

Registration starts Monday, March 30

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### 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: Lorrain 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

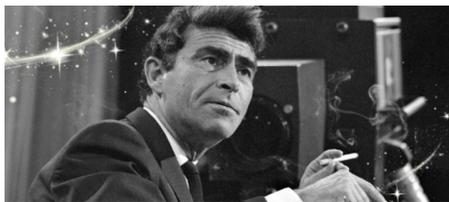
**Land of the Rising Sun:**  
**Focus on Japan NEW ONLINE**  
Monday, May 4, 1–2:30 p.m.  
Tuition: \$25  
Instructor: Judy Okun



**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 Contrato: 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



All students high school age and above are welcome at the Adult School. Montclair residents are entitled to a 50% discount on tuition for all classes held exclusively at either library branch or online. After creating an online profile, contact the Adult School office for verification, and have the resident status added to the account before checking out and paying the tuition.

**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](mailto: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."*



## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Dr. Alex and Doris Malaspina



"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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