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AUGUST 2026

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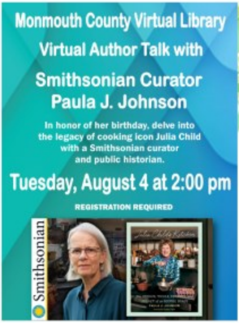
Programs May Be Virtual or In Person

View the calendar **here**.

Virtual Events

More Virtual Events | Rebroadcasts | Hybrid Book Discussions



Monmouth County Virtual Library

Virtual Author Talk with

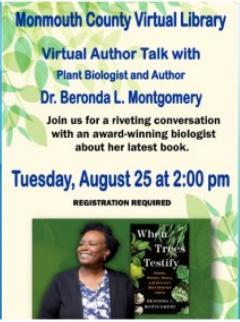
Smithsonian Curator Paula J. Johnson

In honor of her birthday, delve into the legacy of cooking icon Julia Child with a Smithsonian curator and public historian.

Tuesday, August 4 at 2:00 pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Smithsonian
Julia Child's Kitchen



Monmouth County Virtual Library

Virtual Author Talk with

Plant Biologist and Author

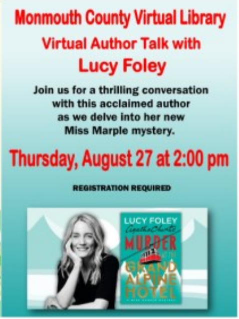
Dr. Beronda L. Montgomery

Join us for a riveting conversation with an award-winning biologist about her latest book.

Tuesday, August 25 at 2:00 pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

When Trees Testify
Beronda L. Montgomery



Monmouth County Virtual Library

Virtual Author Talk with

Lucy Foley

Join us for a thrilling conversation with this acclaimed author as we delve into her new Miss Marple mystery.

Thursday, August 27 at 2:00 pm

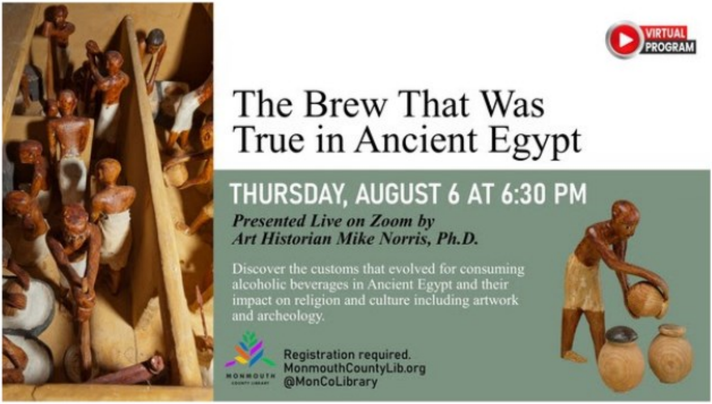
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

LUCY FOLEY
Agatha Christie
MURDER AT THE GRAND ALPINE HOTEL

Virtual Author Talks

- **Tuesday, August 4 at 2:00 pm** - Smithsonian Curator Paula J. Johnson discusses her book *Julia Child's Kitchen: The Design, Tools, Stories, and Legacy of an Iconic Space*
- **Tuesday, August 25 at 2:00 pm** - Dr. Beronda L. Montgomery discusses her book *When Trees Testify: Science, Wisdom, and America's Black Botanical Legacy*

- **Thursday, August 27 at 2:00 pm** - Lucy Foley discusses her new book *Murder at the Grand Alpine Hotel: A Miss Marple Mystery*



VIRTUAL PROGRAM

The Brew That Was True in Ancient Egypt

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 AT 6:30 PM

Presented Live on Zoom by
Art Historian Mike Norris, Ph.D.

Discover the customs that evolved for consuming alcoholic beverages in Ancient Egypt and their impact on religion and culture including artwork and archeology.

