



Monmouth County Library

August 2020

WELCOME BACK!

Library Branches Are Open to Limited Hours at 25% Capacity

Click for Details and Updates

Door-Side Pickup Will Continue on an Abbreviated Schedule



Monmouth County Libraries are open with limited hours, services, and capacity. All branches are continuing door-side pickup at abbreviated hours. Please check our website for weekly schedule updates as hours vary.

- Patrons are permitted into locations for short browsing, to pick up requested materials, and to use a computer by **appointment only, which is limited to one session per day up to 60 minutes maximum at all locations.**
- Reference staff are available to answer questions.
- Face coverings are **required during the entire visit by Executive Order 157** and 6-foot social distancing guidelines are in effect.
- Call for information, help, research, online directions, and more.

CONFIRM AVAILABILITY BEFORE YOU DRIVE!

Not ready to visit? Try Door-Side Pickup!



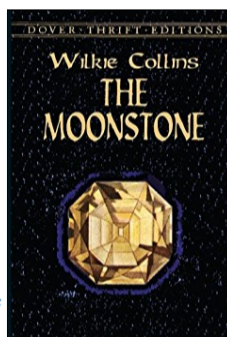
Click for schedule. Service availability & hours vary by branch & are subject to change.

Door-side pickup is available at various branch locations. [CLICK HERE](#) for the current week's schedule, or [visit the library website](#), see yellow banner at the top of the page. [Have questions about door side pickup? CLICK HERE for updated FAQs!](#)

Join the Library's Virtual Book Discussion: A Novel Idea!

The Moonstone by Wilkie Collins on Wednesday, August 19 at 10:30 am

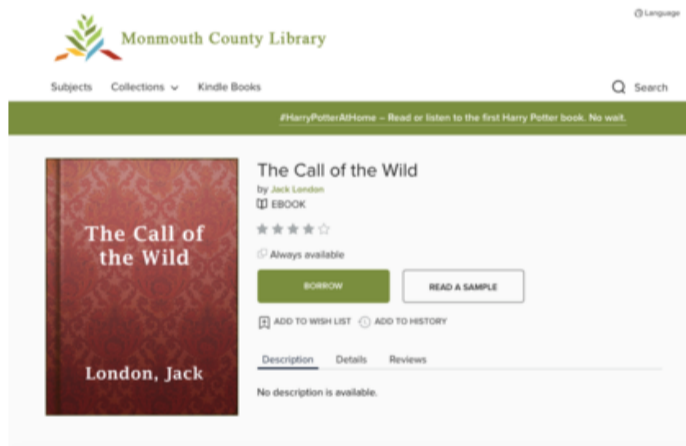
The Moonstone was first published in 1868 and is considered the granddaddy of all detective novels. It has stood the test of time and has all the elements of a great mystery...a complex crime, lots of suspects, and murder! The story centers on the Moonstone, a diamond taken from an Indian shrine, and brought back to England by a British officer. Of course, it has a curse on it, as well as an ingenious inspector determined to get to the truth. It is still a page-turner! Moderated by Jeanmarie Kantor.



Books are available at: <https://monmouth.overdrive.com/media/785027>

Sessions will be conducted on Webex. Register on [Eventkeeper](#) and you will be emailed information about how to join the discussion. Questions? Send a message to mcl@monmouthcountylib.org

Read, Watch, Enjoy!



Which is better, the book or the movie? Check out these three novels accessible for free, on OverDrive, with your library card before you watch, then decide!

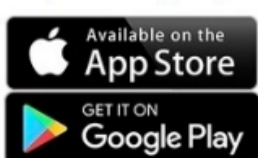
[Sign onto OverDrive](#) with your valid library card number, search the title, then immediately borrow or join the wait-list for an eBook or audiobook.

1. ***I'm Thinking of Ending Things*** by Iain Reid - This "dark and compelling...unputdownable" (*Booklist*, starred review) literary thriller explores the depths of the human psyche, questioning consciousness, free will, the value of relationships, fear, and the limitations of solitude.
2. ***Hillbilly Elegy*** by J.D. Vance - A passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis—that of working-class Americans. The disintegration of this group, has been reported with growing frequency and alarm, but has never before been written about as searingly from the inside, with this true story of what a social, regional, and class decline feels like when you are born with it hung around your neck.
3. ***The Call of the Wild*** by Jack London - Buck is a half St. Bernard, half shepherd, and the top dog on a California ranch until the gold rush in the Klondike produces an enormous demand for sled dogs, and a gardener sees a pay off for his gambling debt. After much abuse and having to learn the art of survival, Buck manages to escape and find his way to a new master that he learns to love more than his own life. This classic brings out the true spirit of the gold rush days at the turn of the last century and portrays the brutality, kindness, love, and folly that exists in the far north.

Enjoy these books while waiting to borrow the movies from our DVD collection, when they are released.

Download the App!

Take the Monmouth County Virtual Library with you anywhere, anytime!



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Virtual Chats

Virtual Assistance is available during abbreviated hours on the website:

[Monmouth County Library](#)

Look for this icon:



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Reach the library at: mcl@monmouthcountylib.org

On Social Media @MonCoLibrary



Ready to Visit the Library?



Check out the Monmouth County Library's YouTube page for an informative guide on how to safely visit your local branch. Our Allentown Branch is featured here!

Bereavement Group Virtual Meeting



When you experience the loss of a loved one, navigating through the maze of emotion, making ordinary decisions, and finding a new daily rhythm can be stressful and overwhelming. Beth Stamp, support facilitator, offers workshops which may provide an opportunity to share experiences, feelings, and ideas for moving forward.

Click the image above or call the library to [register for an upcoming meeting](#), Wednesday evenings in August at 6:45 pm.

Access Video on Demand



[Access Video on Demand](#) provides instant access to world-class documentaries, award-winning educational films, and helpful instructional videos covering a wide range of subjects. No viewing limit. All free with your library card!

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