

YOUTH & TEENS

Color Jam

Mondays, September 1-29, 10:30 a.m., BAB Kid's Place

Come join us for a weekly group coloring project while we listen to music together! Different musical genres and decade each week!

Homeschool Open House

Tuesday, September 2, 11 a.m., Auditorium

Join us for the first monthly gathering of homeschooling families of the academic year. Meet spend time with friends old and new. Bring your favorite board game to share.

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

Wednesday, September 8, 29, 4 p.m., Storyroom

KoKo, a trained therapy dog, will be on the children's floor and would love for you to read her a good book! Registration required.



Library Lantern: Events for Families (ages 2-8)

**Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays,
September 8-30, 6:30 p.m., Children's Floor**

Join the Children's Services Staff on weekday evenings for fun family activities including storytimes, game nights, crafts, STEAM activities and more! Each night will be different so come check it out. It's a great opportunity to bond with family members and to make new friends.

Play-Doh Playdate @ MPL

**Mondays, September 8, 15, 29, 10:30 OR 11:15 a.m.
Children's Floor**

Come join us for an unstructured Play-Doh play date.



Teen Book Club (for ages 12 - 18)

Thursday, September 11, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m., Tower Room

This month, we're discussing Latinx Authors & Voices in honor of Latin American Heritage Month!

Bookish Family Movie: Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Sunday, September 14, 3 p.m., StoryTime Room

We'll be watching a movie based on the popular Jeff Kinney book with some coloring pages to take home! Rated PG.

Tween Bingo Party (ages 8 - 14)

Friday, September 12, 4 - 5:30 p.m., Auditorium

Grab some snacks and play bingo with your friends! Registration required

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

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PROGRAMS

Free Play Social Time (birth-5 years)

Wednesdays, September 3-24, 10:30-11:30 a.m., BAB Kid's Place

Join us as we make friends and play! The library will provide toys while grown-ups & children can play and socialize with others. Registration is not required.

Babytime Storytime (birth-23 months)

Thursdays, September 4-25, 10:30 a.m., BAB Lawn

Please bring a blanket to sit on outside. We will be downstairs in the Kid's Place in the case of inclement weather.

Afternoon Storytime (birth-5 years)

Thursdays, September 4-25, 3 p.m., BAB Lawn

Please bring a blanket to sit on outside. We will be downstairs in the Kid's Place in the case of inclement weather.

Family Time (birth-5 years)

Mondays, September 8-29, 2 p.m.

Wednesdays, September 10-24, 10:30 a.m., Storyroom

Books, songs, rhymes and play are the perfect way to inspire a love of literacy and learning in your little ones. This interactive storytime is perfect for babies, toddlers and pre-K children. Space is limited.



Babies in the Library (birth - 23 months)

Tuesdays, September 9, 11 a.m., September 16-30, 10:30 a.m. Storyroom

Parents and caregivers sing nursery rhymes together with their little ones. Songs, language activities, and board books will be introduced during each session. Make baby's first library experience a special one!

Raising Readers (birth to 5 years)

Thursdays, September 11-25, 10:30 a.m., StoryTime Room

We will be enjoying activities to promote early reading skills, listening and speaking. Exposing young children to read-alouds, songs, rhymes and chants is an important stepping stone in becoming a reader. We will be exploring a new theme each week.



Baby Hang Out (birth-1 year)

Fridays, September 12-26, 10:30 a.m., Storyroom

Babies come hang out with other babies! Books and toys will be provided. Drop-in, first come first served.

YOUTH & TEENS (continued)

Book a Reading Specialist

Monday, September 15, 22, 4 p.m., Children's Floor

Sign up for a 30-minute consultation with our Youth Services Reading Specialist. We can discuss how to choose a book or resources to check out of the library, how to support your child in reading at home or go over your child's reading assessment. Registration is required.

LEGO Club (ages 4 & up)

Tuesday, September 16, 5 - 6 p.m., BAB Kid's Place

Join us in unstructured Lego play! Create a lego masterpiece to be displayed in Kid's Place until the next LEGO Club. Registration suggested, but not required.

Tween Creative Writers

Tuesday, September 16, 4 - 5 p.m., Storyroom

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



Making Words (grades K-2)

Wednesday, September 16 @ BAB, 4 p.m.

Thursday, September 17 @ Main Library, 4 p.m.

Try out this hands-on activity to practice phonics, word patterns, taking apart sounds, phonemic awareness and spelling. We will also have time for word games or crafts. Registration is required.

Gaming @ the Library (for ages 12 - 18)

Wednesday, September 17, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Hang out with your buds and play some Switch games! Registration required.

