

mpl programs

April 2026

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FEATURED EVENTS

In-Person Yoga*

TUESDAY, APRIL 7 • 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

ADULTS / GALLERY SPACE

Join us for an in-person yoga class with instructor Pam Shugerman! Yoga is a practice that benefits balance, flexibility, and mental health. Bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing.

Classic Film - "The Shawshank Redemption"

THURSDAY, APRIL 9 • 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

ADULTS / GALLERY SPACE

A modern classic, "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994) stars Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman in a powerful story of friendship, resilience, and human dignity that became a beloved cultural touchstone.

Please note: This is an R-rated film.

Acrylic Painting*

TUESDAY, APRIL 14 • 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

ADULTS / GALLERY SPACE

Join us for an introductory class on acrylic painting. Students will be taught different techniques to create a fun and colorful painting using acrylic paint - materials provided!

Penguin Protectors with the National Aviary*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 • 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

GRADES 1-4 / JOHNNA'S ROOM

Explore penguin adaptations, learn how rangers protect them, and meet a live African Penguin during this interactive program.

Balance Testing*

THURSDAY, APRIL 16 • 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ADULTS / GALLERY SPACE

Sign up for a half hour window to assess balance ability, learn exercises, and hear helpful tips from Amanda Bainbridge of Fyzical Therapy and Balance Centers.

Grown Up Show and Tell*

THURSDAY, APRIL 16 • 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

ADULTS / PROGRAM ROOM

Do you have a special something you think is super fun? Join us to show it off! Historical pieces, gadgets, trinkets, books with a history - let others know what you think is cool!

Self-Obliteration Portraits: Repetition, Accumulation, Transformation*

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 • 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

ADULTS / JOHNNA'S ROOM

Inspired by the work of Yayoi Kusama, this art workshop will guide participants in transforming a portrait with fields of painted dots. Exploring repetition, pattern, and transformation of self, no art experience is required. All materials provided besides a photo.

Money Management

MONDAY, APRIL 20 • 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

ADULTS / ZOOM & YOLANDA'S ROOM

Do you find you sometimes have trouble making ends meet? Join us online or in-person for a financial literacy program with a representative from Allegheny County Financial Empowerment Center.

Stem Escape Room*

TUESDAY, APRIL 21 • 4:45 PM - 5:30 PM

AGES 8 - 11/ YOLANDA'S ROOM

One of Dr. Elekra's engineering experiments has gone horribly wrong! It's up to you to deactivate the system before it destroys the entire lab. To do so, you'll need to solve a series of STEM puzzles with your team, ranging from identifying an unknown gene sequence to combining mysterious liquids. The fate of the lab is in your hands!

Bellydance with Amethyst!

MONDAY, APRIL 27 • 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

ADULTS / GALLERY SPACE

Enjoy a bellydance presentation with Amethyst of Pittsburgh Belly Dance, featuring a brief history, live demonstration, and guided instruction in basic opening moves for interested participants.

Indoor Concert: Jazz Katz

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 • 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

ADULTS / GALLERY SPACE

Join us for an evening concert with the Steel City Jazz Katts Quartet! Trombonist Elliott Ratliff and his ensemble including trumpet, piano, and drums will be playing jazz.

CHILDREN'S

Storytime

EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY • 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM
AGES 18 MONTHS TO 5 YEARS / CHILDREN'S ROOM

Join us in Monroeville Public Library's Children's Room for a fun time filled with stories, songs, and activities.

Phonics Storytime

WEDNESDAYS • 10:30AM - 11:15AM
AGES 2 - 6 / CHILDREN'S ROOM

All storytimes help kids develop early reading skills, but this storytime series focuses explicitly on preparing kids to read.

Chess Club*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 15 & 29 • 5:15 PM - 6:00 PM
AGES 6 - 11 / YOLANDA'S ROOM

Kids are invited to explore the magical world of chess, where every move is an adventure, and every game helps you grow smarter and sharper!

Record Art*

TUESDAY, APRIL 7 • 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM
GRADES 5 - 7 / JOHNNNA'S ROOM

Create wall-worthy art by painting vinyl records. Learn basic techniques, then paint and relax while listening to classic tunes.

