Mission Statement

The Westfield Memorial Library—the community’s destination for discovery and ideas—engages minds, entertains spirits and facilitates lifelong learning for people of all ages.

Library Closings
August 31-September 2 for Labor Day Weekend
October 14 for Columbus Day
November 11 for Veterans Day
Closing at 5:00 pm on November 27 and closed November 28 for Thanksgiving

Library Hours
Monday-Thursday
9:30 am to 9:00 pm
Friday and Saturday
9:30 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday-1:00 to 5:00 pm beginning September 15

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Board of Trustees Meetings
September 26
October 24
November 21

Another New Service for Patrons...
Online Practice Driving Tests for cars, motorcycles and trucks now

Whether you’re getting ready to take the driver’s test for the first time, or you’re taking a refresher course, your library can help. You can now take practice driving tests online by visiting https://wmlnj.driving-tests.org/new-jersey/.

The site offers: 14 car practice tests, 9 motorcycle practice tests, 27 commercial driver’s license (CDL) tests, 3 online driver’s manuals (car, CDL, motorcycle) and a Frequently Asked Questions section (FAQ) that has over 100 questions.

The practice tests feature questions just like those on the official written knowledge test or the test administered by the motorcycle training course. They cover driving techniques, road signs, laws and regulations, and all commercial endorsements. Be prepared to ace the knowledge test!

Co-Presidents of the Friends, Jerry Skotnicki and Suzanne O’Rourke, flank Library Director Phil Israel, who holds a facsimile of the check provided by the Friends from the proceeds from the Spring Book Sale. Thank you so much to the Friends!
TGIF! Autumn 2019

TGIF! Fridays: An Exciting Series of Programs for Adults
Movies, Music and More—All Free
Light refreshments served. All programs begin at 1:30 p.m. A fun way to socialize and make new friends.
No registration necessary. For further information about TGIF programs, please call the Reference Department at 908.789.4090, X 7950.

STAN & OLLIE
September 6
Look behind the scenes at the lives and careers of the beloved comedy duo.

SUFFRAGETTE
September 13
Learn the true story of the women who fought for women’s right to vote.

LETTERS FROM BAGHDAD
September 20
Letters from Baghdad is the story of a true original—Gertrude Bell—sometimes called the “female” Lawrence of Arabia.

SEPTEMBER 27 - NO TGIF:
CHILDREN’S BOOK SALE

ON THE BASIS OF SEX
October 4
Discover the beginning of the career of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg.

HAWKING
OCTOBER 11
Celebrate the life of Stephen Hawking

LIVE PROGRAM!
BLUE JERSEY BAND
October 18
Django, Jazz and Blue Grazz.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK
“HAIRSPRAY”
October 25
Based on the hit Broadway musical.

THE KING’S SPEECH
November 1
The uplifting story of King George the Sixth of England

WON’T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR
November 8
An intimate look at the life of Fred Rogers

A BALLERINA’S TALE
November 15
Follow the rise of Misty Copeland as a dancer in the American Ballet Theater.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK
“SHADOW OF A DOUBT”
November 22
The Hitchcock classic

NO TGIF NOVEMBER 29-
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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Friends to Hold Ninth Annual Children’s and Teens’ Book Sale

The Children's and Teen's Book Sale will be held in September this year and offers books, CDs, DVDs and audio books. It’s a great opportunity for families and teachers to refresh bookshelves. Special sale days include two sale days—September 25 and 26—with 50% discount for teachers. All proceeds from the sale go towards funding Children's Programming held at the library during the Fall, Winter and Spring.

**Donation Days**
- Sunday, September 22 1-5 pm
- Monday, September 23 10 am to 5 pm
- Tuesday, September 24 10 am to 5 pm

**Sale Days**
- Wednesday, September 25 and Thursday, September 26 10:00 am to 8:00 pm
- Friday, September 27 Half Price Day 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Saturday, September 28 Bag Day 10:00 am to 1:00 pm Fill a bag with as many books as you like for $8.

The Friends accept books and other media only in good condition; moldy or torn books will be not be accepted.

**Expand Your Mind through the**

**12th Annual Hale Speaker Series**

*All programs are held in the Westfield Memorial Library Meeting Room at 7:00 pm*

*Made possible by grants from The Anne and Lee Hale Fund and The Thomas Glasser Foundation*

*Hosted by the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library*

*Pre-registration required*

**Stacey Farley**

on Wednesday, October 16

Former Westfield resident and notable public artist

“The Art of Ceramic Tile”

Learn about public art from the creator of the ceramic tiles at our train station and the Reeve House

**Carol Tener**

Longtime Westfield resident, realtor, and Board member Westfield Historical Society

“Architectural Gems in Westfield” Part II

Wednesday, November 6

The story continues—come hear more about the history of our homes and neighborhoods.