Successfully Navigating College Admissions (Highschoolers & Families) - VIRTUAL

Wednesday, September 17, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Our friends Stand Out for College are back to help families of high schoolers understand the college admissions process and successfully navigate the changing landscape. Registration is required.



Silly Finger Puppet Craft (ages 3+)

Friday, September 19, 3:30 p.m., BAB Kid's Place

Join us for a fun craft making silly finger puppets with googly eyes and pipe cleaners! Registration required.

Rock, Paper, Scissors, Code! (ages 10 - 14)

Fridays, September 19 and 26, 4 - 5 p.m., Storyroom

Join us for a playful, hands-on introduction to coding in Python, designed for kids who are curious, creative, or just looking for a new hobby to dive into! Registration is required.

(Please note that we are doing the same lesson in both sessions so please sign up for only ONE workshop.)

MORE *storytime*

Musica para Familias: (all ages welcome)

Saturday, September 20, 11 a.m., Plaza (Auditorium if Rain)

Celebrate Latin American Heritage Month with the Children's Department's Deivis "Deivito" Garcia as he performs fun folkloric songs from throughout the Latin Americas for families.



All Our Voices: French Storytime

Saturday, September 20, 3 p.m., Storyroom

Storyteller Casey reads French children's books and sing nursery rhymes. Casey Legler is an author and artist originally from the south of France and represented France in the 1996 Olympics. Hand puppets, songs and stories, all are welcome .



Evening Storytime (birth-5 years)

Tuesday, September 23, 6:30 p.m., BAB Kid's Place

Join us for our first evening storytime at the Branch!

Teen D&D (9th - 12th graders)

Saturday, September 20, 12 - 2 p.m., Teen Room

Join GM Gio for session zero and get ready for future D&D adventures! We'll discuss character creation and expectations for upcoming games (which means we won't be playing any actual D&D during this session). Registration is required.



Stop the Bleed: First Aid Training (ages 12 - 18)

Wednesday, September 24, 5:30 - 7 p.m. Auditorium

Get first aid training and earn volunteer credit while you're at it. Life-threatening bleeding can happen in people injured in serious accidents or disasters. Become an immediate responder by learning how to control bleeding with ACS Stop the Bleed. Registration required.



Paperbook Pals (grades 2-4)

Wednesday, September 24, 4 - 5 p.m., Storyroom

Each month, we gather to discuss a high-interest chapter book or graphic novel. We will check for understanding, share opinions and also play reading comprehension games. Registration is required.

Queer Reads for Teens (ages 12 - 18)

Thursday, September 25, 4 - 5 p.m., Teen Room

We'll be reading and discussing 'It's a Love/Skate Relationship' by Carli J. Corson!



Drop-In Knit and Crochet for Tweens and Teens

Sunday, September 28, 2:30-4 p.m., Children's Floor

Bring your own project and come hang out with other tween/teen fiber artists! No instruction provided aside from friendly advice and community. No registration required.

ADULTS PROGRAMS



Tech Help Tuesdays: One-on-One Drop-ins

Tuesdays, Sept. 2-30, 4 p.m., Main Library-Tower Room

Do you need any tips, tricks, or quick fixes for your laptop, tablet, or mobile device? Participants will be able to receive one-on-one assistance with digital literacy and technology inquiries. Registration is required.

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

Wednesdays, September 3-24, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Classroom

Montclair Gateway to Aging in Place is offering drop-in one-on-one tech support, tailored specifically for seniors. Bring your device and your questions.



Chess and Coffee

Thursdays, Sept. 4-25, 2 p.m., Main Library Conference Room

Come play chess and drink coffee! Chess boards will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. This is a drop-in open play, there will be no guided instruction.



Fall Macrame Craft for Adults

Tuesday, September 9, 5 p.m., BAB Classroom

Join us to make a fall-themed decorative craft. We will use yarn, thick cotton rope, felt fabric and other materials to make a fall macrame rainbow. All materials will be provided. Registration is required.

Women and Money Roundtable - How to Make Sense of Today's Financial Markets

Wednesday, Sept. 10, 1 p.m., Virtual

Julia Strayer and Liz MacCarone will lead a lively and informative discussion on today's financial markets and how they might fit into your portfolio.

Gardening Talk: A Taste of Autumn

Tuesday, September 16, 6 p.m., BAB Classroom

Come and listen to veteran gardener Mary Silvestri as she presents her tips for growing and harvesting seasonal produce. Ms. Silvestri will also share some nutritious recipes using homegrown vegetables.



