

SPRING 2026 CLASSES

Registration starts Monday, March 30

To register: www.adultschool.org

Contact us: adultschool@montclairlibrary.org or 973-744-0500 x3

ARTS & CRAFTS

Woodworking 101

Tuesdays, Apr 14–May 19, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Montclair High School

Tuition: \$139 (6 sessions)

Instructor: Robert Haas

Materials fee \$35 payable to instructor.

Intro to Drawing

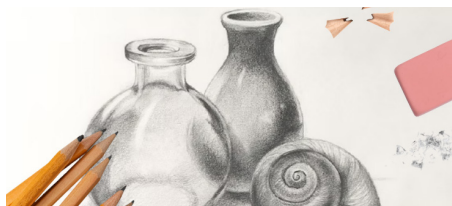
Wednesdays, Apr 15–May 20, 1–3 p.m.

Cornerstone Montclair

Tuition: \$145 (6 sessions)

Instructor: Heidi Sandeck

Materials purchased by student approx. \$28.



Advanced Woodworking

Thursdays, Apr 16–May 21, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Montclair High School

Tuition: \$159 (6 sessions)

Instructor: Robert Haas

Prerequisite: Woodworking 101.

Materials fee depends on selected project and payable to instructor.

Botanical Drawing Workshop

Saturday, Apr 18, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

Cornerstone Montclair

Tuition: \$73

Instructor: Heidi Sandeck

Materials purchased by student approx. \$80.

Craft Your Own Indian Hanging Mirror with Floral Border **NEW**

Wednesdays, Apr 29–May 6,

10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$60 (2 sessions)

Instructor: Ajita Shah

Materials fee \$10 due upon registration.

Introduction to iPhone Videography

Wednesdays, Apr 29–May 6, 2–4 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$65 (2 sessions)

Instructor: Jojo Aftomis

Creative Mending 101 **NEW**

Wednesday, May 27, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$35

Instructor: Jennifer Santa Maria

Materials fee \$10 due upon registration.

ARTS & CRAFTS (CONTINUED)

Soy Candlemaking 101:

Vintage Tea Cup Candles

Monday, Jun 8, 6–7:30 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$35

Instructor: Corin Wright

Materials fee of \$25 due upon registration.

CAREER & FINANCE

Savvy Social Security for Boomers

Monday, June 1, 6–8 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$35

Instructor: Eleanor Galt-Lin

Breaking the Burnout Cycle: Tools for Lasting Change **NEW**

Tuesday, Jun 2, 6:15–7:45 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$25

Instructor: Diane Lang

How to Retire to the Caribbean Through Investment **NEW ONLINE**

Tuesday, May 12, 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Tuition: \$20

Instructor: Hoda Elamir



DANCE

African Dance for Beginners **NEW**

Thursdays, Apr 23–May 14, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

DiRasa House of Diversified Arts

Tuition: \$160 (4 sessions)

Instructor: Karen Miles

Offered through "Come Celebrate With Me: 100 Years of Honoring Black History."

Jazz Tap

Wednesdays, Apr 29–Jun 17

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

First Lutheran Church

Tuition: \$113 (8 sessions)

Instructor: Lorraine Salerno

Tap shoes are not required but suggested.

SPOTLIGHT ON PRIDE



But I'm A Cheerleader (1999) - Laugh Out Loud Pride Film Screening **NEW**

Monday, Jun 8, 6–8 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: Free

Instructor: Jojo Aftomis

RuWriting History: The Social History of RuPaul's Drag Race **NEW**

Thursday, Jun 18, 6:15–7:45 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$25

Instructor: Joe Jeffreys



The Wedding Banquet (2025): Laugh Out Loud Pride Film Screening **NEW**

Monday, Jun 22, 6–8 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: Free

Instructor: Jojo Aftomis

Love, Simon (2018): Laugh Out Loud Pride Film Screening **NEW**

Monday, Jun 29, 6–8 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: Free

Instructor: Jojo Aftomis

HOME & GARDEN

Home Repair Essentials **NEW**

Wednesdays, Apr 15–May 20, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Montclair High School

Tuition: \$139 (6 sessions)

Instructor: Robert Haas

Materials fee \$25 payable to instructor.

How to Prepare Your Home for Selling **NEW**

Monday, Apr 20, 6:15–7:45 p.m.