**Join the Friends’ Book Discussion Group on Wednesday, October 16 at 2:00 pm**

*Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee

The daughter of a crippled Korean fisherman falls in love with a wealthy stranger and becomes pregnant. When she discovers he is married, she begins making courageous decisions that propel this family saga into Japanese street markets, elite universities, and the pachinko parlors of the criminal
What a year it was! Go back in time as lecturer Evan Weiner details the historical events of 1969, and how the events shaped modern culture. Milestone events of 1969 include the landing of the first man on the moon, the introduction of the artificial heart, the Stonewall Riots marking the beginning of the modern gay rights movement, the Miracle Mets World Series victory, and the last public performance by the Beatles, as well as the introduction to the world of such classics as Sesame Street, Monty Python’s Flying Circus, and Arpanet, the precursor to the Internet.

Listen and Learn...

Guitar Power with Anton Del Forno Saturday, September 14  2:00

Anton Del Forno will demonstrate the guitar's fullest capabilities as a virtuoso instrument. He'll share various guitar techniques through the performance of his own music, discuss what it takes to create a piece of music, and explain why and how he chose the guitar as his instrument. When Anton plays another composer's work, he'll discuss biographical points of interest about that artist. This is a perfect event for those who love listening to music or want to learn how to develop into a better musician!

Peak into Fall: Get Cooking with Registered Dietitian Victoria Coglianese on Wednesday, September 18 1:00

Join registered dietitian Victoria Coglianese for a hands-on cooking class for adults with healthy recipes using seasonal fall produce. Learn tips on how to incorporate these nutrient filled foods into your meals and snacks in fun and creative ways. Victoria will make autumn chickpea salad using butternut squash, brussel sprouts, parsnips and sweet potatoes. Employed by ShopRite of Garwood, Victoria provides free health and wellness programs to customers, employees and the community. She is passionate about choosing and preparing food that truly nourishes the body.

**Registration limited to 12. MURAL patrons may register beginning September 12, space permitting.**
Programs for Adults

Learn the Secrets of Landscape Photography
With Joel Simpson
Wednesday, September 18
At 6:30 pm

Note earlier than usual start

Whether you like to photograph in your backyard or on your exotic travels, New Jersey native Joel Simpson can show you how to make your landscapes stronger, really wow your friends, and make great wall art. He'll show you photographs he has taken around the world, what he had to do to capture them, and how he modified them on his computer to make compelling art works. Renowned photographer Joel Simpson has traveled the world for photography and has taught photography skills for many years. He has just released his book of world-wide geological photography, Earthforms: Intimate Portraits of Our Planet, which contains his best natural scenic photographs from the past 15 years.

Learn Crossword Puzzle Construction
Thursday, September 19 at 7:00 pm

Do you love crossword puzzles, and want to know the ins and outs? This fun and informative program is designed to show how crossword puzzles are created! It will cover the process of creating a crossword puzzle, from concept to completion, including the rules of construction, available software and online resources.

Westfield resident Ruth B. Margolin broke into the field of crossword puzzle construction in 2014. She has had ten puzzles published in The New York Times, including four Sunday puzzles, and one puzzle in The Wall Street Journal. Ruth has served as an Official at the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament for several years.

Trivia Night for Teens and Adults
Continues on Tuesday, October 1 at 7:00 pm

Question: What is happening on Tuesday, October 1 at 7 pm?
Answer: Trivia Night comes to the Westfield Library!

Bring your teammates, team up with others, or be a one person outfit! There is a maximum of 4 people per team. The winning team gets a prize! The questions are designed to be accessible to a large
Programs for Adults

Honor Domestic Violence Awareness Month with “Private Violence”

Join us in our support for Domestic Violence Awareness Month as we host the documentary “Private Violence” which explores a simple but deeply disturbing fact of American life: the most dangerous place for a woman in America is in her own home. Through the eyes of two survivors—Deanna Walters, a mother who seeks justice for the crimes committed against her at the hands of her estranged husband, and Kit Gruelle, an advocate who seeks justice for all women—we bear witness to the complicated and complex realities of intimate partner violence.

