

WINTER 2026 CLASSES

Registration starts Monday, January 5

Classes start Tuesday, January 20

To register: www.adultschool.org

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

ARTS & CRAFTS

Design and Handcraft a Journal **NEW**

Tuesday, Jan 27, 2-4 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$20

Instructor: Jojo Aftomis

Materials fee of \$12 due upon registration.

Woodworking 101

Tuesdays, Jan 27-Mar 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Montclair High School

Tuition: \$139 (6 sessions)

Instructor: Robert Haas

Materials fee \$35.

Embroidered Expressions - Decorate Your Own Bag **NEW**

Wednesday, Jan 28, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$40

Instructor: Jennifer Santa Maria

Materials fee \$20.

Waste Not, Want Not: Collage Artists and Collage Workshop

Mondays, Feb 2-23, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

MPL - Bellevue Branch

Tuition: \$67 (3 sessions)

Instructor: Anna Berlin

Materials fee \$14.

An Introduction to Watercolor Painting

Tuesdays, Feb 3-Mar 17, 10:15 a.m.-12 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$145 (6 sessions)

Instructor: Heidi Sandeck

Materials purchased by student approx. \$150.

No class Feb. 17.



Create Your Own Valentine's Day Floral Design with the Montclair Garden Club **NEW**

Wednesday, Feb 11, 6-7:30 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$25

Instructor: Fran Ackerly

Materials fee of \$10 due upon registration.

ARTS & CRAFTS (continued)

Basketmaking Workshop: Create a Shaker Basket **NEW**

Monday, Feb 23,

10:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$95

Instructor: Mary May

Materials fee of \$40 due upon registration.



Advanced Woodworking

Tuesdays, Mar 10-Apr 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Montclair High School

Tuition: \$149 (5 sessions)

Instructor: Robert Haas

Prerequisite: Woodworking 101.

Materials fee depends on selected project.

The Photographer's Eye: Developing Your Vision **NEW**

Mondays, Mar 16-23, 1-4 p.m. | MPL - Main

Tuition: \$65 (2 sessions)

Instructor: Joanna Madloch

Pysanky: The Ancient Art of Egg Decorating

Tuesday, Mar 24, 5-7:30 p.m. | MPL - Main

Tuition: \$59

Instructor: Jennifer Santa Maria

Materials fee \$20.

The Art of Henna: Talk and Workshop

Thursday, Apr 2, 6-7:30 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$30

Instructor: Alaa Suleiman

Create Your Own Peacock Mandala **NEW**

Monday, Apr 6, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$40

Instructor: Ajita Shah

Materials fee of \$10 due upon registration.

FINANCE

How the One Big Beautiful Bill and the SECURE Act Affects your Planning **NEW**

Thursday, Feb 26, 6-8 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$35

Instructor: Eleanor Galt-Lin, CFP®

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Urban Stomp Live! Defiant Joy, Improvisation & Social Dances at MPL **NEW***

Saturday, Feb 7, 2-4 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: Free

Instructor: Derrick León Washington

Author Chat - A Black Congressman's Fight for Civil Rights **NEW**

Tuesday, Feb 10, 6:15-7:45 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: Free

Instructors: Marion Orr, Domingo Morel

From Africa to America: The Poetry of Phillis Wheatley **NEW ONLINE**

Thursday, Feb 12, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

Tuition: \$20

Instructor: Ada McKenzie-Thomas

Unsung Black Artists of Antebellum Era **NEW***

Tuesday, Feb 24,

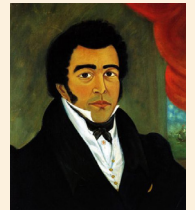
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MPL - Main

Tuition: Free

Instructor: Onnie

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BUSINESS & CAREER

LinkedIn and Your Career

Monday, Jan 26, 1-3 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$20

Instructor: Jennifer Rodgers

Low Cost and No Cost Marketing Solutions for Small Business

Wednesday, Mar 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

MPL - Bellevue Branch

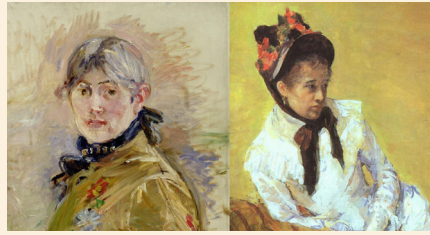
Tuition: \$35

Instructor: John Tully

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Author Chat - "Give Her Credit" - With Grace Williams **NEW**
Thursday, Mar 12, 6:15-7:45 p.m.
MPL - Main
Tuition: Free
Instructors: Eleanor Galt-Lin, CFP®, Grace Williams

