Programs for Adults

Trivia Night for Teens and Adults Continues on Tuesday, December 3 and Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Question: What will happen on two Tuesdays at 7:00 pm?
Answer: Trivia Night will return 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 range of ages and interests. Join us, it’s fun!

Make an Origami Ornament!**
Workshop with Joy Cabanos
Wednesday, December 4 at 10:00

**This program is currently open to Westfield resident cardholders only. After November 27, MURAL cardholders may sign up, SPACE PERMITTING.

Celebrate the holidays with your own hand-folded Origami stars! Artist Joy Cabanos leads this fun beginners workshop on Origami, the ancient Japanese art of paper folding. Enjoy handcrafting ornaments for your homes and give yourself the wonderful gift of living your creativity in a festive and meaningful way.

Make a Holiday Candle from a Book!**
Tuesday, December 10 1:00 to 3:00

**Due to the hands-on nature of this class, registration is limited. Registration is available for Westfield Resident Cardholders only. Beginning December 3, MURAL patrons may register, space permitting.

Join us as we recycle books into a creative candle for the holidays or home décor. You will learn how to fold the pages of a book and turn it into a candle with an actual tea light (battery operated of course). Choose from various decorative accents to complete the candle design.
Watercolor Basics**
With Joy Cabanos
Wednesday, December 11
from 10:00 to 11:30 am

**This program is currently open to Westfield resident cardholders only. After December 4, MURAL cardholders may sign up, SPACE PERMITTING.

Watercolors can be easy, fun and very expressive. Learn wet-on-wet Watercolor technique with artist Joy Cabanos. Create a bright and festive holiday floral painting as you experiment with basic technique and special effects.

This is a fun class for beginners. You may bring your own paints, brushes, paper, water containers and backing boards if you have them. If not, these materials will be provided.

Winter Holidays
with
Judith Krall-Russo
Tuesday, December 17
at 7:00 pm

Winter days are short and the nights are long. This is the perfect time to bring family and friends together for warm festivities. Learn about the history, customs, and foods of various winter celebrations including Christmas, the Winter Solstice, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Twelfth Night, and more! Discover how current and ancient cultures celebrate the winter months. Judith Krall-Russo is a Food Historian and certified Tea Specialist, as well as an educator, speaker, and restaurant consultant.

Watch a Tai Chi Demonstration
with instructor Gang Huang
on Thursdays at 7:00 pm
January 9 and February 6, 2020

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., the U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship in 2011, 2014, 2015, and 2016, and won numerous medals. Passionate about promoting Tai Chi in the United States, he teaches classes at his Bridgewater Seeking Tai Chi Studio and presents demonstrations around the state.
Even More Programs for Adults

Make Valentine Roses from Hershey’s Kisses!** On Tuesday, February 4 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

**Due to the hands–on nature of this class, registration is limited! Registration is available for Westfield Resident Cardholders only. After January 28, MURAL patrons may register, space permitting.

Get ready for Valentine’s Day as we make beautiful Valentine roses from Hershey’s chocolate kisses!

Librarian and longtime crafter Marge Barkan will teach

Join Vocalist Dan Yates On Wednesday, February 5 at 7:00 pm

Vocalist Dan Yates will put a song in your heart with the songs of Tony Bennett, Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr, Andrea Bocelli, Mario Lanza, Nelson Eddy and Josh Groban. He provides a unique blend of popular and classical music from Broadway, Standards and Traditional Favorites with plenty of chances to sing along. Dan will also entertain us with entertaining information about the lyricists and composers, songs, and the performing artists who made them famous. He has appeared as an actor and singer in New York City, Atlantic City and theaters across the country. Favorite roles include Curly in Oklahoma, Billy in Carousel, Raul in the Phantom of the Opera, and Sid in The Pajama Game. Hurry to sign up!

Experience the Navatman Music Collective On Saturday, February 8 at 2:00 pm

Navatman Music Collective is a one-of-a-kind choir that explores the depth and beauty of Carnatic (South Indian classical) music while imbuing it with diverse, contemporary influences. Known for their "lavish, paradigm-shifting choral sounds," the choir finds joy in the pure act of singing. Based in NYC, Navatman brings to Carnatic music new presentation formats, original compositions, and a sense of diverse community.

Meditation: A Tool for Stress Reduction and a Healthier Lifestyle Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 pm

Join Umesh Bhatia, longtime meditator, for this lively and engaging workshop. Meditation can bring about a sense of calm and balance that benefits both your physical and emotional being.
Spook Handy presents Songs of The Folk Revival—Then and Now!  
Saturday, February 15 at 2:00 pm

Many people remember the days of Peter, Paul and Mary; Bob Dylan; and Pete Seeger and the songs of their generation. All of their dreams live on in the great folk songs of the ‘50s, ‘60s and ‘70s. And new folk songs, just as powerful, are still being written today, by singers like Spook Handy. Today Spook includes some of his own songs, written in the same spirit, that share the message that we can continue to make the world a better place. Spook’s originals have charted as high as No. 2 on the International Folk Radio Charts.

Spook performed alongside Pete Seeger at festivals and concerts more than 50 times over ten years learning firsthand many of Pete’s songs and the stories behind them. Spook is now traveling throughout the U.S. and Canada with his “Remembering Pete Seeger” World Tour, keeping alive Pete’s tradition. Spook was named Best Folk Artist by Upstage Magazine, Gannett New Jersey, The Courier News, The Home News and About.com.

Keith Henley and American Historical Theatre present Explorer Matthew Henson on Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00 pm

One of the most riveting figures in African American history is brought to life in this tremendous performance. Receiving many honors posthumously, Matthew Henson was much overlooked throughout his entire career as an explorer. Though he travelled throughout the northern hemisphere and is acknowledged as the first man to reach the North Pole, his accomplishments were overshadowed by his colleague, Commander Robert Perry. Henson faced and overcame many of the limitations and struggles inherent for African Americans at the time. Orphaned at a young age, he worked hard to earn his way from dishwasher, to Cabin boy, and eventually, he became a skilled navigator and explorer. After graduating from South Carolina State College, historic interpreter Keith Henley studied Theatre Education at Camden County College. He is the Artistic Director and Choreographer for the Folkloric Heritage Culture Arts Company Inc.

The Weiss Family Jazz Series for 2020* Opens with Swingadelic
On Saturday, February 22 at 2:00 pm
(Snow Date: May 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. Come out for another night of the best live jazz around!