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Decorate a Gingerbread House (families)
Saturday, Dec. 9, 2:15 OR 4:45 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Great for the whole family. All supplies will be provided.

All About Robotics (grades 3-8)
Sunday, Dec. 10, Main Library
4 p.m. - Fun STEM activities with students from Montclair High School. Supplies are limited.
5 p.m. - Robotics demonstration. No registration for 5 p.m. drop-in session.

Teen Anime Club (ages 12-18)
Tuesday, Dec. 12, 4 p.m., Main Library
We’ll watch the first 3 episodes of “Fullmetal Alchemist Brotherhood” and discuss over snacks.

Teen Book Club (ages 12-18)
Wednesday, Dec. 13, 4 p.m., Main Library
This month’s theme is Girls Being Awesome.

Pokémon Club (ages 7-18)
Wednesday, Dec. 13, 5 p.m., Main Library
Battle your friends on Switch or using your cards. We’ll also have premade decks. Bring your own Switch.

Monthly Movie Magic (ages 8+)
Thursday, Dec. 14, 3:30 p.m., Main Library
This month’s movie is “Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse” (rated PG). Registration not required, but recommended.

Wiggles & Giggles with Miss Bee (birth-age 5)
Monday, Dec. 18, 4 p.m., Main Library
Join Miss Bee for children’s songs. Kids will use rhythm sticks, scarves, and other fun instruments and props. Registration not required, but recommended.

Teen Canvas Painting Party (ages 12-18)
Wednesday, Dec. 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Main Library
Registration not required, but recommended.

Interactive Movie: “The Nightmare Before Christmas” (ages 8+ and families)
Thursday, Dec. 21, 5:30 p.m., Main Library
Experience the fun of an interactive movie, where you don’t just watch the film—you join in! Shouting out lines and other silliness are encouraged.

Teen Gingerbread Party (ages 12-18)
Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2 p.m., Main Library
Hang out in the Cafe and decorate gingerbread cookies.

Where the Wild Books Are (grades 2-5)
Fridays, Dec. 1 & 15-22, 4 p.m., Main Library
Registration not required, but recommended.

Babymile Storytime (birth-23 months)
Thursdays, Dec. 7-21, 10:15 a.m. OR 1 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch

Listen in the Library Storytime (birth-age 5)
Thursdays, Dec. 7-21, 11 a.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch

Afternoon Storytime (birth-age 5)
Thursdays, Dec. 7 & 21-28, 3 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch

Winter Storytime (birth-age 5)
Sunday, Dec. 10, 2 p.m., Main Library
Enjoy singing, dancing, and crafting with friends from the Ecumenical Youth Ministry Project and Explorers Playgroup. Registration not required, but recommended.

Babies in the Library (birth-23 months)
Tuesdays, Dec. 12 & 26, 11 a.m., Main Library
Babies meet babies! Songs, language activities, and board books will be introduced. No registration.

Familytime (birth-age 5)
Wednesdays, Dec. 13-27, 10:30 a.m., Main Library
No registration.

December Storytime & Craft (ages 2-5)
Thursday, Dec. 14, 3 p.m., Bellevue Ave Branch
We’ll read “The Gingerbread Man” and make a gingerbread magnet.

Middle School Book Club (grades 6-8)
Thursday, Dec. 21, 4 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
We’ll dive into manga this month.
**ADULTS**

**Murder on Baker Street: Adult Murder Mystery Party**
Saturday, Dec. 2, 6:15 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Join us for an after-hours Sherlock-inspired murder mystery.

**Creative Aging Panel and Workshop: Memoir Writing and Printmaking**
Sunday, Dec. 3, 2 p.m., Main Library
Enjoy a writer’s panel & memoir workshop with The Writer’s Circle and a printmaking workshop with Art With All LLC.

**Open Level Pilates on the Mat**
Tuesdays, Dec. 5-19, 12 p.m., Zoom
In this virtual series, participants will strengthen their core, pelvic floor, balance, and posture.

