



NOT JUST BOOKS



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Friday 10am – 5pm
Saturday 10am – 5pm
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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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A New Director for the Montvale Library

Meet Paul Shaver, a multilingual marvel with many talents. Paul holds an undergraduate degree in international studies and studied abroad in Russia and Costa Rica. Growing up in Bergenfield in a home with his polyglot grandmother, he began learning languages at age 10 in order to better communicate with the diverse community around him. He is fluent in Spanish, can converse in a number of other languages such as Russian and French, and has studied about a dozen languages formally and informally. He considers language learning as one of the best ways to learn about the world around us and help others feel welcome.

After college, Paul taught elementary school and volunteered with his grandmother at the Bergenfield Library as an ESL teacher. Paul soon developed a passion for libraries and became an assistant ESL coordinator at the Englewood Library. During his nine-year tenure, he rapidly increased his responsibilities and realized that advanced degrees were necessary to move up in the library world. He obtained a master's degree in education with an ESL certification along with an MLS degree. At the Mahwah Library, Paul served as a supervising librarian and head of ESL and World languages. Most recently Paul served as director of the Northvale Library, where he ran adult programming, ESL, STEM programs and purchasing.



Paul was drawn to the Montvale Library because of the kind and enthusiastic staff, the amazing and well-developed collection, and the ESL program. He is impressed that "the staff, patrons, and trustees are all enthusiastic about lifelong learning." In his free time, Paul loves to travel with his wife and most recently visited the Dominican Republic. He is also enthusiastic about cooking, fixing computers, 3-D printing, and technology as a whole.

Getting to Know Mary Elbert

Mary Elbert may be new to the Children's staff, but she's no stranger to the world of children, parents and books. Previously a teacher for almost 30 years, Mary taught every grade and most recently worked as a high school English teacher in Mahwah. Mary is passionate about the classics, especially the Romantics in British and American Literature. She also enjoys reading and writing poetry.

Originally from Nebraska, Mary met her husband in college and relocated to the area. A resident of Hillsdale for many years, Mary has five children (three live in the area), and six grandchildren who live in Colorado and California. Mary cooks and bakes and crochets and reads. When asked about Montvale, Mary admits "This is my dream job. I have all the books and kids and no papers to grade!" Be sure to stop by to introduce yourself and feel free to ask Mary to recommend a classic for your children!



Fun with the Friends

Dining For Dollars at Davey's Irish Pub and Restaurant is back and better than ever! The food is yummy, the ambience is nice and relaxed, and the wait staff is friendly. Be sure to pick up a coupon at the Library. Bring your coupon to Davey's on Monday November 5th for lunch or dinner, Tuesday November 6th for lunch only, or Thursday November 8th for lunch or dinner and Davey's will donate 15% of your bill to the Friends of the Montvale Library.

Thank you to everyone who supported the **Welcome Neighbor Raffle** and to Wegmans for donating the delicious prizes. The success was overwhelming—the last available ticket was sold a few days prior to the drawing. Friends Karen Bonnell and Diane Dougherty invited Montvale Mayor Michael Ghassali and Wegmans service manager Kenny Sherr to draw the winners on September 25th. The first prize, a \$300 Wegmans gift card, went to Bob Hanrahan. Pete Zitelli won second prize (an Italian Classics basket), and Mary Kay Stratis won third prize (a coffee basket).

Around the Library

The Adult Summer Reading Program gets better with age—55 of the 83 participants submitted 301 reviews. The "Books of the Summer" were *THE FALLEN* by David Baldacci, *BEFORE WE WERE YOURS* by Lisa Wingate, and Bill O'Reilly's "Killing" series. The Grand Prize (a Bergen PAC gift card) went to Jan Nourain and the Runners Up, Marcia Eisen and Diane Dougherty, won iTunes gift cards. The Early Bird Prize (a family pack to the Rockland Boulders) went to Joe Hatfield. Weekly winners were Jennifer Murphy, Debbie Robles, Lowell Pinto, Joan Cipullo, Jennifer Phillips, Jan Nourain, Dolores Schultz, and Kristen Babb. We'll see you again next summer... and hopefully you'll be a winner!

The Wednesday Night Cookbook Group, led by reference librarian Therese Jones, celebrates its one year anniversary in October. The group is currently full, but you can add your name to the waiting list by emailing therese.jones@montvale.bccls.org.



