

## YOUTH & TEENS

Unless otherwise noted, **registration is required** and free.  
Register at [montclairlibrary.org/events](https://montclairlibrary.org/events). All are welcome.

### A Book Break (ages 2-5)

Tuesday, Apr. 1, 15, 22 & 29 (10:30 a.m.) & Apr. 8 (11 a.m.)

Main Library

Hang out with board books and music. No registration.

### Free Play Social Time (birth-age 5)

Tuesday, Apr. 1, 29 10:30 a.m., Bellevue Avenue Branch

Join us as we make friends and play! The library will provide toys while grown-ups & children can play and socialize with others. Registration is not required.

### Homeschool Open House (all ages)

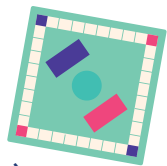
Tuesday, Apr. 1, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Main Library

Bring board games to play with friends old and new. Parenting books will be displayed. No registration.

### Teen Board Game Hangout (ages 12-18)

Tuesdays, Apr. 1, 15 & 29, 4 p.m., Main Library

Bring a board game and play with friends.



### It's Real: Teens & Mental Health (ages 14-18)

Wednesday, Apr. 2, 6:30 p.m., Main Library

Join our friends from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention for a discussion on mental health.

### Teen Craft Hours (ages 12-18)

Thursdays, Apr. 3-24, 3-5:30 p.m., Main Library

De-stress with simple crafts. No registration.

### Baby Hang Out (birth-age 1)

Fridays, Apr. 4, 11, 18 & 25, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Main Library

Books and toys will be provided. No registration.

### Morning Teen Yoga (ages 12-18)

Saturday, Apr. 5, 10:30 a.m., Main Library

Start your morning off right with a refreshing yoga session. Wear socks and bring your own towel or mat.



### Play-Doh Playdate (ages 2-5)

Mondays, Apr. 7, 14, 22 & 28, Main Library

10:30 am (Session 1), 11:30 am (Session 2)

Space is limited; first come-first served.

### Teen Room Hangout (ages 12-18)

Mondays, Apr. 7-28, 3-5:30 p.m., Main Library

Hang out with friends and make bracelets. No registration.

### Music & Movement (ages 2-5)

Tuesday, Apr. 8 11 a.m., Bellevue Avenue Branch

Children will enjoy a program full of songs and dancing! Be ready to get active and have fun! Registration required.

### Teen Anime Club (ages 12-18)

Wednesday, Apr. 9, 4 p.m., Main Library

We'll watch "So I'm a Spider, So What?"



### Pokémon Club (ages 7-18)

Wednesday, Apr. 9, 5 p.m., Main Library

Battle your friends on Switch or using your cards. We'll also have premade decks. Bring your own Switch.

### Tween Bingo Party (ages 8-14)

Friday, Apr. 11, 4 p.m., Main Library

Grab some pizza & play bingo with your friends.

### Craft Night: Cascarones

Friday, Apr. 11 6-6:45 p.m., Bellevue Ave Branch

Join us for a family friendly craft night and learn how to make cascarones (confetti eggs)! Registration is required.

### Lego Club (ages 4+)

Tuesday, Apr. 15, 5 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch

Join in unstructured Lego play. Registration recommended.

### Tween Creative Writers (Ages 10-13)

Wednesday, Apr. 16, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Main Library

Whether you want to start writing or already do, come see if you can learn something new!

### Paper Plate Bunnies Craft (ages 2-5)

Friday, Apr. 18 3:30-4:30 PM, Bellevue Avenue Branch

### Storytime Yoga for Tweens (ages 8-14)

Friday, Apr. 18, 4:30 p.m., Main Library

Wear socks and bring a yoga mat or beach towel.

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## Destress with KoKo the Therapy Dog

(ages 12-18)

Friday, Apr. 25, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Main Library

Take a break and destress with a super cute dog.



## Read to KoKo the Therapy Dog (ages 5-16)

Monday, Apr. 28, 4-5 p.m., Main Library

We will have books to choose from or you can bring your own favorite book to read. This is a great opportunity to practice fluency and reading with expression!

## Arab American Heritage Month

Foundation for Arab American Heritage presents programs celebrating Arab American Heritage Month

### Arabic Storytime (Ages 2-5)

Saturday, Apr. 5, 10:30 a.m., Storyroom @ MPL

Tuesday, Apr. 15, 10:30 a.m., Kids' Place @ BAB

Celebrate Arab American Heritage with bilingual stories with Hala Ghanem of FARAH. No registration required.

### Khalil Gibran's "The Prophet": Animated Movie (Families & Children ages 8 & up)

Tuesday, Apr. 8, 4:30 p.m., Main Library

The Foundation for Arab American Heritage will speak about the significance of this timeless story and screen the delightful animated film.

Rated PG.

Registration recommended.



### Teen Book Club (Ages 12-18)

Thursday, Apr. 10, 4 p.m., Main Library

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### Introduction to Tatreez: Embroider a Multipurpose Inset (Adult School Class)

Sat. Apr. 26, 10:30 a.m., Main Library

Tuition: \$59 | Instructor: Wafa Ayyad

Learn the artistry of traditional Palestinian embroidery.

