



MONSON FREE LIBRARY

HAPPY NEW YEAR, MONSON!!

The winners of the Friends Holiday Raffle are as follows:

Quilt—Shirley Conners
 Stitched Heart – Gale Sullivan
 Cribbage Board—Peter Mayberry
 Prayer Shawl - E. Richards
 Watercolor Painting - Oliver Johnson
 Gift Basket - Evelyn Downey

CONGRATULATIONS !

Monson Arts Council to Hold Coffee House

Join the Monson Arts Council and the Monson Free Library on Friday, February 12 from 7-9 pm at the Library for

“Monson Coffee Shop Unplugged”

Visit the Library website,

www.monsonlibrary.com

for more information & a downloadable application form for artists wishing to participate.

Many Thanks to the Monson Community!

The Library would like to thank everyone that made a thoughtful donation to our “Giving Tree”. There was much generosity in this tough economy and we deeply appreciate all those “secret Santa’s” that helped replenish office supplies and books. Your kindness is overwhelming! Also, a big thank you to the Friends that came up with this great idea, Gerry DePace for donating the tree and Suzanne Rueggeger for cutting out all those mittens!

Visit our

“New and Improved” Website!

We have been making great progress lately.

The website is now current! Visit www.monsonlibrary.com for listing of events, links, new items and much more! Thanks to M-Pact for helping with YouTube.

Library Hours

MONDAY	CLOSED
TUESDAY	2:00-8:00
WEDNESDAY	10:00-6:00
THURSDAY	2:00-8:00
FRIDAY	10:00-2:00
SATURDAY	10:00-2:00
SUNDAY	CLOSED

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

The willingness to accept responsibility for one's own life is the source from which self-respect springs.

Joan Didion

Visit: <http://monsonfreelibrary.blogspot.com> for reviews, rants and library news!

QUARRY HILL KIDS!!!!

As part of the "Character Education" that you are learning in school, the library has put up a display of "Friendship" books. Stop by our Children's Room and check some out!

**Appetite for Books:
A Book Discussion**

January 6 @ 12:00 pm

On **Wednesday, January 6th at 12:00 pm** bring a brown bag lunch and your enthusiasm. We will provide coffee, tea and books! We will be exploring the works of Mary Oliver. There are no wrong answers and no experience necessary. This program is free and everyone is welcome.

APPETITE FOR ART

January 20 @ 12:00 pm

Would you like to learn about Art? There are no wrong answers, we just like to sit around and talk 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 at 267-3866.

**(Almost) MIDNITE
MADNESS !**

All handcrafters, Knitters and Quilters are welcome to join us at the Library for an evening of uninterrupted work, friends and food!

Next session is on Friday, January 22nd from 6:00-11:00 pm. Registration is required, please call the library at 267-3866 and sign up! A \$4.00 donation is requested for food!

SCRABBLE NIGHT!

Join us on the 4th Tuesday of every month for a friendly game of Scrabble! Next scheduled evening is January 26th from 6-8 pm at the library! Everyone is always welcome.

**Monson's 250th Anniversary
Steering Committee**

Next meeting will be held at the Library on January 5th, 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

All organizations, individuals and businesses are welcome to attend. Help make this the best celebration it can be! For more info call the library at 267-3866 or email the committee at monson250@gmail.com

[Http://monson250.wordpress.com](http://monson250.wordpress.com)

FRIENDS HAPPENINGS!**YOU ARE INVITED TO BECOME A MEMBER
OF OUR FRIENDS GROUP!**

If you didn't receive a membership brochure in the mail, it isn't too late to pick one up at the library – join the Friends today!

STORY HOUR!

Join us every Wednesday morning from 10:30-11:30. 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.

Please tell us what you think of our newsletter. Email comments and suggestions to monsonfl@cwars.org or call us at 413-267-3866. To unsubscribe to this newsletter please email us at monsonfl@cwars.org with the subject "unsubscribe enews".