SUMMER 2023 PROGRAMS

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

For outdoor programs, hats, sunscreen, and a towel to sit on are recommended.

YOUTH & TEENS

Summer Lunch at MPL
Weekdays, July 3-Aug. 25, 12-2 p.m., Main Library
Stop by and pick up a healthy brown-bag lunch. Free to kids 17 and under. In partnership with Toni’s Kitchen. No registration. Supplies are limited; we cannot accommodate special diets or food allergen restrictions.

Teen Room Cafe (ages 12-18)
Mondays, July 3-Aug. 28, 3-5:30 p.m., Main Library
Come hang out in the Teen Room—we’ll have snacks and fun activities. No registration.

Babies in the Library (birth-18 months)
Wednesdays, July 5 & 19, Aug. 2, 11 a.m., Main Library
Babies meet babies! Parents and caregivers will sing nursery rhymes with their little ones. No registration.

STEM: Toothpick Structures (ages 6-12)
Thursday, July 6, 4 p.m., Main Library
Explore engineering principles by building toothpick structures.

Playtime Fridays: Drop-in Block Play
Fridays, July 7 & 21, Aug. 4, Main Library
10:30 a.m. (babies), 11:30 a.m. (toddlers)
Babies and toddlers can enjoy time in the Storyroom to play with children just like them. Sessions are 30 minutes; parents must be present at all times. No registration.

Bingo for Kids (ages 5+)
Friday, July 7, 3:30 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch (Lawn)
Join us for a few rounds of bingo to win a small prize. Registration not required, but recommended.

Meet the Creator of Captain Jett Renegade (all ages)
Monday, July 10, 3 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Learn how a space adventure superhero comic began and grew in Montclair with writer/illustrator Cordelia Siporin.

Free Play Social Time (birth-age 5)
Tuesdays, July 11, Aug. 15-22, 10:30 a.m., Bellevue Ave Branch
Children and their grown-ups can play and socialize with others. No registration.

Dungeons and Dragons (ages 11-15)
Tuesdays, July 11 & 25, Aug. 8 & 22, 3:30 p.m., Main Library
Explore the world of Dungeons and Dragons 5e in this series of roleplaying one shots. Sessions are designed for new players and will use premade character sheets.

Teen Canvas Painting Party (ages 12-18)
Wednesday, July 12, 3-5 p.m., Main Library
Registration not required, but recommended.

Children’s Literature and Arts (ages 4-8)
Wednesdays, July 12-Aug. 16, 4 p.m., Main Library
Children will listen to a story and discuss elements such as characters and storyline. Afterward, they’ll explore story topics through art activities.

Hour of Code
Wednesdays, July 12-26, 4 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
July 12 - Code Combat (grades 3-5)
Code your way through ogre patrols, lava pits, and laser beams using a Python-based coding language.

July 19 - Code & Go Mouse (ages 4-6)
Use logic and reasoning to help a mouse navigate a 3-D maze. No computers used.

July 26 - Monster Code Lab (grades 1-2)
Enjoy a self-guided adventure that teaches several key programming concepts.

Interactive Movies (ages 8+ and families)
Thursday, July 13 - “The Princess Bride”
Thursday, Aug. 17 - “The Wizard of Oz”
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.

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Boogie Woogie Babies Outdoors (babies-age 2)
Fridays, July 14 & 28, Aug. 11, 11 a.m., Main Library (Plaza)
Tuesdays, July 18, Aug. 1-8, 1:30 p.m., Bellevue (Lawn)
Sing and dance with your baby under the open sky! Registration not required, but recommended.

Book Tasting
Fridays, July 14 (ages 11-14) and July 28 (ages 7-10)
3 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch (Plaza)
Peruse a variety of summer reading options and find your next great read.

Sin City Slayer: A Teen Murder Mystery (ages 14-18)
Friday, July 14, 6 p.m., Main Library
Join us for an after-hours Vegas-themed murder mystery! We’ll have pizza and beverages.

Craft Time (ages 4+)
Mondays, July 17 & Aug. 14, 3-4 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Drop in to make wooden magnets (July 17) and bracelets (Aug. 14). Registration not required, but recommended.

Koko: Therapy Dog Visit (ages 5+)
Mondays, July 17-24, Aug. 7 and Fridays, July 28, Aug. 11-18, 4-5 p.m. Main Library
Meet and greet with therapy dog, Koko the Shiba Inu. No registration.

Sensory Playtime (ages 2-5)
Tuesdays, July 18 & Aug. 15, 11 a.m., Main Library
Squish! Splat! Squeeze! Explore the senses in this interactive hands-on program.

Sew It! Owl Stuffie (ages 9-18)
Tuesday, July 18, 3:30 p.m., Main Library
Learn how to sew your own owl stuffie on a sewing machine. No sewing experience required.

