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

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

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

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.

MARCH 2024 PROGRAMS

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ADULTS

MILL @ MPL Senior Fridays
Fridays, March 1-22, 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Main Library
Attend chair yoga, art class, lunch, and art history lectures. Register through the MILL.
Made possible through a partnership with the MILL and Partners for Health.

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 p.m., 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”
**Highlights from the Adult School Dept.**

See all classes and register at [www.adultschool.org](http://www.adultschool.org).

**American Heart Assoc. BLS Basic Life Support CPR**
Saturday, March 2, 11 a.m., Main Library
Tuition: $90 | Instructor: First Line Safety Training LLC

**Afrofuturist Octavia Butler: “Parable of the Sower”**
Monday, March 4, 6:15 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Tuition: $20 | Instructor: Freddie Harris

**St. Patrick’s Day Live Harp and Flute Concert**
Tuesday, March 5, 6:15 p.m., Main Library
Free | Presented by Folklife Center of Northern NJ

**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.*

**Bourbon Distilling 101 Tour & Tasting**
Saturday, March 9, 1 p.m., Claremont Distillery
Tuition: $89 | Instructor: Tim Koether
Students must be age 21 or older.

**Art in the Age of Revolutions**
Wednesday, March 13, 2 p.m, Zoom
Tuition: $20 | Instructor: Anne Betty Weinshenker

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**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
Thursday, March 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.”

**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.

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

Holi: Festival of Colors (families)
Saturday, March 23, 11 a.m., Main Library
Celebrate Holi 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.

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.

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