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CELEBRATE AAPI HERITAGE MONTH

Boba Bear Bilingual: Chinese Storytime (ages 2-5)
Wednesday, May 1, 11 a.m., Main Library
Author Ran Wei Baker will read her Boba Bear Bilingual Chinese board books and sing fun songs with guitar. Registration not required, but recommended.

Beginner Mah Jongg (Adult School class)
Fridays, May 3-31, 2 p.m., Main Library
Tuition: $135 (5 sessions) | Instructor: Elisa Hirsch
Materials fee of $15 due to instructor.

Teen Book Club (ages 12-18)
Thursday, May 9, 4 p.m., Main Library
This month’s theme is Asian Authors & Stories.

The Everything Book Club (adults)
Tuesday, May 14, 1 p.m., Main Library OR
Wednesday, May 15, 7 p.m., Zoom
We’ll read “The Bandit Queens” by Parini Shroff. Registration not required, but recommended.

Peace Cups: Japanese Yunomi & Meditation Workshop (ages 12-18)
Wednesday, May 15, 4:30 p.m., Main Library
Led by local artist Heidi Woo, you’ll practice meditation and make your own kurinuki yunomi cup out of air-dry clay. Co-sponsored with AAPI Montclair.

Learn Ebru, a Turkish Art (ages 8-13)
Saturday, May 18, 3 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Create traditional Turkish art called Ebru (water marbling).
In collaboration with the Folklife Center of Northern NJ with a grant from NJ State Council on the Arts, National Endowment for the Arts, and Passaic County Community College.

AAPI Heritage Month Storytime (birth-age 5)
Wednesday, May 22, 4 p.m., Main Library
Led by our teen volunteers. Registration not required, but recommended.

ADULTS

Saturday, May 4 - No registration.
Co-presented by Succeed2gether’s Montclair Literary Festival
2:45 p.m., Main Library - Nell Irvin Painter, “I Just Keep Talking: A Life in Essays.” In conversation with Ira Wagner of MAM.

4 p.m., First Congregational Church - Emily Raboteau (“Lessons for Survival: Mothering Against ‘The Apocalypse’”) and Leslie Jamison (“Splinters: Another Kind of Love Story”). In conversation with Kate Tuttle.

Saturday, May 18, 4 p.m., Main Library

One-on-One Tech Support Sessions with mGAP
Wednesdays, May 1-29, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Main Library

MILL @ MPL Senior Fridays
Fridays, May 3-31, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Main Library
Register through the MILL. Made possible through a partnership with the MILL and Partners for Health.

Banned in Boston Cabaret with Vivid Stage
Friday, May 3, 11 a.m., Main Library
Enjoy an hour-long performance of songs from banned and censored musicals.

Exercise with Mobility Clubs
Mondays, May 6-20, 10:15 a.m., Bellevue Ave Branch (Lawn)
Strengthen your body and mind with low impact, functional movements.
ADULTS (continued)

Decorate a Tote Bag
Tuesday, May 7, 5 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Decorate using stamps, ribbons, and other materials.

Rose Quartet Recital
Tuesday, May 7, 6:30 p.m., Main Library
MSU’s John J. Cali School of Music’s Rose Quartet will present A Musical Odyssey Through Quartet Realms.

Highlights from the Adult School Dept.
Visit www.adultschool.org to see all classes and register. Montclair residents receive a 50% discount on tuition for classes held at either library branch or online.

Mozzarella and Ricotta Making
Thursday, May 2, 6:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Congreg.
Tuition: $39 | Instructor: Jeanine Dargis
Materials fee of $20 due upon registration.

Water, the West, and the Birth of the Environmental Movement
Wednesday, May 8, 2 p.m., Zoom
Tuition: $25 | Instructor: Judy Okun

Re-examining Marriage
Wednesday, May 8, 6:30 p.m., Main Library
Free | Instructors: Jaclyn Geller, Molly Roden Winter

Women Artists Among the Impressionists
Thursday, May 9, 2 p.m., Main Library
Tuition: $25 | Instructor: Dennis Raverty

The “Blues” – A History of the 20th Century’s Most Influential Folk Music
Wednesdays, May 15–22, 6:15 p.m., Main Library
Tuition: $35 (2 sessions) | Instructor: Paul Groom

American Heart Assoc. First Aid Certificate Program
Saturday, May 18, 11 a.m., Cornerstone Montclair
Tuition: $65 | Instructor: Andrew DiChiara

YOUTH & TEENS

Chesstronauts (ages 8-14)
Wednesday, May 1, 6:30 p.m., Main Library

Baby Hang Out (birth-age 1)
Fridays, May 3-31, 10:30–11:30 a.m., Main Library
Books and toys will be provided. No registration.

