An African American Dilemma  
Wed, Feb. 2, 6:30 p.m., Main Library  
Instructor: Zoe Burkholder  
Explore a social history of northern Black debates over school integration versus separation. Adult School class. Presented in partnership with Montclair State University.

Jacob Lawrence: The Making of a Master  
Thursday, Feb. 3, 6:30 p.m., Main Library  
Cost: $20 | Instructor: Onnie Strother  
Learn about the first African American artist to break through the color line and gain international fame. Adult School class.

Manding: West African Languages and Culture  
Wednesdays, Feb. 9–16, 6:30 p.m., Main Library  
Cost: $35 (2 sessions) | Instructor: Ibrahima Traore  
An introduction to the languages, culture, geography and customs of West Africa. Adult School class.

Oscar Micheaux Film Retrospective  
Fridays, Feb. 11–25, 1 p.m., Montclair Film  
Cost: $30 (3 sessions) | Instructors: O. Strother, B. Holloway  
Experience the cinema of the most important African American filmmaker of the early 20th century. Adult School class. Offered in partnership with Montclair Film.

The Everything Book Club: “Harlem Shuffle”  
Tuesday, Feb. 15, 1 p.m., Main Library OR Wednesday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m., Zoom  
A librarian-led discussion of this novel by Pulitzer Prize-winner Colson Whitehead.

Faith Ringgold: Quilts and More  
Thursday, Feb. 17, 6:30 p.m., Main Library  
Cost: $20 | Instructor: Margret Rothman  
Learn about Ringgold’s famous story quilts and her place in contemporary and feminist art. Adult School class.

Fyütch Presents: Black History Is Everyone’s History  
Saturday, Feb. 19, 12 p.m., Zoom  
Social justice rapper Fyütch sings empowering kids songs about Black culture, accomplishments, and lesser-known figures.

Author Talk: The Strong Black Woman  
Tuesday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m., Zoom  
Meet Black women who have learned through hard lessons the importance of self-care and how to break through cultural resistance to seek mental health care. Presented by Marita Golden in conversation with Sonsyrea Tate.
BLACK HISTORY MONTH (continued)

Scott Joplin - King of Ragtime
Tuesday, Feb. 22, 6:30 p.m., Zoom
Cost: $20 | Instructor: Dan Lupo
Delve into the details of Joplin’s life and explore what made ragtime so special. Adult School class.

Fading Out: Identity in the Age of Racial Fluidity
Wednesday, Feb. 23, 6:30 p.m., Zoom
Instructor: Lisa Kingstone
Discuss how we accept, reject, and invent our identity and negotiate the stories we hear and tell about race. Adult School class. Presented in partnership with Montclair State University.

Motown and its Enduring Legacy
Thursday, Feb. 24, 6:30 p.m., Zoom
Cost: $20 | Instructor: Larry Weiner
Take a transmedia journey through the story of Motown: famous artists and their music, the story of entrepreneurial genius, and the quest to achieve racial and social justice. Adult School class.

ADULTS

Access Navigator
Thursdays, Feb. 3–24, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Main Library
Meet with MPL’s Access Navigator for personalized help with improving digital literacy, working toward new employment, or developing new skills in general. No registration.

Open Book / Open Mind Online:
“Insurgency”
Thursday, Feb. 10, 7 p.m., Zoom

YOUTH & TEENS

Virtual Familytime (birth–age 5)
Wednesdays, Feb. 9 and 23, 11 a.m., Zoom
Thursday, Feb. 17, 1 p.m., Zoom
This interactive storytime will use books, songs, rhymes, and play to inspire a love of literacy and learning.

Virtual Bedtime Stories
with Julia Guerrier (ages 2–8)
Thursday, Feb. 10, 6:30 p.m., Zoom
Join us for bedtime stories featuring a reading of “Shark Teeth” by Montclair author and pediatric dentist Julia Guerrier.