**Nutrition for Older Adults**
Wednesday, Dec. 6, 11 a.m., Main Library
Good nutrition is important, but as we age the nutrient needs change. Presented with Hackensack Meridian Mountainside Medical Center.

**Adult Craft: Decorate a Mini Gingerbread House**
Saturday, Dec. 9, 3:30 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
All supplies will be provided.

**Make a Festive Ornament**
Tuesday, Dec. 12, 5 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Use clear plastic balls to make a festive ornament. All supplies will be provided.

**Senior Cardio Stretch**
Wednesday, Dec. 13, 12 p.m., Main Library
A low-impact cardio and stretch dance class geared toward seniors. Presented by Beyond the Boogie Dance Company.

**Women and Money Roundtable: How to Make Sense of Today’s Financial Markets**
Wednesday, Dec. 13, 1 p.m., Zoom
A lively discussion on today’s financial markets and how they might fit into your portfolio.

**Teachable Moments Book Club**
Wednesday, Dec. 13, 6 p.m., Main Library
"Saving Ruby King" and "The Two Lives of Sara" by Catherine Adel West. The author will be joining us!

**Queer Lit Club - with Out Montclair**
Monday, Dec. 18, 6 p.m., Zoom
Thursday, Dec. 28, 6 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
"Gideon the Ninth" by Tamsyn Muir
Wednesday, Dec. 20, 6 p.m., Main Library
“The Color Purple” by Alice Walker

**Drop-in Health Screenings**
Tuesday, Dec. 19, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Main Library
Free blood pressure & glucose screenings. No registration.

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**Highlights from the Adult School Dept.**
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**Make Your Own Hand-Lettered Holiday Cards**
Saturday, Dec. 2, 1 p.m., Main Library
Tuition: $40 | Instructor: Swetha Shenoy
Materials purchased by student approx. $15.

**Soy Candlemaking: Gifts for the Holidays**
Tuesday, Dec. 5, 5:30 p.m., Main Library
Tuition: $35 | Instructor: Corin Wright
Materials fee $25.

**Scenes from “Exit West”: Play Reading with Luna Stage**
Tuesday, Dec. 5, 6:30 p.m., Main Library
Tuition: Free | Instructor: Ari Laura Kreith

**The Hamas Incursion of Southern Israel**
Wednesday, Dec. 6, 6:30 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Tuition: $20 | Instructor: Pierre Fabian, former United Nations Communications Director

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**ADULTS**

**Open Level Pilates on the Mat**  
Wednesdays, Jan. 3–31, 12 p.m., Zoom  
In this virtual series, participants will strengthen their core, pelvic floor, balance, and posture.

**Make a Cozy Hand Warmer**  
Tuesday, Jan. 9, 5 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch  
We will make sweet smelling hand warmers using fabrics, sewing needle, and other materials.

**Women and Money Roundtable:**  
*How to Make Sense of Today’s Financial Markets*  
Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1 p.m., Zoom  
A lively discussion on today’s financial markets and how they might fit into your portfolio.

**Teachable Moments Book Club**  
Wednesday, Jan. 10, 6 p.m., Main Library  
“The Street” by Ann Petry

**Drop-in Health Screenings**  
Tuesday, Jan. 16, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., Main Library  
Free blood pressure & glucose screenings. No registration.

**The Everything Book Club**  
Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1 p.m., Main Library OR  
Wednesday, Jan. 17, 7 p.m., Zoom  
“My Brilliant Friend” by Elena Ferrante

**The Corner Book Club**  
Thursday, Jan. 18, 11 a.m.,  
Bellevue Ave. Branch  
“Harlem Shuffle” by Colson Whitehead

**Queer Lit Club - with Out Montclair**  
Tuesday, Jan. 23, 6 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch  
“Mistake Were Made” by Meryl Wilsner

**Wednesday, Jan. 24, 6 p.m., Main Library**  
“Real Life” by Brandon Taylor

**Senior Cardio Stretch**  
Wednesday, Jan. 24, 12 p.m., Main Library  
A low-impact cardio and stretch dance class geared toward seniors. Presented by Beyond the Boogie Dance Company.