MPL - Bellevue Branch

Tuition: Free

Instructor: Clare Morcella

EXPLORE AAPI HERITAGE

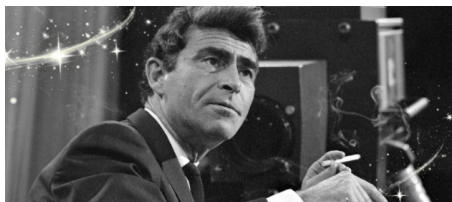
Land of the Rising Sun:
Focus on Japan NEW ONLINE
 Monday, May 4, 1–2:30 p.m.
 Tuition: \$25
 Instructor: Judy Okun



The Joyful Art of Paper Folding NEW
 Saturday, May 30, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.
 MPL - Main
 Tuition: Free
 Instructor: Alay Philippine Performing Arts

BOOKS, FILM & THEATER

The Twilight Zone: The Supernatural, Enchanted Objects & Mystical Forces NEW
 Thursdays, Apr 16–May 14,
 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.
 MPL - Main
 Tuition: \$75 (5 sessions)
 Instructor: Linda Hetcher



The Sonnet: A History and Writing Workshop NEW
 Thursdays, Apr 23–30, 2–3:30 p.m.
 MPL - Main
 Tuition: \$40 (2 sessions)
 Instructor: Jerise Fogel

Community Read-Aloud of Oedipus Rex NEW
 Saturday, Apr 25, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
 MPL - Main
 Tuition: \$20
 Instructor: Mary English
Text purchased by student approx. \$14.

The Iconic Contralto: Marian Anderson NEW ONLINE
 Thursday, May 14, 6:15–7:45 p.m.
 Tuition: \$25
 Instructor: Gayle Murchison
Prepares you for the outing, My Lord, What a Night. Offered through "Come Celebrate With Me: 100 Years of Honoring Black History."

GAMES & RECREATION

Beginner Mah Jongg
 Tuition: \$142 (5 sessions)
 Instructor: Elisa Hirsch
Materials fee \$15 payable to instructor.

Fridays, Apr 17–May 15, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
 MPL - Main

Tuesdays, Apr 21–May 19, 3:30–5:30 p.m.
 MPL - Bellevue Branch

Thursdays, Apr 23–May 28, 6–8 p.m.
 MPL - Bellevue Branch

Mah Jongg - Supervised Play NEW
 Fridays, Apr 17–May 15, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
 MPL - Main
 Tuition: \$142 (5 sessions)
 Instructor: Elisa Hirsch
Prerequisite: Mah Jongg basic knowledge.



Mah Jongg - Tournament-Style Play NEW
 Mondays, Apr 20–May 18, 6–8 p.m.
 MPL - Bellevue Branch
 Tuition: \$109 (5 sessions)
 Instructor: Stacy Gitlin

Golf: Outdoor
 Saturdays, Apr 25–May 16, 11:15–12:45 p.m.
 Millburn Municipal Golf Course
 Tuition: \$160 (4 sessions)
 Instructor: Lou Ruina

Adult Dungeons & Dragons - Create Your Own Character NEW
 Monday, May 4, 5:45–7:45 p.m.
 MPL - Main
 Tuition: \$20
 Instructor: Giovanni Giotta



Adult Dungeons & Dragons Campaign: The Rifts of Rheim - NEW
 Mondays, May 11–18, 5:45–7:45 p.m.
 MPL - Main
 Tuition: \$20 (2 sessions)
 Instructor: Giovanni Giotta

LANGUAGE

Practical Spanish 1
 Mondays, Apr 6–May 5, 6:15–7:45 p.m.
 MPL - Main
 Tuition: \$95 (4 sessions)
 Instructor: Marielle Courtois
*Text purchased by student approx. \$11.
 No class Apr 27.*

Practical Spanish 3: Basic Conversation
 Tuesdays, Apr 7–May 5, 6:15–7:45 p.m.
 MPL - Main
 Tuition: \$99 (4 sessions)
 Instructor: Marielle Courtois
Prerequisite: Completion of Practical Spanish 1 and 2 or equivalent language skills. No class Apr 28.

Italian Conversation ONLINE
 Mondays, Apr 13–May 18, 6:30–7:30 p.m.
 Online Classes
 Tuition: \$95 (6 sessions)
 Instructor: Kristine Massari

Basic Italian 1B ONLINE
 Mondays, Apr 13–May 18, 5:30–6:30 p.m.
 Tuition: \$94 (6 sessions)
 Instructor: Kristine Massari
Text purchased by student approx. \$15.

Practical French 2
 Mondays, Apr 20–May 18, 6:30–7:45 p.m.
 MPL - Main
 Tuition: \$99 (5 sessions)
 Instructor: Saydah Garrett
Text purchased by student approx. \$15.

Practical French 3: Basic Conversation
 Tuesdays, Apr 21–May 19, 6:30–7:45 p.m.
 MPL - Main
 Tuition: \$99 (5 sessions)
 Instructor: Saydah Garrett
Prerequisite: Completion of French 2 or equivalent.