Builders' Club

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 8 & 22 • 5:15 PM - 6:00 PM
AGES 6 - 12 / JOHNNNA'S ROOM

Every other Wednesday, we'll have different building materials for your little engineers to try out.

Small Fry Rave

THURSDAY, APRIL 9 • 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
BABIES & TODDLERS / PROGRAM ROOM

Bring your babies and toddlers to the library for music, bubbles, and dancing! We'll be raving up from 6-7pm - stop by and enjoy the music!

Baby & Me*

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 & 24 • 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM
AGES 0 - 24 MONTHS / CHILDREN'S ROOM

Come on out for a fun time together with your baby! We'll lead you in silly songs, fun books, and lap sits.

Read to a Dog!

SATURDAY, APRIL 11 • 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
AGES 2 - 12 / CHILDREN'S ROOM

Do you want to practice your reading aloud skills, or overcome a nervousness around dogs? The Alliance of Therapy Dogs (ATD) is more than happy to help!

Family Fun Night: Painting Pots*

TUESDAY, APRIL 14 • 5:30 PM - 6:15 PM OR
6:30 PM - 7:15 PM
ALL AGES / JOHNNNA'S ROOM

Bring the whole family to paint pots for spring flowers together!

Penguin Protectors with the National Aviary*

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GRADES 1-4 / JOHNNNA'S ROOM

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Music with Grammy Sue

FRIDAY, APRIL 17 • 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
BIRTH TO AGE 5 / CHILDREN'S ROOM

Grammy Sue takes us on a musical exploration and celebration. Come ready with requests for your favorite songs.

Stem Escape Room*

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MAKER LAB

Due to a staffing shortage, the Maker Lab is temporarily closed.
Please watch this space for updates.

TEEN

Teen After-School Program

MONDAY-THURSDAY • 2:30 PM - 6:00 PM
TEENS (14+) / PROGRAM ROOM

Looking for a place to go after school? The library is open and waiting for you. Our Teen program is your space to hang out, do homework, play games, read, or just be with friends.

Teen After-School Events Chess Club

TUESDAY, APRIL 14 • 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM
TEENS (14+) / PROGRAM ROOM

All levels of experience are welcome, and no registration is required.

Teen Accoustic Jam

TUESDAY, APRIL 20 • 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM
TEENS (14+) / LOWER LAWN

Hang out on the library's back lawn for an acoustic music jam. Bring an instrument or relax with crafts, music, and good vibes.

Dungeons & Dragons

TUESDAY, APRIL 7 • 6:45 PM - 8:00 PM (TWEEN)
TUESDAY, APRIL 14 • 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (TEEN)
TUESDAY, APRIL 21 • 6:45 PM - 8:00 PM (TWEEN)
TUESDAY, APRIL 28 • 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (TEEN)

TWEENS (AGES 10 - 13) / JOHNNNA'S ROOM

TEEN (14+) / PROGRAM ROOM

Our D&D club is growing fast! We now offer separate sessions for teens & tweens.

Teen Art Project

MONDAYS • 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
TEEN (14+) / JOHNNNA'S ROOM

The Teen Spring Art Project is back! This year, teens are encouraged to submit original artwork to be featured in our Teen Art Exhibit in May.

Anime, Manga, and Manhwa Discussion Group

THURSDAY, APRIL 23 • 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
TWEENS & TEEN (GRADES 7 - 12) / YOLANDA'S ROOM

Love anime, manga, or manhwa? Join a chill, friendly discussion group where we talk about our favorite series, characters, genres, and tropes.

GENERAL INTEREST

Morning Yoga

SATURDAY, APRIL 4 • 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM
ADULTS / ZOOM

Come join our calming and energizing online yoga class. We'll help you align and strengthen body and mind! Good for beginners and for those who have a more regular practice. All welcome!

Evening Yoga

MONDAY, APRIL 6 • 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM
ADULTS / ZOOM

Come join our calming and energizing online yoga class. We'll help you align and strengthen body and mind! Good for beginners and for those who have a more regular practice. All welcome!

Gadget Class

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 & 15 • 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
ADULTS / GALLERY SPACE

If you need help navigating your electronic device, stop in at Gadget Class. All questions about cell phones, laptops, tablets, Kindles, and similar devices are welcome.

