What’s new in Self-paced Learning?

WML acquires three new databases

Did you make a resolution last New Year’s to learn some new things in 2019? You can begin right now with the library’s three new databases: Creativebug for Crafters, Universal Class and The New York Times Digital edition.

With Creativebug you have unlimited access to thousands of online art and craft video classes at home and at the library. Whether you want to learn sewing, painting, jewelry making or a host of other projects, you can watch easy-to-follow classes for free.

Universal Class has over 500 video classes in every subject imaginable: finance, parenting or web design, just to name a few. Earn CEU credits or learn just for the fun of it.

The New York Times Digital edition includes all of each edition, not just the searchable database of articles we’ve always had. To access any of these databases, visit www.wmlnj.org, click on Online Resources and Online Databases. Have your library card number handy!
The Meeting Room will be open for students to study for 2020 Mid-terms!!

Monday, January 27  2:00 - 10:00 pm: NOTE EXTENDED MEETING ROOM HOURS!!
Tuesday, January 28  2:00 - 10:00 pm: NOTE EXTENDED MEETING ROOM HOURS!!
Wednesday, January 29  2:00 - 10:00 pm: NOTE EXTENDED MEETING ROOM HOURS!!
Thursday, January 30  2:00 - 10:00 pm: NOTE EXTENDED MEETING ROOM HOURS!!

Saturday, February 1   1:00 - 4:50 pm
Sunday, February 2      1:00 - 4:50 pm
Monday, February 3     2:00 - 9:00 pm

Computer Classes

Creating A Resume In Microsoft Word
Part I  Thursday, January 30   10:00 am—12:00 pm
Part II Thursday, February 13  10:00 am—12:00 pm

In our current economic climate, each job posting can receive 500 - 1000 responses or more. Attend this hands-on workshop to learn how Word can help you create a resume that stands out. BONUS: each student who completes both parts of the class will receive: Top Ten Tips for a Successful Job Search. Prerequisites: keyboarding skills and a minimum of Basic Word Level 1. Attendees should bring a thumb drive to save their work and for homework assignments.

Microsoft Power Point 2010 Basic Overview
Tuesday, February 18th 10:00 am—12:00 pm

PowerPoint is the perfect tool for creating professional presentations. These presentations work like slide shows in that each slide acts as a blank canvas for the pictures and words that tell your story. Attend this hands-on class to become familiar with the features that will allow you to build expert presentations. Prerequisites: keyboarding skills and a comfort level navigating Windows. Attendees are welcome
9th Annual Children’s and Teens’ Book Sale Generates Close to $3,300

The 9th Annual Children’s and Teens’ book sale hosted by the Friends in September was a big success. The sale generated almost $3,300, all of which will go toward funding special programs at the Library. The first day of the sale got off to a great start with a story time led by a librarian for our youngest readers. Throughout the sale, volunteers read to children in our Story Corner, providing parents and guardians time to shop at their leisure. Also new this year was a Color Your Own Bookmark activity, which proved to be a big hit.

The Friends would like to thank all the volunteers who helped shoppers find exactly what they were seeking, the student volunteers from the Students Helping Out Union County program for their enthusiastic help in packing our remaining books at the end of the sale, the Board of Education, the Department of Public Works, the Westfield Memorial Library for their logistical support, and Ahrre’s Coffee, for their generous donations of coffee and mugs for volunteers who attended our thank you-breakfast.

For more information on the Friends or to volunteer during the spring sale, **April 28 to May 2, 2020**, please contact the Friends at [info@fwmlnj.org](mailto:info@fwmlnj.org).

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Join the Friends’ Book Discussion on Wednesday, January 15, at 2:00 pm

*An Officer and a Spy* by Robert Harris

French military officer Alfred Dreyfus was arrested for passing secrets to the Germans, and after a scandalous court-martial, sentenced to life imprisonment on Devil’s Island. When Georges Picquart became head of the French counter-espionage agency, he discovered evidence that a spy remained at large and Dreyfus was innocent. This gripping novel combines spy, detective and court room genres.

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Something’s Coming.
Something Good.
Save the Date - April 1, 2020

**West Side Story**

The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library’s 2020 Annual Trip is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2020. Traveling by bus, the Friends will leave from the library and ride into Manhattan for a delightful lunch, then view “West Side Story.”

Any questions, please email: [info@fwmlnj.org](mailto:info@fwmlnj.org). To reserve your spot, please include name, cell phone number, names of guests and their cell phone numbers.
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.

APOLLO 11
December 6
On its 50th Anniversary, relive the excitement of the first moon landing.

