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WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH

ADULT SCHOOL CLASSES

The History of Women Fashion Designers
Thursday, March 7, 6:15 p.m., Zoom
Tuition: $20 | Instructor: Marcie Cooperman

Women & Poetry: By, For and About
Saturday, March 16, 1 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Tuition: $20 | Instructor: Elinor Mattern

20th Century Women Photographers:
Pushing Boundaries, Blazing Paths
Thursday, March 28, 1:30 p.m., Zoom
Tuition: $25 | Instructor: Janet Mandel

CHILDREN’S PROGRAM

Author Visit: Alliah L. Agostini (ages 4-8)
Saturday, March 16, 11 a.m., Main Library
Agostini will read from her children’s book about the influential Oprah Winfrey.

GET READY FOR THE ECLIPSE

On April 8, a partial solar eclipse will be visible from NJ! Get ready with the programs below. Starting March 25, Montclair library card holders or residents may pick up one set of official NASA solar eclipse glasses per family (while supplies last) at either branch.

Make a Pinhole Viewer (ages 8+)
Thursday, March 14, 4 p.m., Main Library
Create a safe way to view the eclipse. Supplies are limited.

Eclipse Science Lecture
Adult School class: Tuesday, March 19, 6:30 p.m.,
Main Library | Tuition: $10
Program for ages 11 to adult: Wednesday, Mar. 20, 3:30 pm,
Bellevue Ave. Branch | Free
Chris Mauro, eclipse enthusiast, will describe the science and history of eclipses and how to view one safely.

Make Space Slime (ages 8+)
Saturday, March 30, 11 a.m., Main Library

MARCH 2024 PROGRAMS

What’s Your Story? 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 40 events—book discussions, classes, movies, and more—will be happening throughout town.

Film Screenings: The Immigrant Experience (adults)
Mondays, March 11-25, 2 p.m., Main Library - No registration
March 11 – “In America” (2002)

Storytelling through Podcasts
(Adult School class)
Thursday, Mar. 14, 10:30 am, Main Library
Tracey Nguyen Mang will cover different podcast formats, engaging storytelling, and podcasting tools and resources.

Teen Book Club (ages 12-18)
Thursday, March 14, 4 p.m., Main Library
We’ll read and discuss graphic novels.

Book Clubs Discuss “The Best We Could Do” (adults)

The Everything Book Club
Tuesday, March 19, 1 p.m., Main Library OR
Wednesday, March 20, 7 p.m., Zoom

The Corner Book Club
Thursday, March 28, 11 a.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch

Vietnamese Boat People Book Club (for AAPI-identified community members)
Thursday, March 28, 7 p.m., Google Meet
Comics Workshop (ages 8+)
Tuesday, March 19, 4 p.m., Main Library
Comic artist Jamal Igle will teach kids how to make a one-page story about themselves.

Tiny Art Painting
Teens (ages 12-18): Wednesday, Mar. 20, 5 p.m, Main Library
Adults (seniors): Friday, March 22, 11:30 a.m., Main Library
Paint your own tiny 4” x 4” canvas. Your canvas will be displayed in the Library as part of our Tiny Art Show.
Unable to attend? Pick up a tiny canvas at either branch from March 18–25 and bring it back before April 8 to participate in our Tiny Art Show. All supplies provided, first-come first-served, for ages 7 to adult.

The AIDS Quilt as Memoir (ages 12-18)
Tuesday, March 26, 6 p.m., Main Library
View panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt and discuss how communities honor identity with visual storytelling. Co-presented with Out Montclair.

Anything Queer Lit Club (adults) - with Out Montclair
Thursday, March 28, 6 p.m., Main Library
We’ll discuss “Out of Space: Creating Safe Spaces in Unlikely Places” by Julio C. Roman. The author will be joining us!

Bringing Your Story to Life Workshop (adults)
Saturday, March 30, 1:30 p.m., Main Library
Participate in a storytelling and performance workshop led by Montclair Film’s Duncan Miller.

To see additional programs 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.

