In honor of Jewish American Heritage Month
Live Zoom Performance
by Actress
Prudence Wright Holmes

Monday, May 6 at 2:00 pm
Encore on Tuesday, May 28 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Virtual Author Talks

*Virtual Author Talk with Douglas Brunt
Live from the Monmouth County Virtual Library
Wednesday May 1 at 3:00 pm

*Virtual Author Talk with Nina Simon
Live from the Monmouth County Virtual Library
Wednesday May 8 at 7:00 pm

*Virtual Author Talk with Rebecca F. Kuang
Live from the Monmouth County Virtual Library
Tuesday May 21 at 7:00 pm
MAY 2024 VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

These programs may be on Zoom or available via Library website MonmouthCountyLib.org. * Indicates that registration is required. Please find registration on Library website under “Upcoming Events” (scan code, above).

**Meditate with Singing Bowl & Choose Your Own Path Yoga: Virtual Series**  
Presented by Steven Russell, Becoming Sound Yoga  
Available to view via Library website

**Virtual English as a Second Language Classes**  
Monmouth County Residents invited  
Contact Literacy NJ’s Jhanna Even for details  
732-702-1895 or jeven@literacynj.org

**Lost & Found: Virtual Bereavement Support Group**  
Live Zoom program facilitated by Beth Stamp  
Wednesdays, May 1 and 15 at 6:45 pm

**Above and Beyond the Call of Duty: Black Women in WWII**  
Live Zoom presentation by Historian Patricia Chappine, Ph.D.  
Co-Sponsored with United States Naval Air Station Wildwood Aviation Museum (NASW) and the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of State  
Wednesday, May 1 at 7:00 pm

**WISE: Wellness Initiative for Senior Education**  
Live Zoom presentation by Jeneé Farley, Director of Volunteer Services of Monmouth County Family and Children’s Services. Register once for ALL FOUR sessions  
Thursdays at 10:30 am  
May 2: Valuing Cultural and Generational Diversity  
May 9: Medication and the Older Adult  
May 16: Substance Abuse, Addiction, and Older Adults  
May 23: Enhanced Quality of Life

**Virtual Knitting and Crocheting with the Knit Wits!**  
Live Zoom class facilitated by Camille Scala  
For adults; any skill level  
Thursdays, May 2 and 16 at 1:30 pm

**Rebroadcast of Women Comedians**  
Recorded presentation by Larry Wolfert, Instructor, OLLI-RU  
Available to watch via Library Website  
Thursday, May 2 at 6:30 pm  
And  
Tuesday, May 7 at 10:30 am

**Rebroadcast of An Archives Double Feature**  
Recorded presentation by Archivists Mary Hussey and Ryan Radice  
Available to watch via Library Website all month long beginning  
Friday, May 3 at 9:00 am

**Rebroadcast of SafeNet: Mastering Cybersecurity Basics**  
Recorded presentation by the Cybersecurity Club of Manalapan High School  
Available to watch via Library Website all month long beginning  
Tuesday, May 7 at 9:00 am

**Exploring New Zealand Via Foot**  
Live Zoom presentation by Writers Patrice and Justin La Vigne  
Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 pm

**The Secret to a Good Night’s Sleep**  
Live Zoom presentation by Rachel Tansey MA, Rutgers Family & Community Health Science  
In partnership with Moorestown Library  
Wednesday, May 8 at 10:30 am

**Rutgers Master Gardener Q&A Thyme! Lettuce Help You!**  
Live Zoom Q&A with Horticulturist Diane Larson. Please email questions to MonCoLibrary1922@gmail.com by May 8 at noon.  
Thursday, May 9 at 7:00 pm

**Fighting Cancer with Your Fork**  
Live Zoom presentation by Hillary Sachs, MS, RD, CSO, CDN of Crossroads4Hope  
Tuesday, May 14 at 10:30am

**“I Do!” Victorian Wedding Traditions**  
Live Zoom presentation by Historian Valerie Gugala  
Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 pm