Civil War Women of Compassion, Courage, and Grit
Wednesday, October 2 at 7:00 pm

A story of survival during wartime—not from cannons and bullets—but of life itself. The women who are left at home without adequate means of support and must provide the basic necessities of food and shelter and still impart their values to their children. New Jersey's own Cornelia Hancock, rejected as a nurse by Dorothea Dix because she is too pretty, defies her, and goes to Gettysburg to assist the wounded soldiers and stays through the Civil War.

Mary Ann Bickerdyke, defies army red tape to care for “her boys,” the wounded, setting up hospitals and kitchens, even following General Sherman through the mountains of Georgia on the way to Atlanta. Sara Pryor, living through the privation and destruction of the South, still has the courage to defy Generals Sheridan and demand rations for the starving women and families in her community.

Rich Rosenthal has lectured on numerous historical subjects and is President of the North Jersey Civil War Round Table, and is a Board member and one of the founding members of the North Jersey American Revolution Round Table.

Enjoy the Smooth Voice of Stephen Fuller
Saturday, October 5 at 2:00 pm

Enjoy an afternoon of music in almost every genre! Accomplished musician Stephen Fuller plays an excellent mix of soul, R&B, bluegrass, and jazz. His voice will reach out to everyone who loves music.

Stephen Fuller, a Newark native, is well known about town. This dynamic bass/baritone sings to packed houses, including upscale supper clubs, on either side of the Hudson River. He has performed at New Jersey clubs such as Trumpets Jazz Club in Montclair, the Priory Jazz Club in Newark, Hibiscus Restaurant in Morristown, and the Stony Hill Inn in Hackensack. Make sure you sign up for this glorious singer!
More Programs for Adults

Make a Fabric Pumpkin!**
Tuesday, October 8 at 1:00 pm

**Due to the hands-on nature of this class, registration is limited! Registration is available to Westfield Resident Cardholders only. Beginning October 1st MURAL patrons may register, space permitting.

Join us as we prepare for the fall by making decorative fabric pumpkins. Choose from a variety of colors and fabrics and have some fun. No sewing required!

The Hudson Shakespeare Company Performs “Dr. Faustus” on Wednesday, October 9 at 7:00

The German intellectual, Doctor Faustus, is at a loss as to what he must become a master of next. He finally decides on magic and calls upon Mephistopheles, a servant of the devil, for his help. Faustus makes an offer the devil can't refuse—he will sign away his soul in exchange for 24 years of life and Mephistopheles at his beck and call in order to discover the secrets of life. After Dr. Faustus discovers the meaning of life, what will happen when his time is up? Make sure you sign up for this show as theatrical performances always fill the house!

Tai Chi Demonstration with Instructor Gang Huang on Thursdays: October 10 and October 17

Learn all about Tai Chi, the Chinese tradition of martial arts movements that has become a gentle way to exercise and reduce stress. Certified Tai Chi instructor Gang Huang will teach the ways of Tai Chi, and then show the class its various movements. He has participated in the International Chinese Martial Arts Competition in Washington, D.C. and the U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship for many years and has won numerous medals. He teaches classes at his Bridgewater Seeking Tai Chi Studio.

Legacy of Remembrance
New Jersey’s World War I Memorials

New Jersey has over 300 WWI memorials. Historian Erik L. Burro will highlight this exceptional legacy with vivid photography and stories he has discovered from a century ago. For the past two years, he has independently researched and photographed the major monuments of the Great War in New Jersey and neighboring states, in support of the American Centennial.
Even More Programs for Adults

Finding Lasting Happiness Through Meditation
Tuesday, October 15
at 7:00 pm

Too often incessant stress, distraction, and constant challenges leave us worn out and worn down. Many of us assume there is no way out of this and resign ourselves to an uninspired and unfulfilling life. Meditation can be the key that unlocks the inner doorway to a life of deep and lasting inner happiness. In this workshop we will learn a simple yet highly effective method to help still our restless mind, achieve a state of lasting happiness and reconnect with our Source. Experience for yourself how meditation can change your life significantly. Join Jim Rose, retired executive with Johnson & Johnson and longtime meditator, for this powerful and engaging program.

Enjoy the Music of David Aaron
Wednesday, October 23 at 7:00

No doubt you’ve heard David Aaron and his musicians, perennial favorites, playing in downtown Westfield on summer evenings. At tonight’s show, David will be playing his clarinet, accompanied by his keyboardist and drummer. Don’t miss their unique jazz style!

