



Mount Laurel
Library

Newsletter and Program Guide

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ADULTS

Knit and Crochet

Monday, October 6, 20, 27 6:30PM

Wednesday, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 1PM

Friday, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 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.



Fuel Your Future: Career Readiness Workshop

Saturday, October 18 11AM

Through guided reflection and hands-on activities, attendees will walk away with small, sustainable behavior shifts that foster confidence, problem-solving, and effective relationship-building in professional environments. This session is designed to empower adults at any career stage to take actionable steps toward job readiness, career advancement, and long-term success in an evolving world of work. Hosted by Dr. Keisha Stephenson Taylor. No registration required.



Mah Jong

Tuesday, October 7, 14, 28 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 2025 card and a mahjong set (if you have one). No registration required.

Chess Club

Saturday, October 4, 18 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. No registration required.



Tai Chi for Health - Virtual

Wednesday

October 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 sitting or standing. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link the day before the event.

Dungeons & Dragons

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

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



Mental Health Awareness Program

Monday, October 6 6PM

In recognition of National Depression screening day, psychologists from South Jersey Mental Health LLC. will speak about depression and other related mental health issues. No Registration required.

The Library will be CLOSED Monday, October 13, 2025.

Library Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:30am - 9pm, Fri. 9:30am-7pm, Sat. 9:30am - 5pm, Sun. 12noon-5pm
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Crystal Bowl Sound Bath Meditation Sounds by a Lake

Saturday, October 11 2PM

Join us for an immersive sound bath meditation for mind and body healing, combined with the ambience of whale song. Please bring your pillow, yoga mat and/or blanket. Chairs will be available for those who choose not to lie down on the floor. Registration required.

Film Forum - Virtual Nosferatu

Tuesday, October 7 7PM



Shadow of the Vampire

Friday, October 17 7PM

Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a zoom link before the event.

Bogart Film Series

Fridays 1PM-4PM No registration required

Dark Passage - October 10

Treasure of the Sierra Madre - October 17

In a Lonely Place - October 31

Hosted by Irv Slifkin

Strength & Conditioning - Virtual

Monday, October 20, 27 6PM

Saturday 18, 25 11:30AM

Join Harman Ransi in his beginner-friendly resistance training course. The class will teach fundamental stretches and weighted exercises to build flexibility and muscle. Registration required. You will receive a Zoom link before.

Concert: The Elderly Brothers

Sunday, October 5 2PM

Stan Sheckman, Jimmie Scanlin, and Steve Galanter, veteran musicians and singers, recreate the sound and feeling of the folk era from the 50s, 60s, and 70s. No registration required.



Silent Book Club

Monday, October 6, 20 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.

Magic: The Gathering Night

Thursday, October 9 6PM

Stop by the library and play Magic: The Gathering. New and experienced players welcome. Commander has been the most popular format for experienced players. New players can borrow a starter deck and learn the game - a librarian will be available to teach you the rules. No Registration required.



Book Chat - Virtual Yellowface by R.F. Kuang

Wednesday, October 15 7PM

Join us for a lively book discussion on Zoom. Please check our online events calendar or call the Information Desk for the book we are discussing this month. Registration required. You will receive a zoom link before the event.

Ray Bradbury's Scary Stories - Virtual

Wednesday, October 15 7PM

In honor of the spooky season, we'll read and discuss five stories by one of the most prolific and popular writers of the twentieth century: "The October Game," "The Homecoming," "The Fog Horn," "The Jar," and "Come Into My Cellar." Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a zoom link before the event.

Yin Yoga

Saturday, October 18 3PM

Wednesday, October 29 7PM

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.



Seamen's Church "Christmas at Sea"

We are accepting donations of handcrafted hats, Scarves, and mittens distributed to seafarers and mariners of all faiths between November and February. Please ensure your donations do not have fringe or dangling decorations as these present a danger around machinery while on the job. Dark or bright, non-gender specific colors are desirable, no pastels please. Please drop your donations to the Information desk no later than Saturday, October 11, 2025.

ADULTS

Paranormal Investigation 101

Wednesday, October 1 6PM

Join us for an engaging discussion on how to gather evidence for conducting paranormal investigations. We'll cover: the necessary equipment, implementation of scientific methods, listening to Electronic Voice Phenomena (EVP) recordings, examining images of apparitions, and identifying hotspots of paranormal activity and potential investigation locations. No registration required.



Saturday Matinee: The Last Rifleman

Saturday, October 4 1PM

Inspired by true events, *The Last Rifleman* (2024) stars Pierce Brosnan as Artie Crawford, a 92-year-old veteran who makes a daring escape from his nursing home to travel to Normandy for the 75th D-Day Anniversary Commemoration. PG-13. 1hr 35min. Free popcorn and snacks provided. No registration required.

