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New & Noteworthy at the Westfield Memorial Library

Westfield Memorial Library
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908.789.4090
www.wmlnj.org

Library Hours
Monday-Thursday
9:30 am to 9:00 pm
Friday and Saturday
9:30 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Closed on Sundays beginning May 27
and re-opening on September 23

Library Closings
Closed April 6 and 8 for Good Friday
and Easter
Closed May 28 for Memorial Day

Board of Trustees Meetings
March 22
April 26
May 24

Keeping up with technology...
Library launches apps for smart phones

Just how smart is your Library? If you’ve purchased a smart phone, you’ll be able to find out. Let’s say you’d like to go to one of our programs for adults, put a “hold” on a best seller, or do research for a paper. Visit our website at www.wmlnj.org and click on the image for Library Apps. There you’ll find clear instructions for downloading mobile versions of our Library catalog; two of our databases, Gale and EBSCO; Overdrive, which contains e-books, audiobooks and music; plus the Congressional Record. You can download these apps to your iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad or Android at the touch of a button. And, when you’re ready to sign up to attend a library program, you can scan your smart phone over the QR (quick response) codes on the library’s publicity materials, and you’ll be brought to the appropriate program page. You can try that right here and right now!

This just in...the Friends of WML have donated $15,000 to the Library!

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This chair is just the right size...Garrett Ferguson and his mom Molly enjoy the newly upholstered chairs in the Youth Services Department, thanks to the Westfield Memorial Library Foundation. Nine chairs and love seats were recovered in a sturdy fabric.
Westfield Memorial Library Foundation and Digiplex Destinations continue to raise funds for the Library via sales from digital broadcasts of ballet and opera

The Westfield Memorial Library Foundation and Digiplex Destinations continue to bring culture lovers high-definition digital broadcasts of some of the best opera, ballet and music around. All shows are at the Cranford Digiplex Theatre, but you can buy your tickets right here at the Library! It couldn’t be more convenient. To learn more about the Foundation, pick up a brochure at the Circulation Desk or visit www.wmlfoundation.org.

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Roger Sullivan, Foundation President (center); Phil Israel, Library Director and Kathy Muhm, Coordinator of Youth Services admire a newly covered couch in the Youth Services Department. The Foundation provided the funds necessary for the re-upholstering.
It’s the Friends’ Fabulous 40th Anniversary!

The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library are proud to announce 2012 is the celebration of our “Friends’ Fabulous Fortieth” Anniversary of volunteer service and advocacy to the community. Alice Dillon chairs the anniversary committee, which includes members Jane Curtis, Regina Dowd, Lynne Hartzell, Lynn Kolterjahn, Jody Lipson, Paula Long, Mary Orlando and Jane Stepanski.

Events scheduled for the upcoming year include: Saturday, March 24, 1:00—2:30 p.m. and 3:00—4:30 p.m., artist Janice Nelson presents making “Magical Dragon Puppets” in honor of the “Year of the Dragon” for grades 3 through 6; May 30 at 7:00 p.m., Christa Clarke, Curator of the Arts of Africa, presents a program, “Curating a Continent: African Art at the Newark Museum,” (see page 9) and on Sunday, October 14, from 2:00—4:00 p.m., we’ll hold a final celebration recognizing past Presidents of The Friends with refreshments and entertainment.

In the fall of 1972, the Friends organization was created by a few members of the College Women’s Club and the PTA Council “to foster interest in the library and enlarge its service to the community.” Thanks to the support of over 500 members and the annual book sale, we are able to continue to provide numerous services and programs to the library’s patrons and the wider community, including children’s educational programs, the Museum Pass program and sponsorship of lectures and opera trips. We also provide scholarships to those students pursuing degrees in Library Science.

Speaking of scholarships… Applications for the annual Future Librarian Scholarship are available at the Circulation Desk. A Westfield resident currently pursuing a Master’s Degree in Library Science or a college degree in Media Education will be considered. Westfield High 2012 graduates who have been employed at the Westfield Library or volunteered at the high school are also invited to apply. All applications must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee no later than April 15, 2012.

The Friends 39th Annual Book Sale

It’s that time of the year again!

