

## Monthly Features & Lots o' Stuff

### APRIL IS NATIONAL LIBRARY MONTH!!!!

#### **LOVE YOUR LIBRARY!**

To celebrate, The Friends of the Monson Free Library are sponsoring a

**Love Your Library Benefit  
on Friday, April 17th**

**from 7:00 P.M.– 9:00 pm. at the Library.**

Cost is \$25.00 per ticket, (tickets are limited).  
Tickets on sale at Monson Free Library, 2 High Street. Call for more information 267-3866.

This benefit will feature a **wine tasting, refreshments and raffles**. All proceeds benefit programs and special purchases for our library.

Come share the love and friendship!

For this event, 21 and over please.

## LIBRARY PROGRAMS!

**"When Times Get Tough...Your Library is Tougher" a program series designed especially for you...to help get you through.....FREE!**

Wednesday, April 1st, 6:00 pm at Monson Free Library BUYING, SELLING OR TRYING TO KEEP YOUR HOME with Karen King of the Karen King Group at ReMax. Karen will answer your questions about how the stimulus package affects buying and selling a home and what to do next. Bankruptcy vs foreclosure? When should you sell? What should a first-time homebuyer do?

Wednesday, April 22, 6:00 pm, Monson Free Library PLANNING FOR COLLEGE sponsored by Monson Savings Bank. Join Isaac Siegel as he explains how to plan and finance a college education. FREE!

### Poetry Reading with Steven Riel & Lea C. Deschenes

April 16th @ 6:30 P.M.

Monson native Steven Riel will read from his just released third collection of poems, *Postcards from P-town*. Published by Seven Kitchens Press as the runner –up for its Robin Becker Chapbook Prize. Lea C. Deschenes poetry has appeared online, on stage and in print. She is the author of thirteen chapbooks and has received a Jacob Knight Award.

### Learning to Play the Piano with Ben Franklin

Always wanted to learn the piano but never had the time? Sign up for lessons!!! The cost is \$50.00 for 5 sessions starting April 7, 14, 21, 28, and May 5th. All starting at 6:30 P.M.- bring your own keyboard. These lessons are geared toward adults and space is limited. Call 267-3866 for info!

**REGISTER BY FRIDAY APRIL 3RD!**



## **"OVER THE MOUNTAIN" 'TIS THE SEASON FOR SHAKESPEARE**

Join drama lovers in Wilbraham and Monson as we embark on an "Over the Mountain" reading program! Pick up your copy of Shakespeare's comedy, *The Tempest*, and have a few laughs with the Bard! Rescheduled discussion night is April 1st, @ 7:00 pm at the WILBRAHAM LIBRARY. The book discussion will be facilitated by Naomi Miller of Smith College.

The Over the Mountain series is a joint project of the Wilbraham Public Library and the Monson Free Library. Funding is provided by the Wilbraham Friends of the Library, Inc. and the Friends of the Monson Free Library.

Visit <http://monsonfreelibrary.blogspot.com> for a complete listing of all of our programs for the upcoming Month.

## ONGOING LIBRARY PROGRAMS

### APPETITE FOR ART!

AT 12:00 PM

April 8 & 22

A new art appreciation discussion group sponsored by the Monson Free Library. Curious about art? Looking for stimulating conversation? This group is for you! Join us at the library for the introductory meeting of Appetite for Art. We will explore all styles of art and artists. Learn how to look at and think about art! No experience necessary. Bring a brown bag lunch and your enthusiasm! We will provide coffee and tea. This program is free! Call the library for more info 267-3866.

### Thursday Book Club

Breakfast at Tiffany's by Truman Capote

Thursday, April 23 @ 7pm

Holly Golightly is a wacky hillbilly-turned-playgirl living in Manhattan. When it all gets to be too much, she jumps into a taxi and heads for Tiffany's; where nothing bad could happen, she says, amid 'that lovely smell of silver and alligator wallets. Books available at front desk!

### Every other Friday Story Hour with Pastor Bob Marrone

Kids 2- 5 years old, join us for stories in the Children's Room every other Friday April 3 & 17 at 10:30 am.

### JUNIOR BOOK CLUB

Shadow Spinner by Susan Fletcher

Thursday, April 30, 4-5 PM

**"In Arabian Nights, Shahrazad is background, and the implications of her condition are never considered. In Shadow Spinner, Fletcher has done a marvelous job of fleshing out the legendary storyteller and her situation."**

Every night, Shahrazad begins a story. And every morning, the Sultan lets her live another day -- providing the story is interesting enough to capture his attention. After almost one thousand nights, Shahrazad is running out of tales. And that is how Marjan's story begins.... It falls to Marjan to help Shahrazad find new stories -- ones the Sultan has never heard before. To do that, the girl is forced to undertake a dangerous and forbidden mission: sneak from the harem and travel the city, pulling tales from strangers and bringing them back to Shahrazad. But as she searches the city, a wonderful thing happens. From a quiet spinner of tales, Marjan suddenly becomes the center of a more surprising story than she ever could have imagined.

**Join us for our monthly SCRABBLE NIGHT!!! Upcoming date: Apr. 28th from 6-8 pm at the library! Everyone is always welcome.**

**MIDNITE MADNESS  
Will resume in the fall!**

**QUOTE OF THE DAY!**

A well-developed sense of humor is the pole that adds balance to your steps as you walk the tightrope of life.

William A. Ward

**CAR CARE MONTH!!!** A nationwide effort to focus motorists' attention on the importance of vehicle maintenance and care. Annually the months of April and October. See our Auto Repair Database for extra help in maintaining and repairing your car!

**MONSON FREE LIBRARY**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>10:00-5:00</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>1:00-8:00</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10:00-5:00</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>1:00-8:00</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>10:00-6:00</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>10:00- 2:00</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>

Closed April 20th - Patriots Day

## We're OPEN ALL NIGHT... if you have a library card!

Just visit our website, [www.monsonlibrary.com](http://www.monsonlibrary.com) and click on "**Online Databases**". Here you will find a world of resources available 24/7 for homework help, auto repair, pricing antiques, testing for SATs and others, plus thousands of professional journal, newspaper and magazine articles! Log on today!

**FRIENDS HAPPENINGS!****BECOME A MEMBER!**

YOU ARE INVITED TO BECOME A NEW MEMBER OF OUR FRIENDS GROUP! The next meeting will be held on April 9th at 6:30 pm at the library. You are welcome to be as involved as time and interest allow!

**FRIENDS STORY HOUR**

Remember our story hours too! Every Wednesday morning from 10:30-11:30 AM. There is a theme each month that we follow with stories, crafts and songs. Please sign up at the library—ages 2-5 welcome!  
Call 413-267-3866 to sign up!

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