### Studying The House of Wisdom: A Golden Age of Learning in Baghdad NEW (Adult School Class)

Mon., Apr. 21, 10:30 a.m., Main Library

Tuition: \$20 | Instructor: Jerise Fogel

Explore the Abbasid Golden Age of Islamic Science.

## Making Words (grades 1-3)

Tuesday, Apr. 29, 4 p.m., Main Library

Practice word patterns, take apart sounds, and learn phonemic awareness and spelling.



## Miyazaki Movie Fest (ages 12-18)

Wednesday, Apr. 30, 5 p.m., Main Library

Join us for a screening of "Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind" (rated PG). Registration recommended.

## STORYTIMES

### Babytime Storytime (birth-23 months)

Thursdays, Apr. 3-24, 10:30 a.m. @BAB

Thursdays, Apr. 10, 24, 1 p.m. @ BAB

Join us for a special storytime just for our tiniest patrons!

### Afternoon Storytime (birth-age 5)

Thursdays, Apr. 3-24, 3 p.m. @ BAB

No registration.

### Familytime (birth-age 5)

Wednesdays, Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 10:30 a.m. @ MPL

No registration.

### Raising Readers (birth-age 5)

Thursdays, Apr. 10, 17 & 24, 10:30 a.m. @MPL

Hear stories and sing songs. No registration.

### Raising Readers @ Watchung Park (birth-age 5)

Thursday, Apr. 3, 10:30 a.m. @ MPL

Hear stories and sing songs to celebrate Arbor Day. No registration. (Bring a blanket!)



### Babies in the Library (birth-23 months)

Tuesdays, Apr. 8 (11 a.m.), 15, 22 & 29, 10:30 a.m. @ MPL

No registration.

### Estimulación Musical para la Primera Infancia (for birth-24 months)

Wednesday, Apr. 9, 10:30 a.m. @ BAB

Saturday, Apr. 19, 10:30 a.m. @ MPL

This Spanish Lapsit program has been proudly supported by a grant from The Montclair Foundation.

### Bikes Love the Planet: Earth Day Storytime

Sunday, Apr. 20, 2 p.m. @ MPL

Enjoy stories that feature bike-riding and learn how every pedal you take makes the world a better place. With Jessica Tillyer, founder of Montclair Bike Bus.

### Spring Storytime (Birth - 5 years)

Friday, Apr. 25, 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. @ MPL

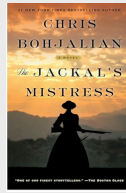
Join our volunteers for a special spring storytime. Registration recommended.

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### Chris Bohjalian, "The Jackal's Mistress" with Christina Baker Kline

Thursday, Apr. 3, 7 p.m., First Cong. Church  
Tickets: \$35 (includes book)

A #1 NY Times bestselling historical novelist, Bohjalian will discuss his latest book about a friendship across enemy lines set in the Civil War.



### Anne and Claire Berest, "Gabriële"

Tuesday, Apr. 29, 6:30 p.m., Main Library  
Tickets: \$33 (includes book and reception)

The Berest sisters will discuss their new novel based on the life of their bohemian, brilliant great-grandmother. Co-sponsored by Succeed2gether's Montclair Literary Festival, Montclair Campus of L'Alliance New York, and Watchung Booksellers.

## ADULTS

### Tech Help Tuesdays

Tuesdays, Apr. 1-29, 4-5 p.m., Main Library

Drop in if you need any tips, tricks, or quick fixes for your laptop, tablet, or mobile device. No registration.

### One-on-One Tech Support Sessions with mGAP

Wednesdays, Apr. 2-30, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Main Library  
Registration recommended.

### Creative Cafe

Wednesdays, Apr. 2-30, 1-3 p.m., Main Library

Stop by for free drinks and snacks and participate in relaxing creative activities each week led by a local artist. The MPL social worker hosts this initiative, which is made possible through partnerships with Toni's Kitchen, Montclair Mutual Aid, and local volunteer artists.

### Audiology Screening

Wednesday, Apr. 2, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Main Library

Book a 15-minute appointment, courtesy of Hackensack Meridian Mountainside Medical Center.



### Chess and Coffee

Thursdays, Apr. 3-24, 2-4 p.m., Main Library

Enjoy drop-in open play. Registration recommended.

### English as a Second Language (ESL) for Beginners

Thursdays, Apr. 3- May 8, 6-7:30 p.m., Main Library  
Registration required.

### The MILL @ MPL Senior Fridays

Fridays, Apr. 4 & 25, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Main Library  
Register through the MILL. Made possible through a partnership with the MILL and Partners for Health.  
Upcoming highlights:

Fraud Awareness - Apr. 4, 11:30 a.m.

Pain Management - Apr. 25, 11:30 a.m.

### Water Color Bookmark Craft

Tuesday, Apr. 8, 5 p.m., Bellevue Ave Branch

We will use special art supplies to decorate our own bookmarks. Registration is recommended.