**Open Book / Open Mind: “Unshrinking”**  
Wednesday, Jan. 24, 6:30 p.m., Main Library  
Cornell professor Kate Manne will talk about her new book, “Unshrinking: How to Face Fatphobia.”

**Making Your Money Work for You**  
Thursday, Jan. 25, 12 p.m., Zoom  
A seminar on credit scores, cash flow, and saving/investing, presented by the Financial Planning Association of NJ.

**The MILL @ MPL (for seniors)**  
Every Friday starting Jan. 26, Main Library  
10:30 a.m. MILL Chair Yoga 4 Everybody  
11:30 a.m. Lecture: Lessons from the Vietnam War  
12:30 p.m. Lunch provided by Toni’s Kitchen  
1:30 p.m. MILL World of Films: Four Directors from the "New Hollywood" - 70s, 80s, and Beyond

Only the 11:30 a.m. lecture requires registration. Made possible through a partnership with the MILL and Partners for Health.
Homeschool Open House 
featuring Evelyn Mitchell on Harp (all ages) 
Tuesday, Jan. 2, 11 a.m., Main Library 
Bring your favorite board game to share. One of our homeschoolers will perform on the harp at 12 noon! No registration.

Baby Hang Out (birth-age 1) 
Fridays, Jan. 5-26, 10:30 a.m., Main Library 
Babies come hang out with other babies! Books and toys will be provided. No registration.

Play-Doh Playdate (ages 3-5) 
Mondays, Jan. 8 & 22-29, 10:30 a.m., Main Library 
Design new creations and discover new friends in this weekly preschool activity. No registration.

Teen Room Hangout (ages 12-18) 
Mondays, Jan. 8 & 22-29, 3-5:30 p.m., Main Library 
Drop in for games and fun craft activities. No registration.

Teen Anime Club (ages 12-18) 
Tuesday, Jan. 9, 4 p.m., Main Library 
We'll watch the first 3 episodes of “Haikyu!!” and discuss over snacks.

Lego Club (ages 4+) 
Tuesday, Jan. 9, 6 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch 
Join us in unstructured Lego play. Registration not required, but recommended.

Post-Traumatic Growth: 
Cultivating Growth from Struggle and Loss 
Thursday, Jan. 25, 2 p.m., Main Library 
Tuition: $25 | Instructor: Diane Lang 
Use the science of PTG to turn trauma into transformation.

Living Green: Responsible Decluttering & Discarding 
Tuesday, Jan. 30, 6:30 p.m., Main Library 
Tuition: Free | Instructor: Lisa Johnson 
Pare down your possessions in an eco-conscious way.

Norman Rockwell and Race 
Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2 p.m., Main Library 
Tuition: $20 | Instructor: Dennis Raverty 
Compare Rockwell's socially engaged representations of race during his later career with his earlier illustrations.

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Edgar Allan Poe: Happy 215th Birthday 
Tuesday, Jan. 23, 6:30 p.m., Zoom 
Tuition: $25 | Instructor: Ava Caridad 
Dive into the life and times of American literature’s favorite troubled soul.

Nazi-Looted Art: Klimt, Schiele, Kokoschka, Painters of Vienna’s Golden Age 
Thursday, Jan. 25, 10:30 a.m., Main Library 
Tuition: $25 | Instructor: Janet Mandel 
Explore the important relationship that three art stars of Vienna’s Golden Age had with their many Jewish patrons.

Teen Book Club (ages 12-18) 
Wednesday, Jan. 10, 4 p.m., Main Library 
This month’s theme is Romance & Drama.