Women Impressionist Painters: Mary Cassatt and Berthe Morisot **NEW ONLINE**
Monday, Mar 23, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Tuition: \$25
Instructor: Janet Mandel



BOOKS, FILM & THEATER

Myth and Fantasy Book Club: Discuss Three Novels **NEW**
Saturdays, Jan 31-Mar 28, 2-3:30 p.m.
MPL - Main
Tuition: \$59 (3 sessions)
Instructor: Mary English

Film Club **ONLINE**
Wednesdays, Feb 4-Jun 10, 7-8:30 p.m.
Tuition: \$118 (10 sessions)
Instructor: Margot Cochran
Class meets Feb 4, 18; Mar 4, 18, Apr 1, 15, 29; May 13, 17; Jun 10.

Film Club - In Person
Wednesdays, Feb 11-Jun 17, 7-8:30 p.m.
Tuition: \$160 (10 sessions)
Instructor: Margot Cochran
Class meets Feb 11, 25; Mar 11, 25; May 6, 20; June 3, 17 at Congregation Shomrei Emunah.
Class meets Apr 8, 22 at First Lutheran Church.

Book Discussion
Wednesdays, Mar 4-May 20, 2-3:30 p.m.
MPL - Main
Tuition: Free (6 sessions)
Class meets Mar 4, 18; Apr 8, 22; May 6, 20.

RETIREMENT

How to Retire to Europe Through Investment **NEW ONLINE**
Wednesday, Feb 4, 1-2 p.m.
Tuition: Free
Instructor: Hoda Elamir

CULINARY ARTS

Sweet and Savory Flavors of Arab Cuisine - Cooking Demo and Tasting **NEW**
Thursday, Feb 5, 6:15-7:45 p.m.
MPL - Main
Tuition: \$40
Instructor: Liliane Gooch with FARAH
Materials fee of \$6 due upon registration.

Hearty and Nutritious Winter Soups (With Cooking Demo) - New Recipes!
Monday, Feb 19, 12:30-2 p.m.
MPL - Main
Tuition: \$45
Instructor: Mary Ellen Zung

Mediterranean Cooking Demo and Sampling **NEW**
Wednesday, Mar 25, 6-7:15 p.m.
MPL - Main
Tuition: \$45
Instructor: Donna Liotto-Scocozza
Materials fee of \$10 due upon registration.

COMPUTERS & TECHNOLOGY

Canva Creation: Create a Valentines Day Card **NEW**
Thursday, Jan 29, 3-5 p.m.
MPL - Main
Tuition: \$15
Instructor: Jojo Aftomis

Adobe Photoshop: Regal Pet Portrait Creation **NEW**
Thursday, Feb 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
MPL - Main
Tuition: \$35
Instructor: Jojo Aftomis



Unlocking the Full Potential of ChatGPT **NEW**
Thursday, Feb 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
MPL - Main
Tuition: \$29
Instructor: Eddi Khaytman

LANGUAGE

Basic Italian 1 **ONLINE**
Mondays, Jan 26-Mar 2, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Tuition: \$95 (6 sessions)
Instructor: Kristine Massari
Text purchased by student approx. \$22.
No class Feb 16.

Italian Conversation **ONLINE**
Mondays, Jan 26-Mar 2, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Tuition: \$95 (6 sessions)
Instructor: Kristine Massari
No class Feb 16.

LANGUAGE (continued)

Practical French 1
Mondays, Jan 26-Mar 2, 6:30-7:45 p.m.
MPL - Main
Tuition: \$99 (5 sessions)
Instructor: Sayyadah Garrett
Text purchased by student approx. \$15.
No class Feb 16.

Practical Spanish 3: Basic Conversation
Tuesdays, Jan 27-Feb 17, 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.

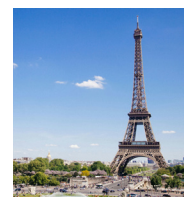
Beginner Irish **ONLINE**
Thursdays, Jan 29-Feb 26, 6:15-7:45 p.m.
Tuition: \$99 (5 sessions)
Instructor: Pól Ó Murchú

Practical Spanish 1
Mondays, Feb 2-Mar 2, 6:15-7:45 p.m.
MPL - Main
Tuition: \$95 (4 sessions)
Instructor: Marielle Courtois
Text purchased by student approx. \$11. No class Feb 16.

Advanced English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) for Professionals
Tuesdays, Feb 3-Mar 3, 6:15-7:45 p.m.
MPL - Main
Tuition: \$75 (5 sessions)
Instructor: Theresa Fierro
Prerequisite: Intermediate English fluency.

