

Unless otherwise noted, **registration is not required** and free.
Register at montclairlibrary.org/events. All are welcome.

ADULTS

MILL @ MPL: Senior Fridays

Fridays, May 1–29, 10:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m., Main Library
Join us on Fridays for a day full of events for Seniors with the MILL at MPL! Register through the MILL. Highlighted events:
May 15 & 22, 11:30 a.m. - Fentanyl Awareness Presentation

Open Book / Open Mind; Daniel Okrent, “Stephen Sondheim: Art Isn’t Easy”

Saturday, May 2, 11:15 a.m., Main Library
Author and journalist Daniel Okrent talks with Alexandra Jacobs of The New York Times Book Review about the complex inner world of one of the 20th century’s most beloved theatrical composers. *In collaboration with The Montclair Literary Festival.*



Mah Jongg Meetup

Saturdays, May 2–30, 3–5 p.m.
Thursdays, May 7–28, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.,
Bellevue Ave. Branch

Join us for a meetup that provides a weekly opportunity for Mah Jongg players to continue practicing their established skills, sharpen their strategies, build confidence at the game table, and socialize with fellow players! *Attendees should already have an understanding of the game and should bring their 2025 or 2026 National Mah Jongg League card. Registration required for each individual session.*

Community Tech Day

Sunday, May 3, 2:30–4:30 p.m., Main Library

Join our amazing Teen Volunteers from Lacordaire Academy for a community tech day. Seniors are invited to bring their devices in for troubleshooting and tech support. *Registration required.*



Mah Jongg Self-Paced Learning Space

Mondays, May 4–25, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
The Mah Jongg Self-Paced Learning Space provides a weekly opportunity for teaching yourself the basics of American Mah Jongg at your own pace. The library will provide the book “Beginner’s Guide to American Mah Jongg,” a Mah Jongg card, and a set and table!

Gardening & Culinary Workshop with Mary Silvestri

Tuesday, May 5, 6 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
Veteran gardener Mary Silvestri will discuss the benefits of gardening. She will demonstrate how to make all natural healthy sauces using your homegrown produce. Three sauces will be prepped and you will get a chance to try one of them. *Registration required.*



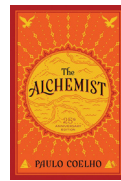
One-on-One Tech Support Sessions - with Montclair Gateway to Aging in Place

Wednesdays, May 6–27, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m., Main Library
Bring your device and your questions to this drop-in tech help gear towards Seniors! *Registration required.*

BOOK CLUBS

Learn English Book Club

Mondays, May 4–June 22, 11 a.m., Main Library
“The Alchemist” by Paulo Coelho. *Registration Required.*
Learn English Book Club will not meet on Monday, May 25.



The Everything Book Club

Tuesday, May 12, 1:15 p.m., Main Library
“A Rising Man” by Abir Mukherjee.
Registration required.



Spicy Romance Book Club 🌶️ (18+)

Tuesday, May 19, 6 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
“Flawless” by Elsie Silver.



Silent Book Club Montclair

Wednesday, May 27, 5 p.m., Location TBD
At Silent Book Club® there’s no assigned reading. SBC members gather in bars, cafés, bookstores, libraries, and online to read together in quiet camaraderie. All readers are welcome—ebooks or audiobooks, poetry or prose, fiction or non-fiction... it’s BYOBook. *Registration required.*

The Corner Book Club Meeting

Thursday, May 28, 11 a.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch
“The Piano Tuner” by Daniel Mason.
Registration recommended.



Queer Lit Club

Thursday, May 28, 6 p.m., Main Library
Registration required.

Chess and Coffee

Thursdays, May 7–28, 2–4 p.m., Main Library
Enjoy drop-in open play.