Donation Days:
Thursday, April 19 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Friday, April 20 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Saturday April 21 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Sale Days
Wednesday, April 25 9am to noon
Member preview (memberships may be purchased at the door)

Open to the Public
Wednesday, 4/25 2:00—8:00 pm
Thursday, 4/26 10:00 am—8:00 pm
Friday, 4/27 (1/2 price) 10:00 am—8:00 pm
Saturday, 4/28 (Bag day) 9:30 am—1:00 pm

Please remember: NO textbooks, magazines, damaged books, condensed books, records or encyclopedias. All donations benefit the Westfield Memorial Library and may be tax deductible.

Fifth Annual Anne M. Hale Speaker Series

George Melloan, Retired International Editor of the Wall Street Journal Thursday, April 12 7:00 pm

Mr. Melloan, who lives in Westfield, continues to contribute columns to the Journal on economics and worldwide issues.

Katherine G. Farley, Chairwoman of the Board of Lincoln Center Tuesday, May 8 7:00 pm

Ms. Farley, a graduate of Brown University, grew up in Westfield. Her mother was a founding member of the Friends.
Computer Classes Spring 2012

BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE CLASSES
Classes for those with some computer knowledge and skill.
Must have mouse and typing skills to attend these classes.

Business and Finance Sources at the Library and on the Internet
Wednesday, March 14  10—11:30 am

It's tax time! The Library is the place to go to find business and financial information. Learn how to search for data on companies, stocks, mutual funds, etc. by finding answers through the library's website.

Genealogical Resources Online
Wednesday, May 9  10—11:30 am

If you have always wanted to research your family tree or find information on your ancestors, this is the class for you! This workshop focuses on using our databases Heritage Quest Online and Ancestry.com.

ADVANCED CLASSES
Ready to bump up your skills to the next level?
Mouse, copy and paste skills are required!!

Inkscape
Thursday, March 29  7-8:30 pm
Inkscape is an exciting, free and fun open-source program for creating logos and editing photographs. With it you can create all kinds of entertaining graphics, calligraphy, sign and artwork.

Advanced Word
Monday, April 9  1-2:30 pm or
Tuesday, June 12  10-11:30 am
This class covers many of Word 2007's lesser-known, advanced features such as keyboard shortcuts, copying and pasting, photo editing, inserting tables and graphs, adjusting margins, columnizing and ClipArt. Feel free to bring your own laptop, but you must still register and notify jbennett@wmlnj.org before the day of the class.

Photo editing w/GIMP
Thursday, May 17  7-8:30 pm
Want to learn how to bring out the best in your digital photographs? Want to learn how to get rid of ugly intrusions in your landscapes? Want to learn how to bring out dazzling colors and shadows in your images? Come to our class on the photo editing tool GIMP. GIMP is a free program similar to Photoshop and Lightroom. It offers hundreds of ways to improve photographs to give your pictures that professional look.

E-Reader Workshops**
**Open to WML Cardholders Only

• For Kindle Users Only
  Thursday, May 3  10-11:30 am

• For nook and Sony Readers only
  Thursday, May 17  10-11:30 am

Bring your own e-reader to the appropriate workshop above, and we’ll teach you how to download free ebooks using Library databases. We cover the process of finding titles and downloading them to your Kindle/nook/Sony. You must bring your own e-reader to the class as the library does not provide them.

Sign up for computer classes online at www.wmlnj.org and click on Calendar, or call 908.789.4090 option O. Don’t procrastinate—seating is limited.
A Matter of Size  Monday, March 12  2 and 6:30pm
Language: Hebrew  Running time: 90 minutes

The basic principle that rules the world of sumo wrestling is stand your ground or be shoved aside. It is a theme that resonates throughout "A Matter of Size." Herzl (Itzek Cohen) is a fat, lonely man who has just quit one job as a chef in dissatisfaction and is gaining weight while attending group therapy sessions. He finds happiness when he embraces his true girth and dedicates himself and his friends to the discipline of sumo, and finds greater happiness when he finds the courage to be honest. Fat people, guys in loin cloths, Jewish guys dreaming of going to Japan—there are tons of possibilities for cheap shots and buffoon humor. But the writers take none of them while delivering a story of good humor and subtle poignancy. Excerpt from Edge Boston

Toast Monday, April 16  2 and 6:30pm
Language: English  Running time: 96 minutes

Based on the bittersweet story of food writer Nigel Slater's childhood, Toast is a delicious love letter to the tastes and smells that a young boy associates with his journey into adulthood. Nigel's mother was always a poor cook, and her addiction to all things canned isn't helping. Nigel, on the other hand, laps up cookbooks as if they were porn. Nigel's Dad worries something is "wrong" with his son and the two find it difficult to connect. Just before Christmas, Nigel's mother dies, leaving Nigel and his father heartbroken. A Mrs. Potter arrives on the scene and bewitches the father with her curves and lemon meringue pies. They move to the country, and Nigel learns to cook and lands a job in his local pub. Cooking soon becomes the key weapon in the battle for Dad's affections. Excerpt from amazon.com