Qigong Class

WEDNESDAYS • 10:00AM - 10:45AM
ADULTS / GALLERY SPACE

Qigong is a practice that combines body-posture, movement, breathing, and meditation for health benefits for the body and mind. No experience needed - just bring yourself and wear comfortable clothing!

Game Night

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 & 22 • 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM
ADULTS / PROGRAM ROOM (8), YOLANDA'S ROOM (22)

Calling all game lovers! We're having some board game nights to play old favorites and new surprises. Bring your own, or join one of the ones we have on hand. We hope to see you there!

Crochet Club*

THURSDAY, APRIL 16 • 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
ADULTS & TEEN / GALLERY SPACE

Do you like to crochet? Get together with other crocheters to work on projects, chat about your craft, and have a good time! Please RSVP to make sure we don't run out of space.

Relaxing Meditation

TUESDAYS • 2:00 PM - 2:40 PM
ADULTS / ZOOM

Feeling stressed and need to unwind? Join meditation coach Margie Manno to engage in soothing, guided meditation each week. Due to the nature of this program, attendees must join no later than 2:05 PM. Use our website to access the Zoom link.

In-Person Meditation*

THURSDAYS, APRIL 8 & 22 • 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
ADULTS / JOHNNA'S ROOM

Dr. Eric Biseca, Naturopath, will lead us in meditation sessions and teach the art of conscious breathing for self-awareness and balance.

Learn to Play Bridge*

Are you interested in playing (or learning) bridge? Our classes are full at the moment, but we can let you know when we have new spots! Contact Cory Little at littlec2@einetwork.net or (412) 372-0500 ext. 122 for more information.

Online Zentangle*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 & 15 • 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
TEENS & ADULTS / ZOOM

Zentangle is a simple technique for pattern drawing that is relaxing, meditative, intriguing, and fun! Visit our website for instructions to sign up.

Watercolor Painting

SATURDAYS • RECORDED
ADULTS / YOUTUBE

Award-winning Pittsburgh artist Marci Mason presents a series of watercolor painting classes cosponsored by Monroeville Public Library and Monroeville Arts Council.

Gardening Classes

SUNDAYS • RECORDED
ADULTS / YOUTUBE

Miriam Cheng of Wild Child Native Gardens presents a series of gardening classes covering seed starting, soil preparation, native plants, and more.

BOOK CLUBS & DISCUSSION GROUPS

A Novel Bunch Book Club

4TH THURSDAYS • 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
ADULTS / JOHNNA'S ROOM

April 23 - *Famous Last Words* by Gillian McAllister

May 28 - **Join us for a Surprise Book and Tea!** (contact Michele (x110) to get a copy of the book).

Banned Book Club*

4TH TUESDAYS • 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
ADULTS / JOHNNA'S ROOM

April 28 - *Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books* by Kirsten Miller

May 26 - *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini

Kid Lit for Adults*

3RD THURSDAYS • 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM
ADULTS / PAPA ROCKS PIZZA

April 16 - *The Inquisitor's Tale* by Adam Gidwitz

May 21 - *Magnolia Wu Unfolds it All* by Chanel Miller

BOOK CLUBS & DISCUSSION GROUPS

LGBTQ+ Book Club

1ST THURSDAYS • 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
ADULTS / PROGRAM ROOM

April 2 - *You're Probably Gayish: The Truth (and Lies) Behind 17 Gay Stereotypes* by Kyle Getz & Mike Johnson

May 7 - *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides

Non-Fiction Book Club

3RD FRIDAYS • 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
ADULTS / JOHNNA'S ROOM

April 17 - *Supremacy: AI, ChatGPT, and the Race That Will Change the World* by Parmy Olson

May 15 - *Forest Walking: Discovering the Trees and Woodlands of North America* by Jane Billinghurst and Peter Wohlleben

Sci-Fi/Fantasy Book Club*

2ND MONDAYS • 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
ADULTS / JOHNNA'S ROOM

April 13 - *The Emperor's Soul* by Brandon Sanderson

May 11 - *The Left Hand of Darkness* by Ursula K. Le Guin

Social Justice Book Club

2ND WEDNESDAYS • 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
ADULTS / ZOOM

April 8 - *Men Explain Things to Me* by Rebecca Solnit

May 13 - *It Came From Something Awful* by Dale Beran

Wednesday Evening Book Discussion Group

4TH WEDNESDAYS • 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
ADULTS / PROGRAM ROOM

April 22 - *Nightjohn* and *Sarny* by Gary Paulson

May 27 - *The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife* by Anne Johnston

FIND YOUR GROUP

Alzheimer's/Dementia Support Group

3RD WEDNESDAYS • 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
ADULTS / YOLANDA'S ROOM

This informational, supportive group will help you to learn more about the disease, as well as understand feelings about the changes dementia has made on your loved one's daily life.

