

Whatever you are, be a good one. ~Abraham Lincoln



NOT JUST BOOKS



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HOURS
Monday – Thursday 10am – 9pm
Friday 10am – 5pm
Saturday 10am – 5pm
Sunday 1pm – 4pm
No Sunday hours August through Labor Day

OFFICIAL CLOSINGS

New Year's Day
President's Day
Easter Sunday
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Thanksgiving Day
Day after Thanksgiving
Christmas Eve Day
Christmas Day

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WINTER WEATHER WOES

When it comes to predicting snow, we know about as much as a groundhog. The only certainty is that winter will be with us for at least another month, which means snow is always possible. In the event of snow or ice, please make sure we are here before you brave the roads and find a closed Library. There are several ways to check for closings and delayed openings:

Call us at 201-391-5090. We are currently unable to set an emergency closing notice for the telephone, so if you hear our regular off-hours message when we're normally open or if the phone just rings and there is no answer, assume that we have closed due to hazardous conditions or other emergency.

Check the Library's Activity Calendar. Just visit the Library's website at montvalelibrarynj.org and click on the bar for "Activity Calendar." Check the current date to see if we're open or closed.

Join the Library's listserv. Listserv members automatically receive announcements via email regarding Library closings. To sign up, email nayda.rondon@montvale.bccls.org and ask to join the listserv.

Go to bccls.org. Click on the link at the top of the page entitled "Emergency Closings" to learn the status of our library as well as other BCCLS libraries.

MONTVALE LOVES MUSEUMS

Spice up your February or spring staycation with a visit to a museum, courtesy of the Friends of the Montvale Library. The Friends have generously arranged for Montvale residents to visit the Intrepid and the Museum of Natural History for free and the Liberty Science Center at a discounted rate.

To visit the **Intrepid**, you must arrange to borrow the Library's museum pass. The pass provides general admission for six people to the Intrepid Museum, the Space Shuttle Pavilion, and the submarine Growler. It does not include member events, programs, or simulators. Please read the detailed instructions regarding this pass at montvalelibrarynj.org/intrepid.html prior to reserving it.

Vouchers for the **Museum of Natural History** are distributed at the Reference Desk. Each voucher admits one person and can be redeemed for free general admission and one special exhibition, film, or live animal exhibition of the visitor's choosing. A maximum of four vouchers per family will be distributed once per year. To learn more, visit montvalelibrarynj.org/amnhvoucher.htm.

The Liberty Science Center offers a \$3.00 discount to Montvale residents. Simply present your Montvale Library card at the box office when you purchase your tickets. The discount is for the cardholder only and cannot be combined with other promotions. For additional information, go to montvalelibrarynj.org/libertyscience.htm.

AN UPDATE ON THE DELIVERY SYSTEM

BCCLS libraries are still experiencing major delays with the new state-wide delivery system. As a result, patrons cannot place online requests until the situation is under control. Whenever possible, choose among the many items from our collection. You may also use your valid Montvale library card at any library in the consortium. If you are seeking a specific item at another library, please call ahead and ask them to hold it for you before you drive there. If possible, please return items to their home libraries. We apologize for the inconvenience and hope this situation will be resolved shortly.

New and Improved WiFi

The days of wandering around the Library attempting to connect your device (and keep your connection!) are behind us. New for 2018, we now have three wireless networks: *Montvale Library*, *Montvale Library REF Hotspot*, and *Montvale Library Kids Hotspot*. You will now need to sign on with a password, but it's an easy one--montvale (all lower case)!

"Like Us" on Facebook

Visit our "Montvale Free Public Library" page, like it, and follow it, as 215 other smart folks have already done. Here you will see information about upcoming events as well as photos from previous events. You may even see yourself or another familiar face!

Scanners Can Be Smart

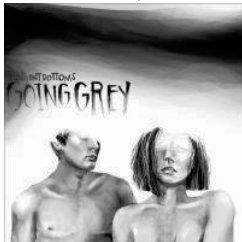
Thanks to the Friends of the Montvale Library, you can use your iPhone, iPod Touch, Android or Blackberry to check out items at our Library. We currently have one smart scanner and will be gifted two more this year courtesy of the Friends. Instructions for using your smartphone in place of your Library card are available at the Circulation Desk.