The Piano in a Factory  Monday, May 14  2 and 6:30pm
Language: Mandarin Chinese  Running time: 100 minutes

Steelworker Chen has a passion for music and plays in a local band. When his estranged wife returns one day after years of absence, she demands a divorce and sole custody of their daughter. Chen is at a loss. He doesn't mind divorcing a woman who has become a stranger, but he can't bear to part with his daughter. Chen has worked hard to give her a respectable life and has taught her his love of music. When asked if she'd rather stay with her father or go with her mother, the girl gives a practical, devastating answer: she'll go with whoever can provide her with a piano. Chen cannot afford such a luxury item, but the piano becomes his last hope to save what little is left of his family. With the help of his loyal friends and the support of his girlfriend, Chen concocts several plans to fulfill his daughter's wish. Excerpt from imdb.com
Meet Your Mind
Wednesday, March 7  7:00 pm

Mark Abraham came to America as a foreign student in 1973. Determined to identify the hidden causes of perpetual human conflicts, he acquired two degrees in international politics by 1982. Not finding his answers there, he devoted his postgraduate studies to studying philosophy and psychology, hoping that he might find some hints in these fields. After painstakingly long studies, he realized that all the thinkers of the past, who were so influenced by human intellect and reasoning, had studied humans almost exclusively from the standpoint of intellect alone.

Yet, he realized, it is human instinct that drives every aspect of human conduct more forcefully than intellect. Mark has published six books on this subject and has published several articles. His passion for this subject has driven him to devote himself to these studies for the past 25 years. Come and learn how his ideas might help you maximize the benefits of your instincts and minimize their harm.

BEST 5-Minute Meditation for Harmonious Relationships
Saturday, March 10  2:00 pm

Would you like to improve your life and relationships but don't know where to start? Would you like to be able to let go of unproductive feelings and emotions quickly and easily? Meditation expert Harmony Choi continues his BEST 5-minute meditation workshop series here at the Library to improve the quality of your life through awakening your most precious resource—your brain. Based on the teachings of a renowned meditation mentor and the best-selling author of "The Call of Sedona: Journey of the Heart," Ilchi Lee, this workshop teaches you how to incorporate easy and effective meditation into your daily life, and how breathing well and meditation combined can help you find peaceful and harmonious solutions in your relationships. Harmony Choi is an expert in BEST 5-minute meditation and owner of a yoga and meditation center in Westfield. No meditation experience required.

"Love Letters"—A Play by A.R. Gurney
Tuesday, March 13  7:30 pm (Note later than usual start time)

This two-person show directed by Kate Daly of West Orange stars Lisa Black of Westfield and Fred Dennehy of Cranbury. It is comprised of letters exchanged over a lifetime -- from childhood through middle age -- by two smart, funny, gifted and flawed characters whose turbulent friendship supports and defines them both. It explores the extraordinary power of friendship, and shows us about what loyalty, trust, and sheer longevity can—and cannot—do to save us from our own weaknesses. Ms. Black and Mr. Dennehy have performed together often in the past, and bring a history of working, creative teamwork to this production. Ms. Daly is a veteran director of readers' theater as well as of more conventionally staged productions. Don't miss live theater at the library!
More Adult Programs for the Spring

Starting Your Own Business or Franchise
Tuesday, March 20  6:30 pm
(Note earlier than usual start time)

Before you start your own business, get the facts from Kean University’s Small Business Development Center. Learn how to write a business plan, choose the right legal entity, and familiarize yourself with accounting, record keeping and small business taxes. This could be the beginning of your dream!

Photographer Walter Choroszewski Presents “Timeline New Jersey”
Wednesday, March 21  7:00 pm

Walter Choroszewski, well-known New Jersey photographer, author and advocate of state pride, presents an award-winning lecture offering his unique images and perspective on New Jersey history.

Travel along a timeline from the primeval dawn of the Highlands, through the Ice Age. Meet New Jersey’s first people and explorers. Take pride in our rich Colonial and Revolutionary heritage. Celebrate the events and numerous “Firsts” that make New Jersey special!

