

MONTCLAIR PUBLIC LIBRARY ADULT SCHOOL

Dear Students:

As we close 2018, the Adult School is celebrating the completion of 4 years as a department of the Montclair Public Library. During this time the school has strived to offer a broad range of classes that appeal to our diverse and engaged constituency. Our goal has been to offer both timely subject matter and special interest topics to ensure "something for everyone" and a mixture of both small and large group learning experiences. Our year round programming has expanded our community and new friendships have been forged.

To ensure the school's future and long term success, a year-long review of the finances and registration statistics was undertaken. After careful analysis and consideration the Library Board has restructured the Adult School Department fees in order to continue to offer vibrant and diverse programming.

There are three key elements to this model:

- Simpler registration: Both the membership and registration fees will be eliminated.
- New price structure for Montclair residents: Montclair residents get 50% off all classes and lectures held in either branch of the library. (All students pay full price for off-site classes.)
- Slightly higher prices that are still affordable.

The Montclair Public Library continues to expand its free offerings of programming to include a wide variety of live events, fitness/yoga classes, diet & healthy living and many more which are open to all. In addition, for adults 55+, the Adult School continues to develop intellectually stimulating curriculum and health and fitness classes for The MILL, now managed by the Township of Montclair. Only Adult School Department classes are fee based.

While we would like to have continued the pricing structure of the past few years, the school was on an unsustainable path. Our goal has always been to cover our costs, meaning our instructor honorariums and administration. These changes will allow the school to be here for the next generation that comes seeking new knowledge, broader horizons, or assistance with a career or life change.

With best wishes to all of you for a joyous and healthful holiday season with your friends and family.

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