 Fortunately, for the residents of Westfield and surrounding towns, we never lost power after the storm. Record number of patrons flocked to the library to power up their electronic devices, use the computers, read books, newspapers and other periodicals, and of course, just to get warm. Now that the worst is over for many of us, the rebuilding begins for others. In the wake of one of our state’s worst natural disasters, EBSCO Publishing has generously donated the /Home Improvement Reference Center/™ to libraries in the New Jersey Library Network. The Reference Center is a resource which provides detailed, user-friendly, how-to information about home improvements and repairs. It’s available through 6/13/13 to ensure that those making their own repairs, faced with clean up, or do-it-yourself renovations have the know-how to handle these tasks. You can visit our website at www.wmlnj.org to access the center.

To read more about how the library stepped in during the aftermath of the hurricane, see story on page 2. For more pictures, visit our facebook page to see the album “Your Library is Powerful.”

Westfield resident Laurie McDermott visited the library while she awaited the return of her home’s power. Her children, (from left) Erin, Katie and Molly, were captivated by her reading of The Magic School Bus, a perennial favorite.
The Westfield Memorial Library, both a shelter and a hive of activity in the aftermath of the recent hurricane, recently received a donation of some $6,000 from the Westfield Memorial Library Foundation.

The donation, immediately earmarked for four new laptops and 17 new chairs for the public computer stations, filled a most timely need, said Library Director Phil Israel. The library never lost power, despite widespread outages in the area, which made the institution an even more vital place than usual during the days of recovery.

“We were very pleased to be able to accommodate the large number of people who sought out the library as a warming station and place to access the Internet, check their e-mail, charge up their devices and exchange information,” Mr. Israel said. “Typically, we serve an average of 900 people in a day, but during the week following the storm, 11,093 people came through the doors.”

The donation from the Foundation, which is generously supported by contributions from Westfield residents and businesses, and patrons from surrounding areas, will enable the library to complete the upgrade of its public laptop computers months ahead of schedule. The chairs at each computer station also needed replacing. The library tried twice in the past two years to do this, Mr. Israel said, only to discover a more pressing need each time that required setting aside the funds for the chairs.

Roger Sullivan, president of the Library Foundation, says, “Our hope is that this contribution will help ensure that the library can continue to deliver superb services to all members of the community during both normal and extraordinary conditions.”

Mr. Israel reports that the library suffered no damage from the storm, and that he and his staff remain ready and eager to help as the area continues to get back on its feet. In the days immediately following the storm, “Our staff worked very hard to help the residents of Westfield and surrounding towns in whatever way we could,” Mr. Israel said, “including staying open three nights until midnight.”

The Westfield Memorial Library Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the financial support of the library. For more information, call 908.248.4542, or visit wmlfoundation.org.
Friends of the Library

Scenes from
“Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters’ First 100 Years”
Wednesday, February 13  7:00 pm

The Friends are proud to present scenes from this moving drama about the two Harlem sisters who inspired millions with their phenomenal story of thriving through great obstacles. Daughters of emancipated slaves, Sadie and Bessie were civil rights activists. Sadie was the first black woman to teach Domestic Science and Bessie the second to be granted a dentistry license in New York. The show, celebrating Black History Month, features actors Lisa G Fleming and Shay. Bessie and Sadie welcome you into their home as they share their personal journeys of courage and persistence in the face of prejudice, discrimination and social injustices. Open to the public, but you must register online on the website or by calling 908.789.4.90 ext 0.

Emilie Scollo is completely at home, lining up her choices, at the second annual Children’s Book Sale held in October. The Friends started off with approximately 5,500 books, nearly all of which were sold. That means that $3,700 was donated to the library—almost twice as much as last year! Even the leftovers made a contribution as they were donated to an organization that distributes books to needy children in urban areas. Thank you to all the volunteers!

Other News from the Friends

Membership—In January 2013 the Friends begin their yearly membership campaign, which runs from Jan 1 through December 31. Memberships make possible the Museum Pass Program, the Winter Children’s Programs, the Anne Hale Speakers Series, Books on Wheels, scholarships for future librarians, opera trips, book discussions as well as contributions to the Library that enable many extras to be provided for the patrons. Why not join this year?

Annual Book Sale—The sale is scheduled for the spring, but it’s not too early to start thinking about which of your gently used books, DVDs, CDs and videos that you’d like to donate. Over the past 40 years, the sale has raised over $900,000!

Computer Classes Winter 2013

**BEGINNER**
*Must have mouse and typing skills.*

**Do you learn best with one-on-one tutoring? We do that!**
One-on-one, 30-minute computer appointments with a librarian.
We’ll teach you at your level! We can arrange appointments Monday-Thursday, 11 am—3 pm. We will do our best to accommodate your schedule.
If you would like to learn Email Basics or Beginner Basics for the Internet, stop by the Reference Desk on the second floor, or call 908.789.4090 option 7950.

**BEGINNER**
*Must have mouse and typing skills to attend this class.*

**Beginning Word**
*Tuesday, January 8 10:00—11:30 am or Thursday, February 28 2:30—4:00 pm*
This informative, hands-on class covers the basic features of Microsoft Word, including font, alignment, cutting and pasting. You must have mouse and typing skills to take this class.

