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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 “Haikyuu!!” 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.

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.

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.

YOUTH & TEENS

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
Aprende, canta y muévete al tierno ritmo de la música mientras aprendes con tu bebé. 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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STORYTIMES

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

**Babymime 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**
**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.

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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.
FEBRUARY 2024
PROGRAMS

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Open Book / Open Mind (adults)
Saturday, Feb. 3, 4 p.m., Main Library
Ayana Mathis will talk about her new novel “The Unsettled,” a family saga in the 1980s spanning Philadelphia and small-town Alabama.

Storytime: Celebrating Jerry Pinkney (ages 5+)
Sunday, Feb. 4, 2 p.m., Main Library
Join Ms. Tilly as she reads some of Jerry Pinkney’s award-winning stories followed by a craft.

Boogie Bounce: Hip Hop Dance for Kids (ages 8-12)
Tuesday, Feb. 6, 4 p.m., Main Library
Kids will learn Hip Hop dance movements in a fun-filled environment. Presented by Beyond the Boogie. Registration not required, but recommended.

Exploring James Baldwin (Adult School class)
Tuesdays, Feb. 6–20, 6:15 p.m., Zoom
Tuition: $65 (3 sessions) | Instructor: Ada McKenzie-Thomas

Illustrious Gift: Children’s Craft (ages 5+)
Saturday, Feb. 10, 11 a.m., Main Library
Mansa Mussa will show kids how to decorate a unique gift box to keep or give to someone special. Supplies are limited. Registration not required, but recommended.

Swahili Storytime (ages 5-12)
Saturday, Feb. 10, 2 p.m., Main Library
Learn words in Swahili and listen to tales with Sabina Wasonga-Gitau. Registration not required, but recommended.

Dizzy Gillespie Concert Screening (adults)
Monday, Feb. 12, 11 a.m., Main Library

Senior Soul Stretch (adults)
Tuesdays, Feb. 13-27, 12 p.m., Main Library
Presented by Beyond the Boogie Dance Company.

Teachable Moments Book Club (adults)
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 6 p.m., Main Library
"The Patriarch" by James E. Laws, Jr.

What’s Your Story?
February through May 2024

Join us in a community-wide exploration of stories, heritage, and belonging, inspired by Thi Bui’s “The Best We Could Do.” More than 25 events—book discussions, classes, movies, and more—will be happening throughout town.

Lessons from the Vietnam War (Adult School class)
Fridays, Jan. 26-March 1, 11:30 a.m., Main Library
Explore the conflict of cultures and viewpoints, as well as the conflict of arms. Made possible through a partnership with the MILL and Partners for Health.

Launch of Montclair Reads
Thursday, Feb. 8, 7 p.m., Main Library
Join us for a kickoff event with ambassadors from participating programs and an author video.

Storytelling Improv for Social Change
(Adult School class)
Saturdays, Feb. 10-24, 1 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Through improvisational theater games, acting, movement, and vocal exercises, participants will learn Playback Storytelling Improv.

Storytelling through Podcasts
(Adult School class)
Tuesday, Feb. 13, 10:30 a.m., Main Library
Vietnamese Boat People will share the prompts they’ve developed to facilitate family storytelling for podcasts.
**BLACK HISTORY MONTH (continued)**

**NJ Reparations 101: A Panel Discussion** (Adult School class)
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 6:30 p.m., Main Library
Tuition: Free | Instructor: Janet Ford

**Writing Our Future: A Celebration of Black Children’s Literature (adults)**
Saturday, Feb. 17, 12 p.m., Main Library
Join Just Us Books for panel presentations, author readings, and more by award-winning authors, illustrators, and literary artists. Registration not required, but recommended.

**The Everything Book Club (adults)**
Tuesday, Feb. 20, 1 p.m., Main Library OR Wednesday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m., Zoom
"Bluebird, Bluebird" by Attica Locke

**Images of Black People in Western Art: Early 19th Century to the Millennium (Adult School class)**
Wednesday, Feb. 21, 6:30 p.m., Zoom
Tuition: $20 | Instructor: Anne Betty Weinshenker

**Black Citizenship in the Age of Jim Crow (adults)**
Thursday, Feb. 22, 6:30 p.m., Zoom
Presented by the New-York Historical Society.