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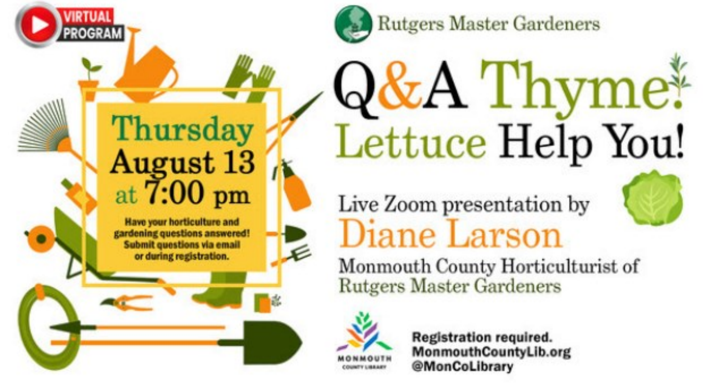

VIRTUAL PROGRAM

Rutgers Master Gardeners

Q&A Thyme!
Lettuce Help You!

Thursday
August 13
at 7:00 pm

Have your horticulture and gardening questions answered! Submit questions via email or during registration.

Live Zoom presentation by
Diane Larson
Monmouth County Horticulturist of
Rutgers Master Gardeners

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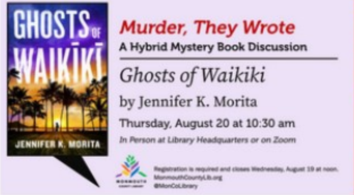
GHOSTS OF WAIKIKI
JENNIFER K. MORITA
Murder, They Wrote
A Hybrid Mystery Book Discussion
Ghosts of Waikiki
by Jennifer K. Morita
Thursday, August 20 at 10:30 am
In Person at Library Headquarters or on Zoom
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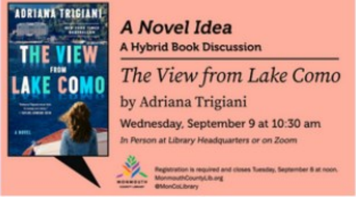
Registration is required and closes Wednesday, August 19 at noon.


ADRIANA TRIGIANI
THE VIEW FROM LAKE COMO
A NOVEL
A Novel Idea
A Hybrid Book Discussion
The View from Lake Como
by Adriana Trigiani
Wednesday, September 9 at 10:30 am
In Person at Library Headquarters or on Zoom
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Registration is required and closes Tuesday, September 8 at noon.

Hybrid & Virtual Book Discussions

- **Thursday, August 20 at 10:30 am** - Murder, They Wrote: *Ghosts of Waikiki* by Jennifer K. Morita (In person at Headquarters - Manalapan AND Live on Zoom)
- **Wednesday, September 9 at 10:30 am** - A Novel Idea: *The View from Lake Como* by Adriana Trigiani (In person at Headquarters - Manalapan AND Live on Zoom)
- **Wednesday, September 16 at 6:00 pm** - Gothic Literature Book Club: *Northanger Abbey* by Jane Austen (Live on Zoom ONLY)

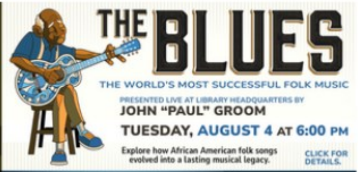
Registration is required to attend virtually on Zoom.

Headquarters - Manalapan

Adult Programs | Children's Programs | Book Discussions | Movies

IN PERSON AT LIBRARY HEADQUARTERS MANALAPAN
Saturday, August 1 at 2:00 pm
TAL NACCARATO LIVE! Unplugged!
Click for details.

Celebrate National Blues Day with an enlightening singer-songwriter performance in the Americana/Blues tradition.


THE BLUES
THE WORLD'S MOST SUCCESSFUL FOLK MUSIC
PRESENTED LIVE AT LIBRARY HEADQUARTERS BY
JOHN "PAUL" GROOM
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 AT 6:00 PM
CLICK FOR DETAILS.

Explore how African American folk songs evolved into a lasting musical legacy.

ROCK THE STACKS
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8 AT 2:00 PM
LIVE PERFORMANCE AT LIBRARY HEADQUARTERS BY
NO SURRENDER
THE ULTIMATE SPRINGSTEEN TRIBUTE
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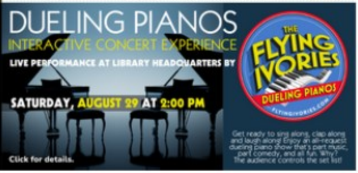
Rock out and enjoy an electrifying musical experience in tribute to Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band.


DUELING PIANOS
INTERACTIVE CONCERT EXPERIENCE
LIVE PERFORMANCE AT LIBRARY HEADQUARTERS BY
SATURDAY, AUGUST 29 AT 2:00 PM
THE FLYING IVORIES
DUELING PIANOS
FLYINGIVORIES.COM
Click for details.