Movie Club - Virtual

Karloff - the Man and the Movies

Tuesday, October 14 7PM



Secrets of Horror Movie Makeup

Wednesday, October 22 7PM

Hosted by Irv Slifkin. Registration required. You will receive a zoom link before the event.

Foreign Film: The Crime is Mine

Sunday, October 12 1PM

In 1930s Paris, a determined and defiant actress (Nadia Terezskiewicz) finds herself entangled in a scandal that blurs the lines between victim and culprit. With the help of a resourceful lawyer, her courtroom battle becomes a darkly witty statement against societal injustice, transforming a murder trial into a powerful declaration of female agency. Running time: 102 min. In French with English subtitles. 2023. Not Rated: mature themes. Hosted by Irv Slifkin. No registration required.

Music Program: Haunted Jukebox - Virtual

Thursday, October 23 7PM

Our annual return to the Halloween playlist of swingin' ghosts, rockin' zombies, and other funky creatures. We'll sample some music dedicated to the frightful feast, from classical music to the present. A screaming good time is guaranteed for all! Hosted by Paul Howe. Registration required. You will receive a zoom link before the event.



Virtual Talk: Thrifty and Tidy

Wednesday, October 29 7pm

Expert organizer and author Jamie Novak when she reveals ten easy organization tips for the holiday season. Registration required. You will receive a zoom link before the event.

ESL Conversation Class with NJ Literacy

Wednesday, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 6PM

This class is for upper-level beginner to lower-level intermediate learners. To register for free classes through NJ Literacy, please fill out an application on their website at <https://literacynj.org/become-a-student/?county=Burlington>, 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+).



Puzzle Swap News

The library began taking puzzle donations again in September. Please take donations back to the Puzzle Swap area or drop off at the Info Desk.

ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

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. Ages 18+ only.

Arts & Crafts for Adults with Disabilities

Tuesday, October 7, 22 10:30AM

Fun arts & crafts class designed for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We may be using materials such as clay and paint that can get messy, so please wear appropriate clothing! Registration required.



Music for Adults with Disabilities

Thursday, October 23 11:30AM

Join Mr. Jim Gaven for a fun, interactive music program designed for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This program will include sing-a-longs, guided percussion activities, and sign language through song. Registration required (please register participants only; no need to register caregivers).

KIDS EVENTS

Some events require registration. Some events require registration WITH a current Mount Laurel Library card. 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.



Storytimes

Babies ages 0 – 18 months:

Friday, October 3, 31 10:30AM

Toddlers ages 18 months – 3 years:

Tues., October 7, 14, 21, 28 10:30AM

Preschoolers ages 3 – 5 years:

**Wednesday, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
10:30AM**

Family all ages:

Saturday, October 11, 25 10:30AM

La Hora del Cuento (Storytime in Spanish):

Tuesday, October 7 4PM

La Hora del Cuento (Storytime in Spanish):

Friday, October 3, 10, 17, 24 10:30AM

中文双语故事时间 (Chinese Bilingual Storytime):

Saturday, October 18 4PM

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



Kids' Movie Time

Tuesday, October 14, 21, 28 11:30AM

Join us in the craft room for an open-house style movie! This program is perfect for kids and their caretakers, and is a great way for little kids to practice being in a movie theater! No registration required.



MLFD Fire Prevention Week Storytime

Saturday, October 4 10:30AM

Since October is Fire Prevention Month, we have extra-special guests joining us for storytime this weekend at the Library... the Mount Laurel Fire Department!! This year, the theme we are learning about is how to "Charge into Fire Safety - Lithium-Ion Batteries in your Home".

MLFD Poster-Making Session

Friday, October 3, 17 4PM

Monday, October 6 4PM

Are you 5-13, looking to participate in the MLFD Fire Prevention Week poster contest, but need supplies? We have you covered; stop into one of our poster-making sessions to work on your designs using provided paper and drawing supplies. No registration required.



MLFD Fire Prevention Week Coloring Contest

Wednesday, October 1-Friday, October 17

October is Fire Prevention Month and the Mount Laurel Fire Department is issuing a theme-based coloring contest to all students ages 5-13. The theme this year is "Charge into Fire Safety" - Lithium-Ion Batteries in your Home." Completed entries must be submitted on 8.5 X 11 paper no later than when the Library closes on Friday, October 17. The Library has blank templates for you to use, and you can pick them up from the Information desk starting October 1. We are also hosting coloring sessions if you need supplies



Baby & Me Meetup

Friday, October 10 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. We ask, however, that you only attend this program if you have a baby between the ages 0 – 18 months. No registration required.

Talking Trash with Jenkinson's Aquarium

Thursday, October 2 2PM

Join Jenkinson's Aquarium to Talk Trash! Not just about litter, this program invites students to look at trash from a marine animal's point of view. Emphasis is on the effects of single-use plastics on our waterways. This program includes live animals. All ages welcome. Registration required for all attendees, including adults.



