DECEMBER 2022
PROGRAMS

Unless otherwise noted, registration is required and free. Register at montclairlibrary.org/events.

Masks are optional but recommended.

Kwanzaa Community Celebration and Ujamaa Winter Market
Saturday, Dec. 3, Main Library
Celebrate the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa with a festive community gathering, featuring traditional presentations and live entertainment. The Ujamaa Winter Market will showcase local businesses such as The Little Scent Shoppe, Some Sisters, Grandma Emma’s Corp., Nitjuan Designs, MremboNYC, and Ahh-Land Woman Herbals.

Ujamaa Winter Market
10 a.m.-3 p.m., Plaza

Balloon Twisting by ISLANDMAGIC
10-11 a.m., Plaza

Kwanzaa Legacy: A Presentation on the 7 Principles with a Performance by Usaama Dance Company
11 a.m.-12 p.m., Auditorium

Kwanzaa Ancestors: A Tribute to Paula “Mama Yaa” McCoy and Interactive Drum Circle
1-2 p.m., Auditorium

No registration. Indoor programs have limited capacity. Presented in conjunction with stewards of Montclair’s African-American community Latifah Jannah, Tiffany Barnes, Tinu Joseph, LaNa J. Jules, and Christine Smith.

YOUTH & TEENS

Afternoon Storytime (birth-age 5)
Thursdays, Dec. 1, 15, 22, 29, 2 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch

Korean Storytime (ages 3-7)
Friday, Dec. 2, 4 p.m., Main Library
Join MSU students for an interactive storytime. Listen to a story in English/Korean, learn how to say a few words in Korean, and make a craft. Registration not required, but recommended.

Winter Drop-in Crafts (grades K-3)
Sunday, Dec. 4, 2-3 p.m., Main Library
Saturdays, Dec. 10-17, 3-4 p.m., Main Library
Saturday, Dec. 31, 11 a.m-12 p.m., Main Library
No registration. While supplies last.

Familytime (birth-age 5)
Monday, Dec. 5, 1:30 p.m., Main Library
Wednesdays, Dec. 7 and 21, 11 a.m., Main Library
Monday, Dec. 12, 11 a.m., Main Library
Books, songs, rhymes, and play will inspire a love of literacy. No registration.

Homeschool Workshop (all ages)
Tuesday, Dec. 6, 11 a.m., Main Library
This month will feature a winter-themed Lego build led by Takeerah Jones of Busy Bees Learning Center LLC.
YOUTH & TEENS (continued)

Where the Wild Books Are (grades 2-5)
Tuesdays, Dec. 6-13, 4 p.m., Main Library
Hear chapters read aloud from “A Series of Unfortunate Events.” Registration not required, but recommended.

Pokémon Hours @ MPL (ages 7-18)
Tuesdays, Dec. 6-27, 5-7:30 p.m., Main Library
Stop by the Circulation Desk and challenge Tom to Pokémon Scarlet and Violet on Switch—if you beat him, you’ll get an extra-special prize! He might even trade you a rare Pokémon while you’re here. You must bring your own game and Switch to participate. No registration.

Teen Zine Workshop (ages 12-18)
Tuesday, Dec. 6, 6:30 p.m., Main Library
Learn about the history of zines and get the chance to make your own. We’ll have all the supplies you need.

Décima Poetry Workshop (ages 8+)
Thursday, Dec. 8, 2 p.m., Main Library
Kids and teens will learn the basics of Spain's décima espinela and come away understanding how to write their own décima poems. Speakers of any language are welcome.

Flamenco Para Los Niños (all ages)
Saturday, Dec. 10, 11 a.m., Main Library
Admission Nation presents Flamenco, the riveting Spanish dance form with colorful costumes and rhythmic sounds. Explore Spain’s rich heritage of Flamenco in this interactive multigenerational program.

Stuffed Animal Dragons
Monday, Dec. 12, 4 p.m. (ages 3-6), Main Library
Thursday, Dec. 15, 11 a.m. (ages 3-5), Bellevue Ave. Branch
Come for a fantasy storytime and then create your own dragon stuffed animal. Sign up for only one session.

Winter Storytime (birth-age 5)
Tuesday, Dec. 13, 11:30 a.m., Bellevue Avenue Branch

Sew It! Black Cat Stuffie (ages 9-18)
Tuesday, Dec. 13, 4 p.m., Main Library
Learn how to sew your own black cat stuffie on a sewing machine. No sewing experience required.

Teen Book Club (ages 12-18)
Wednesday, Dec. 14, 4 p.m., Main Library
This month's theme is adventure books.

Il était une fois: French Storytime (ages 3-6)
Saturday, Dec. 17, 11 a.m., Main Library
Marie-Catherine of the French Institute Alliance Française of Montclair (FIAF) will read fun stories. Registration not required, but recommended.

Decorate a Gingerbread House
Tuesday, Dec. 20, Bellevue Avenue Branch
11:30 a.m. (ages 3-5), 4:30 p.m. (ages 4-7), 5:30 p.m. (ages 8-12)
Let us know of any allergies.

Preschool Painters (ages 3-5)
Wednesday, Dec. 28, 4 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
This month we’ll create snow paint! Dress appropriately—it might get a little messy.

New Year’s Eve Craft & Storytime Party (ages 2-6)
Friday, Dec. 30, 3:30 p.m., Bellevue Avenue Branch
Make a New Year’s Eve hat before we listen to a story and dance.
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ADULTS

Open Book / Open Mind:
Laurie Lico Albanese, “Hester”
Thursday, Dec. 1, 7 p.m., Main Library or Zoom (hybrid)
Albanese will discuss her historical novel, a reimagining of the heroine of “The Scarlet Letter.” In conversation with Alice Elliott Dark.

Open Level Pilates on the Mat
Tuesdays, Dec. 6 and 27, 11 a.m., Zoom

Senior Craft Club
Tuesdays, Dec. 6-27, 2:30 p.m., Main Library or Zoom (hybrid)
Join us for an hour of crafting!

Start a Series Book Club
Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1 p.m., Main Library
Led by Library Director Janet Torsney, we’ll discuss “Regeneration” by Pat Barker.

World Cinema Film Screening:
Comedy Cult Classic, “Eat Drink Man Woman” (Taiwan)
Monday, Dec. 12, 2 p.m., Main Library
Directed by Ang Lee. Not rated.
No registration.

The Everything Book Club
Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1 p.m., Main Library OR Wednesday, Dec. 14, 7 p.m., Zoom
We’ll discuss “Small Things Like These” by Claire Keegan.

Make a Festive Ornament
Tuesday, Dec. 13, 5 p.m., Bellevue Avenue Branch
We will start with a clear plastic ball or light bulb and paint them or fill them. All supplies will be provided.

Teachable Moments Book Club
Wednesday, Dec. 14, 6 p.m., Main Library
We will read and discuss titles by and/or about people of color. All are welcome.
December’s title is “The Garden of Evening Mists” by Tan Twan Eng.

Drop-in Health Screenings
Tuesday, Dec. 20, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., Main Library
Free blood pressure and glucose screenings. No registration.

Highlights from the Adult School Dept.
See all classes and register at www.adultschool.org.
Montclair residents receive a 50% discount on classes held at either library branch or online.

Africa, No Longer The Forgotten Continent
Thursday, Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m., Zoom
Cost: $20 | Instructor: Pierre Fabian

The English Language: A History
Friday, Dec. 9, 10:30 a.m., Zoom
Cost: $20 | Instructor: Judy Okun

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