Pokémon Club (ages 7-18) 
Wednesday, Jan. 10, 5 p.m., Main Library 
Battle your friends on Switch or using your cards. We’ll also have premade decks. Bring your own Switch.

Free Play Social Time (birth-age 5) 
Tuesdays, Jan. 16 & 30, 10:30 a.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch 
Thursday, Jan. 18, 1 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch 
Children and their grown-ups can play and socialize with others. No registration.

Estimulación Musical para la Primera Infancia (birth-24 months) 
Tuesday, Jan. 16, 11 a.m., Main Library 
Learn, sing, and move with your baby in this immersive Spanish lapsit.

Itty Bitty Artists (ages 2-6) 
Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch 
Design and decorate your own tote bag. Dress appropriately—we will be using non-washable paint.

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YOUTH & TEENS (continued)

Teen Tarot (ages 12-18)
Wednesday, Jan. 17, 6 p.m., Main Library
Learn the basics of Tarot—you’ll even get your own mini deck to take home.

Monthly Movie Magic (ages 8+)
Thursday, Jan. 18, 3:30 p.m., Main Library
This month’s movie is “Nimona” (rated PG). Registration not required, but recommended.

Teen Dungeons and Dragons (ages 12-16)
Saturday, Jan. 20, 2 p.m., Main Library
Explore the world of Dungeons and Dragons 5e in this recurring five-month campaign through May.

Emerging Adults with Disabilities Workshop (ages 14+)
Monday, Jan. 22, 11 a.m., Main Library
Meet with social services experts to learn about services available to emerging adults aging out of the school system. This month’s topic is universal mental health concerns. Presented by Mental Health Associates. Registration not required, but recommended.

Music & Movement (ages 2-5)
Tuesday, Jan. 23, 11 a.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Be ready to get active in a program full of songs and dance.

LEGO Printmaking (ages 4+)
Tuesday, Jan. 23, 5 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Use Legos and paint to create designs to transfer to paper.

Middle School Book Club (grades 6-8)
Thursday, Jan. 25, 4 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
We’ll dive into fiction/nonfiction written in the form of a diary or journal.

TicTacToe Boards: Hand-Sewing Workshop (ages 7-10)
Thursday, Jan. 25, 4:30 p.m., Main Library
Sew your own unique boards. No experience required.

Read to a Therapy Dog (ages 5+)
Monday, Jan. 29, 3:30 p.m., Main Library
Read to Murray, a trained seeing eye dog. No registration.

STORYTIMES

Familytime (birth-age 5)
Wednesdays, Jan. 3-31, 10:30 a.m., Main Library
No registration.

Babytime Storytime (birth-23 months)
Thursdays, Jan. 4-11 & 25, 10:15 a.m. OR 1 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch

Listen in the Library Storytime (birth-age 5)
Thursdays, Jan. 4-11 & 25, 11 a.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch

Afternoon Storytime (birth-age 5)
Thursdays, Jan. 4-11 & 25, 3 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch

Babies in the Library (birth-23 months)
Tuesdays, Jan. 9 & 23, 11 a.m., Main Library
Babies meet babies! Songs, language activities, and board books will be introduced. No registration.

Where the Wild Books Are (grades 2-5)
Fridays, Jan. 12-26, 4 p.m., Main Library
Registration not required, but recommended.

Era Uma Vez, na Biblioteca: Portuguese Storytime (birth-age 9)
Sunday, Jan. 14, 3 p.m., Main Library
Stories will be interwoven with songs and rhymes, all in Portuguese. Led by Ana Cristina Coura. No registration.

January Storytime & Craft (ages 2-5)
Thursday, Jan. 18, 3 p.m., Bellevue Ave Branch
We’ll read “Grow Grateful” and decorate a gratitude jar.

Fun Fact Friday (ages 3-6)
Friday, Jan. 19, 4 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Learn about hibernation in this nonfiction storytime.