**Harlem Renaissance Art and the Making of the New Negro (Adult School class)**
Tuesday, Feb. 27, 6:15 p.m., Main Library
Tuition: $20 | Instructor: Onnie Strother Jr.

**Black History Month Poetry Workshop (ages 12-18)**
Wednesday, Feb. 28, 6 p.m., Main Library
Read works by renowned Black poets, then write your own.

**MONTCLAIR READS (continued)**

**East Side Mags Graphic Novel/Library Day**
Saturday, Feb. 17, East Side Mags
Get a 15% discount on purchases if you show your Montclair Public Library card. Discount not applicable on items already marked down, already on sale, or supplies.

**A Discussion of Storytelling and Graphic Novels**
Tuesday, Feb. 20, 7 p.m., Watchung Booksellers
Professors Adam Rzepka and Jeffrey Gonzalez of MSU will discuss the importance of graphic novels as a literary art form.

**Family Storytelling Workshop with Mary Amato**
Saturday, Feb. 24, time TBD, Montclair Art Museum

**Comics Workshop: Telling a Story in 4 Panels (ages 8+)**
Wednesday, Feb. 28, 4:30 p.m., Main Library
Cartoonist, illustrator, and teacher R. Sikoryak will teach kids how to make comics using a four-panel sequence.

**Storytelling at Work: Indispensable Strategies to Get Your Point Across in Business (Adult School class)**
Wednesday, Feb. 28, 6:30 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Learn how to advance in your career using storytelling techniques to describe history and projects.

To see additional programs in March through May, visit montclairlibrary.org/read or scan the QR code.

Montclair Reads is brought to you by Montclair Fund for Educational Excellence, Montclair High School, and Montclair Public Library.

**YOUTH & TEENS**

**An Afternoon with Ravina Aggarwal (ages 12+)**
Friday, Feb. 2, 4 p.m., Main Library

**Play-Doh Playdate (ages 3-5)**
Mondays, Feb. 5-12 & 26, 10:30 a.m., Main Library
No registration.

**Teen Room Hangout (ages 12-18)**
Mondays, Feb. 5-12 & 26, 3-5:30 p.m., Main Library
Drop in for games and fun craft activities. No registration.
YOUTH & TEENS (continued)

Baby Hang Out (birth-age 1)
Fridays, Feb. 9-23, 10:30 a.m., Main Library
Books and toys will be provided. No registration.

Teen Dungeons and Dragons (ages 12-16)
Saturday, Feb. 10, 2 p.m., Main Library
Part of a recurring five-month campaign through May.

Valentine’s Day Cards (ages 3+)
Sunday, Feb. 11, 2-4 p.m., Main Library
Stop by the Children’s Department to make your own
Valentine’s Day cards. No registration.

Wiggles & Giggles with Miss Bee (birth-age 5)
Monday, Feb. 12, 4 p.m., Main Library
Join Miss Bee for children’s songs.

Teen Anime Club (ages 12-18)
Tuesday, Feb. 13, 4 p.m., Main Library
We’ll watch “Kamisama Kiss.”

Pokémon Club (ages 7-18)
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 5 p.m., Main Library
Battle your friends on Switch or using your cards. We’ll also have premade decks. Bring your own Switch.

Teen Book Club (ages 12-18)
Thursday, Feb. 15, 4 p.m., Main Library
We’ll read books with dragons in honor of Lunar New Year.

Music & Movement (ages 2-5)
Tuesday, Feb. 20, 10:30 a.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Be ready to get active in a program full of songs and dance.

Monthly Movie Magic (ages 8+)
Tuesday, Feb. 20, 3:30 p.m., Main Library
“Suzume” (PG). Registration not required, but recommended.

Lego Stamping (ages 4+)
Tuesday, Feb. 20, 5 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Join us for a stamping project using paint and Legos.

Novel Navigators Book Club (grades 4-5)
Thursday, Feb. 22, 4 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
This new book club will kick off with “The Wild Robot” by Peter Brown.

Yeon Deung Hoe: Lotus Lantern Workshop (ages 10+)
Monday, Feb. 26, 3:30 p.m., Main Library
Celebrate Lunar New Year by making a lotus flower lantern using colorful paper and wire frames. Offered through the Adult School. Children cannot be unattended.