American Sign Language: Level 1
 Mondays, Apr 27–Jun 22, 6–7 p.m.
 MPL - Bellevue Branch
 Tuition: \$119 (8 sessions)
 Instructor: Belle Hsu
No class May 25.



American Sign Language: Level 2
 Mondays, Apr 27–Jun 22, 7–8 p.m.
 MPL - Bellevue Branch
 Tuition: \$119 (8 sessions)
 Instructor: Belle Hsu
No class May 25.

Beginner Irish ONLINE
 Thursdays, May 7–Jun 11, 6:15–7:45 p.m.
 Online Classes
 Tuition: \$99 (5 sessions)
 Instructor: Pól Ó Murchú
No class May 14.

LECTURES/HISTORY & CULTURE

Giorgio Armani:

The Look of Perfection NEW

Monday, Apr 20, 6:15–7:45 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$20

Instructor: Marcie Cooperman



Living Green: Change Your Diet, Help the Planet NEW

Monday, Apr 27, 6:15–7:45 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: Free

Instructors: Jose González, David Korfhage

The History of the Presby Iris Garden NEW

Tuesday, May 12, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: Free

Instructor: Maressa McFarlane

Masters of Modern Design and Architecture: Charles and Ray Eames NEW

Thursday, May 21, 6:15–7:45 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$20

Instructor: Laszlo Kiss

1776 in Western America: Forts, Furs and Frontier NEW ONLINE

Monday, Jun 1, 1–2:30 p.m.

Tuition: \$25

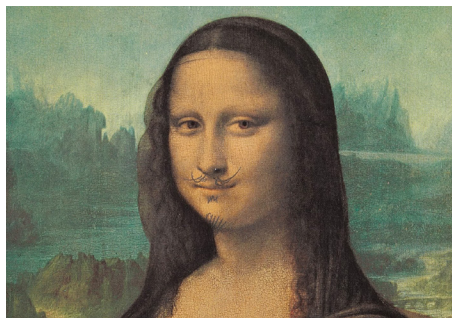
Instructor: Judy Okun

Marcel Duchamp: The Alchemist of the Avant Garde NEW ONLINE

Tuesday, Jun 2, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Tuition: \$25

Instructor: Janet Mandel



The Country vs. the City: Bridging the Rural-Urban Divide NEW

Tuesday, Jun 2, 2:30–4 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$20

Instructor: Steve Golin

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Microsoft Excel: Pivot Tables

Thursday, Apr 16, 6–8 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: Sue Brogan

Prerequisite: Basic knowledge of Excel.

AI Basics in Gemini & Claude for Seasoned Professionals NEW

Wednesdays, Apr 29–May 6, 6:30–8 p.m.

MPL - Bellevue Branch

Tuition: \$50 (2 sessions)

Instructor: Nicole Gray

Students should bring their own laptops or tablets.

Microsoft Excel 1

Saturday, May 2, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$35

Instructor: Emily Crowell

Microsoft Excel 2

Saturday, May 9, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$35

Instructor: Emily Crowell

Microsoft Excel: Macros

Thursday, May 21, 6–8 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$55

Instructor: Sue Brogan

Canva Creation: Beginner to Pro NEW

Tuesdays, Jun 9–30, 6–7:45 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$60 (4 sessions)

Instructor: Jojo Aftomis



CULINARY ARTS

Wine Confidence: Understanding The Basics

Wednesdays, Apr 22–

May 20, 6–7:30 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$95 (5 sessions)

Instructor: Jeff Rayner

21+. Materials fee \$95 due upon registration.



Seasonal Jam Making Workshop

Monday, Jun 23, 5–7 p.m.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Tuition: \$65

Instructor: Lana Mustafa

Materials fee of \$20 due upon registration.

CELEBRATE ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE

Savory and Sweet Arab Cuisine: Fattoush Salad and Jallab NEW

Tuesday, Apr 21, 6:15–7:45 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$40

Instructor: Liliane Gooch

Materials fee \$5.

Egypt, Beyond the Pyramids NEW

Thursday, May 14, 6:30–7:45 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$25

Instructor: Jenny Montasir



FITNESS

5K Training Program: No Boundaries

Saturdays, Apr 18–Jun 6, 7:30–8:30 a.m. and

Wednesdays, Apr 22–Jun 10, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Anderson Park

Orientation: Tuesday, Apr 14, 6:45–7:45 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$110 (17 sessions)

Instructor: John Fabbro

Stretch, Resistance & Light Cardio

Wednesdays, Apr 15–Jun 17, 9:30–10:30 a.m.