GAUGUIN: VOYAGE TO TAHITI
December 13
Learn about Gauguin’s trip to Tahiti and its influence on his painting.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK: “ELF”
December 20
Enjoy the Holiday Classic, starring Will Ferrell.

WILLA CATER: THE ROAD IS ALL
January 24
Explore the life of the writer, Willa Cather.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK: “I WANNA HOLD YOUR HAND”
January 31

AMAZING GRACE
February 7

CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME?
February 14
Based on the true story of writer and forger, Lee Israel.

JOSEPH PULITZER: VOICE OF THE PEOPLE
February 21
Discover the life of one of the most powerful journalists in the United States.

COLETTE
January 10
Discover the early life of the acclaimed writer.

WOODSTOCK: THREE DAYS THAT DEFINED A GENERATION
January 17
Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Woodstock.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK: “ENOUGH SAID”
February 28
James Gandolfini’s final movie.
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

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 us how to create a special treat for our Valentines.

**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.
FRIENDS PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN
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For the enjoyment of all, children should be the correct age for any program they attend. Everyone attending should have a full-service WML card in their name, or be attending with a member of the Friends of the Library. If you have any questions, please ask a Youth Services librarian.

Thank you to the Friends of the Library for these programs!

When Animals Attack
Many mammals have developed amazing characteristics to avoid becoming "lunch." A few of the prey animals we’ll meet are the Skunk, with its well-known putrid smell, the Porcupine, with its incredibly sharp quills, and the Armadillo, with a plated back made of hair. Presented by Eyes of the Wild.

Date: Saturday, January 11, 2020
Time: 10:30–11:30 am
Ages: 4 years and up
Tickets required for all children and adults attending the program.
Tickets will be available the morning of the program at the Youth Services Desk.

Trickster Tales
The trail to trickery can be a slippery road indeed! Sometimes the trickster fools his prey, and sometimes the tale (or is that tail?) gets turned. Join Tuckers’ Tales as we present four very amusing trickster stories from around the world.

Date: Saturday, February 1
Time: 10:30–11:30 am
Ages: 4 years and up
Tickets required for all children and adults attending the program.
Tickets will be available the morning of the program at the Youth Services Desk.

Mike Rose Magic Show: Winter Wonders
Mike’s ‘Winter Wonders Magic Show’ is completely themed around snow, cold, and winter activities! Kids will experience magic that is crisp, refreshing and just plain cool! Children don’t just sit and watch the program; they become part of the show.

Date: Saturday, January 25
Time: 10:30–11:30 am
Ages: 4 years and up
Tickets required for all children and adults attending the program.
Tickets will be available the morning of the program at the Youth Services Desk.

Giant Reptiles
Meet some really big reptiles, including a snapping turtle, an alligator, and a python, as you learn about the fascinating world of reptiles. Presented by Bill Boesenberg of Snakes-n-Scales.

Date: Saturday, February 8
Time: 10:30–11:30 am
Ages: 4 years and up
Tickets required for all children and adults attending the program.
Tickets will be available the morning of the program at the Youth Services Desk.

Jester Jim
With nothing more than a trunk full of props, Jester Jim will have you cracking up in your seat! Juggling, balancing, beatboxing, and comedy: this show is packed with fun and excitement.

Date: Saturday, February 22
Time: 10:30–11:30 am
Ages: 4 years and up
Tickets required for all children and adults attending the program.
Tickets will be available the morning of the program at the Youth Services Desk.
FRIENDS PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN CONTINUED
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A Night of Astronomy
Join Amateur Astronomers Inc., from the Sperry Observatory, for a fascinating talk about the night sky, followed by a chance to view the sky through telescopes provided by the group, weather permitting.
Date: Tuesday, February 25
Time: 7:00–8:30 pm
Ages: 5 years and up (and parents)
Open to Full-Service Westfield Library card holders and Friends members only.
Registration required for ALL children/adults attending the program.
Use library card number to register each person. Online Registration Begins on January 1, 2020.

Sciencetellers: Aliens From Space
During a midnight meteor shower, something mysterious falls toward Earth – but it’s not a shooting star. Two curious kids venture into the forest to investigate and find themselves mixed up with a family of visitors from another planet. Pursued by a crazy space scientist, they must risk everything to rescue the aliens and get them back to their spaceship before it’s too late!
Date: Saturday, March 14
Time: 10:30–11:30 am
Ages: 4 years and up
Tickets required for all children and adults attending the program.
Tickets will be available the morning of the program at the Youth Services Desk.