Get ready to sing along, clap along and laugh along! Enjoy an all-request dueling piano show that's part music, part comedy, and all fun. Why? The audience controls the set list!

Live Concerts & Music Lecture

- **Saturday, August 1 at 2:00 pm** -Tal Naccarato LIVE! Unplugged!
- **Tuesday, August 4 at 6:00 pm** -*The Blues: The Worlds Most Successful Folk Music* Lecture presented by John "Paul" Groom

- **Saturday, August 8 at 2:00 pm** - *Rock the Stacks* presented by No Surrender: The Ultimate Springsteen Tribute Band
- **Saturday, August 29 at 2:00 pm** -*Dueling Pianos: Interactive Concert Experience* performance by The Flying Ivories

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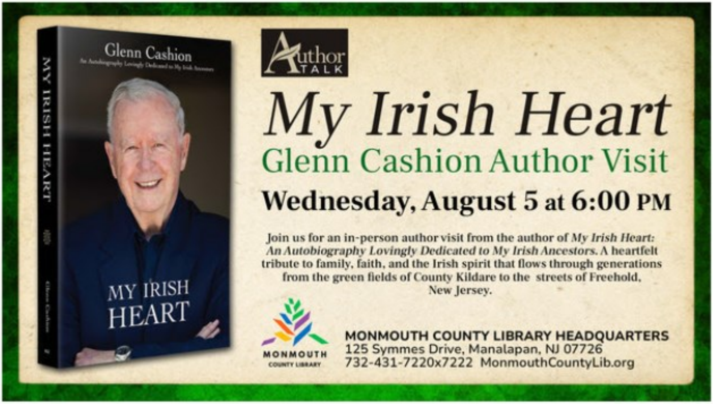
Glenn Cashion
An Autobiography Lovingly Dedicated to My Irish Ancestors
MY IRISH HEART
MY IRISH HEART

Author TALK

My Irish Heart

Glenn Cashion Author Visit

Wednesday, August 5 at 6:00 PM

Join us for an in-person author visit from the author of *My Irish Heart: An Autobiography Lovingly Dedicated to My Irish Ancestors.* A heartfelt tribute to family, faith, and the Irish spirit that flows through generations from the green fields of County Kildare to the streets of Freehold, New Jersey.

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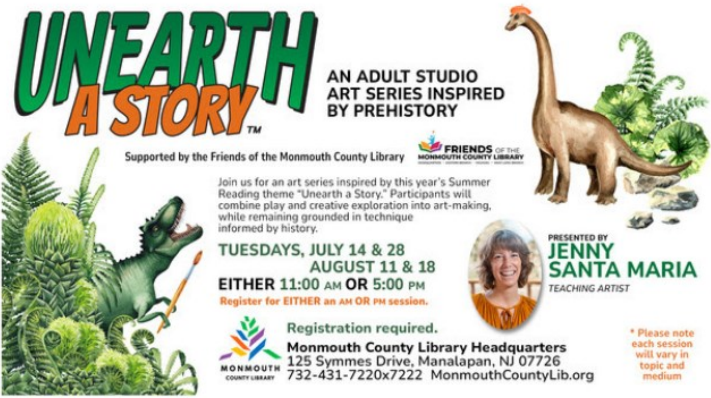

UNEARTH A STORY™

AN ADULT STUDIO ART SERIES INSPIRED BY PREHISTORY

Supported by the Friends of the Monmouth County Library

FRIENDS OF THE MONMOUTH COUNTY LIBRARY

Join us for an art series inspired by this year's Summer Reading theme "Unearth a Story." Participants will combine play and creative exploration into art-making, while remaining grounded in technique informed by history.

TUESDAYS, JULY 14 & 28
AUGUST 11 & 18
EITHER 11:00 AM OR 5:00 PM
Register for EITHER an AM OR PM session.