Middle School Book Club (grades 6-8)
Thursday, Feb. 29, 5 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
We’ll dive into science fiction this month.

All Our Voices: International Mother Language Day Storytime (ages 3+)
Wednesday, Feb. 21, 4 p.m., Main Library
Celebrate languages throughout the world in honor of International Mother Language Day. We’ll enjoy books highlighting different words in other languages for things we commonly hold dear. No registration.

Scan the QR code to see curated lists of children's books you can borrow, in a dozen languages and counting! And coming soon—keep an eye out for World Languages resources on the Library’s website with helpful videos and more.
**ADULTS**

The MILL @ MPL (for seniors)
Fridays, Feb. 2-23, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Main Library
Enjoy chair yoga, lectures, lunch, films, and more. Only the lecture requires registration. Made possible through a partnership with the MILL and Partners for Health.

One-on-One Tech Support Sessions with mGAP
Wednesdays, Feb. 7-28, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Open Level Pilates on the Mat
Wednesdays, Feb. 7, 12 p.m., Zoom

Vijay Gupta: Culminating Concert
Thursday, Feb. 8, 6:30 p.m., First Congregational Church
Enjoy a concert featuring MacArthur Grant recipient Vijay Gupta. Presented by MSU’s John J. Cali School of Music.

Valentine’s Day Tote Craft
Tuesday, Feb. 13, 5 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Decorate fabric tote bags using doilies and paint.

Women and Money Roundtable: How to Make Sense of Today’s Financial Markets
Wednesday, Feb. 14, 1 p.m., Zoom

Dungeons and Dragons
Friday, Feb. 16, 6 p.m, Bellevue Ave. Branch
Join a one-shot adventure, no D&D experience necessary.

Wellness Screenings: Blood Pressure & Blood Glucose
Tues, Feb. 20, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Main Library - No registration.

Home Electrification: Focus on Heat Pump
Tuesday, Feb. 20, 5:30 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Learn how a heat pump operates and the benefits of installing one. In collaboration with Montclair Climate Action.

Temperamental Tummy? How to Beat Belly Bloating
Wednesday, Feb. 21, 11 a.m., Main Library
Presented by Dr. Rini Abraham of GANJ

Queer Lit Club - with Out Montclair
Tuesday, Feb. 27, 6 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
“The Jasmine Throne” by Tasha Suri

Thursday, Feb. 29, 6 p.m., Main Library
“My Government Means to Kill Me” by Rasheed Newson

The Corner Book Club
Thursday, Feb. 29, 11 a.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
“The Road” by Cormac McCarthy

Open Book / Open Mind: “Unscripted”
Thursday, Feb. 29, 6:30 p.m., Main Library
James B. Stewart and Rachel Abrams will talk about their book covering the struggle for power at Paramount Global.

Highlights from the Adult School Dept.
See all classes and register at www.adultschool.org.
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Transitions: Writing About Life’s Stages
Tuesdays, Feb. 6-20, 10:30 a.m., Zoom
Tuition: $99 (3 sessions) | Instructor: Marian Calabro

Above and Beyond: Arctic Explorations
Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2 p.m., Zoom
Tuition: $20 | Instructor: Judy Okun

Sustainable Style: Eco-Conscious Fashion
Wednesday, Feb. 7, 6:15 p.m., Main Library
Tuition: $20 | Instructor: Neepa Sikdar

Play Wordle with the New York Times Games Editor
Thursday, Feb. 15, 6:30 p.m., Main Library
Tuition: $25 | Instructor: Deb Amlen

The Golden Screen: Asian American Films
Saturday, Feb. 17, 1 p.m., Zoom
Tuition: $30 | Instructor: Jeff Yang
Text purchased by student approx. $32.

Basketmaking: Sumac Baskets
Wednesday, Feb. 28, 10:15 a.m., Main Library
Tuition: $39 | Instructor: Mary May | Materials fee $35.

The Corner Book Club
Thursday, Feb. 29, 6:30 p.m., Main Library
“Unscripted” by James B. Stewart and Rachel Abrams

Open Book / Open Mind: “My Government Means to Kill Me”
Thursday, Feb. 29, 6:30 p.m., Main Library
By Rasheed Newson

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