Walter is the author of several books including, Westfield: A Celebration of Community and New Jersey: A Scenic Discovery.

Peter Biedermann, Guitarist
Wednesday, April 4  7:00 pm

Peter Biedermann has been composing and performing for over 35 years. While his music covers a number of genres in the electronic and acoustic fields, tonight’s music will be original acoustic instrumental music performed on six, eight and twelve-string guitars in unique tunings. While Peter considers such acoustic guitar pioneers such as Michael Hedges, Bert Jansch, Leo Kottke and Ralph Towner to be major influences on his music, he acknowledges the influences of many other lesser known originators of finger style acoustic guitar. Peter also interacts with the audience as he attempts to demystify the mystery of instrumental music. He’s another perennial Library favorite!

Register online for all programs at www.wmlnj.org, or 908.789.4090 option 0.
Even More Adult Programs

Fiction Book Club: Let’s Discuss
Left Neglected on Wednesday, April 11 at 7:00 pm

First-person narrator Sarah Nickerson is a 37-year-old, overachieving multitasker with a Harvard MBA, and a demanding job as vice president of human relations at a Boston consulting firm. After a car accident on a rainy morning, Sarah suffers a traumatic brain injury that leaves her with “left neglect,” a lack of awareness of anything to her left, including the left side of her own body. The one person who can help when insurance runs out is Sarah’s mother, Helen, yet their relationship has been rocky ever since Helen was virtually an absentee mother for Sarah after Sarah’s brother died in childhood. As Sarah’s struggles parallel those of her 7-year-old son, Charlie, just diagnosed with ADHD, there is healing of body, mind, and mother-daughter relationship, and an acceptance that “normal is overrated.”

Gayle Lemmon, Author of The Dressmaker of Khair Khana
Tuesday, May 1 7:00 pm For Westfield Residents only
Sponsored by the Westfield Group Mothers on a Mission

In 2005, Gayle went to Afghanistan on assignment for the Financial Times to write about women entrepreneurs. When she met a dressmaker named Kamila Sediqi, Lemmon knew she had her story. It’s an engrossing one that reads like a novel, complete with moments of tension and triumph, plus well-researched details on daily life in Kabul under Taliban rule. When that regime descended in 1996, it brought fear, violence, and restrictions. Her story of creating a business is a fascinating one that touches on family, gender, business, and politics and offers inspiration through the resourceful, determined woman at its heart. Gayle is Contributing Editor-At-Large for Newsweek magazine and The Daily Beast, reporting on economic and development issues with a focus on women; and the deputy director of the Council on Foreign Relations’ Women and Foreign Policy program. Prior to joining the Council, she covered public policy and emerging markets for the global investment firm PIMCO, after working for nearly a decade as a journalist with the ABC News Political Unit and “This Week with George Stephanopoulos.” She has reported on entrepreneurs in conflict and post-conflict regions for the Financial Times, The New York Times, International Herald Tribune, The Daily Beast, and Christian Science Monitor, along with Ms. magazine, Bloomberg, POLITICO and the Huffington Post.

Be ready for an afternoon of beautiful music! Oboist Frederick Katzenberg and Gary Klein on keyboard play music by J.S. Bach, Saint-Saens, Cimarosa, Debussy, and Duke Ellington. They also play the Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and 20th century periods, as well as swing tunes, bossa nova and ballads. Both musicians are professionally trained and have given concerts all over New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. They are wonderful!

An Afternoon with the Oboe
Saturday, May 5 2:00 pm

Frederick Katzenberg

Gary Klein
Positively the Last Page of Adult Programs

The Asian Tea Experience—China and Japan
With Food Historian and Tea Expert Judith Krall Russo
Wednesday, May 9  7:00 pm

Learn how China and Japan enjoy their tea from a simple bowl of green tea to the beautiful and intricate Japanese Tea Ceremony. Learn about the Chinese tea ceremony known as Gong Fu Cha. There will be a selection of Asian tea implements on display. Judith began studying the customs and traditions of this universal beverage 30 years ago and has earned certifications as a Tea Specialist by The Tea School in Connecticut and The Specialty Tea Institute of New York. She is currently studying the Japanese Tea Ceremony at the Uresenke Chanoyo Center and the gong fu Chinese tea ceremony at The Tea Gallery, both in New York City. Judith’s programs at the Library are always crowded, so sign up now!