PRESENTED BY
JENNY SANTA MARIA
TEACHING ARTIST

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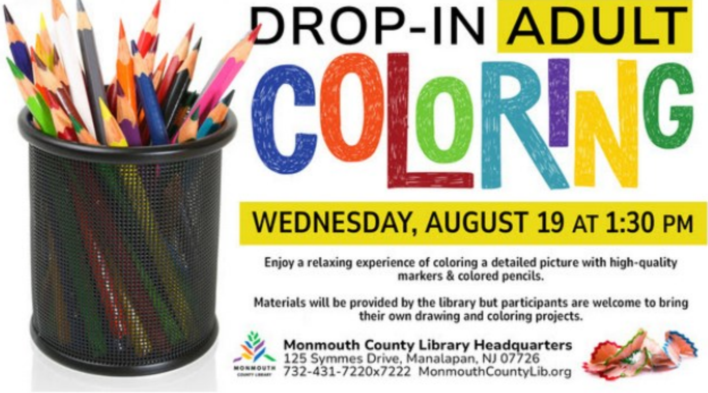
* Please note each session will vary in topic and medium



DROP-IN ADULT COLORING

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19 AT 1:30 PM

Enjoy a relaxing experience of coloring a detailed picture with high-quality markers & colored pencils.

Materials will be provided by the library but participants are welcome to bring their own drawing and coloring projects.

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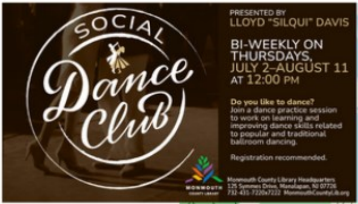

SOCIAL Dance Club

PRESENTED BY
LLOYD "SILQUI" DAVIS

BI-WEEKLY ON THURSDAYS, JULY 2–AUGUST 11 AT 12:00 PM

Do you like to dance?
Join a dance practice session to work on learning and improving dance skills related to popular and traditional ballroom dancing.

Registration recommended.

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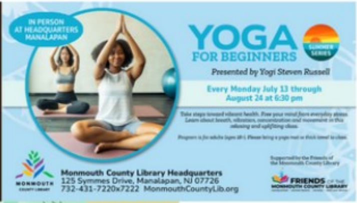

IN PERSON AT HEADQUARTERS MANALAPAN

YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

SUMMER SERIES

Presented by Yogi Steven Russell

Every Monday July 13 through August 24 at 6:30 pm

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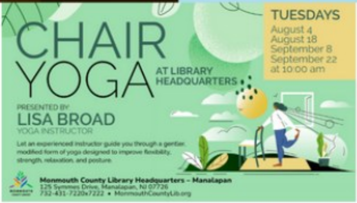

CHAIR YOGA AT LIBRARY HEADQUARTERS

TUESDAYS
August 4
August 18
September 8
September 22
at 10:00 am

PRESENTED BY
LISA BROAD
YOGA INSTRUCTOR

Let an experienced instructor guide you through a gentler, modified form of yoga designed to improve flexibility, strength, relaxation, and posture.

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Health & Wellness Programs

- **Mondays through August 24 at 6:30 pm** - Yoga for Beginners: Summer Series with Yogi Steven Russell
- **Tuesdays, August 4 and 18 at 10:00 am** - Chair Yoga with Lisa Broad
- **Tuesdays, August 11 and 25 at 6:00 pm** -Social Dance Club: Summer Nights with Lloyd "Silqui" Davis
- **Thursdays, August 13 and 27 at 12:00 pm** - Social Dance Club with Lloyd "Silqui" Davis

Eastern Branch - Shrewsbury

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IN PERSON AT EASTERN BRANCH

BADGE AND BARK: MONMOUTH COUNTY K-9 TEAMS UP CLOSE

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MONDAY, AUGUST 3 AT 10:00 AM

PRESENTED BY:
MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE K-9 UNIT

Join us at our family-friendly law enforcement demonstration of the fascinating world of K-9 handlers and their four-legged partners. Come support these dedicated professionals while enjoying an entertaining and educational experience the entire family will remember!

MEET THE SEEING EYE PUPPIES

IN PERSON AT EASTERN BRANCH

PRESENTED BY
ATLANTIC-CAPE MAY AND MONMOUTH COUNTY SEEING EYE PUPPY RAISERS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 7:00-8:00 pm

Come meet adorable Seeing Eye® puppies-in-training and discover how you could be the one to give a future guide dog the perfect start in life!