MONTCLAIR READS (continued)

ADULTS (continued)

The Right to Read: Film Screening & Discussion
Saturday, March 2, 4 p.m., Main Library
We’ll watch “The Right to Read” and discuss the literacy crisis in America and what we can do about it. Registration not required, but recommended.

One-on-One Tech Support Sessions with mGAP
Wednesdays, March 6-27, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m., Main Library

Dance for Beginners
Wednesdays, March 6-27, 6 p.m., Main Library
Fred Astaire Dance Co. will introduce the basics of dance steps in a few popular dances.

Open Book / Open Mind: Howell Raines, “Silent Cavalry” With Edward Ball
Saturday, March 9, 4 p.m., Main Library
The Pulitzer-winning former executive editor of the NY Times will discuss a little-known chapter of the Civil War including his own ancestors.

Terrarium Craft
Tuesday, March 12, 5 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Artist Jen Place will guide you in making a terrarium. Bring a medium-sized jar. Other materials will be supplied.

Women and Money Roundtable: How to Make Sense of Today’s Financial Markets
Wednesday, March 13, 1 p.m., Zoom

Teachable Moments Book Club
Wednesday, March 13, 6 p.m., Main Library
“A Lowcountry Bride” by Preslaysa Williams

NJ Maker’s Day: Create a Light-up Card
Saturday, March 16, 4:15–5:45 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Drop in to make a light-up card and understand its circuitry. Registration not required, but recommended.

Introduction to Medicare
Thursday, March 21, 6 p.m., Zoom

Queer Lit Club: Romance Edition - with Out Montclair
Thursday, March 21, 6 pm, Bellevue Ave Branch
“Laura Dean Keeps Breaking Up with Me” by Mariko Tamaki

Author Talk: Michelle Cameron
Thursday, March 28, 6 p.m., Main Library
“Babylon: A Novel of Jewish Captivity”
**YOUTH & TEENS**

**Baby Hang Out (birth-age 1)**  
Fridays, March 1-29, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Main Library  
Books and toys will be provided. *No registration.*

**Play-Doh Playdate (ages 3-5)**  
Mondays, March 4-25, 10:30 a.m., Main Library  
Design new creations and make new friends in this weekly preschool activity. *No registration.*

**Teen Room Hangout (ages 12-18)**  
Mondays, March 4-11, 3-5:30 p.m., Main Library  
Drop in for games and fun craft activities. *No registration.*

**Free Play Social Time (birth-age 5)**  
Tuesdays, March 5 & 26, 10:30 a.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch  
Thursdays, March 8 & 28, 1 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch  
Children and their grown-ups can play and socialize with others. *No registration.*

**Homeschool Open House (all ages)**  
Tuesday, March 5, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Main Library  
Bring board games to play with friends old and new. Parenting books about homeschooling will be on display. *No registration.*

**Chesstronauts (ages 8-14)**  
Wednesdays, March 6 & 20, 6:30 p.m., Main Library  
Chess instruction for improved strategy and sportsmanship

**Emerging Adults with Disabilities Workshop (ages 14+)**  
Monday, March 11, 11 a.m., Main Library/Zoom (hybrid)  
Meet with social services experts to learn about services available to emerging adults aging out of the school system. This month's topic is steps involved in interviewing. *Registration not required, but recommended.*

**Teen Anime Club (ages 12-18)**  
Tuesday, March 12, 4 p.m., Main Library  
*We'll watch “Link Click.”*

**Music & Movement (ages 2-5)**  
Tuesday, March 12, 4 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch  
Friday, March 29, 4 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch  
*Be ready to get active in a program full of songs and dance.*

**Lego Club (ages 4+)**  
Tuesday, March 12, 6 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch  
*Join us in unstructured Lego play. Registration not required, but recommended.*

**Pokémon Club (ages 7-18)**  
Wednesday, March 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.*

**NJ Maker’s Day: Learning Circuits & Slime (all ages)**  
Saturday, March 16, 2:30-4 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch  
*Drop in to create slime or build a circuit as you construct a light-up card or bookmark. Registration not required, but recommended.*
**YOUTH & TEENS (continued)**

**Teen Volunteer Opportunities (ages 12-18)**
Mondays, March 18-25, 3-5:30 p.m., Main Library
Tuesday, March 19, 3-5:30 p.m., Main Library
Wednesday, March 27, 5-7:30 p.m., Main Library
Stop by to make greeting cards for Mountainside Hospital patients. You'll receive volunteer credit. No registration.