Story Slam! Let’s Talk About Road Trips
Wednesday, May 23  7:00 pm

Previously called a “MothUp,” our Story Slam is your chance to tell a favorite story to a small group of willing listeners. No cheat sheets or notes allowed. Check out themoth.org to get ideas on how this event works. We hold this event every quarter because it’s so much fun. New and experienced storytellers encouraged!

Curating a Continent: African Art at the Newark Museum
Wednesday, May 30  7:00 pm

Thanks to the Generosity of the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library!

Christa Clarke, a specialist in historic and contemporary African art, is Senior Curator, Arts of Africa and the Americas, and Curator, Arts of Africa, at the Newark Museum. She received her M.A. and Ph.D. in Art History from the University of Maryland, writing her dissertation on the collecting and display of African art at the Barnes Foundation. Prior to her appointment at Newark in 2002, Christa served as the Curator of African Art at the Neuberger Museum. She has been a fellow at the Smithsonian Institution, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Clark Art Institute and has held teaching appointments at numerous universities. She is currently overseeing a major expansion and reinstallation of the African art galleries at Newark and an accompanying collections catalogue. Don’t miss it!
TGIF! Looking for entertainment on Friday afternoons?

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.

"THE BROADWAY MUSICAL"
March 2
Listen to Broadway tunes and learn about the Rogers and Hammerstein era of the 1950s and 60s. Also covered are George M. Cohan, Cole Porter, Jerome Robbins and others.
**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A LIVE LECTURE AND PERFORMANCE BY MR. SKIP UNGAR

AMERICAN WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT
March 9
Celebrate Women’s History Month with a look at some of our most outstanding women. Includes Edith Wharton, Georgia O’Keeffe, Amelia Earhart, Eleanor Roosevelt and more.

THE BEST OF RIVERDANCE
March 16
Enjoy this video of highlights from some of Riverdance’s most memorable performances.

HISTORY OF QUILTING IN AMERICA
March 23
Learn about how quilting has changed in three different times in history and examine quilt blocks that represent each era.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK:
“Belles on Their Toes”
March 30
Starring Jeanne Crain, Myrna Loy, Debra Paget and Jeffrey Hunter

PLEASE NOTE—DUE TO THE HOLIDAY AND FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE, THERE WILL BE NO TGIF! PROGRAMS DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL. We appreciate your understanding and apologize for any inconvenience.

TRAVEL: RIVER CRUISES OF EUROPE
May 4
Experience the beauty of traveling through Europe by cruising on some of the best known rivers.

MARY CASSATT
May 11
Learn about the life and works of this American painter.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK:
“Blue Skies”
May 18
Starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire

NO TGIF—MAY 25
HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!
We’ll see you in June!

All programs are videos or lectures unless otherwise noted.

Please Note: Weekly topics are subject to change.
Explore the great operas with Robert W. Butts, one of New Jersey’s leading conductors. With videos and lecture, he covers operas by Mozart, Gounod, Wagner, Verdi and Prokofiev.

Digital Photography
3/5, 3/19, 3/26, 4/2, 4/9 7:00—8:45 pm

Now that you have a digital camera, learn all about how to use it and how to take great looking photos.

Thank you to the Friends of the Library for sponsoring these wonderful programs for Children!

**Dinoman!** You won’t believe how much Bob Lisaius loves dinosaurs! With magic, merry mayhem and magnificent props, you’ll be taken on a trip through the Mesozoic era. Ages 4 and up. Please do not bring children under the age of 4 to this presentation. Children must have their own full-service Westfield Library card. Online registration required. Date: Saturday, March 3. Time: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

**Live Great Reptiles.** For ages 5 and up, and parents, Live Great Reptiles brings children the chance to learn about reptiles through a presentation including humor, awe and compassion for these beautiful creatures. Children must have their own full-service Westfield Library card and absolutely must be age 5 or older. Online registration required. Date: Saturday, March 10. Time: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

**Jennifer Slaw, Juggler.** Professional juggler Jen Slaw delights and instructs. For ages 4 and older, with parents. Children must have their own full-service Westfield Library card. Online registration required. Date: Saturday, March 17. Time: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

**Celebrate Chinese New Year.** As part of the 40th anniversary year celebration of the Friends, let’s celebrate “The Year of the Dragon” 2012. Create your own style magical dragon puppet with paper and color markers. Let your imagination go! Date: Saturday, March 24th. Times: 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., or 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. Grades 3-6; must hold Westfield full-service library card. Advance registration required, and spaces are limited.