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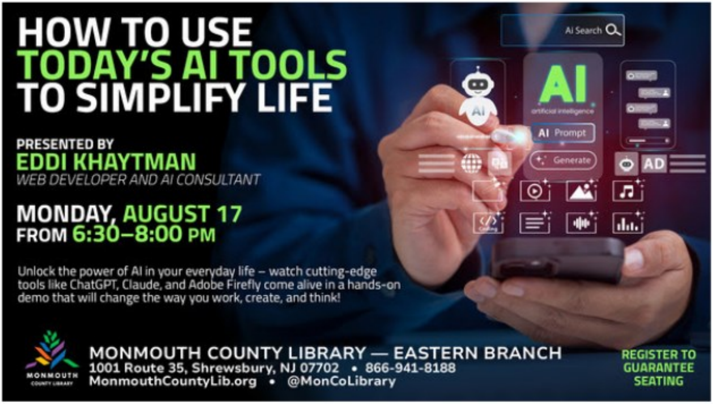
AI Search
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artificial intelligence
AI Prompt
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HOW TO USE
TODAY'S AI TOOLS
TO SIMPLIFY LIFE

PRESENTED BY
EDDI KHAYTMAN
WEB DEVELOPER AND AI CONSULTANT

MONDAY, AUGUST 17
FROM 6:30–8:00 PM

Unlock the power of AI in your everyday life – watch cutting-edge tools like ChatGPT, Claude, and Adobe Firefly come alive in a hands-on demo that will change the way you work, create, and think!

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REGISTER TO GUARANTEE SEATING

Allentown Branch

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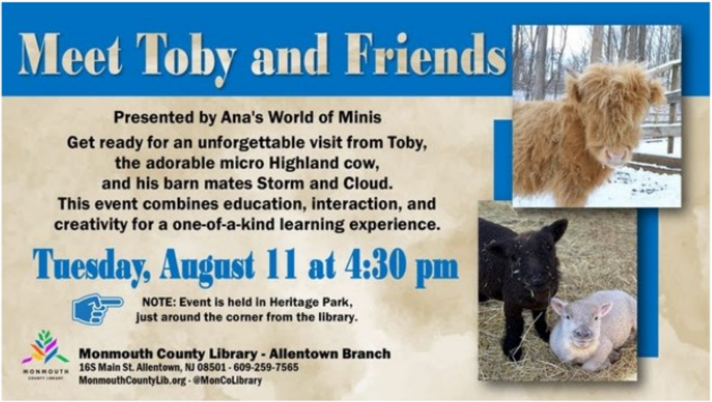

Meet Toby and Friends

Presented by Ana's World of Minis

Get ready for an unforgettable visit from Toby, the adorable micro Highland cow, and his barn mates Storm and Cloud. This event combines education, interaction, and creativity for a one-of-a-kind learning experience.

Tuesday, August 11 at 4:30 pm

NOTE: Event is held in Heritage Park, just around the corner from the library.

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16S Main St. Allentown, NJ 08501 - 609-259-7565
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Atlantic Highlands Branch

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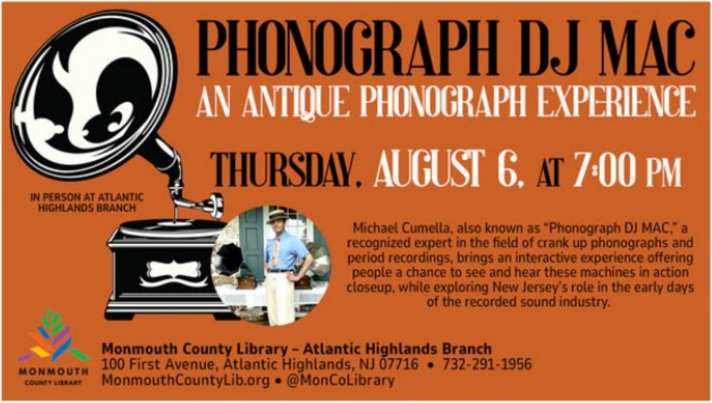

PHONOGRAPH DJ MAC

AN ANTIQUE PHONOGRAPH EXPERIENCE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, AT 7:00 PM

IN PERSON AT ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS BRANCH

Michael Cumella, also known as "Phonograph DJ MAC," a recognized expert in the field of crank up phonographs and period recordings, brings an interactive experience offering people a chance to see and hear these machines in action closeup, while exploring New Jersey's role in the early days of the recorded sound industry.