ESL Conversation Group*

1ST WEDNESDAYS • 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
ADULTS / ZOOM

Meet other English language learners for conversation practice. This event is hybrid — attend online or in-person at the library.

Fan Addicts

4TH THURSDAYS • 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
ADULTS / ZOOM

Bothering your co-workers with your comparisons of Star Trek vs. Star Wars? Need a place to share your Marvel theories or discuss the latest video game release? Join us to discuss all things pop culture!

French Conversation & Learning Group

3RD THURSDAYS • 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
ADULTS / YOLANDA'S ROOM

Meet local French language learners for conversation, learning and fun. Practice speaking, build your vocabulary and improve your grammar.

Karaoke Folk Singalong!

4TH THURSDAYS • 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
ADULTS / YOLANDA'S ROOM

Singers and instrumentalists of all ages are welcome at this informal gathering of people who want to sing together and share songs. Bring your song ideas and join us!

[*Register at monrovillelibrary.org](https://www.monrovillelibrary.org)

Monroeville Poets Online

3RD WEDNESDAYS • 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
ADULTS / ZOOM

From formal to experimental verse, everyone's poems are welcome. Words can help to create community and reach across distances. We encourage one another to write and we encourage the sharing of poetry.

Sips Club

TUESDAYS • 9:15 AM - 11:30 AM
ADULTS / JOHNNA'S ROOM

The Sips Club is a Tuesday morning coffee and chat, with coffee (and tea) provided. Come join others while you chat and have a hot drink, enjoy simple art activities, or bring your own project to work on.

Writers On the Block: Virtual Writing Group

TUESDAYS • 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
ADULTS / ZOOM

Every week, we meet virtually to share our works in progress and discuss the writing process. All forms and genres of writing are welcome. Email monrovilleadult@einetwork.net for more information or to sign up!



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Library Hours

Monday	9am – 9pm
Tuesday	9am – 9pm
Wednesday	9am – 9pm
Thursday	9am – 9pm
Friday	9am – 4pm
Saturday	9am – 4pm
Sunday	CLOSED

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APRIL

Library

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Featured Adult/General Interest MakerLab Book Club Group Meetings	Location Key CR Children's Room GS Gallery Space JR Johnna's Room ML MakerLab PR Program Room YR Yolanda's Room YT YouTube (watch on demand) Z Zoom (virtual)	*Registration required	1 Qigong Class 10a GS Gadget Class 1p GS Zentangle* 6:30p Z ESL Conversation Group 7p Z	2 Bridge Buddies 10:30a YR Learn to Play Bridge* 12:30p YR LGBTQ+ Book Club 6p PR	3 Closed For Easter	4 Closed For Easter Watercolor Made Easy YT Online Yoga 9a Z
5 Gardening Class YT	6 Online Yoga 5:30p Z Bridge Lessons* 6p PR	7 Sips Club 9:15a JR Relaxing Meditation 2p Z In-Person Yoga* 6p GS Writers on the Block 7p Z	8 Qigong Class 10a GS Game Night 6p PR Evening Meditation* 6:30p JR SJ Book Club 7p Z	9 Bridge Buddies 10:30a YR Learn to Play Bridge* 12:30p YR "The Shawshank Redemption" 6p GS	10	11 Watercolor Made Easy YT
12 Gardening Class YT	13 Bridge Lessons* 6p PR SciFi/Fantasy Book Club* 7p JR	14 Sips Club 9:15a JR Relaxing Meditation 2p Z Acrylic Painting* 6:30p GS Writers on the Block 7p Z	15 Staff Meeting Open @ 10a Qigong Class 10a GS Gadget Class 1p GS Alzheimer's/Dementia 2p YR Adult D & D* 6p GS Zentangle* 6:30p Z Monroeville Poets 7:00p Z	16 Balance Testing* 10a,10:45a, 2p, 2:45p GS Bridge Buddies 10:30a YR Learn to Play Bridge* 12:30p YR Crochet Club* 6:30p GS Kid Lit* 6:30p Papa Rocks French Conversation 7p YR Grown-up Show & Tell* 7p PR	17 Non-Fiction Book Club 1p JR	18 Watercolor Made Easy YT Self-Obliteration Portraits* 1p JR
19 Gardening Class YT	20 Bridge Lessons* 6p PR Money Management 6:30p Z/YR	21 Sips Club 9:15a JR Relaxing Meditation 2p Z Writers on the Block 7p Z	22 Qigong Class 10a GS Game Night 6p YR Evening Meditation* 6:30p JR Wed. Eve Book Club 7p PR	23 Bridge Buddies 10:30a YR Learn to Play Bridge* 12:30p YR A Novel Bunch Club 1p JR Fan Addicts 7p Z Karaoke Singalong 7p YR	24	25 Watercolor Made Easy YT Donor Appreciation Party 7p (by invitation only)
26 Gardening Class YT	27 Bridge Lessons* 6p PR Bellydance with Amethyst* 7p GS	28 Sips Club 9:15a JR Relaxing Meditation 2p Z Writers on the Block 7p Z Banned Book Club* 7p JR	29 Qigong Class 10a GS Indoor Concert 7p GS	30 Bridge Buddies 10:30a YR Learn to Play Bridge* 12:30p YR		