**Legos Art (ages 4+)**
Stamping: Tuesday, March 19, 5 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Printmaking: Tuesday, Mar. 26, 5 p.m, Bellevue Ave Branch

**Middle School Book Club (grades 6-8)**
Thursday, March 21, 4 p.m., Bellevue Ave Branch
"Alebrijes" by Donna Barba Higuera

**Interactive Movie: "Labyrinth" (ages 8+)**
Thursday, March 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.

**Holii: Festival of Colors (families)**
Saturday, March 23, 11 a.m., Main Library
Celebrate Holii by trying on Indian clothes, dancing, and making a friendship craft. No registration.

**Mehendi: The Art of Henna (ages 10-18)**
Saturday, March 23, 12:30 p.m., Main Library
Learn how to draw, apply, and create your own henna designs. Registration not required, but recommended.
Presented by Enjoy Explore India. Co-sponsored by AAPI Montclair.

**Teen Dungeons and Dragons (ages 12-16)**
Saturday, March 23, 2 p.m, Main Library
Part of a recurring five-month campaign through May.

**Read to a Therapy Dog (ages 5-17)**
Monday, March 25, 3:30 p.m, Main Library
Read to Murray, a trained seeing eye dog. No registration.

**Novel Navigators Book Club (grades 4-5)**
Thursday, March 28, 4 p.m., Bellevue Ave Branch
"Dragons in a Bag" by Zetta Elliott

**YOUTH & TEENS (continued)**

**STORYTIMES**

**Where the Wild Books Are (grades 2-5)**
Fridays, March 1-29, 4 p.m., Main Library
Registration not required, but recommended.

**Familytime (birth-age 5)**
Wednesdays, March 6-27, 10:30 a.m., Main Library
No registration.

**Babynight Storytime (birth-23 months)**
Thursdays, March 7-21, 11 a.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch

**Afternoon Storytime (birth-age 5)**
Thursdays, March 7-21, 3 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch

**Babies in the Library (birth-23 months)**
Tuesdays, March 12 & 26, 11 a.m., Main Library
No registration.

**March Storytime & Craft (ages 2-5)**
Thursday, March 28, 3 pm, Bellevue Ave Branch
We'll read "The Chick and the Duckling" by Mirra Ginsburg and make a popsicle-stick chick.

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.

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Eclipse Live Stream and Activity Drop-In (all ages)
Monday, April 8, 12–3 p.m., Main Library
Watch the solar eclipse and enjoy some simple activities without the need for viewing glasses. No registration.

YOUTH & TEENS

Play-Doh Playdate (ages 3-5)
Mondays, April 1-29, 10:30 a.m., Main Library
Design new creations and make friends. No registration.

Teen Room Hangout (ages 12-18)
Mondays, April 1-29, 3–5:30 p.m., Main Library
Drop in for games and fun craft activities. No registration.

Homeschool Open House (all ages)
Tuesday, April 2, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., Main Library
Bring board games to play with friends. No registration.

Chesstronauts (ages 8-14)
Wednesdays, April 3 & 17, 6:30 p.m., Main Library

Letter to the Library (all ages)
Monday-Tuesday, April 8-9, 3:30-5:30 pm, both branches
Stop by and write a letter telling us what you like (or what you want to change) about the Library. No registration.

Bingo for Kids (ages 5+)
Monday, April 8, 4 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Play a few rounds of bingo for a chance to win a small prize. Registration not required, but recommended.
**STORYTIMES**

**Familytime (birth-age 5)**  
Wednesday, April 3-24, 10:30 a.m., Main Library  
No registration.

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

**Babies in the Library (birth-23 months)**  
Tuesdays, April 9 & 23, 11 am, Main Library - No registration

**Babytime Storytime (birth-age 5)**  
Thursdays, April 4-18, 3 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch

**Listen on the Lawn Storytime (birth-age 5)**  
Thursdays, April 11-18, 11 a.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch

**Aft ernoon Storytime (birth-age 5)**  
Thursdays, April 11-18, 3 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch

**Fun Fact Friday (ages 3-6)**  
Friday, April 12, 4 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch  
Learn about recycling and Earth Day with a story and craft.