The Monday Morning and Monday Afternoon Book Groups have immediate openings. You will have a chance to meet new people, read interesting books, and engage in lively discussions. The Monday Morning group will meet next on October 29th at 10:30 to discuss *AUTUMN* by Ali Smith. The Monday Afternoon group will meet on November 12th at 12:00 to discuss *THE GREAT ALONE* by Kristin Hannah. Contact Lorissa Lightman at lorissa.lightman@montvale.bccls.org or 201-391-5090 for additional information.

Paperbacks in good condition may be donated to the Library. We are currently accepting only romance, mystery and general fiction.

Disposable headphones are now available for purchase (\$1 CASH ONLY) at the Circulation Desk.

Our **Wi-Fi** password is **montvale** (all lower case letters).

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.

Art Club with Artist Peri

Thursday, October 18th, November 15th, December 20th at 4:30 p.m. for 2nd grade and up.

Good to Great: How to Improve Your College Essay

Thursday, October 18th at 7:30 p.m.

High school students may register in person or by email to giulia.bombace@montvale.bccls.org.

New children's staffer Mary Elbert (see cover article) will help you to get your personal essay all ready for college!

Saturday Afternoon Movie: Hotel Transylvania 3

Saturday, October 20th at 12:00 p.m. for ages 5 and up.

Children can bring lunch to eat during the movie.

Night Time Story Hour

Wednesday, October 24th at 6:30 p.m. for ages 3 and up.

Halloween Magic with Mark the Magician

Tuesday, October 30th at 3:45 p.m. for ages 4 and up.

Montvale's favorite magician returns for some scary fun.

Pajama Dance Party with Ms. Kerri

Wednesday, November 7th at 7:00 p.m. for ages 3 and up.

Silly Science Experiments

Thursday, November 8th at 3:45 p.m. for ages 5 and up.

Friday Afternoon Movie: Incredibles 2

Friday, November 9th at 2:00 p.m. for ages 4 and up.

Thanksgiving Craft

Tuesday, Nov. 20th at 3:45 p.m. for kindergarten and up.

Hanukkah Celebration

Tuesday, December 4th at 3:45 p.m. for all ages.

Celebrate the holiday with songs, games, stories and latkes!

Parent/Child Art Workshop

Wednesday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. for children in first grade and up and a parent. Space is limited.

Children will have the opportunity to paint with acrylics on a real canvas (one per family). Create a winter masterpiece to display at home or to give as a gift.

Santa's Annual Visit?

Have no fear, he's coming. He'll check his schedule and let us know the details as the holiday season approaches.

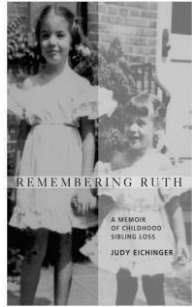


Story hour is "Not Just Books!" Children from the five and six year old group show off their fall crafts.

LIBRARY PHOTO ALBUM



Dietician Megan Peterson explains how to enjoy your holidays without overindulging on Thursday, November 15th.



Bergen County author Judy Eichinger will read from and sign her recently published book REMEMBERING RUTH on Sunday, November 18th.

Montvale's own Sally Willig performs the songs of Joni Mitchell and Judy Collins on Thursday, December 13th.



The Adult Summer Reading Program yielded big wins for Jan Nourain (left, with reference librarian Therese Jones) and runner up Marcia Eisen.



Winners for the Friends of the Montvale Library Raffle (with prizes donated by Wegmans) were picked on September 25th (left to right: Karen Bonnell; Mayor Michael Ghassali; Kenny Sherr, Wegmans service manager; Diane Dougherty.

Upcoming Adult Programs

Registration, unless noted otherwise, may be done in person, by email to montvalelibraryprograms@gmail.com, or by phone at 201-391-5090.

College Savings 101

Monday, October 29th from 7- 8 p.m. Register now.

Financial advisor Vicky Meo shares information to help people save for their children's education costs, which continue to grow at an alarming rate.

Two-week Winter Crafts Workshop for Adults and Teens

Sundays November 4th and 11th from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. IN-PERSON ONLY registration is now open and requires a \$5 CASH ONLY nonrefundable materials fee. Class is limited to 15 students.

5-Week Winter Adult Watercolor Workshop

Mondays November 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and December 3rd from 7 –8:30 p.m. Registration begins October 18th and requires a \$25 CASH ONLY materials fee. Class is limited to 15 students.