First Lutheran Church

Tuition: \$169 (10 sessions)

Instructor: Lorrain Salerno

Mixed Chair/Standing Exercises

Wednesdays, Apr 15–Jun 17,

10:30–11:30 a.m.

First Lutheran Church

Tuition: \$169 (10 sessions)

Instructor: Lorrain Salerno

Gentle Yoga for Wellness

Wednesdays, Apr 22–Jun 10, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Cornerstone Montclair

Tuition: \$140 (8 sessions)

Instructor: Jean Lyons



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Class dates, times and locations are subject to change. Please visit our website to confirm the latest details.

REFUND POLICY: If the Adult School has to cancel a class for any reason, you will receive a refund if the class cannot be rescheduled. If you wish to withdraw from or are unable to attend a class, you must notify us at least one week before the class starts in order to receive a refund of the class fee less an administrative fee of \$10. If you do not provide us with one week advance notice, you will not receive a refund. The Adult School reserves the right to change locations, schedules, and instructors when necessary. To contact the Adult School staff, email adultschool@montclairlibrary.org.

Refund Policy Update: All refunds will be offered via credit or debit card or electronic voucher.

HEALTH, WELLNESS & PERSONAL GROWTH

Leaving a Legacy: Family and Organization Histories

Tuesday, Apr 14, 1–3 p.m. | MPL - Main
Tuition: \$25
Instructor: Marian Calabro

Ink and Insight: Writing for Mental Health and Happiness **NEW**

Thursdays, Apr 30–May 7, 6:15–7:45 p.m.
MPL - Main
Tuition: \$49 (2 sessions)
Instructor: Diane Lang

Mindfulness Meditation

Thursdays, May 14–Jun 25, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
MPL - Main
Tuition: \$108 (6 sessions)
Instructor: Jodi Brooks
No class May 28.

WRITING

Poems as Prompts: Poetry Writing Workshop

Mondays, May 4–Jun 8, 7–8:30 p.m.
MPL - Bellevue Branch
Tuition: \$111 (5 sessions)
Instructor: Laura Freedgood
Students should bring a pad of paper and a pen/pencil or laptop. No class May 25.

Crafting Memorable Characters

Tuesdays, May 19–Jun 2, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Location: MPL - Main
Tuition: \$75 (3 sessions)
Instructor: Marian Calabro

MUSIC

Beginning Ukulele

Fridays, Apr 17–May 15, 1–2 p.m.
MPL - Bellevue Branch
Tuition: \$59 (5 sessions)
Instructor: Robert Mellman
Bring your ukulele to class.

Saturday with Sondheim! **NEW**

Saturday, Apr 25, 12–2 p.m.
MPL - Main
Tuition: \$45
Instructor: Vanguard Theater



Live Klezmer Concert with Midnight Nosh

Tuesday, May 19, 6:30–7:30 p.m.
MPL - Main
Tuition: Free
Performers: Rabbi Daniel Brenner and Midnight Nosh

Intermediate Ukulele

Fridays, May 29–Jun 26, 1–2 p.m.
MPL - Bellevue Branch
Tuition: \$99 (5 sessions)
Instructor: Robert Mellman
Bring your ukulele to class.

TRIPS & OUTINGS

Meadowlands Discovery Sunset Eco-Cruise

Thursday, May 14, 5–7:30 p.m.
Laurel Hill County Park
Tuition: \$55
Instructor: Hackensack Riverkeeper
Rain Date: Jun 11, 6 p.m.
No weather-related refunds.

My Lord, What a Night! Outing **NEW**

Sunday, May 17, 2–4 p.m.
George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick
Tuition: \$85
Offered through "Come Celebrate With Me: 100 Years of Honoring Black History."

Explore the Edward Hopper House Museum and Nyack **NEW**

Tuesday, May 19, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
The Walnut Parking Plaza - Ice Rink Area
Tuition: \$95
Reservation closes April 21. No refunds.

Enjoy the New Studio Museum of Harlem, Soul Food Dinner and Gospel Concert

Wednesday, Jun 17, 12:15–8:30 p.m.
The Walnut Parking Plaza - Ice Rink Area
Tuition: \$115
Registration closes May 18. No refunds.
Offered through "Come Celebrate With Me: 100 Years of Honoring Black History."



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"Come Celebrate With Me" is a year-long series of programming honoring 100 years of observing Black history in America. Founded in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, Negro History Week evolved into Black History Month, opening the door for additional annual commemorations such as Juneteenth, Black Music Month, Caribbean Heritage Month, Kwanzaa and more. Montclair Public Library will honor the centennial of these commemorations in 2026 through a series of programs designed to engage and connect participants while highlighting and celebrating the experiences and contributions of people of African descent in the United States.



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