Virtual Cuentitos: Bilingual Spanish Storytime
(ages 2–5)
Monday, Feb. 21, 11 a.m., Zoom
Listen to children’s books in Spanish and English along with acoustic guitar and songs in Spanish.

Homeschooling Community
Virtual Book Club (ages 5–11)
Thursday, Feb. 24, 3 p.m., Zoom

Simply Safe Kids Parent Workshop:
Sexual Abuse Prevention Education
Sunday, Feb. 27, 3 p.m., Zoom
Author Kimberly King will provide information, advice, and resources to make sexual abuse prevention conversations approachable for you and your family. Suggested for parents of children ages 4–8. Presented in partnership with Glen Ridge, Verona, and West Orange Public Libraries.
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PROGRAMS

Unless otherwise noted, registration is required and free. Register at montclairlibrary.org/events.
Masks are required for everyone inside the Library buildings.

ADULTS

Small Business Seminar Series with Reference Solutions
Wednesdays, Mar. 9–23, 3 p.m., Zoom
A three-part series highlighting the capabilities of Data Axle’s Reference Solutions database:
  • Customer Prospecting Opportunities (Mar. 9)
  • Crafting Perfect Customer Profiles (Mar. 16)
  • Sizing Up the Competition (Mar. 23)

Open Book / Open Mind Online:
Patrick Radden Keefe, “Empire of Pain”
Thursday, Mar. 10, 7 p.m., Zoom
Keefe will discuss his portrait of the Sackler dynasty, in conversation with fellow New Yorker staff writer D.T. Max.

Drop-in Health Screenings
Tuesday, Mar. 15, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., Main Library
Free blood pressure and glucose screenings by Mountainside Medical Center. No registration.

The Everything Book Club: “The Orchid Thief”
Tuesday, Mar. 15, 1 p.m., Main Library OR Wednesday, Mar. 16, 7 p.m., Zoom
A true chronicle about an obsessive collector.

YOUTH & TEENS

Teen Advisory Board Meeting (grades 6–12)
Wednesday, Mar. 2, 6:30 p.m., Zoom

Paper Bag Princess Day (ages 3–6)
Saturday, Mar. 5, 11 a.m., Main Library
Celebrate “Paper Bag Princess Day” with this and other stories about girls with determination and grit, followed by crafts.

Familytime (birth–age 5)
Wednesdays, Mar. 9 and 23, 11 a.m., Main Library
This interactive storytime will use books, songs, rhymes, and play to inspire a love of literacy and learning.

Chesstronauts (grades 1 and up)
Wednesdays, Mar. 9 and 23, 6 p.m., Zoom
Kids of all skill levels will receive accessible chess instruction for improved strategic thinking and sportsmanship.

Women’s History Month Highlights from the Adult School Dept.

Medieval Christianity & Gender: Hildegard of Bingen
Thursday, Mar. 3, 6:30 p.m., Zoom
Instructor: Minji Lee | Cost: Free
Learn about German mystic Hildegard of Bingen (1098–1179), including her life, vision, and medicine. In partnership with Montclair State University.

Women & Wealth
Wednesday, Mar. 9, 6:30 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Instructor: Eleanor Galt-Lin | Cost: $35
Explore savvy strategies for managing your lifestyle and spending, maximizing your savings, investing, and more.

The Varied Work of Maya Lin
Thursday, Mar. 17, 6:30 p.m., Main Library
Instructor: Margret Rothman | Cost: $20
Explore the memorials, buildings, museum installations, and more through which Lin addresses major concerns of our time.

Guerrilla Girls: The Art of Behaving Badly
Wednesday, Mar. 23, 6:30 p.m., Main Library
Instructor: Janet Mandel | Cost: $20
Hear how an anonymous group of activist women artists have been fighting since 1984 to expose biases in the art world.

Dancing Devi: Children’s Author Priya Parikh (grades K–3)
Saturday, Mar. 26, 11 a.m., Main Library & Zoom
Parikh will read her new children’s book “Dancing Devi” and lead a Bharatanatyam dance-inspired activity.

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