



A Christmas Carol

a solo performance of Dickens' classic holiday tale!

Sunday, December 4 2PM

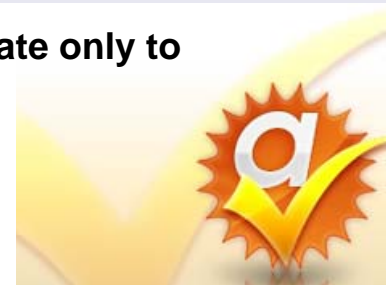
North Shore Theatre presents actor Greg Oliver Bodine in this one-act, one-hour, solo stage adaptation of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol. The script is based on a condensed version of the novel that Dickens used while on the second of his historic reading tours of the United States. Suitable for adults and children ages 8 and up. No registration is needed.



We're an **OverDrive** **advantage** library!

We've purchased additional eBook titles that circulate only to Mount Laurel Library members.

To ensure you're seeing all titles available to you, make sure to log in to **My Digital Account** in Overdrive before browsing. See the eBooks link on our website to view the collection.



The library will be **CLOSED** Saturday, Dec.24 through Monday, Dec. 26 and Saturday, Dec. 31 through Monday, Jan. 2.

Library Hours

Mon - Thurs. 9:30am - 9pm, **Fri.** 9:30am - 7pm, **Sat** 9:30am - 5pm, **Sun** 12 - 5pm



AARP Lecture Series

Janet Kelleher, Member of AARP Speakers Bureau, provides some just-in-time information to help the 50+ community manage their finances and protect their identities. No registration needed.

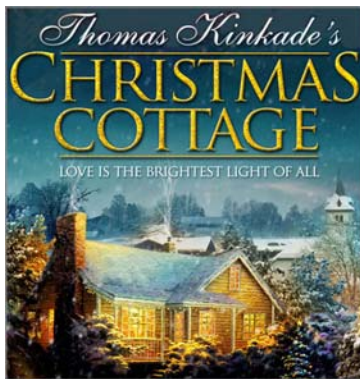


How to Lower Prescription Drug Costs

Tuesday, December 6 6:30PM

The NJ Security Freeze and Identity Theft

Thursday, December 8 6:30PM



Friday Matinees

Thomas Kinkadee's Christmas Cottage

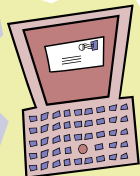
Friday, December 9 2PM

A look at the inspiration behind Thomas Kinkadee's painting The Christmas Cottage, and how the artist was motivated to begin his career after discovering his mother was in danger of losing their family home. (from Internet Movie Database) Rated PG. 96 minutes. No registration needed.

eBook Walk-in Clinic

Wednesday, January 11 12:30-2:30

We can show you how to search for eBooks and download them onto your eReader. Stop by with your device for a demonstration and trouble-shooting. If this time is not convenient for you, call the Info Desk for an appointment. Tutorials and step-by-step instructions are also available from our home page - click on eBooks.



Want to receive the newsletter via email?

Sign up online at www.mtlaurel.lib.nj.us/events/newsletter.html

ADULTS

Second Sunday Concert

Alfred James Band

Sunday, December 11 2PM

This 5 piece band has been playing its eclectic acoustic music to rave reviews. The group won a Grammy songwriting contest in May 2007 and performed at 2 Grammy showcases.

NPR featured their song, *Better Days*, on their online music show, *All Songs Considered* where it received the highest rating of any artist on the program.

Come enjoy the high energy sounds of the Alfred James Band and see the only cellist in the world play a black, 5 string carbon fiber cello -- standing up! No registration is needed.



A big thank you to Wegmans for fully funding the 2011 year of concerts. Thank you Wegmans!



Using the Internet to Find Jobs

Saturday, December 10 10:30AM

John Gontowicz will show job seekers how to use social networking sites, CareerOneStop, and professional organizations to locate jobs. Attendees will also learn how to find and research local technical and trade schools to improve job skills or change careers, how to setup a resume for electronic distribution and how to find sites that provide work-at-home opportunities. No registration needed.

Yoga for Beginners

Wednesday, December 14 7PM

Come sample this ancient method of relaxing with a master yoga instructor. Wear loose clothing and bring a mat, if desired. No registration.



Book Discussion Group

Saving CeeCee Honeycutt by Beth Hoffman

Tuesday, December 13 7PM

Come join us for a lively book discussion with your friends and neighbors. No registration needed.



Intro to Meditation

Wednesday, December 28 7PM

Take a break from the holiday frenzy and join an experienced meditation instructor and achieve relaxation of your mind and body. Wear comfortable clothes, try not to eat a big meal before class and bring a mat or towel. (If you prefer not to sit on the floor, you may sit on a chair.) No registration needed.

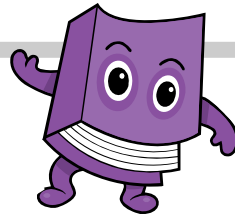


Intro to Zumba Saturday, December 17 11:30AM

Join Zumba fitness instructor Martini Dowling for a zumba fitness class. No registration needed.

Baby Storytime

Mondays 10:30AM
December 5 and 12



Stories, songs and rhymes for our Littlest Library Lovers! An informal playgroup will immediately follow. Siblings are welcome. Best suited for ages 0 - 18 months. No registration.

Toddler Storytime

Tuesdays 10:30AM
December 6 and 13



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

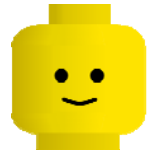
Preschool Storytime

Wednesdays
10:30AM and 1:30PM
December 7 and 14

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

Lego League

Sunday,
December 18 2PM



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

Storytime with Paws Farm

Thursday, December 29 1:30pm

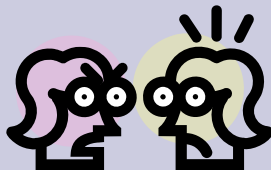
Join us for a very special storytime featuring three guests from Paws Farm: a hedgehog, chinchilla and bearded dragon. We will read a few stories, learn about the animals, and complete a craft. Please register. Best suited for ages 4-8.