Charu Suri: A RAGA JAZZ EVENING

Thursday, September 18, 6:30 p.m., Auditorium

Multi award-winning pianist and composer, Charu Suri, takes you on a journey through India, performing from her original works, and showing audiences the exquisite beauty of using Indian modal scales (ragas) in jazz and world music. Registration recommended, first come first served seating.

Woo Wednesday Meet Up

Wednesday, September 24th, 5 - 6 p.m. BAB

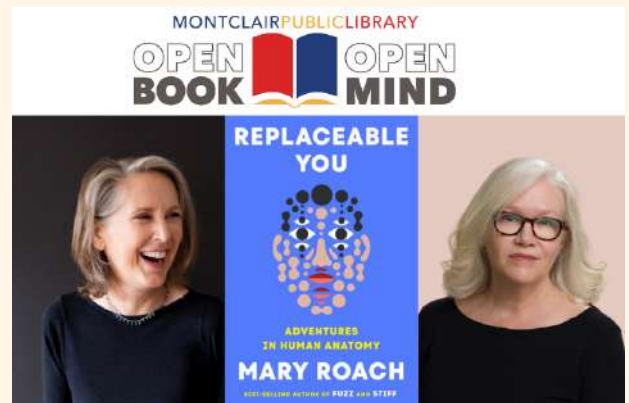
A meet up to discuss all manner of new agey, woo woo topics and share resources with enthusiastic folks!

OPEN BOOK, OPEN MIND



Open Book / Open Mind; Richard & Leah Rothstein, "Just Action."

Wednesday, September 10, 7 p.m., First Congregational Church of Montclair
Richard Rothstein ("The Color of Law") and his daughter Leah, a fair housing consultant, in conversation about their book "Just Action" with Ryan P. Haygood of the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice. Co-sponsored by Partners for Health Foundation. Co-presented by the Montclair NAACP and The New Jersey Institute for Social Justice. Free books to the first 50 entrants. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required.



Open Book / Open Mind: Mary Roach, "Replaceable You"

Monday, September 29, 7 p.m., VIRTUAL

Bestselling science writer and humorist Mary Roach will discuss her new book, "Replaceable You," about the quest to re-create the impossible complexities of human anatomy with Kate Tuttle, books editor of The Boston Globe. Registration is required.



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ADULT PROGRAMS (continued)

BOOK CLUBS



The Corner Book Club

Thursday, September 25, 11 a.m., BAB Classroom

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month by reading a Latinx author! Join us for a lively librarian-led discussion of renowned author Gabriel Garcia Marquez's bestselling novel, "Love in the time of cholera". Will Florentino Ariza and Fermina Daza find true love at last?! Registration is required.

Learn English Book Club

Mondays, September 22 - November 10, excluding October 13, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., Tower Room

Come expand your English vocabulary through great books! Registration is required.

Silent Book Club Montclair

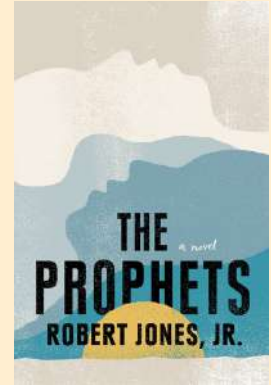
Wednesday, September 24, 5 p.m., TBA

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 is required.

Teachable Moments Book Club

Wednesday, September 10, 6 p.m., Conference Room

This is a small book discussion group that will read books by and/or about people of color. This month we are reading "The Prophets" by Robert Jones JR. Registration is currently closed. The group is at capacity.



ADULT SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



CELEBRATING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH!

WRITING YOUR ROOTS: A POETRY SERIES EXPLORING ORIGIN, IDENTITY, AND INHERITANCE **NEW CLASS**

Saturdays, September 27 - October 11, 2 - 3:30 p.m., Tower Room

This generative poetry workshop series invites participants to explore the complex paths that brought them to the here and now: across geographies, generations, and identities. Through reflection, discussion, and writing prompts, each session will guide participants in crafting poems that trace lineage, transformation, and personal mythologies. Registration is required.

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR

Matthew Marroquín is a Salvadorian-American actor, author, teacher, and spoken word poet originally from the cornfields of Iowa. He is the author of *Guanaco Binge* and has been published in multiple literary magazines and anthologies. He has been featured on broadcast networks such as BronxNet TV and Men's Health Magazine. Marroquín's work explores the complexities of neurodivergence, masculinity, Latine culture, and the first-generation experience, among other topics.

He aims to use his voice to bring underrepresented narratives to the forefront, offering insight and connection through his creative endeavors.



CHECK OUT ALL OUR FALL CLASSES!