## BOOK CLUBS

### Teachable Moments Book Club

Wednesday, Apr. 9, 6 p.m., Main Library

"Heaven and Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride

### Teen Book Club (ages 12-18)

Thursday, Apr. 10, 4 p.m., Main Library  
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### The Everything Book Club

Tuesday, Apr. 15, 1:15 p.m., Main Library

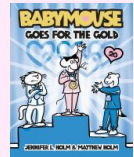
"How to be a Good Creature" by Sy Montgomery

### Paperback Pals Book Club (Grades 1-2)

Wednesday, Apr. 23, 4:30 p.m.

Bellevue Ave. Branch

"Babymouse Goes for the Gold"  
by Jennifer L. & Matthew Holm



### The Corner Book Club

Thursday, Apr. 24, 11 a.m., Bellevue Ave Branch

Join us for a lively, librarian-led discussion of Margaret Atwood's "Hag-Seed." Registration is required.

### Graphic Novel Book Club (18+ only)

Thursday, Apr. 24, 6 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch

For March, we will be reading "Worm" by Edgel Rodriguez. Registration is recommended.

### Anything Queer Lit Club

Thursday, Apr. 24, 6 p.m., Main Library

Join us as we discuss "Greta & Valdin" by Rebecca K Reilly. Registration is required.

### Queer Lit Club: Science Fiction/Fantasy

Tuesday, Apr. 29, 6 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch

Join us as we discuss Dead Collections by Isaac Fellman. Registration is required.

### Anime Spectre

Thursday, Apr. 10, 6 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch

We'll be watching the animated film "Big Fish & Begonia". No registration.

# National Poetry Month



## Kids' Poet Tree Challenge

Apr. 1-30, 3rd flr., Main Library

Memorize a poem! Tell Children's Staff you want to add your poem. A photo of you will be added as a leaf on our Poet's Tree at the Children's Desk. 1st 30 bards get a free journal. Poems should be no more than 1 minute. Bring a copy of your poem (or ask for recommendations).

## Poesia: The Latin American Décima (12-18)

Tuesday, Apr. 15, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Storyroom

Learn an ancient Spanish poetic form. The decima can be used in any language. Enjoy an overview and try writing your own. Registration recommended.

## DIY Blackout Poetry (all ages)

Monday-Tuesday, Apr. 21-22, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Main Library

Stop by the 1st floor and make some blackout poetry! We'll have all the supplies you'll need. No registration.

## The Poets of the Palisades (Adults)

Thursday, Apr. 24, 6 p.m., Main Library

Poetry reading featuring Laura Freedgood, Denise La Neve, and Susanna Rich.

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## Poems as Prompts: Poetry Writing Workshop (Adult School Class)

Mon., Apr. 21-May 19, 7:00 p.m., Congregation Shomrei Emunah

Tuition: \$111 | Instructor: Laura Freedgood

Use contemporary poems to inspire your own writing.

## Stages of Self: Telling Your Story Through Poetry NEW (Adult School Class)

Thu., May 1, 6:30 p.m., Main library

Tuition: Free | Instructor: Matthew Marroquin

Unfold your story through poetry in three-act structure.

## Highlights from the Adult School Dept.

See all classes and register at [www.adultschool.org](http://www.adultschool.org)

## Spring Detox: Seasonal Cleansing for Your Mind and Body NEW

Monday, Apr. 14, 10:30 a.m., Main Library

Tuition: \$45 | Instructor: Tiana Mincey

Materials fee of \$10 due upon registration.

## Understanding Middle Eastern and European Rugs NEW

Monday, Apr. 14, 6:15 p.m., Main Library

Tuition: \$20 | Instructor: Elisabeth Poole Parker

## Pysanky: The Ancient Art of Egg Decorating NEW

Wednesday, Apr. 16, 6:30 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch

Tuition: \$59 | Instructor: Jennifer Santa Maria

Materials fee of \$10 is payable to instructor.

## Beginner Backgammon NEW

Tuesday, Apr. 22, 2:00 p.m., Main Library

Tuition: \$120 | Instructor: Peter Jarvis

Materials fee of \$10 due upon registration.

## "Shattered Stars": A Multimedia Presentation for Holocaust Remembrance Day NEW

Wednesday, Apr. 23, 6:15 p.m., Main Library

Tuition: Free | Instructors: Irene Frielich, Deb Levy

## Oscar de la Renta: A Dominican-American in Paris - Fashion Show and Discussion NEW

Monday, Apr. 28, 12:00 p.m., Main Library

Tuition: Free | Co-Presented by Dumpling Diplomacy

Guests: Norma Jean Darden and Hipolito Pollantis

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## Documentary Screening: Maya Angelou - Reflections of a Blessed Soul with Q&A

Thursday, Apr. 10, 6:30 p.m., Main Library

View this award-winning documentary followed by a Q&A with Director Hafiz Farid and Executive Producer Shelley Grodner Seidenstein.

## Women & Money Roundtable: Make Sense of Today's Financial Markets

Wednesday, Apr. 16, 1 p.m., Zoom

## Drop-in Wellness Screening: Blood Pressure & Glucose

Tuesday, Apr. 22, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Main Library

No registration.

## New World Jazz Quartet

Sunday, Apr. 27, 2 p.m., Main Library