Practical Spanish 2
Tuesdays, Mar 3-24, 6:15-7:45 p.m.
MPL - Main
Tuition: \$95 (4 sessions)
Instructor: Marielle Courtois
Text purchased by student approx. \$11.
Prerequisite: Completion of Practical Spanish 1 or equivalent.

Practical French 3: Basic Conversation
Thursdays, Mar 5-Apr 2, 6:30-7:45 p.m.
MPL - Main
Tuition: \$99 (5 sessions)
Instructor: Sayyadah Garrett
Prerequisite: Completion of French 2 or equivalent.



French for Travelers **ONLINE**
Tuesdays, Mar 10-17, 6:15-7:45 p.m.
Tuition: \$48 (2 sessions)
Instructor: Francois Thibaut

LECTURES/HISTORY & CULTURE

Challenges to American Democracy **NEW**

Wednesday, Jan 28, 6-7:30 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: Free

Instructor: Stephen Shalom

Explore the Caribbean: A Crossroads of the World **NEW ONLINE**

Monday, Feb 9, 1-2:30 p.m.

Tuition: \$25

Instructor: Judy Okun

Experience George Washington in Art **NEW**

Wednesday, Feb 11, 1-2:30 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$20

Instructor: Michael Norris

The American Renaissance: Thoreau, Melville, Douglass, Whitman and Dickinson **NEW**

Tuesday, Feb 17, 2:30-4 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$20

Instructor: Steve Golin

The End of Power Transitions Among World Leaders **NEW**

Wednesday, Feb 25, 6:30-8 p.m.

MPL - Bellevue

Tuition: \$20

Instructor: Pierre Fabian

Famous Pharaohs: Egypt's Legendary Leaders and Their Monuments **NEW**

Tuesday, Mar 10, 6:30-7:45 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$25

Instructor: Jenny Montasir



A History of the Cherry Trees of Branch Brook Park **NEW**

Tuesday, Mar 24, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: Free

Instructor: Maressa McFarlane

Frank Lloyd Wright: Is Less Really More? **NEW**

Thursday, Mar 26, 6:15-7:45 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$20

Instructor: Laszlo Kiss

LECTURES/HISTORY & CULTURE (Continued)

Future Pathways for the U.S. - Europe Partnership **NEW**

Wednesday, Apr 1, 6:30-8 p.m.

MPL - Bellevue

Tuition: \$20

Instructor: Pierre Fabian

Expedition to the Black Sea and Ukraine **NEW ONLINE**

Wednesday, Apr 8, 1-2:30 p.m.

Tuition: \$25

Instructor: Judy Okun

FITNESS

Stretch, Resistance & Light Cardio

Wednesdays, Jan 21-Mar 25, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

First Lutheran Church

Tuition: \$169 (10 sessions)



Mixed Chair/Standing Exercises

Wednesdays, Jan 21-Mar 25, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

First Lutheran Church

Tuition: \$169 (10 sessions)

Instructor: Lorrain Salerno

Gentle Yoga for Wellness

Wednesdays, Jan 28-Apr 1,

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Cornerstone Montclair

Tuition: \$175 (10 sessions)

Instructor: Jean Lyons

Bring a mat and belt to class.

Indoor Rowing

Wednesdays, Feb 4-Mar 25, 7-8 p.m.

Montclair High School

Tuition: \$172 (8 sessions)

Instructor: Lorna Rundle

Jazz Tap

Wednesdays, Feb 4-Mar 25,

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

First Lutheran Church

Tuition: \$113 (8 sessions)

Instructor: Lorrain Salerno

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: \$99 (17 sessions) **early bird rate**

Instructor: John Fabbro

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Qigong for Wellness **NEW**

Thursdays, Jan 22-Feb 26, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Cornerstone Montclair

Tuition: \$114 (6 sessions)

Instructor: Jodi Brooks

Understanding Food Labels and Ingredients **NEW**

Monday, Jan 26,

6:30-7:30 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: Free

Instructor: Jong Min Lee



The Mediterranean Diet and Olive Oil Tasting

Wednesday, Feb 4, 6:15-7:45 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: Free

Instructor: Donna Liotto-Scocozza

Herbalism for Immunity

Thursday, Feb 12, 6-7:45 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$35

Instructor: Lana Mustafa

Materials fee \$17.

Mindfulness Meditation

Thursdays, Mar 5-Apr 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: \$108 (6 sessions)

Instructor: Jodi Brooks

No class Mar. 19.

MUSIC

Beginning Ukulele

Fridays, Jan 30-Feb 27, 1-2 p.m.

MPL - Bellevue Branch

Tuition: \$59 (5 sessions)

Instructor: Robert Mellman

Bring your ukulele to class.