Lego Stamping (ages 4+)
Tuesdays, July 18-25, 5 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Join us for a printmaking project using paint and a variety of Legos to create colorful patterns.

Miyazaki Movie Fest: “Spirited Away” Encore (ages 12-18)
Wednesday, July 19, 2 p.m., Main Library
Snacks provided, while supplies last. Registration not required, but recommended.

Mini Monster Stuffsies: Hand Sewing Workshop (ages 7-11)
Thursday, July 20, 3 p.m., Main Library
Make a mini monster stuffy—we’ll be hand sewing and stuffing them ourselves. No sewing experience required.

Preschool Prom: Fairytale Magic (ages 2-6)
Friday, July 21, 10:30 a.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Dress up in your fanciest duds for our preschool prom. We’ll have cookie snacks, juice, a photo booth, and a craft.

Gabby’s Dollhouse Sprinkle Party (ages 3-8)
Saturday July 22, 11 a.m., Main Library
“Time to get tiny!” Enjoy a variety of activities while listening to Gabby Dollhouse music.

Unique Creatures: Live Animal Show (ages 5+)
Sunday, July 23, 2 p.m., Main Library
See a selection of critters such as armadillos, skunks, spiders, snakes, kookaburras, chinchillas and kinkajous. Registration not required, but recommended.

Super Bubble Fun Time (ages 2-9)
Tuesday, July 25, 1:30 OR 2 p.m., Bellevue Ave Branch (Lawn)
Enjoy an amazing bubble show, then play games and dance.

“My Hero Academia” Screenings (ages 12-18)
Wednesday, July 26, 4 p.m., Main Library
Double feature of “Two Heroes” and “Heroes Rising”
Thursday, Aug. 3, 5 p.m., Main Library
Screening of “World Heroes’ Mission”
Snacks and swag provided, while supplies last. Registration not required, but recommended.

“Our Side of the Bridge” (ages 7-12)
Thursday, July 27, 4 p.m., Main Library
Author Joanna dela Rosa will read from “Our Side of the Bridge,” about building a suspended bridge in Rwanda. See a related photo display in the Cafe from July 2-29.
Registration not required, but recommended.

Ants on a Log: Outdoor Concert (all ages)
Saturday, July 29, 11 a.m., Main Library (Plaza)
Ants on a Log plays music advocating for positivity, social justice, and silliness. Their shows are filled with delightful songs of joy and justice. No registration. Funded by the Essex County NJ Clean Communities Grant.
YOUTH & TEENS (continued)

STEM: Strawbots (ages 6-12)
Thursday, Aug. 3, 4 p.m., Main Library
Explore STEM principles by making a robot that draws.

Fun Fact Friday (ages 3-6)
Friday, Aug. 4, 4 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch (Lawn)
Learn about hip-hop in this nonfiction storytime with teen volunteer readers.

Olaf’s Frozen Party (ages 3-8)
Saturday, Aug. 5, 11 a.m., Main Library
Enjoy a variety of activities while listening to “Frozen” songs.

Threats to the Amazon (ages 7-11)
Sunday, Aug. 6, 2 p.m., Main Library
Meet animals that are native to the Amazon, including a cane toad, iguana, and red-tailed boa. Led by Samantha Slevens, zoologist and owner of Zoophoria NJ.

Lego Club (ages 4+)
Mondays, Aug. 7 & 21, 3 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Tuesdays, Aug. 8 & 22, 5 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Join us in unstructured Lego play. Registration not required, but recommended.

Summer Reading Club Finale (all ages)
Friday, Aug. 11, 2-4 p.m., Main Library
Wrap up this year’s Summer Reading Club with an ice cream social. Registration not required, but recommended.

Latin Medley Dance Class (ages 6-12)
Mondays, Aug. 14-28, 4 p.m., Main Library
Discover the rhythms and movements of Latin America and the Caribbean as you learn Merengue and Bachata, led by a skilled Kennedy Dancers instructor.

Gaming @ the Library (ages 12-18)
Wednesday, Aug. 16, 4:30 p.m., Main Library
Friday, Aug. 25, 2:30 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Hang out and play a variety of Switch games. We’ll have consoles and controllers, but feel free to bring your own.

Itty Bitty Artists (ages 2-6)
Tuesday, Aug. 22, 1 p.m. OR 1:45 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
We’ll paint wooden bird wind chimes. This program can get a little messy so dress appropriately.

STORYTIMES

Babysite Storytime (birth-23 months)
Thursdays, July 6-Aug. 17, 10:15 a.m. OR 1 p.m., Bellevue (Lawn) - Registration not required, but recommended. No 10:15 a.m. session on July 20.

Listen on the Lawn Storytime (birth-age 5)
Thursdays, July 6-Aug. 17, 11 a.m., Bellevue (Lawn)
Registration not required, but recommended. No storytime on July 20.