Memory Café - A Dementia-Friendly Social Gathering

Monday, May 11, 11:30 a.m., Main Library
For adults with dementia and their caregivers. *Registration required.*

Open Book / Open Mind:

Christina Baker Kline, “The Foursome”
Monday, May 11, 7 p.m., Main Library
Tickets: \$35 (includes book)

Bestselling author Kline will talk to fellow novelist Alice Elliott Dark about Kline’s latest historical novel, “The Foursome,” a story too amazing to be 100% fiction: two sisters in 19-century North Carolina—Kline’s own distant relatives—who married world-famous conjoined twins from Siam. *In collaboration with The Montclair Literary Festival. Registration required.*

ADULTS (CONTINUED)

Understanding Medicare

Tuesday, May 12, 11 a.m., Main Library

Confused about Medicare? Join us for an informative session that breaks down the basics of this federal health insurance program. Learn who qualifies, including adults age 65 and older, younger individuals with disabilities, and those with End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD). Presented by Medicare Specialist Jacki Spear. *Registration required.*



English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) for Beginners

Wednesdays, May 13–Jun. 24, 6 p.m., Main Library

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) for Beginners is designed to assist adult students in mastering the English language by emphasizing speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills. *Registration required.*

Book Talk: In the Shadow of Silence with Rae Dumont

Thursday, May 14, 6 p.m., Main Library

Join us for a book talk with author Rae Dumont on her new novel "In the Shadow of Silence". *Registration required.*

Highlights from the Adult School Dept.

Visit www.adultschool.org to see all classes and register.

Microsoft Excel 1

Saturday, May 2, 10:30 a.m., Main Library

Tuition: \$35

Adult Dungeons & Dragons - Create Your Own Character

Monday, May 4, 5:45 p.m., Main Library

Tuition: \$20

Land of the Rising Sun: Focus on Japan

Monday, May 4, 1 p.m., Online

Tuition: \$25

Beginner Irish

Mondays, May 7–Jun. 11, 6:15 p.m., Online

Tuition: \$99 (5 sessions)

How to Retire to the Caribbean Through Investment

Tuesday, May 12, 1:30 p.m., Online

Tuition: \$20

Free Live Klezmer Concert with Midnight Nosh

Tuesday, May 19, 6:30 p.m., Main Library

Tuition: Free

Crafting Memorable Characters for Memoir and Fiction

Tuesdays, May 19–Jun. 2, 11 a.m., Main Library

Tuition: \$75 (3 sessions)

The Joyful Art of Paper Folding

Saturday, May 30, 11 a.m., Main Library

Tuition: Free

YOUTH & TEENS

MPL Youth Programs are made possible through the generosity of Dr. Alex and Doris Malaspina and The Coca-Cola Company, The Albert Payson Terhune Foundation, the Scholl Family Foundation, and our Little Read sponsors.

Baby Hang Out (birth–age 1)

Fridays, May 1–29, 10:30–11:30 a.m., Main Library

Make Dumplings With Us! (ages 12–18)

Friday, May 1, 4:30 p.m., Main Library

Kick off AAPI Heritage Month with our friends, Dumpling Diplomacy, by making some delicious dumplings! *Registration required.*

Teen D&D (grades 9–12)

Saturday, May 2, 12 p.m., Main Library

Registration required.



Play-Doh Playdate (ages 2-5)

Mondays, May 4–18, 10:30 or 11:30 a.m., Main Library

This hands-on program invites children to explore their creativity and fine motor skills through free play with Play-Doh.

Color Jam (birth–age 5)

Mondays, May 4–18, 10:30–11:30 a.m.,

Bellevue Ave. Branch

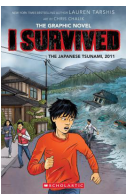
BOOK CLUBS

Paperbook Pals (grades 2–4)

Wednesday, May 20, 4:30 p.m., Main Library

Each month, we gather to discuss a high-interest chapter book or graphic novel. We will check for understanding, share opinions and also make a fun craft.

"I Survived the Japanese Tsunami, 2011" by Lauren Tarshis. *Registration required.*



Teen Book Club (ages 12–18)

Thursday, May 28, 4 p.m., Main Library

We'll be reading books about artistic main characters! *Registration required.*

Homeschool Open House

Tuesday, May 5, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., Main Library

Join us for our monthly gathering of homeschooling families. Meet us and spend time with friends old and new. Bring your favorite board game to share. Librarian, Enola Romano, will display parenting books.

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YOUTH & TEENS (CONTINUED)

Chessnuts (ages 8–12)

Tuesdays, May 5–26, 4:30 p.m., Main Library

Join us for Chessnuts, hosted by Montclair High's Chess Club! They'll teach you everything you need to know and help you hone your skills as a player. *Registration required.*



Free Play Social Time (birth–age 5)

Wednesdays, May 6–27, 10:30–11:30 a.m.,

Bellevue Ave. Branch

Teen Anime Club (ages 12–18)

Wednesday, May 6, 4 p.m., Main Library

Registration required.