Monmouth County Library – Atlantic Highlands Branch
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Colts Neck Branch

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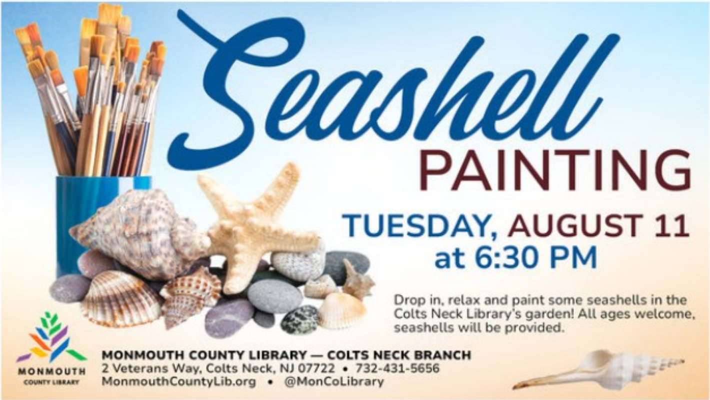

Seashell PAINTING

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11
at 6:30 PM

Drop in, relax and paint some seashells in the Colts Neck Library's garden! All ages welcome, seashells will be provided.

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Hazlet Township Branch

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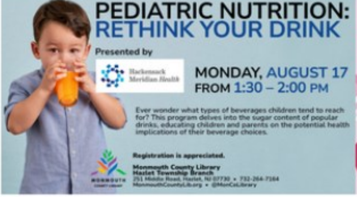

PEDIATRIC NUTRITION:
RETHINK YOUR DRINK

Presented by
Hackensack Meridian Health

MONDAY, AUGUST 17
FROM 1:30 – 2:00 PM

Ever wonder what types of beverages children tend to reach for? This program delves into the sugar content of popular drinks, educating children and parents on the potential health implications of their beverage choices.

Registration is appreciated.

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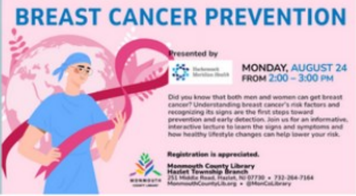

BREAST CANCER PREVENTION

Presented by
Hackensack Meridian Health

MONDAY, AUGUST 24
FROM 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Did you know that both men and women can get breast cancer? Understanding breast cancer's risk factors and recognizing its signs are the first steps toward prevention and early detection. Join us for an informative, interactive lecture to learn the signs and symptoms and how healthy lifestyle changes can help lower your risk.

Registration is appreciated.

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Health & Wellness Programs

Presented by Hackensack Meridian Health

- **Monday, August 17 at 1:30 pm** - Pediatric Nutrition: Rethink Your Drink
- **Monday, August 24 at 2:00 pm** - Breast Cancer Prevention

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Holmdel Branch

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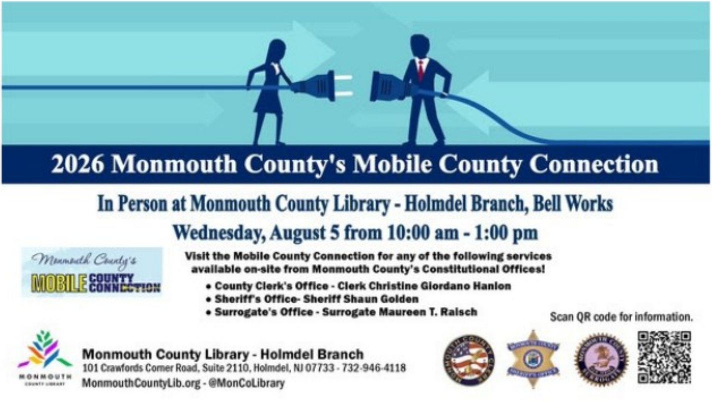

2026 Monmouth County's Mobile County Connection

In Person at Monmouth County Library - Holmdel Branch, Bell Works
Wednesday, August 5 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Monmouth County's MOBILE COUNTY CONNECTION

Visit the Mobile County Connection for any of the following services available on-site from Monmouth County's Constitutional Offices!

- **County Clerk's Office - Clerk Christine Giordano Hanlon**
- **Sheriff's Office- Sheriff Shaun Golden**
- **Surrogate's Office - Surrogate Maureen T. Raisch**

Scan QR code for information.