Faxing and Scanning Services at the Library

Take advantage of our scanning and faxing services. We will scan your documents at no cost and can help you email them to the designated recipient. Our faxing fees are \$2.00 for the first page and \$1.00 for each additional page (double the price to fax to an international number). We will include and provide a cover page in addition to a fax confirmation page. We offer cheaper rates and faster service than the local office stores!

Alternatives at the Library

New for 2018, we've expanded our popular/alternative rock CD collection. On your next visit, be sure to check out our recent acquisitions, including several CDs by homegrown New Jersey recording artists! Don't miss *Going Grey* by Woodcliff Lake's very own Frontbottoms featuring Brian Sella, son of Library staffer Pat Sella! You may also enjoy *In Mind* by Ridgewood's claim to fame, Real Estate. Other CDs with Garden State connections include the following:



Cardinal by Pine Grove (Montclair)
Ctrl by SZA (Maplewood)
Soul Fire by Little Steven (Middletown)
Good Night Rhoda Lee
by Nicole Atkins (Neptune)

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Children's programs require IN-PERSON registration unless noted otherwise. Registration for each program opens two weeks prior to the program date.

Warm Up With Our Winter Reading Program

Did you love earning prizes for reading during the summer? This year, we are introducing our very first Winter Reading Program for students in 1st through 8th grade. Registration is currently underway in the Children's Room. At registration, you will receive a list of recommended books and genres to try, along with a reading journal and your first prize. You may add books to your journal until Tuesday, March 20th when winter officially ends. Please try to visit the Library weekly to share your reading journal with a Children's staff member and claim your prize! Be sure to set a goal of how much you hope to read this winter, as those who reach their reading goals will be awarded extra prizes. Here is a photo of some of the great prizes you can win.



World Thinking Day is Thursday, February 22 at 3:30.

Registration is open and limited to 25 girls in first grade and up. This event will be hosted by the Montvale Girl Scouts.

Pysanky Egg Decorating Workshop is Friday, March 9th at 3:30 for children in kindergarten and up.

Registration starts February 19th and requires a non-refundable and cash only materials fee of \$10.

Dog Biscuit Making is Thursday, March 15th at 3:30 for children in second grade and up. Register starting February 26th.

Garden Arts is Tuesday, April 17th at 3:45 for ages four and up. Registration begins April 2nd.

Art Workshop with Mom or Grandma will be Wednesday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. for children in first grade and up. Registration opens April 23rd.

Night Time Story Hour is always the last Wednesday of the month at 6:30 for children ages 3 – 6.

Art Club with Artist Peri is held the third Thursday of the month unless noted otherwise. Children in 2nd grade and up may register prior to the program.

Spring Story Hour starts the week of April 9th and runs for eight weeks. Montvale residents may register with a valid Montvale library card starting March 12th.

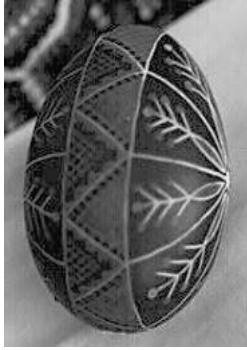
Ages 0 – 23 months: Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

2 year olds: Tuesdays or Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

3 year olds: Thursdays at 1:30 or Mondays at 10:30

4-6 year olds: Tuesdays at 3:45 p.m.

LIBRARY PHOTO ALBUM



Adults and children can learn the art of pysanky (egg decorating) from expert Patty Wiszuk-DeAngelo on March 9th (children) and March 10th (adults).



Live vicariously through Lisa Fiordelisi's travel photos, on display throughout March.



A dinosaur kicked off the new Winter Reading Program for children in grades 1- 8. See the Children's Corner for more information.



Residents can enjoy free visits to The Museum of Natural History and The Intrepid thanks to The Friends of the Montvale Library. See the cover page for further details.

OFFERINGS FOR ADULTS

PYSANKY WITH PATTY!

A sure sign of spring's arrival is the announcement of Montvale Library's annual pysanky workshop. This year, expert Patty Wiszuk-DeAngelo will offer a three hour workshop for adults and teens (13 and up) on Saturday, March 10th from 12:30 – 3:30 p.m. in the Library's children's activity room. Participants will learn the traditional folk art of Ukrainian pysanky (egg decorating). All attendees will enjoy personal hands-on instruction in the traditional egg dyeing process. Ms. Wiszuk-DeAngelo will explain how to draw designs on eggs and how to use the kistka (a small wooden dowel utilized in the egg-decorating process). She will demonstrate waxing and dyeing techniques and provide an overview on the history of this 4,000-year-old Ukrainian folk art.