Addams Fest Event
With Ron MacCloskey
Saturday, October 26 at 11:00 am

Last year Westfield’s first annual Addams Fest was so successful that this year the town will be holding the festival on two separate weekends. Ron MacCloskey, long time Charles Addams enthusiast, will discuss his life and share his memorabilia collection with us.
Almost the Last Page of Programs for Adults

Be-witched by the Gothic Poetry of Susanna Rich
Includes “The Thing”: a poem dedicated to Charles Addams

This season brings the dark and Gothic to the surface. Poet and English professor Susanna Rich will present bewitching Gothic poetry in all its glory from her book *Beware the House.* One of her highlighted poems will be “The Thing,” a tribute to Charles Addams.

Susanna is a Fulbright Fellow in Creative Writing, the founding producer and principal performer of Wild Nights Productions, LLC and the author of five poetry collections. She is Distinguished Professor of English Studies at Kean University and recipient of the Presidential Excellence Award for Teaching.

Eating Well for the Holidays
Saturday, November 2 at 2:00 pm
Space is limited, you must register for this event!

It's no secret that many people have a hard time staying on track during the holiday season. But tonight you can enjoy the holiday season by striking a balance where you can stay true to a healthy lifestyle, while joining in the fun with a few treats. In this interactive presentation, Marianne Christiano-Mistretta, an author and award-winning journalist and public speaker with a great passion for health and nutrition, will focus on eating healthfully and offer simple health tips. She's the former editor of NJ Health and Fitness magazine and the writer of a health column called *Here's to your Health.* Her work was published in Skinny News Magazine.

Historian Marty Schneit Presents “Irving Berlin, an American Institution” Saturday, November 9 2:00 pm

Discovering the life and music of Irving Berlin is a delightful way to spend an afternoon. During his career he published an estimated 1,500 songs. Marty will discuss how the immigrant boy from Russia became the classic ragtime to riches story. Listen to the story of one of the greatest songwriters of popular songs, such as *Alexander’s Ragtime Band, God Bless America, White Christmas, A Pretty Girl is Like a Melody, Puttin’ on The Ritz and There’s No Business Like Show Business.*
Long before jazz was cool, it was hot! The Dixieland jazz program is the most requested program that the Florian Schantz Band performs. It’s a balance of live music and educational content, focusing on the music, the composers and the techniques and musicians from the early Jazz age. The band will play favorites such as That’s A-Plenty, Ain’t Misbehavin’, and Ain’t She Sweet along with ballads and blues. Horn player Florian Shantz started his own band at age 9, was playing in NY Jazz clubs by age 11 and hit his 300th gig at age 15. Don’t miss this upbeat program!

Knitting Without Needles**
Tuesday, November 19 at 1:00 pm

**Due to the hands-on nature of this class, registration is limited! Registration is available to Westfield Resident Cardholders only. Beginning November 12th, MURAL patrons may register, space permitting.

Come and create a soft, fluffy knitted scarf without the use of needles! We will be using “loopy” yarn to make a knitted scarf that looks identical to one that is knitted with regular yarn and needles. Anyone can learn this new and fun way to knit. You will be amazed at the results.

The Weiss Family Jazz Series 2019* Concludes With The Adrian Cunningham Trio on Wednesday, November 20 at 7:00 pm

*The Weiss Family Jazz Series was established with a bequest to the Westfield Memorial Library Foundation in memory of longtime library patrons and jazz lovers, Joseph and Dorothy Weiss.

Adrian Cunningham is an award winning multi-instrumentalist, vocalist, and world traveler. Originally from Sydney Australia and now based in New York, he is proving to be one of his country's top exports. With fluent command of the saxophones, clarinet, and flute, he is one of the finest multi-instrumentalists in Jazz today. He has performed at some of the Big Apple's finest clubs: Blue Note, Smalls, Birdland, Apollo Theatre, Dizzy's Club (Lincoln Center) and even a private event at the hallowed Village Vanguard, with such luminaries as Wynton Marsalis, Wycliffe Gordon and Jon Batiste. Sign up now!
Baby Playgroup
Moms, dads, caregivers and babies 0-23 months are invited to socialize and interact in our program room. We’ll provide playmats, board books and simple toys.
Dates: Fridays, Oct. 4 through Dec. 13 EXCEPT Nov. 29
Time: 10:00 - 10:45 am
Ages: 0-23 months
Parent or caregiver attends with child. No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