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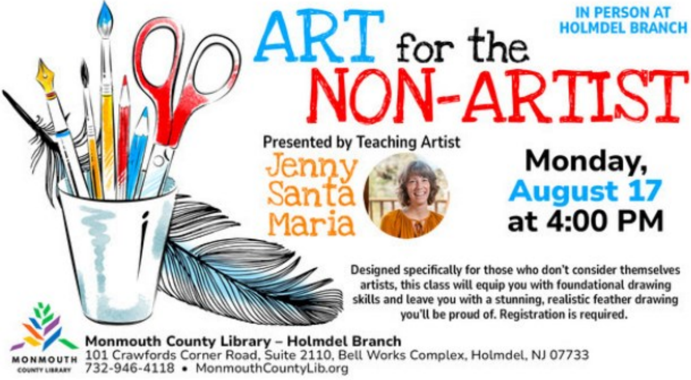

IN PERSON AT HOLMDEL BRANCH

ART for the NON-ARTIST

Presented by Teaching Artist

Jenny Santa Maria

Monday, August 17 at 4:00 PM

Designed specifically for those who don't consider themselves artists, this class will equip you with foundational drawing skills and leave you with a stunning, realistic feather drawing you'll be proud of. Registration is required.

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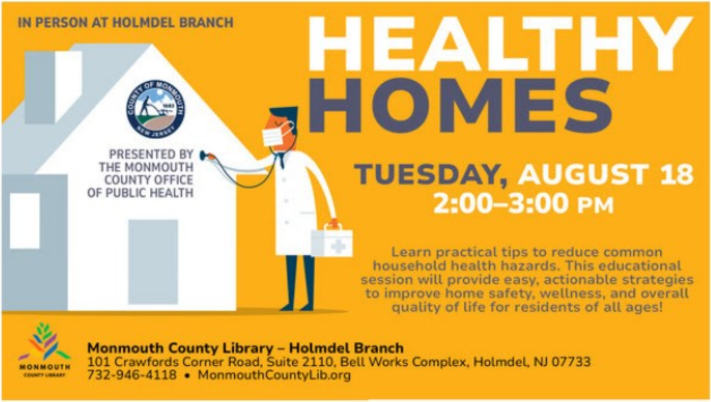

IN PERSON AT HOLMDEL BRANCH

HEALTHY HOMES

PRESENTED BY THE MONMOUTH COUNTY OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18
2:00–3:00 PM

Learn practical tips to reduce common household health hazards. This educational session will provide easy, actionable strategies to improve home safety, wellness, and overall quality of life for residents of all ages!

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Ocean Township Branch

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OCEAN TOWNSHIP LIBRARY
SUMMER 2026
MUSIC CONCERT SERIES

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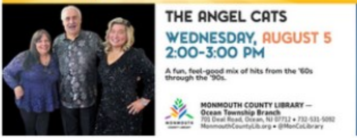

THE ANGEL CATS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5
2:00-3:00 PM

A fun, feel-good mix of hits from the '60s through the '90s.

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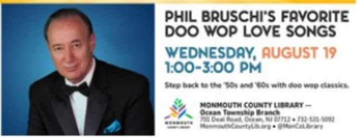

PHIL BRUSCHI'S FAVORITE DOO WOP LOVE SONGS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19
1:00-3:00 PM

Step back to the '50s and '60s with doo wop classics.

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Summer 2026 Music Concert Series

- **Wednesday, August 5 at 2:00 pm** - The Angel Cats perform hits from the '60s through the '90s
- **Wednesday, August 19 at 1:00 pm** -Phil Bruschi's Favorite Doo Wop Love Songs

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Wall Township Branch

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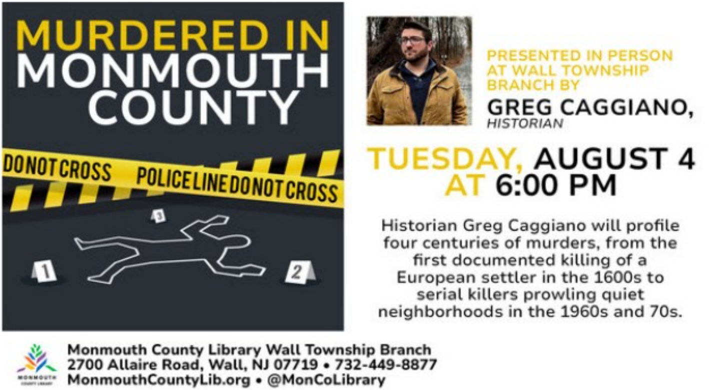
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MURDERED IN MONMOUTH COUNTY

PRESENTED IN PERSON AT WALL TOWNSHIP BRANCH BY

GREG CAGGIANO,
HISTORIAN

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 AT 6:00 PM

Historian Greg Caggiano will profile four centuries of murders, from the first documented killing of a European settler in the 1600s to serial killers prowling quiet neighborhoods in the 1960s and 70s.