Medicare Basics for Open Enrollment

Thursday, November 8th at 7:00 p.m. or Saturday, November 10th at 1:00 p.m. Registration is now open.

Join financial advisor Mark Brownstein at either or both of these informative, free talks to learn all about the basics of Medicare Open Enrollment. The period begins October 15th and ends December 7th, so come and have your questions answered.

Beading Project with Marianne Olbermann

Saturday, November 10th, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Registration opens October 11th. A \$10 CASH ONLY materials fee must be paid directly to instructor at start of class session. Class size is limited to 15 students.

Maintain, Don't Gain Through the Holidays

Thursday, November 15th from 7 – 8 p.m. Registration begins October 18th. Megan Peterson, retail dietician of ShopRite of Pearl River, will speak about eating healthy and in moderation throughout all the festive holiday gatherings. She'll provide handouts, coupons, samples, and survival tips!

Author Talk and Book Signing with Judy Eichinger

Sunday, November 18th from 2 – 3 p.m. Registration begins October 25th. Bergen County author Judy Eichinger will read from her recently published book REMEMBERING RUTH: A MEMOIR OF CHILDHOOD SIBLING LOSS. The book tells the story of Judy and her sister Ruth, who was born with severely damaged kidneys. Ruth died at age 15, and for many years, Judy couldn't even say Ruth's name or talk about her loss. She eventually confronted her feelings and worked through her grief, anger, and loneliness. The memoir captures that journey from despair to fulfillment—in hope of helping others who lost a sibling growing up. Copies of the book will be available for purchase (\$18, cash or check) and for signing.

Pencil Sketching Workshop for Adults and Teens

Saturdays December 1st, 8th and 15th from 12 – 1:30 p.m.

IN-PERSON ONLY registration begins November 1st and requires a CASH ONLY, NON-REFUNDABLE FEE of \$5. Limit of 15 people.

Art instructor Deirdre Molloy will teach a three-week class geared towards beginners covering Still Life, Landscape, and Portraiture.

Sally Willig Performs the Music of Joni and Judy

Thursday, December 13th from 7 – 8 p.m. Register now.

Warm up with Montvale's Sally Willig as she performs the songs of Joni Mitchell and Judy Collins—two favorites from her teen years. Willig, an accomplished pianist and mezzo-soprano, leads a church choir and performs at a variety of local venues, including senior residences for elderly adults.

What's Hot at the Montvale Library

Adult

Books

FEAR by Bob Woodward
IN PIECES by Sally Field
SEA PRAYER by Khaled Hosseini
TIME'S CONVERT by Deborah Harkness

Books on CD/Playaway

THE OTHER WOMAN by Daniel Silva (on playaway)
SPYMASTER by Brad Thor
CALYPSO by David Sedaris
DEATH OF A NATION by Dinesh D'Souza

DVDs

GOTTI
THIS IS US SEASON 2
HEREDITARY
READY PLAYER ONE

Compact Discs

PASSWORDS by Dawes
JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR: the NBC Television Event
COME TOMORROW by Dave Matthews Band
THE MOUNTAIN by Dierks Bentley

Children

Picture Books

UNPLUGGED by Steve Antony
THELMA THE UNICORN by Aaron Blabey
DUCKS AWAY by Mem Fox
CAN SOMEBODY PLEASE SCRATCH BY BACK by Jory John

Fiction

YOU GO FIRST by Erin Kelly
JUST UNDER THE CLOUDS by Melissa Sarno
MINECRAFT: THE CRASH by Tracey Baptiste
FOR A MUSE OF FIRE by Heidi Heilig

Easy Readers

MAX FINDS AN EGG by Wiley Blevins
SNOW HENS by Janet Stoeke
FROGGY IS THE BEST by Jonathan London
DO YOU LIKE THESE BOOTS by David Soman

Video

APPLE OF MY EYE
PETER RABBIT
A WRINKLE IN TIME
JUMANJI: WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE

Young Adult Books

SCIENCE OF BREAKABLE THINGS by Tae Keller
AFTER THE SHOT DROPS by Randy Ribay
THE RUINOUS SWEEP by Tim Wynne-Jones
TRULY DEVIIOUS by Maureen Johnson
ALL OF THIS IS TRUE by Lygia Penaflor

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