Monthly Teen Volunteer Opportunity (ages 12–18)

Thursday, May 7, 4–6 p.m., Main Library



Read to KoKo the Therapy Dog (ages 5–16)

Thursday, May 7, 4 p.m., Main Library

KoKo will be on the children's floor and would love for you to read her a good book! This is a great opportunity to practice fluency and reading with expression! *Registration required.*

Yoga for Littles & Grownups (ages 2+)

Saturday, May 9, 3 p.m., Main Library

Make your weekend extra special with a relaxing yoga session for littles and their grownups! Instructor Brittany Martorella will lead you through gentle yoga poses and breathing exercises to help achieve inner peace. *Registration required.*

Mother's Day Card Craft (ages 3+)

Saturday, May 9, 3:30 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch

Registration required.

Book a Reading Specialist

Mondays, May 11 & 18, 4–7 p.m., Main Library

Sign up for a 30-minute consultation with our Youth Services Reading Specialist! Adults only. For parents and/or educators of grades PreK–12. *Registration required.*



Pokémon Club (ages 7–18)

Wednesday, May 13, 5–7 p.m., Main Library

Join us for Pokémon Club—you can battle your friends on Switch or using your cards! Don't have a deck? Don't worry, we have premade sets ready to go! *Registration required. Bring your own Switch.*

Tween Creative Writers (ages 10–13)

Wednesday, May 13, 4 p.m., Main Library

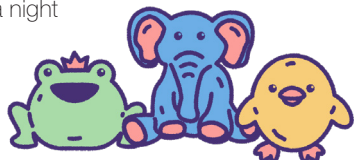
Whether you want to write or already do, come and see if you can learn something new! *Registration required.*

Stuffed Animal Night At The Library (ages 2–12)

Drop off: Friday, May 15, 4–5 p.m., Main Library

Storytime: Saturday, May 16, 10:30 a.m., Main Library

Drop off your stuffer overnight for a night at the library, then join us for a storytime in the morning to see what your stuffer was up to!



STORYTIMES

Familytime (birth–age 5)

Mondays, May 4–18, 2 p.m., Main Library

Wednesdays, May 6–27, 10:30 or 11:15 a.m., Main Library

Babies in the Library (birth–23 months)

Tuesdays, May 5–26, 10:30 a.m., Main Library

Babytime Storytime (birth–23 months)

Thursdays, May 7–28, 10:30 a.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch

Train Tales Storytime (birth–age 5)

Thursday, May 7, 10:30 a.m., Main Library

Our regular Thursday Raising Readers storytime is heading out to the park! Please join us for Train Tales at the Judy Weston Garden for stories and songs about trains. We'll also watch the train go by and enjoy nature. *Please bring a blanket to sit on. If it is raining, we will meet at the library as usual.*

Afternoon Storytime (birth–age 5)

Thursdays, May 7–28, 3 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch

Raising Readers (birth–age 5)

Thursdays, May 14–28, 10:30 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.,

Main Library

Meet Your Local...Police Officer (ages 4–8)

Sunday, May 17, 3 p.m., Main Library

Officer Wadley of the Montclair Police Department will stop by to read a few children's books about police officers and people in the community. Afterwards we'll make an easy craft to take home.

Evening Storytime (birth–age 5)

Tuesday, May 26, 6:30 p.m., Bellevue Ave. Branch

AAPI Heritage Month Storytime (birth–age 5)

Saturday, May 30, 3 p.m., Main Library

Join our amazing volunteers for a special afternoon storytime in honor of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month!

Period Party: A Menstruation Celebration (ages 7–12)

Sunday, May 17, 2 p.m., Main Library

A thoughtful laidback celebration to add joy to and reduce the stigma when it comes to menstruation. Join us for an afternoon of encouragement, delicious sweet treats, open dialogue, and of course take home gifts. This supportive gathering is for the girls in their tweens, and their caregivers to feel empowered and connected to a community of women. *Registration required.*



Creating a Compelling College Application

Wednesday, May 20, 7:30 p.m., Online

Learn how to use the upcoming summer productively to create a compelling college application! *For high school juniors and families. Registration required.*