**Borscht Belt Comedy**  
In celebration of Jewish American Heritage Month  
Live Zoom presentation by Larry Wolfert, Instructor, OLLI-RU  
Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30 pm

**Historically Speaking: The Mysteries of the 1777 Battle of Navesink**  
Live Zoom presentation by Rick Geffken  
Co-Sponsored with Monmouth County Historical Association  
Thursday, May 16 at 7:00 pm

**Monmouth County in the Cold War: Nuclear Missiles in Your Backyard**  
Live Zoom presentation by Historian Mary Rasa  
Tuesday, May 21 at 10:30 am

All Monmouth County Library programs are free. Venues will vary. Only Library Staff may take registration. * This mark indicates registration is required to attend. In-person programs will have library branch location listed. Virtual programs will be conducted on a virtual platform; internet access required to attend. Programs are subject to copyright law; recording in any manner is strictly prohibited. Permission to present a program on behalf of the Virtual Library or in Library facilities is not an endorsement by the Library. Please check for cancellations/changes on the Library website list of Upcoming Events. Please scan code at right for the Upcoming Events List.
**Learn to Play Bridge**
In-person instruction by Pat Guadagno
Beginners welcome; seating limited; first come, first seated.
Thursdays at 9:30 am
Eastern Branch, Shrewsbury

**Holmdel Chess Club**
Presented by Lumen Strategy Group
All ages and skill levels welcome
Thursdays, May 2, 16, 23 and 30 at 5:00 pm
Holmdel Branch

**Art Reception: Beauty by Debora Bruno**
Meet the artist at her exhibit, on display all month long
Saturday, May 4 at 1:00 pm
Eastern Branch, Shrewsbury

**Monmouth County Mobile Connection**
Co-Sponsored with the Office of the Monmouth County Clerk.
Constitutional Officers will be on site to provide government services from their offices. Supported by the Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners.
Wednesday, May 8 at 10:00 am
Eastern Branch, Shrewsbury

**The Sky By Day and By Night**
Presented by Naturalist Jim Peck
Thursday, May 9 at 1:00 pm
Marlboro Branch

**Dungeons & Dragons**
Community run; open to all ages
Thursdays, May 9 and 23 at 6:30 pm
Atlantic Highlands Branch

**A History of Fort Monmouth**
Presented by Monmouth University Professor Melissa Ziobro
Supported by the Friends of the Monmouth County Library
Monday, May 13 at 1:30 pm
Eastern Branch, Shrewsbury

**The Vietnam War, 1956-1975: How It All Began**
Presented by Professor Paul Zigo
Monday, May 13 at 2:00 pm
Wall Township Branch

**An Afternoon Musical Interlude**
Performance by Charlie’s Band with Sandy Sasso
Wednesday, May 15 at 2:00 pm
Ocean Township Branch

**Native Plant Gardening 101**
Presented by Naturalist Jason Goldman
Saturday, May 18 at 2:00 pm
Marlboro Branch

**Songwriters & Singers of the Brill Building**
Presented by Historian Jimmy Scalia
Tuesday, May 21 at 2:00 pm
Holmdel Branch

**Drive By History with Ken Magos**
Presented by PBS TV Host of Drive By History
Thursday, May 23 at 7:00 pm
Eastern Branch, Shrewsbury

**The Mythology and Science of Eclipses**
Presented by Brookdale Astronomy Professor Dr. Sarbmeet Kanwal
Funded by New Jersey Space Grant Consortium in partnership with Brookdale Community College
Wednesday, May 29 at 7:00 pm
Eastern Branch, Shrewsbury

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**MAY 2024 IN-PERSON PROGRAMS**

Registration to attend as noted on the Library website.

