is required.



LEGO League

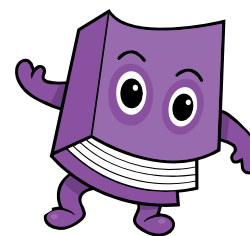
**Sunday, December 19
2PM & 3:30PM and
Monday, December 27 2pm**

Each month we will meet and construct around an assigned theme. Kindergarten to Grade 6. Registration is required.

Babytime and Playgroup

**Wednesday
December 8, 15, 22
10:15AM**

Ages Birth - 2 years. No registration.



Preschool Storytime

Tues., Dec. 7, 14, 21 10:15AM & 1:30PM

Hey kids, got the sillies? Shake 'em out at the Library with a fun-filled session of stories, songs, and a craft. Ages 3-6. No registration.

Toddler Time

Monday, December 6, 13, 20 10:15AM


Fun for the little ones! Join us for stories, songs, and musical instruments for all! Ages 18 mos. - 3 years. No registration.

Volunteers Needed to Help with Income Tax Preparation



The AARP Tax-Aide Program sponsors sites in Burlington County including the Mount Laurel Library where individuals can have their tax returns prepared for free. They are looking for additional volunteers to help prepare taxes (**Tax Counselors**) and also to help them on site greeting clients, helping them with questions, etc. but not actually preparing taxes (**Client Facilitators**). There will be study materials provided and training. If you think you would be interested in helping them in either of these positions in Mount Laurel or elsewhere in Burlington County, please contact Linda Lawton at 609 238-2069 or lawton_linda@yahoo.com as soon as possible to learn more.

Donate button now on Library's website

Helping the library just got easier with a new button on the library's website.  Any library supporter interested in making an online donation, can now do so by clicking on the button on the left side of the library's website www.mtlaurel.lib.nj.us and donate securely using a PayPal account or a major credit card.



Looking for a unique gift?

Consider donating a book to the library in your loved one's name. A link to the library's wish list on Amazon.com can be found on the left side of the library's website.

Friends Corner



The Friends have installed a drive through book and media drop to make returning library materials more convenient.

The idea for a drive through service came from public focus groups during the library's strategic planning process. An architect was engaged to draw up plans.

After township approval the concrete island was contracted for and built.

Finally, the two returns, purchased on a 2-for-1 sale held last spring, were installed.

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