Dinoman
Dinosaur tracks lead right to the library! Have no fear, Dinoman is here! With magic, merry mayhem and magnificent props, the audience is taken on a trip throughout the Mesozoic era. Featuring Bob Lisaius & Giant Blow-Up Dinosaurs!
Date: Saturday, February 29
Time: 10:30–11:30 am
Ages: 4 years and up
Tickets required for all children and adults attending the program.
Tickets will be available the morning of the program at the Youth Services Desk.

Pajama Party Sing-Along with Yosi
Award-winning children’s recording artist and entertainer Yosi rocks the house with a humorous and interactive Pajama Party! Sure it’s the morning, but you can come in your pajamas and have a blast!
Date: Saturday, March 21
Time: 10:30–11:30 am
Ages: 4 years and up
Tickets required for all children and adults attending the program.
Tickets will be available the morning of the program at the Youth Services Desk.

Amazing Animal Adaptations
Be amazed and entertained as you are introduced to several animals native to our area. Presented by the Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education Center.
Date: Saturday, March 7
Time: 10:30–11:30 am
Ages: 4 years and up
Tickets required for all children and adults attending the program.
Tickets will be available the morning of the program at the Youth Services Desk.
Move ‘n Groove!
Get up and move with your adult! An action-packed class filled with music and interactive dance experiences! Move and groove to the rhythms that get you rockin’ with Gail Brickman of Rhythm Revolution.

Dates: Tuesdays, Dec. 3, 10, 17
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.

Drop-in Crafts for Kids
Come enjoy a variety of light crafts for kids. Have fun coloring, cutting, pasting, and more.

Date: Tuesday, December 3
Time: 1:00-1:45 pm
Ages: 3 1/2 years and up with parent or caregiver
No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

Pipsqueak Players
Pipsqueak Players returns for another fun session! Kids can join Pipsqueak Players and have a great time as they build their reading confidence. Improv, repetition and character development are explored through a picture book.

Dates: Thursday, December 5
Time: 10:00-10:45 am
Ages: 3-5 years old with parent or caregiver
Required online registration begins November 1st. Please use child’s library card to register.

Playgroup for Babies and Toddlers
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, Dec. 6 & 13, and Jan. 10 - Feb. 28
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.

It’s Movie Time!
Beat the winter chill with some fun movies! These animated versions of picture books are the perfect way to start your day.

Dates: Thursdays, Dec. 12 and 19
Time: 10:30-11:00 am
All ages welcome
Parent or caregiver attends with child.
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. Program is intended for children developing their reading skills.

Dates and Times (all days are Saturdays):
December 14 - 10-11 am
January 11 - 2-3 pm
February 8 - 2-3 pm
March 7 - 2-3 pm
(The January through March dates are in the afternoon due to the Friends’ program series.) No pre-registration required. Sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive to be assigned a 10-minute slot. Arrive early to be assured of a slot.
STORYTIMES & PROGRAMS Winter 2019-2020 Continued

For the enjoyment of all, children MUST be the correct age for the story time program they attend and have a full-service Westfield Library card in their name. If you have any questions, please ask a Youth Services Librarian.

Evening LEGO Club
Use your imagination to create wonderful LEGO structures!
Dates: Tuesdays, Dec. 10, Feb. 18, Mar. 17, Apr. 14, May 12
Time: 6:30-7:15 pm
Ages: 5 years old and up
Parents/caregivers remain in the library during program.
No Pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

Noon Year’s Eve Party
Too young to stay up until midnight? Come celebrate at our Noon Year’s Eve party! We will make crafts and then count down to Noon.
Date: Monday, Dec. 31
Time: 11:30 am-12:15 pm
Ages: 3 years old and up
Parent or caregiver attends with child.
Required Online Registration begins December 2. Please use child’s library card to register.

Winter Session - Afternoon LEGO Club
A special LEGO winter session for January afternoons! Use your imagination to create awesome LEGO structures.
Dates: Tuesdays, Jan. 7, 14 and 21
Time: 3:45-4:30 pm
Ages: 5 years old and up
Parents/caregivers remain in the library during program.
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, Jan. 7 - Feb. 11
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.

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 fun stories and craft activities as we continue our path towards literacy.
Dates: Tuesdays, Jan. 7 - Feb. 11
Time: 1:00-1:30 pm
Ages: 3½ to 5 years old
Child attends program without parent or caregiver, who remains in the Youth Services department during the program. 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, Jan. 9 - Feb. 13
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.

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, Feb. 19, 26, March 4
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.

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