**Turtlesinger: Live Turtles and Song.** Trained singer and naturalist Karen Buckley—and her favorite turtles, of course—inspires us with how much she loves her turtles, and all animals on the planet. For ages 3 to 5, with parents. Children must have their own full-service Library card and absolutely must be age 3 or older. Online registration required. Date: Saturday, March 24. Time: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

**Animal Friends.** Visit with our friend Travis, from Wallyb Tales, as he helps us love and respect wild animals. Children must be between the ages of 2½ through 5, and must show their own full-service Westfield Memorial Library card. Online registration required. Date: Saturday, April 14. Time: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

**What Big Teeth You Have!** Join Travis as he introduces us to predators, which must be resourceful, alert and adaptable in order to survive. Children must not be younger than six and must present a full-service Westfield Library card. Adults stay in the room with their children. Online registration required. Date: Saturday, April 14. Time: 12 Noon to 1 p.m.
Spring 2012 Storytimes and Programs for Children
All programs are free to Westfield full-service library card holders.
908.789.4090 option 3.

**Lego Club.** Use your imagination to create wonderful Lego structures. Open to children in grades 1 through 5. Dates: Wednesdays, April 11, 18, 25 and May 2, OR Thursdays, April 12, 19, 26 and May 3. Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Open to full-service Westfield Library card holders only. Call the Youth Services Desk at 908.789.4090 x3 for registration. Parents/guardians remain in the library during program.

**Scavenger Hunt @ the Library!** Get ready for our annual scavenger hunt at the library. Search for clues and information for prizes. A brief orientation will precede the hunt, so please be prompt. Open to children in grades 2, 3, and 4. Date: Wednesday, May 9. Time: 6:45 to 8:00 p.m. Open to full-service Westfield Library card holders only. Please register online.

**Abbasubi: Songs and Activities in Spanish, A Family Program.** Date: Saturday May 12. Time: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Music and activity program in Spanish for preschoolers and their parents, by Abbasubi. Open to the public! Preregistration is requested.

**Grupo ñ: Spanish-Language Storytime!** Spanish-language storytime for families with children age 6 and younger. All stories, songs and activities are in Spanish; no English is spoken. Dates: March 17, April 14, May 19 and June 16. Open to the public. Time: 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.

**Origami.** Grade 4 and up, on Sundays, April 15 and May 13. From 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., participants will learn basic origami folds and make simple origami objects. From 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., experienced origami participants will try out more advanced folding techniques. Each session will culminate in creating origami cranes, for “Senbazuru Westfield,” a community-wide project to create 10,000 origami cranes and send them to Japan—to survivors of the 2011 earthquake, tsunami and radiation leaks. This is in keeping with the Japanese tradition of Senbazuru (folding 1,000 origami cranes to send wishes of goodwill and recovery). Open to the public.

**Paws to Read.** Our friendly “Library” dogs love to be read to by youngsters who need practice reading aloud to friendly, non-judgmental ears. Sessions are 15 minutes long. Call the library to sign up in advance. Dates: Wednesdays, May 16, 23, 30 and June 6 Time: From 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Open to full-service Westfield Library cardholders. Children must have their own library card. Registration begins April 30. Call for an appointment!

**Magic Carpet.** Listen to our librarians’ favorite books. For children who are in elementary school. Dates: Fridays, March 23, March 30, April 13, April 20, April 27 and May 4. Time: 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. Open to the public.

**Preschool Storytime.** Listen to stories and do an activity. For children ages 3½ to 5. Dates: Tuesdays, March 20, March 27, April 3, April 10, April 17, April 24 and May 1, 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. OR Fridays, March 23, March 30, April 13, April 20, April 27 and May 4. Time: 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. For full-service Westfield Memorial Library cardholders.

**Tots’ Storytime.** Stories for children from 2½ to 3½ years. Parent or caregiver attends with child. Dates: Wednesdays, March 21, March 28, April 4, April 11, April 18, April 25 and May 2. Time: 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. Children must have their own full-service Westfield Library card. Drop in.

**Toddler Time.** Stories, songs, finger plays and movement activities. For babies and toddlers up to age 3. Parent or caregiver attends with child. Dates: Thursdays, March 22, 29, April 5, April 12, April 19, April 26 and May 3. Time: 10 to 10:20 a.m. Child must have own full-service Westfield Library card. Drop in.

For programs requiring online registration, visit www.wmlnj.org, click on the Online Calendar link, then find the date, and click on the program name to register. Be prepared to have fun!