2's on Tuesday Storytime
Stories, songs, finger-plays and movement activities.
Dates: Tuesdays, Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22
Time: 10:30 - 10:50 am
Age: 2 years old
Parent or caregiver attends with child. No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

3's on Thursday Storytime
Stories, songs, rhymes and more.
Dates: Thursdays, Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, 17, & 24
Time: 10:30 - 11:00 am
Age: 3 years old
Parent or caregiver attends with child. No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

Crafternoon Storytime
Join us for longer stories and fun crafts as we continue our path towards literacy.
Dates: Tuesdays, Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22
Time: 1:00-1:30 pm
Ages: 3½ to 5 year olds
Child attends program without parent or caregiver. No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

Drop-in Chess Club
Chess sets are available for kids to play each other. Drop in to meet new partners to practice your moves with.
Dates: The first Saturday of every month:
Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7
Time: 10:00 - 11:00 am
Age: There is no age requirement, but children must already know how the chess pieces move. This is an opportunity for chess players to meet, not a lesson.
No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

Evening LEGO Club
Use your imagination to create wonderful LEGO structures!
Dates: Tuesdays, Sept. 17, Oct. 22, Nov. 19
Time: 6:30-7:15 pm
Ages: 5 years old and up
Parents/guardians remain in the library during program. No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

Paws to Read
Our friendly library dogs love to be read to ... by youngsters who need practice reading aloud to loving, non-judgmental ears.
Dates: Saturdays, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 23
Time: 10:00 - 11:00 am
Ages: No age requirement, but program is intended for children developing their reading skills.
No pre-registration required. Sign in when you arrive at the Youth Services desk to be assigned a 10-minute reading slot.
Pumpkin Painting
Join us for a fun Halloween story and a pumpkin painting project. Each child takes home their own painted pumpkin!
Date: Saturday, Oct. 12
Time: 10:30-11:15 am
Ages: 4 and up
Required Online Registration begins September 15th.
Please use child’s library card to register.
If you sign up and then find you cannot make it, please let us know so we can free up the spot for someone else.

Yoga Storytime
Yoga comes to life as we read simple stories and act them out in Yoga poses. Hop like a frog, slither like a snake, and roar like a lion!
Dates: Mondays, Oct. 28 and Nov. 4, then Nov. 25 and Dec. 2
Time: 10:00 - 10:30 am
Ages: 2 - 5 years old with parent or caregiver
Required online registration begins October 1st.
Child must register for EACH session they are attending.
If you sign up and then find you cannot make it, please let us know so we can free up the spot for someone else.

Zumba Fun!
This modified version of Zumba is designed specifically for children to help improve motor coordination and listening skills. Join certified Zumba instructor Andrea Lawson for this high-energy dance activity featuring Latin music. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers.
Dates: Wednesdays, Oct. 30, Nov. 6, 13, 20
Time: 10:00-10:30 am
Ages: 2-5 years old
Parent or caregiver attends with child.
No pre-registration required.
Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

All About Thanksgiving
Celebrate harvest time and join us for Thanksgiving stories and a craft!
Date: Saturday, Nov. 16
Time: 10:30-11:15 am
Ages: 3 and older
Parent or caregiver attends with child.
Required Online Registration begins October 15th.
Please use child’s library card to register.
If you sign up and then find you cannot make it, please let us know so we can free up the spot for someone else.

Sew It!
Go to class in style! Stitch your very own personalized, drawstring backpack at the Sew It! @ The Library Pop Up Sewing Studio with Ellen Lumpkin Brown!! NO SEWING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. Learn to use a sewing machine as Ms. Ellen guides you step-by-step in creating your own bag. All supplies and sewing machines provided.
Date: Saturday, Oct. 5th
Time: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Ages: 9 to 12 years old
Required Online Registration begins September 1.
Please use child’s library card to register.
If you sign up and then find you cannot make it, please let us know so we can free up the spot for someone else.

Girls Who Code Club
Our Girls Who Code club for ages 8 to 10 provides a space for girls to build confidence in their creativity and computer science skills while simultaneously building camaraderie and a sense of community. Featuring activities, characters and vocabulary drawn from the best-selling “Girls Who Code” book, the club exposes girls to computational thinking. Each meeting will include fun, interactive activities, reading from “Girls Who Code,” and a creative challenge, either online or unplugged.
Dates: Mondays, Oct. 21, 28, Nov. 4, 18, 25 and Dec. 2
Time: 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Ages: 8 to 10 years old
Online registration begins September 15th. You MUST use the child’s card to register.