Tween Tote Bag Party (ages 8-12)
Friday, May 3, 4 p.m., Main Library
Decorate your own tote bag—we’ll have a whole rainbow of puff paints to play with.

The Corner Book Club
Thursday, May 23, 11 a.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
“Oh William!” by Elizabeth Strout

Play-Doh Playdate (ages 3-5)
Mondays, May 6-20, 10:30 a.m., Main Library
Design new creations and make friends. No registration.

Teen Room Hangout (ages 12-18)
Mondays, May 6-20, 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, May 7 & 21, 10:30 a.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
No registration.
YOUTH & TEENS (continued)

Homeschool Open House (all ages)
Tuesday, May 7, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Main Library
Bring board games to play with friends. No registration.

Lego Club (ages 4+)
Tuesday, May 7, 6 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Join us in unstructured Lego play. Registration not required, but recommended.

Pokémon Club (ages 7-18)
Wednesday, May 8, 5 p.m., Main Library

Intro to Juggling (ages 12-18)
Friday, May 10, 5 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Learn juggling basics starting with the mechanics.

Baby Bubble Play (birth-23 months)
Tuesday, May 14, 11 a.m., Main Library
Babies bring a favorite adult and join us for bubble play. No registration.

Teen Anime Club (ages 12-18)
Tuesday, May 14, 4 p.m., Main Library
We’ll watch “Soaring Sky! Pretty Cure.”

Lego Art (ages 4+)
Stamping: Tuesday, May 14, 5 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Printmaking: Tuesday, May 21, 5 p.m., Bellevue Ave Branch

Monthly Movie Magic (ages 8+)
Thursday, May 16, 3:30 p.m., Main Library
“Migration” (PG). Registration not required, but recommended.

Gaming @ the Library
Ages 10-14: Friday, May 17, 3:30 p.m., Bellevue Ave Branch
Ages 12-18: Wednesday, May 29, 4:30 p.m., Main Library
Hang out and play a variety of Switch games. We’ll have consoles and controllers, but feel free to bring your own.

All About Robotics (grades 3-8)
Saturday, May 18, Main Library
12 p.m. - Fun STEM activities with students from Montclair High School.
12:45 p.m. - Robotics demonstration. No registration for 12:45 p.m. session.

Teen Dungeons and Dragons (ages 12-16)
Saturday, May 18, 2 p.m, Main Library
A five-month campaign comes to an end.

Read to a Therapy Dog (ages 5-17)
Monday, May 20, 3:30 p.m, Main Library
No registration.

Creating a Compelling College Application (high school juniors)
Tuesday, May 21, 7 p.m., Virtual
Learn to use the summer productively to work on your college application. Presented by Stand Out For College.

Novel Navigators Book Club (grades 4-5)
Thursday, May 23, 4 p.m., Bellevue Ave Branch
"The Wild Robot Protects" by Peter Brown

Hand Sewing Workshop: Small Teddy Bear (ages 7-12)
Thursday, May 23, 4:30 p.m., Main Library
Kids will make their own small teddy bear.

STORYTIMES

Babytime Storytime (birth-23 months)
Thursdays, May 2-9, 10:15 a.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Thursdays, May 2-16, 1 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch

Listen on the Lawn Storytime (birth-age 5)
Thursdays, May 2-9, 11 a.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch

Afternoon Storytime (birth-age 5)
Thursdays, May 2-16, 3 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch

Familytime (birth-age 5)
Wednesdays, May 8-29, 10:30 a.m., Main Library
No registration.

Cuentitos: Bilingual Spanish Storytime / Hora de cuentos infantiles bilingüe (ages 2-5)
Tuesday, May 14, 4 p.m, Main Library
No registration.

Pop-Up Storytime (birth-age 5)
Wednesday, May 22, 10:30 a.m., Nishuane Park - No registration.

Babies in the Library (birth-23 months)
Tuesday, May 28, 11 a.m., Main Library - No registration.
JUNE 2024 PROGRAMS

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CELEBRATE PRIDE

Pride Nail Art for Tweens (ages 8-12)
Sunday, June 9, 2 p.m., Main Library
We’ll use water-based children’s nail polish (no fumes, peel-off) and nail stickers. All genders are welcome.

Pride Month Matinees (adults)
Mondays, June 10-24, 2 p.m., Main Library - No registration
June 10 - “Philadelphia” (1993, PG-13)
June 17 - “Fried Green Tomatoes” (1991, PG-13)
June 24 - “Love, Simon” (2018, PG-13)

Open Book / Open Mind:
Claudia Cravens, "Lucky Red" (adults)
Thursday, June 13, 6:30 p.m., Main Library
The debut author of a bestselling queer Western novel will talk about her work. Co-presented by Out Montclair.