In-person registration begins Thursday, February 15th at 10 a.m. and is limited to 20 participants. At this time, registrants will be required to pay a \$25 cash and non-refundable fee for a comprehensive materials kit. Note: You may sign up ONLY for yourself.

TRAVEL PHOTOS ON DISPLAY IN MARCH

Throughout the month of March, Lisa Fiordelisi of Woodcliff Lake will display a selection of her photographic works in the Municipal Complex Lobby. "I welcome the opportunity to display some of the many photos I've taken throughout my travels here in the U.S.A. and abroad in France, Spain and Italy," she notes. "Thank you for having me here in Montvale. I hope my photos are enjoyed by our friends and neighbors in Bergen County."

LEARN OR TEACH ENGLISH AT THE MONTVALE LIBRARY

The Montvale Library offers free English as a Second Language tutoring to foreign-born adult Montvale residents. Tutoring is on a one-to-one basis once a week in the quiet rooms at the Library. ESL students of all abilities are welcome—from beginners to advanced speakers. To get started, fill out an application at the Circulation desk the next time you visit the Library. We will add you to our waiting list and contact you as soon as a tutor becomes available.

If you are interested in becoming an ESL tutor, you may enroll in a free ESL tutor training workshop offered at the Westwood library. Workshops are held several times a year and usually consist of four sessions. Upon completing the workshop, we will match you with an ESL student with a compatible schedule. Please email Lorissa Lightman at lorissa.lightman@montvale.bccls.org to learn more about becoming an ESL tutor.

JOIN OUR MONDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP

Are you interested in trying something new this year? Have you thought about joining a book group? Now is the time to do it! Book groups are a great outlet for meeting new people, getting out of the house, and stimulating your mind. Book groups also motivate people to read more and to become open to authors and genres they might have overlooked in the past. The Monday morning group is ideal for people new to the world of book groups—we are a small group, we are easy-going, and we have an informal approach to our meetings. We meet the last Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Contact Lorissa Lightman at 201-391-5090 or lorissa.lightman@montvale.bccls.org to join the group or obtain additional information.

What's Hot at the Montvale Library

Adult

Books

SING, UNBURIED, SING by Jesmyn Ward
MUNICH by Robert Harris
THE HEALING SELF by Deepak Chopra
GORBACHEV by William Taubman

Books on CD/Playaway

WE'RE GOING TO NEED MORE WINE by Gabrielle Union
LEONARDO DA VINCI by Walter Isaacson
UNCOMMON TYPE by Tom Hanks
DEEP FREEZE by John Sandford

DVDs

INDIA: NATURE'S WONDERLAND
THE GLASS CASTLE
EIGHT DAYS A WEEK
DUNKIRK

Compact Discs

LIVE IN NO SHOES NATION by Kenny Chesney
SONGS OF INNOCENCE by U2
LOW IN HIGH SCHOOL by Morrissey
GEMINI by Macklemore

Children

Picture Books

WILLA AND THE BEAR by Philomena O'Neill
ONE HUNDRED THINGS TO SPOT by Naomi Wilkinson
XO, OX: A LOVE STORY by Adam Rex
FAST FARM AND SLOW FARM by Min Jee Jung

Easy Readers

THAT'S MY BOOK by Salina Yoon
IT'S SHOE TIME by Bryan Collier
WORDPLAY by Ivan Brunetti
TALES FOR PICKY EATERS by Josh Schneider

Fiction

THE EXTINCTS by Veronica Cossanteli
THE TRIALS OF MORRIGAN CROW by Jessica Townsend
THE MARVELWOOD MAGICIANS by Diane Zahler
BETTY BEFORE X by Ilyasah Shabazz

Video

WONDER
FERDINAND
COCO
THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

Young Adult Books

OTHERWORLD by Jason Segel
PRETTY by Justin Sayre
NOW IS EVERYTHING by Amy Giles
THE GO-BETWEEN by Veronica Chambers
THE CROWN by Kiera Cass

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