**Bedtime Stories with Stuffie Sleepover (ages 3-5)**  
Thursday, April 18, 3:30 p.m., Main Library  
Enjoy a story session that fosters early literacy skills.  
Stuffed animals will stay for a sleepover at the Library.

**Cuentitos: Bilingual Spanish Storytime / Hora de cuentos infantiles bilingüe (ages 2-5)**  
Tuesday, April 23, 4 p.m, Main Library - No registration

**April Storytime & Craft (ages 2-5)**  
Thursday, April 25, 3 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch  
We’ll read “Ten Dragon Eggs” by Lynda Graham-Barber and paint eggs.
**ADULTS**

One-on-One Tech Support Sessions with mGAP  
Wednesdays, April 3-24, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Main Library

Women and Money Roundtable: How to Make Sense of Today’s Financial Markets  
Wednesday, April 10, 1 p.m., Zoom

Teachable Moments Book Club  
Wednesday, April 10, 6 p.m., Main Library  
"You Truly Assumed" by Laila Sabreen

Film Screening: “Feeding Tomorrow”  
Thursday, April 11, 6 p.m., Main Library  
This 2018 documentary follows two city dwellers-turned-farmers. *In partnership with Humane Montclair.*

“The Wizard of Oz”: A Look Back  
Saturday, April 13, 3:30 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch  
Cinema studies professor Cordelia Siporin will present a retrospective of the film, including its initial reviews.

Drop-in Wellness Screening: Blood Pressure & Glucose  
Tuesday, April 16, 11 a.m.-1 p.m, Main Library - No registration

The Everything Book Club  
Tuesday, April 16, 1 p.m., Main Library OR  
Thursday, April 18, 7 p.m., Zoom  
“Lab Girl” by Hope Jahren

Maximize Your Potential as a Working Mom  
Tuesdays, April 16-May 7, 7 p.m., Zoom  
In this four-part class, working moms will learn to take back control of their life, family, and career.

Italian Folk Music Program  
Wednesday, April 17, 5:30 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch  
With folk artist and drummer Beth Ann Mastromarino.  
*Presented by Folklife Center of Northern NJ.*

Open Book / Open Mind: Spanish-Language Poetry  
Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 p.m., Main Library  
Led by Rigoberto González, three poets take turns reading their poems aloud in English and Spanish.  
*Co-presented by Latinos of Montclair.*

Poetry Read-In  
Thursday, April 18, 6:30 p.m., Main Library  
Read your favorite poem or two in front of an audience.

The Corner Book Club  
Thursday, April 25, 11 a.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch  
"The Only Woman in the Room" by Marie Benedict

Oral Health  
Thursday, April 25, 12 p.m., Main Library  
Learn the importance of oral health and oral cancer prevention. *With Mountainside Medical Center.*

Queer Lit Club - with Out Montclair  
Thursday, April 25, 6 p.m., Main Library  
“Every Heart a Doorway” by Seanan McGuire

**MILL @ MPL Senior Fridays**  
Friday, Apr. 26, 10:30 am-3:30 pm, Main Library  
Register through the MILL.  
*Made possible through a partnership with the MILL and Partners for Health.*

Open Book / Open Mind: Ray Isle, "The World in a Wineglass"  
Saturday, April 27, 4 p.m., Main Library  
The executive wine editor of Food and Wine magazine will talk with Sharon Sevrens, owner of Amanti Vino.  
*Co-presented by Amanti Vino.*  
*A Very Vine Affair, the MPL Foundation’s ticketed winetasting fundraiser with Isle and Sevrens, will take place at First Congregational Church afterward. Purchase tickets at montclairplf.org.*

Adult School Dept. Spring 2024 Session  
Classes and registration coming soon!  
Visit [www.adultschool.org](http://www.adultschool.org) for updates.  
Montclair residents receive a 50% discount on tuition for classes held at either library branch or online.