Queer Lit Club (adults) - with Out Montclair
Tuesday, June 18, 6 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
“The Oleander Sword” by Tasha Suri
Thursday, June 27, 6 p.m., Main Library
"Lucky Red" by Claudia Cravens

Rainbow Love Storytime
(birth-age 5)
Thursday, June 20, 11 a.m.,
Bellevue Ave Branch (Lawn)
Celebrate families and love of all kinds. Registration not required, but recommended.

Open Book / Open Mind:
Claudia Cravens, "Lucky Red" (adults)
Thursday, June 13, 6:30 p.m., Main Library
The debut author of a bestselling queer Western novel will talk about her work. Co-presented by Out Montclair.

Queer Reads for Teens (ages 12-18)
Friday, June 14, 4:30 p.m., Main Library
"Spell Bound" by F.T. Lukens

The Everything Book Club (adults)
Tues, Jun 18, 1 p.m., Main OR Thurs, Jun 20, 7 p.m., Zoom
"Lucky Red" by Claudia Cravens

SUMMER READING KICKOFF

Tuesday, June 25, Main Library
Celebrate the start of the 2024 Summer Reading Club with fun activities for all ages! No registration for Kickoff events.

2–5 p.m.
Arts and Crafts • Temporary Tattoos • Face Painting • Bubble Play

3–3:45 p.m.
Traveling Lantern Theatre Co.’s “The Quest for the Kakapo” (ages 4+)

4–5:30 p.m.
IslandMagic’s Balloon Animals

6–7 p.m.
Zydeco Revelators’ Cajun Concert

All Summer Reading sign-ups at the Kickoff get the chance to win extra Summer Reading grand prize entries. Can’t make it? Sign up for the Summer Reading Club at montclairlibrary.org/src.
YOUTH & TEENS

**Play-Doh Playdate (ages 3-5)**
Mondays, June 3-24, 10:30 a.m., Main Library
Design new creations and make friends. No registration.

**Teen Room Hangout (ages 12-18)**
Mondays, June 3-17, 3-5:30 p.m., Main Library
Drop in for games and fun craft activities. No registration.

**Lego Club (ages 4+)**
Tuesday, June 4, 6 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Registration not required, but recommended.

**Estimulación Musical para la Primera Infancia (birth-24 months)**
Wednesday, June 5, 10:30 a.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Saturday, June 15, 11 a.m., Main Library
Muévete al ritmo de la música mientras aprendes con tu bebé.

**Evening Teen Yoga (ages 12-18)**
Wednesday, June 5, 6:30 p.m., Main Library
Instructor Brittany Martorella will lead yoga poses and breathing exercises. Bring your own towel or mat.

**Baby Hang Out (birth-age 1)**
Fridays, June 7 & 28, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Main Library
Books and toys will be provided. No registration.

**Read to a Therapy Dog (ages 5-17)**
Monday, Jun 10, 3:30 pm, Main Library
No registration. Please refrain from bringing children under age 5.

**Free Play Social Time (birth-age 5)**
Tuesdays, June 11-18, 10:30 a.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Thursday, June 27, 1 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
No registration.

**Teen Anime Club (ages 12-18)**
Tuesday, June 11, 4 p.m., Main Library
We’ll watch “Given” and have a pizza party!

**Lego Art (ages 4+)**
Stamping: Tuesday, June 11, 5 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Printmaking: Tuesday, June 18, 5 p.m., Bellevue Ave Branch

**Music & Movement (ages 2-5)**
Thurs, June 13 OR Tues, June 25, 11 a.m., Bellevue (Lawn)
Friday, June 21, 3 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch (Lawn)
Be ready to get active in a program full of songs and dance.

**Teen Book Club (ages 12-18)**
Thursday, June 13, 4 p.m., Main Library
This month’s theme is mystery.

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**Intro to Juggling (ages 12-18)**
Friday, June 14, 4:30 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Learn juggling basics starting with the mechanics.

**Bingo for Kids (ages 5+)**
Monday, June 17, 4 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Registration not required, but recommended.

**Monthly Movie Magic (ages 8+)**
Thursday, June 20, 3:30 p.m., Main Library
“Wish” (PG). Registration not required, but recommended.

**Decodable Book Workshop for Parents/Guardians**
Saturday, June 22, 11 a.m., Main Library
Learn how to identify and use decodable books to increase early literacy growth at home. Registration not required, but recommended.

**Summer Lunch at MPL (ages 17 and under)**
Weekdays, June 26-Aug. 23, 12-2 p.m., Main Library
Pick up a healthy brown-bag lunch (while supplies last).
We cannot accommodate special diets or food allergen restrictions. In partnership with Toni’s Kitchen.

**Spin the Wheel Wednesdays (ages 17 and under)**
Wednesdays, June 26-Aug. 21, 12-6 p.m., Main Library
Stop by the Children’s Room to log your summer reading and spin the big wheel to win a small prize.