**Hollywood and the Air Force in World War II**
Live Zoom presentation by Historian Rick Feingold
Wednesday, May 22 at 10:30 am

**Rebroadcast of Pysanky, A Demonstration of The Ancient Art of Egg Decorating**
Recorded presentation by Artist Jenny Santa Maria
Available to watch via Library Website
Wednesday, May 22 at 6:30 pm

**The Great Storage Cleanout**
Live Zoom presentation by Organizing Humorist Jamie Novak
Wednesday, May 29 at 1:00 pm

**Lecture & Art: Keith Haring**
June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month
Live Zoom presentation and draw-along with Artist Jenny Santa Maria
Wednesday, May 29 at 6:30 pm

**Strolling the Boards: History of American Boardwalks**
Live Zoom presentation by Historian Jo Ann Tufo
Thursday, May 30 at 10:30 am

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**MOVIES ARE IN PERSON**
Scan for times, titles and locations or visit: https://bit.ly/MCLMovies

**Eastern Branch, Shrewsbury**
on Tuesday, May 21 at 2:00 pm

**Hazlet Township Branch**
on Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 2:00 pm

**Holmdel Branch**
on Tuesday, May 28 at 1:30 pm and weekly on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

**Howell Branch**
on Thursdays, May 9 and 23 at 1:00 pm

**Ocean Township Branch**
weekly on Thursdays at 2:00 pm

**Wall Township Branch**
weekly on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm
**MAY 2024 LITERARY CORNER**

**Book Spine Poetry**
Arrange books so that titles read from top to bottom form a poem. Send photos to pshrodo@monmouthcountylib.org

**Hazlet Banned Book Club**
*The Handmaid’s Tale*
by Margaret Atwood
Moderated by Jenny Brennan
Wednesday, May 1 at 6:00 pm
Hazlet Township Branch

**Short & Sweet: A Short Story Discussion**
“Desiree’s Baby” (1893)
by Kate Chopin
Moderated by Mary Patterson
A .pdf story link will be emailed with online registration confirmation
Thursday, May 9 at 10:30 am
Ocean Township Branch

**Writers Workshop**
Facilitated by Molly Fox, MS Ed
Friday, May 10 at 10:30 am
Eastern Branch, Shrewsbury

**Saturday Critique Group for Writers**
Co-sponsored by NJWritingGroups.com
Saturday, May 11 at 9:30 am
Howell Branch

**Holmdel Book Club**
*The Buddha in the Attic*
by Julie Otsuka
Moderated by Trish Shrodo
Tuesday, May 14 at 10:00 am
Holmdel Branch

**A Novel Idea: Virtual Book Discussion**
*Georgie, All Along*
by Kate Clayborn
Moderated by Stephanie Laurino
Wednesday, May 15 at 10:30 am
on Zoom

**‘Square of Friends’ Book Club**
*Blame*
by Michelle Huneven
Moderated by Beth Miller
Wednesday, May 15 at 2:00 pm
Eastern Branch, Shrewsbury

**West Long Branch Book Club**
The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post
by Allison Pataki
Moderated by Veronica Stevens
Thursday, May 16 at 2:00 pm
West Long Branch Library

**Wall Library Book Club**
Finlay Donovan Is Killing It
by Elle Cosimano
Moderated by Sue Domas
Thursday, May 16 at 3:00 pm
Wall Township Branch

**Colts Neck Book Club**
My Ántonia
by Willa Cather
Moderated by Sabrina Pisciotta
Thursday, May 16 at 2:00 pm
Colts Neck Branch

**Hazlet Silent Writing Club**
Gather with fellow writers to make progress on your writing!
Saturday, May 18 at 11:00 am
Hazlet Township Branch

**Books R Us – Howell Book Club**
America for Beginners
by Leah Franqui
Wednesday, May 22 at 7:00 pm
Howell Branch

**Murder They Wrote**
Virtual Mystery Book Discussion
*Strong Poison*
by Dorothy L. Sayers
Moderated by Jeanmarie Kantor
Thursday, May 23 at 10:30 am
on Zoom

**Sunday, May 12 - Mother’s Day**
(All Branches Closed)

**Sunday, May 26 - Memorial Day, Observed**
(All Branches Closed)

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