New Year's Countdown

Friday, December 30 11:30AM

It isn't quite New Year's Eve, but children can get ready at this storytime. We will read books, make a craft, and have a countdown of our own. Ages 3-6 years. Please register.



Getting Through to your Child

Wednesdays 6-8PM Part 1: November 30 Part 2: December 7

Led by a representative of the Family Support Organization of Burlington County, this workshop takes the mystery and fear out of verbal abuse by and between children. You will learn what triggers verbal abuse in children, how to stand up to intimidation and control verbal abuse toward siblings and parents and how to teach your child to make better choices in the future.

Note: this is a two-part class, remember to register for the follow-up on December 7.

KIDS

Paws for Reading Wilson

Thursday, December 8
4, 4:15, 4:30 and 4:45PM

Practice your reading skills with a captive canine audience in a private setting with Wilson, a registered therapy dog and his owner, a retired educator. Wilson is a friendly Bearded Collie mix who is waiting to hear you read to him. Please note: 1 child per 15 minute session. Grades 1 and up. Please register.



Paws for Reading Xorra

Friday, December 9
4, 4:15, 4:30 and 4:45PM

Practice your reading skills with a captive canine audience in a private setting with Xorra, a registered therapy dog, and her owner, Miss Linda. Xorra is a friendly German Shepherd who is waiting to hear you read to her. Please note: sessions are in 15-minute blocks. Bring your favorite book from home or arrive early to choose a book from the library's collection. Grades 1 and up. Please register.

Get Fired Up For Literacy

December 19 – January 2



The Mount Laurel Library and the Mount Laurel Fire Department are excited to announce the third 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 for reading a minimum of 60 minutes.

Prize winners will be announced on Friday, January 13.

Please note: Previous grand prize winners are not eligible for fire truck rides.

Register and track your minutes online beginning Monday, December 19 at www.mtlaurel.lib.nj.us, www.mountlaurelfire.com, or www.mtlaurelschools.org. Paper reading logs will be available at the library. Remember to complete and submit your minutes by Monday, January 2.



Teen programs are open to students in grades 7-12



TAB Meeting
Monday,
December 5 6PM

Join the Mount Laurel Library Teen Advisory Board. You'll earn community service hours by helping us to plan events for teens, participate in volunteer opportunities, and generally help make the library a better place for teens. Pizza will be served.

Anime Club
Wednesday,
December 14 5:30PM

Meet up with fellow anime lovers to watch your favorite shows.

Teen Game Night
Monday,
December 19 6PM



TGN is the library's most popular teen event. Hang out with your friends and play video games on Wii and Xbox 360. Feel free to bring a Nintendo DS or your own video games rated T or lower.

Winter Wondercraft
Wednesday,
December 21 4PM

Meet in the teen space to make a craft to celebrate the first day of winter.



Want to keep up with Teen Events?
Find us on Facebook! [Facebook.com/MLLTeens](https://www.facebook.com/MLLTeens)

Books for Kids

Mount Laurel Library's annual "Books for Kids" donation drive will begin shortly. Make a difference in a child's life by giving the gift of reading.

Here's how you can help

Choose a gift tag from the Books for Kids display and purchase a new book for the child on your tag.

Books will be accepted until Friday, December 16 and will then be distributed to children of Mount Laurel by the Rotary Club of Mount Laurel.



We thank the individuals and organizations who contributed to the Mount Laurel Library 2011-2012 Annual Appeal.

Thank You

Their gifts of time and money extend the Library budget to keep our collection of books, DVDs, CDs and programs vibrant.

We strive to make a positive difference in the lives of our customers, and with the help of donations from supporters like these, together we are keeping the library strong despite tough economic times.

The Library accepts donations year-round. Contribution envelopes are available in the Library.

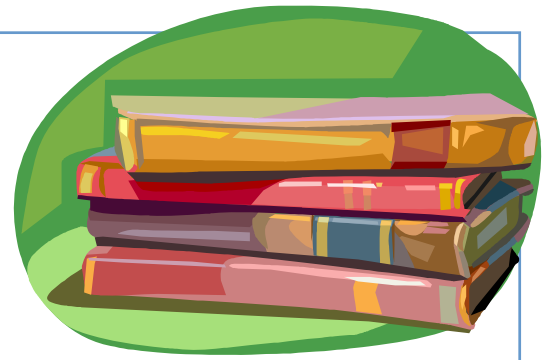


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The Mount Laurel Library in partnership with the NJ State Library's Talking Book and Braille Center now offers qualified New Jersey residents who are affected by vision loss, a physical handicap such as a stroke, or a learning disability access to the following services:

- A free Digital Talking Book Machine,
- A free eLibrary of over 16,000 books to download,
- Free access to over 90 periodicals in audio format,
- Audiovision—free access to a radio reading service that broadcasts the local news.
- National Federation of the Blind Newslines—free access to over 300 audio newspapers and magazines.

"The Outspoken Library" kiosk installed by the State Library has information explaining these services and how to assist users. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact a librarian at the Information Desk in person or call 856-234-7319, extension 333 to speak with a librarian.

Friends Corner



The Friends of the Mount Laurel Library held a successful October book sale which brought in a total of \$5700.

The first Black Friday Coffee Table Book Sale held on Friday, November 25 brought in over \$1000.

Thanks, as always, to all of our wonderful Book Sale volunteers!

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