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NJ Cameo Club

VARIETY EXTRAVAGANZA

PRESENTED BY:

Ms New Jersey
Senior America
Pageant Winners

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11
AT 2:00 PM

The NJ Cameo Club will perform a unique variety show like you've never seen before!

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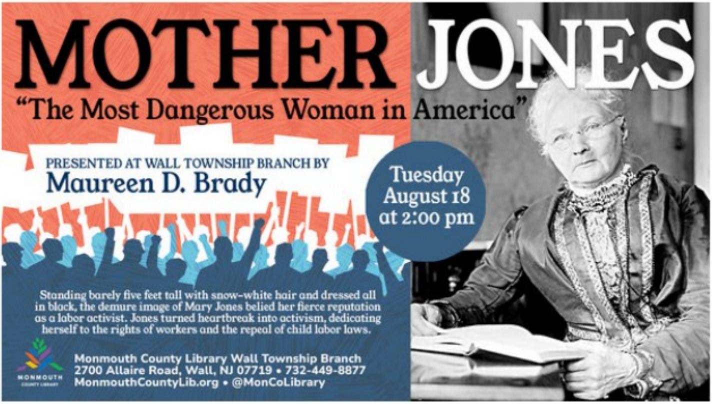

MOTHER JONES

"The Most Dangerous Woman in America"

PRESENTED AT WALL TOWNSHIP BRANCH BY
Maureen D. Brady

Tuesday
August 18
at 2:00 pm

Standing barely five feet tall with snow-white hair and dressed all in black, the demure image of Mary Jones belied her fierce reputation as a labor activist. Jones turned heartbreak into activism, dedicating herself to the rights of workers and the repeal of child labor laws.

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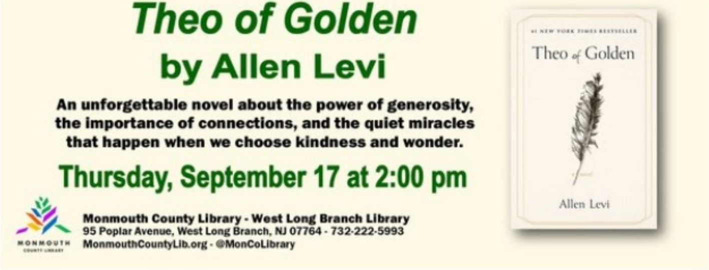

Theo of Golden

by Allen Levi

An unforgettable novel about the power of generosity, the importance of connections, and the quiet miracles that happen when we choose kindness and wonder.

Thursday, September 17 at 2:00 pm

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Book Discussions

- **Thursday, August 20 at 2:00** pm - [*The Song of the Jade Lily* by Kirsty Manning]
- **Thursday, September 17 at 2:00 pm** - *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi
- **Thursday, October 15 at 2:00 pm** - *When Women Ran Fifth Avenue* by Julie Satow

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MOVIES BY BRANCH

  - **Eastern Branch, Shrewsbury:** Tuesdays, August 11 and 25 at 2:00 pm
  - **Hazlet Township Branch:** weekly on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm
  - **Headquarters, Manalapan:** Tuesdays, August 4 and 18 at 2:00 pm
  - **Howell Branch:** Thursday, August 6 at 1:00 pm
  - **Marlboro Branch:** Thursdays, August 6, 20, and 27 at 1:00 pm
  - **Ocean Township Branch:** weekly on Thursdays at 2:00 pm
  - **Wall Township Branch:** Tuesday, August 25 at 2:00 pm

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Headquarters, Manalapan & Eastern Branch, Shrewsbury

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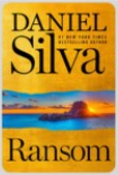
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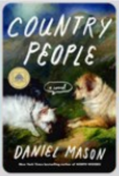
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