Intermediate Ukulele

Fridays, Mar 6-Apr 3, 1-2 p.m.

MPL - Bellevue Branch

Tuition: \$99 (5 sessions)

Instructor: Robert Mellman

Bring your ukulele to class.

St. Patrick's Day Live Harp and Flute Concert

Tuesday, Mar 19, 6:15-7:45 p.m.

MPL - Main

Tuition: Free

Performers: Linda Hickman, Iris Nevins

Co-sponsored by the Folklife Center of Northern New Jersey.

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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.

LUNAR NEW YEAR

Lunar New Year Dessert Mochi Workshop NEW
Saturday, Feb 21, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
MPL - Main
Tuition: \$45
Instructor: Nancy Loo

The Noodle Road from Asia to Europe to America: Talk and Tasting NEW
Monday, Feb 23, 6:15-7:45 p.m.
MPL - Main
Tuition: \$30
Instructor: Jong Min Lee
Materials fee \$5 due upon registration.

WRITING

Poetry for Hope and Spirit: Reading and Writing Spiritual Poems
Tuesday, January 20, 1-4 p.m.
MPL - Bellevue Branch
Tuition: \$35
Instructor: Elinor Mattern

Poetry Writing Workshop
Mondays, Feb 2-Mar 9, 7-8:30 p.m.
MPL - Bellevue Branch
Tuition: \$75 (5 sessions)
Instructor: Jennifer Poteet
No class Feb 16.

Writing Workshop: From Anecdote to Story
Tuesdays, Feb 10-Mar 3, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
MPL - Main
Tuition: \$79 (4 sessions)
Instructor: Marian Calabro

Narrativizing a Moment: A Guided Writing Workshop NEW
Saturday, Feb 14, 1-3 p.m. | MPL - Main
Tuition: \$20
Instructor: Jafreen Uddin

Writing: Method & Motivation
Tuesdays, Feb 24-Mar 24, 6:15-7:45 p.m.
MPL - Main
Tuition: \$119 (6 sessions)
Instructor: Valerie Block

GAMES & RECREATION

Introduction to Dungeons & Dragons for Adults NEW
Mondays, Jan 26 & Feb 9, 6-7:30 p.m.
MPL - Main
Tuition: \$35 (2 sessions)
Instructor: Jeremy Doyle
No class Feb 2.

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

Tuesdays, Jan 27-Feb 24, 6-8 p.m.
MPL - Main

Thursdays, Jan 29-Feb 26, 4-6 p.m.
MPL - Bellevue Branch

Fridays, Jan 30-Feb 27, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
MPL - Main

Indoor Pickleball Clinic
Tuesdays, Feb 3-Mar 10, 2-3 p.m.
Tiger Tennis and Fitness - W. Caldwell
Tuition: \$132 (6 sessions)
Instructor: Elite Tennis Academy

Beginner Backgammon
Tuesdays, Feb 10-Mar 17, 2-4 p.m.
MPL - Main
Tuition: \$120 (6 sessions)
Instructor: Pete Jarvis

PERSONAL GROWTH

From Intention to Action: Designing Your Year with Purpose NEW
Tuesday, Jan 27, 6:15-7:45 p.m.
MPL - Main
Tuition: \$25
Instructor: Diane Lang

Astrological Events: Rahu in Aquarius NEW
Tuesday, Feb 3, 6:15-7:45 p.m.
MPL - Main
Tuition: \$35
Instructor: Steffanie Black

HOME & GARDEN

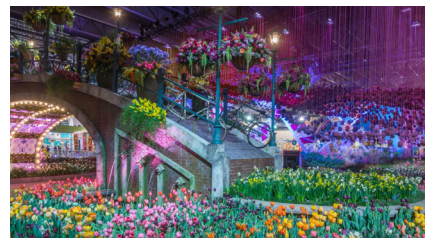
Introduction to Seed Starting
Saturday, Mar 21, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Van Vleck House & Gardens
Tuition: \$35
Instructor: Lana Mustafa
Materials fee of \$10 due upon registration.

LIVING GREEN: Gardening for the Birds NEW
Monday, Apr 6, 6:30-7:45 p.m.
MPL - Main
Tuition: Free
Instructor: Deb Ellis

TRIPS

Culinary Institute of America and Vanderbilt Mansion
Thursday, Feb 12, 7:45 a.m.-6 p.m.
The Walnut Parking Plaza - Ice Rink Area
Tuition: \$149
Registration closes Jan 26. No refunds.

Philadelphia Flower Show
Thursday, Mar 5, 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
The Walnut Parking Plaza - Ice Rink Area
Tuition: \$129
Registration closes Feb 12. No refunds.



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