Afternoon Storytime (birth-age 5)
Thursdays, July 6-Aug. 17, 3 p.m., Bellevue (Lawn)
Registration not required, but recommended.

Familytime (birth-age 5)
Mondays, July 10-Aug. 14, 11 a.m., Main Library

Pop-Up Storytimes at Local Parks
Mondays, July 10 & 24, Aug. 7, 11 a.m., Brookdale Park
Thursdays, July 13 & Aug. 10, 10:30 a.m., Nishuane Park
Tuesdays, July 18 & Aug. 15, 10:30 a.m., Edgemont Park
Fridays, Aug. 4 & 25, 11 a.m. Brookdale Park
Registration not required, but recommended.

Era Uma Vez, na Biblioteca: Portuguese Storytime
Tuesday, July 11, Main Library
3 p.m. (babies-age 3), 4 p.m. (ages 4-8)
With storyteller Ana Cristina Coura.

Bedtime Stories (birth-age 5)
Thursdays, July 13 & Aug. 10, 6:30 p.m., Main Library

Drag Story Hour
Saturday, July 15, 11 a.m., Main Library
Drag queen Harmonica Sunbeam will be dressed to the nines to read stories and teach crafts.

Swahili Storytime (ages 5-12)
Sunday, July 16, 2 p.m., Main Library
With storyteller Sabina Wasonga-Gitau. Registration not required, but recommended.

“Make Way for Ducklings” Storytime (ages 3-6)
Thursday, Aug. 17, 4:30 p.m. Main Library
We’ll make a duck craft and welcome a surprise guest.
**ADULTS**

**Open Level Pilates on the Mat**  
Mondays, July 3-Aug. 28, 12 p.m., Zoom

**Summer Reading Movie Matinees**  
Mondays, July 3-Aug. 7, 2 p.m., Main Library  
July 3 - “Ocean’s Eleven” (2001, PG-13)  
July 10 - “Stand By Me” (1986, R)  
July 17 - “Same Kind of Different as Me” (2017, PG-13)  
July 24 - “Pitch Perfect” (2012, PG-13)  
July 31 - “The Kindness of Strangers” (2020, not rated)  
Aug. 7 - “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood” (2019, PG)  
No registration.

**A Taste of Memoir (ages 55+)**  
Thursdays, July 6-Aug. 24, 10 a.m., Main Library  
Join instructors from The Writers Circle to explore the craft of memoir writing. This program is funded by the NJ State Council on the Arts Creative Aging Initiative.

**Hot Topics Discussion Group for Seniors**  
Tuesdays, July 11-Aug. 29, 11 a.m., Main Library  
Join your peers for stimulating discussions concerning everything from light-hearted topics to the more serious issues of the day.

**Build & Decorate a Bird House**  
Tuesday, July 11, 5 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch  
Assemble and decorate a bird house made of unfinished wood. All materials will be provided.

**Summer Dance Series**  
Wednesdays, July 12-19 and Aug. 2-9, 6 p.m., Main Library  
Instructors from Beyond The Boogie Dance Company will teach a series of dances this summer.  
July 12 - Dance Fitness  
July 19 - Ballet  
Aug. 2 - Salsa  
Aug. 9 - Hip Hop

**Drop-in Health Screenings**  
Tuesdays, July 18 and Aug. 15, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Main Library  
Free blood pressure and glucose screenings. No registration.

**An Evening of Jazz**  
Thursday, July 27, 6:30 p.m., Main Library  
Join Montclair’s own The Richard Pierson Life Story Band as they present an entertaining evening of jazz music.  
Registration not required, but recommended.

**Summer Reading Book Discussion**  
Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2:30 p.m., Main Library  
“The Brilliant Life of Eudora Honeysett” by Annie Lyons

**LIVE from France! Virtual Cooking Experience**  
Monday, Aug. 7, 10 a.m., Zoom  
Learn to prepare an authentic French dish with the guidance of a professional chef.

**Watercolor Bookmarks**  
Tuesday, Aug. 8, 5 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch  
Use watercolor pens and special paper to design your own bookmark. All materials will be provided.

**The Everything Book Club**  
Tuesday, Aug. 22, 1 p.m., Main Library OR Wednesday, Aug. 23, 7 p.m., Zoom  
“This Time Tomorrow” by Emma Straub

**The Corner Bookclub**  
Thursday, Aug. 24, 11 a.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch  
“Beautiful Days: Stories” by Joyce Carol Oates

**“The Automat” Movie Screening and Q&A**  
Tuesday, Aug. 29, 6 p.m., Main Library  
Join us for a screening of the documentary “The Automat,” followed by a Q&A with director Lisa Hurwitz.

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

Shop for fresh produce at the **Montclair Mobile Farm Stand**! It will be in front of the Main Library on Wednesdays, July 12 & 26, Aug. 9 & 23 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.