APRIL

Children's & Teen

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Featured</p> <p>Children's</p> <p>Teen</p> <p>MakerLab</p> <p>Book Club</p>	<p>Location Key</p> <p>CR Children's Room GS Gallery Space JR Johnna's Room ML MakerLab PR Program Room YR Yolanda's Room YT YouTube (watch on demand) Z Zoom (virtual)</p> <p>*Registration required</p>		<p>1</p> <p>Phonics Storytime 10:30a CR</p> <p>Chess Club* 5:15p YR</p> <p>Teen Afterschool 2:30p PR</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Storytime 10:30a CR</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Closed For Easter</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Closed For Easter</p>
5	<p>6</p> <p>Teen Art 3p JR</p> <p>Teen Afterschool 2:30p PR</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Storytime 10:30a CR</p> <p>Record Art* 5p JR</p> <p>Tween D&D 6:45p JR</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Phonics Storytime 10:30a CR</p> <p>Builders Club 5:15p JR</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Storytime 10:30a CR</p> <p>Small Fry Rave 6p PR</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Baby & Me* 10:30a CR</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Read to a Dog 10a CR</p>
12	<p>13</p> <p>Teen Art 3p JR</p> <p>Teen Afterschool 2:30p PR</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Storytime 10:30a CR</p> <p>Teen Chess Club 2:30p PR</p> <p>Family Fun Night* 5:30p JR</p> <p>Teen D&D 5:30p PR</p> <p>Family Fun Night* 6:30p JR</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Staff Meeting Open @ 10a</p> <p>Phonics Storytime 10:30a CR</p> <p>National Aviary* 4p JR</p> <p>Chess Club* 5:15p YR</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Storytime 10:30a CR</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Music with Grammy Sue 10:30a CR</p>	18
19	<p>20</p> <p>Teen Acoustic Jam 3p LL</p> <p>Teen Art 3p JR</p> <p>Teen Afterschool 2:30p PR</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Storytime 10:30a CR</p> <p>STEM Escape Room* 4:45p YR</p> <p>Tween D&D 6:45p JR</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Phonics Storytime 10:30a CR</p> <p>Builders Club 5:15p JR</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Storytime 10:30a CR</p> <p>Teen Anime, Manga, Manhwa Group 4:30p YR</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Baby & Me* 10:30a CR</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Donor Appreciation Party 7p (by invitation only)</p>
26	<p>27</p> <p>Teen Art 3p JR</p> <p>Teen Afterschool 2:30p PR</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Storytime 10:30a CR</p> <p>Teen D&D 6p PR</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Phonics Storytime 10:30a CR</p> <p>Chess Club* 5:15p YR</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Storytime 10:30a CR</p>		