Halloween Parade

Friday, October 31 11AM

Bring your best costume and join us for trick-or-treat around the Library! We will have candy stations set up throughout the building and a special visit from our PAWS for Reading dogs. Stay after the parade for a special activity! Children of all ages are welcome. No registration required.



Save the Date: Mount Laurel Library Youth Services Mock Election

Come out to the Library to vote for who you think should be the mascot for the Library's Youth Services Department! Students can get a taste of what an election is like in this fun mock election to see who will represent the Youth Service Department. In the running are Penny the Pangolin, running for the Mammal Party; Alex the Axolotl, running for the Amphibian Party; and Laura the Lizard, running for the Reptile Party. Want a say in who will win? Come out and vote on November 2 from 12-4pm! No registration required.

KIDS



Kids Art Workshop

Tuesday, October 21 4PM

Designed specifically for 8-12 year olds, this workshop will combine tempera paint, fabric and beads to create a Breathe Board. The finished piece will function as an artistic tool to practice mindful breathing techniques. This is helpful for focus, reducing anxiety or stress, and creates a little "time-out" technique used by doctors, therapists, teachers, musicians and artists. We will employ mixed-media collage, fabric, upcycled cardboard and lots of color to create a beautiful and useful Breathe Board.

Whatcha Readin'?

Saturday, October 25 11AM

Attention 2nd, 3rd and 4th readers! Join Ms. Molly in the Craft Room the last Saturday of each month for a small, relaxed book club where we get to talk about the books we are reading, our favorites we read repeatedly, the ones we disliked so much that we had put them down or discover new titles from others in the group. There is no required book to read. Registration required.



Yoga for Kids

Wed., October 15, 29 4:15PM

This 45-minute yoga class is designed for kids ages 6 – 8 years old. Students will build strength, balance, and flexibility while promoting body awareness and self-confidence. This class features adaptations like lower lighting, smaller class size, a visual schedule, and fidget toys/tools. Registration required. Please bring a mat or towel if possible.



Move & Groove

Monday, October 6, 20, 27 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.

Tumblin' Tots

Thurs., October 9, 16 10:30AM & 11:15AM

A fun and energetic movement class designed especially for ages 2.5 – 5 years old. Registration with library card required.

Caregiver & Me Yoga

Friday, October 3, 10 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 years old. Please bring a mat or towel if possible and come prepared to have fun! Registration for children required (no need to register accompanying)



Paws for Reading



**Saturday, October 4 11AM,
11:15AM, 11:30AM, 11:45AM**

**Sunday, October 26 2PM, 2:15PM,
2:30PM, 2:45PM**

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. Registration required.



Art Time

Sunday, October 5 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. A library card is required to register for this event.

Tots Art Time - Thurs., October 9 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.

TEENS & TWEENS

First Chapter Friday

Friday, October 3 All day

In the mood for a twisty mystery? Join Ms. Carrie for a reading from the first chapter of Split Second, by Janae Marks, a story about friendship, regrets, and... time travel! This program will be available on our YouTube account starting October 3!

Curbside Crafts - All month long

This month we're using paper fasteners to craft poseable skeletons. Kits will be available on the table outside of the Youth Services office, starting October 1. No registration required.



Which Would Win? - All month long

This month we're hoping to solve a cutesy conundrum, which would win: a frog in a cowboy hat, or a pug disguised as a turtle? Stop by the alcove near juvenile non-fiction to cast your vote and make your voice heard.



Adopt-A-Shelf Orientation/Testing

Thursday, October 2, 16 6PM

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 15-30mins. Registration required.

Student Volunteer Sunday

Sunday, October 12 12PM

Join us biweekly for a variety of volunteer service projects to help improve the library. Available for students ages 10-17 (18 if still a student), Volunteer Sundays are a great way to get community service hours and give back to your library. Limited to 12 students per Sunday. Registration required.

Drawing Board - All month long

Visit the Drawing Board in the juvenile section for step-by-step drawing tutorials. We're drawing Garfield with a seasonal twist. Stop by the circulation desk for drawing supplies. When you are finished, you can either take your drawing home with you or turn it into the Information Desk to be hung on the Drawing Board. No registration required. No registration required.

Literary Horoscope - All month long

See what the stars have in store for you, dear reader. Full horoscopes with reading recommendations are available on the slat wall in the teen section. Appropriate for readers ages 14+. No registration required.

2025: A Year of Holidays - All month long

Located on the wall next to circulation (across from the Holds Shelf), this is a monthly calendar that tells you how to celebrate each day. Celebrate 10 days in a month and collect a small prize. No registration required.

Friends Corner

October Book and Media Sale - October 22nd to 25

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 23rd Noon to 8:30

Friday the 24th Noon to 4:00

Saturday the 25th 10 to 4:30

Wednesday and Thursday everything is regular price. Friday's special is CD's and DVD's will be \$.50 each. Saturday you can 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.