**Library Expedition: “Super Mario” Movie (all ages)**
Friday, June 28, 6 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Watch "The Super Mario Bros. Movie" (rated PG) as part of our Summer Movie Night Series. Registration not required, but recommended.

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**STORYTIMES**

**Cuentitos: Bilingual Spanish Storytime (ages 2-5)**
Tuesday, June 4, 4 p.m, Main Library - No registration.

**Sunny Storytime (birth-age 5)**
Wednesday, June 5, 10:30 am, Main Library
No registration.

**Afternoon Storytime (birth-age 5)**
Thursdays, June 6-13, 3 p.m., Bellevue Ave Branch (Lawn)
Registration not required, but recommended.

**Adventures in Storytime: Pirate Adventure (ages 2-5)**
Saturday, June 22 OR Friday, June 28, 3 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch (Lawn)
Walk the plank, read stories, sing songs, and search for treasure. Registration not required, but recommended.
ADULTS

One-on-One Tech Support Sessions with mGAP
Wednesdays, June 5–26, 10:30 am–12 pm, Main Library

Hearing (Audiology) Screenings
Thursday, June 6, 1:30–3:30 p.m., Main Library
Provided by Mountainside Medical Center. Appointment required—email reference@montclairlibrary.org to book.

Chess and Coffee
Thursdays, June 6–27, 2–4 p.m., Main Library 🗓️
Enjoy drop-in open play; chessboards will be provided or bring your own. No guided instruction. Registration not required, but recommended.

MILL @ MPL Senior Fridays
Fridays, June 7–21, 10:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., Main Library
Register through the MILL. Made possible through a partnership with the MILL and Partners for Health.

Knit in Public at MPL
Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m. Main Library
Bring your yarn and needles! Registration suggested.

Summer Craft: Wind Chime
Tuesday, June 11, 5 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
We’ll make a wind chime and decorate it.

Women and Money Roundtable
Wednesday, June 12, 1 p.m., Zoom

Teachable Moments Book Club
Wednesday, June 12, 6 p.m., Main Library
"Her Name is Knight" by Yasmin Angoe

Anime Spectre
Thursday, June 13, 6 pm, Bellevue Ave Branch
Each month, we’ll watch the first three episodes of a different anime and discuss over snacks. This month is "Cowboy Bebop."

Brain Health Talk
Monday, June 17, 12 p.m., Main Library
By Hackensack Meridian Mountainside Medical Center.

Drop-in Wellness Screening: Blood Pressure & Glucose
Tuesday, June 18, 11 am–1 pm, Main Library - No registration

Soca Dance with Beyond the Boogie Dance Company
Tuesday, June 18, 6 p.m., Main Library (Plaza)
Enjoy high-energy grooves and a Caribbean dance class.

Highlights from the Adult School Dept.
Visit www.adultschool.org to see all classes and register.

Caribbean Song: Music, Poetry & the Oral Tradition
Tuesday, June 4–11, 6:15 p.m., Zoom
Tuition: $45 (2 sessions) | Instructor: Ada McKenzie-Thomas

Howard Pyle, Father of Modern American Illustration
Monday, June 10, 10:30 a.m., Main Library
Tuition: $25 | Instructor: Dennis Raverty

A Land Unparalleled: Travels in Southern Utah
Thursday, June 13, 10:30 a.m., Zoom
Tuition: $25 | Instructor: Judy Okun

Advanced ESL for Professionals
Wednesdays, June 26–July 31, 6:15 p.m., Main Library
Tuition: $65 (6 sessions) | Instructor: Theresa Fierro
Materials cost $25.

Zuma-Chess-in-a-Nutshell Beginners Workshop
Thursday, June 27, 6 pm, Bellevue Ave Branch
Tuition: $39 | Instructor: Steve Moctezuma

Seasonal Jam Making Workshop
Thursday, June 27, 6 pm, Unitarian Universalist Congreg.
Tuition: $55 | Instructor: Lana Mustafa
Materials cost $15.

ESL for Beginners
Thursday, June 20–27, 11 a.m., Main Library
This English language class will emphasize speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills.

Graphic Novel Book Club
Thursday, June 20, 6 pm, Bellevue Ave Branch
Explore a new graphic novel each month. June is Kate Beaton’s "Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands."

The Corner Book Club
Thursday, June 27, 11 a.m., Bellevue Ave Branch
"The Final Case" by David Guterson

Potato Block Printing
Thursday, June 27, 6 p.m., Bellevue Ave Branch
Create a block-printed tote bag using potatoes!

Lunch and Learn with Clara Maass Medical Center
Friday, June 28, 12 p.m., Main Library
Enjoy lunch and a presentation on a health topic (TBD).