**INTERMEDIATE**
*For those with some computer knowledge and skill.*
*Must have mouse and typing skills to attend this class.*

**Intermediate Excel**
*Wednesday, March 20 6:30—8:30 pm*
**PREREQUISITES:** Beginning EXCEL 2007 OVERVIEW, OR WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF EXCEL 2007. Must have basic keyboard and Windows skills. This class is taught by popular instructor Karen Camden and covers simple functions, formula basics and auto features.

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

**ADVANCED**

**Photo editing w/GIMP**
*Thursday, January 10 7:00—8:30 pm*
Want to learn how to bring out the best in your digital photographs, get rid of ugly intrusions in your landscapes, and bring out dazzling colors and shadows in your images? Come to our class on the photo editing tool GIMP, a free program similar to Photoshop and Lightroom. The class is for experienced computer users. Mouse and copy and paste skills are required.

**Advanced Word: Page Layout, Review and More**
*Tuesday, March 5 10:00—11:30 am*
This new version of our popular Advanced Word class focuses on using Word's Page Layout and Review ribbons. We learn about adjusting margins, page orientations, columns, watermarks, colors, and how to manipulate photographs and drawings. You are welcome to bring your own computer.

**Advanced Word: Using the Insert Ribbon**
*Monday, February 25 10:00—11:30 am*
This new version of our popular Advanced Word class focuses on using Word's Insert ribbon. We learn about using tables, pictures, shapes, covers, flow charts, graphs, hyperlinks, headers and footers, Word Art and Drop Cap.
Salt of Life
Language: Italian
Run time: 90 minutes
December 10
In this warm and witty follow-up to the 2010 hit Mid-August Lunch, Gianni DiGregorio plays a middle-aged retiree who has become invisible to all the women of Rome, regardless of age or relation. He contends with a demanding mother, a patronizing wife, a slacker daughter, and a wild party-girl neighbor who uses him ... as a dog walker. Watching his codger friends snare beautiful young girlfriends, Gianni tries his polite, utterly graceful best to generate some kind of extracurricular love life with both hilarious and poignant results.

The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel
Language: English
Run time: 124 minutes
January 14
Some of the finest actors in England lend their formidable talents to this charming fish-out-of-water yarn. The Brits are planning retirement in a less expensive country. After “thorough research on the Internet,” the group chooses what looks to be a grand, peaceful retreat. It turns out that the bloom is off this marigold—it's shabby, antiquated, and as chaotic as the city in India where it is set. Who can adapt to this very different experience, and who founders?

Carnage
Language: English
Run time: 80 minutes
February 11
Kicking off with a deceptively placid shot of kids at play, the screenplay follows the thermoneutral differences of opinion that occur when an upper-crust New York pair invite another couple into their apartment in an attempt to resolve a scuffle between their children. Verbal dust-ups of all shapes and sizes quickly follow. Carnage delivers a brisk, blackly hilarious 80 minutes in the presence of some wonderfully bad company.

A Separation
Language: Farsi
Run time: 122 minutes
February 25
The spiral of complications begins when Nader and Simin separate, because she wants to give 11-year-old daughter Termeh a better life abroad, and he wants to stay in Tehran to care for his father, who has Alzheimer's disease. Though Termeh would prefer to live with her mother, she remains with Nader in hopes of encouraging a reconciliation. After Nader hires a housekeeper, she loses track of the father, an accident ensues, and she ends up in the hospital. Nader insists he didn't know the housekeeper was pregnant and had nothing to do with her fall, but the case proceeds to court, one of three trials in the film. This isn't a happy story, but director Farhadi spins out the various twists and turns in an expertly directed, beautifully acted manner, fulfilling the promise of his earlier domestic dramas.

Monsieur Lazhar
Language: French
Running time: 94 minutes
March 4
At a Montreal public grade school, an Algerian immigrant is hired to replace a popular teacher who committed suicide in her classroom. While helping his students deal with their grief, his own recent loss is revealed.
Adult Programs for Winter

Creativity Gone Wild!
Monday, December 3 at 7:00 pm
and Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 pm

It’s time to unpack your gifts! No need to wait for the holidays. Untie the ribbons. Rip off the wrapping paper. Remove the lid from the box and let your creativity out of the bag.

Are you ready to have fun, explore, let loose? Are you ready to be surprised by what’s inside you? Are you ready to feel energized and excited, ready to tap into your imagination? Jump out for an evening of words and art, and celebrate your gift of creativity with a group of kindred spirits. Led by Wendy Rosenberg.

Learn to Relax with Slow Renew Yoga
Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 pm

Are you stiff, sore, or grumpy? Do your joints feel like they need a grease job? "Slow Yoga Renew" can help you with body movement fundamentals that relax shortened, stiff muscles and reawaken your areas of limited movement. Slow, body renewing poses ride the waves of calm breathing for a very gentle yoga style in which you need not be an acrobat to achieve benefits.

Class will consist of 20 minutes of theory immediately followed by 50 minutes of practice.

Suitable for all ages. Loose-fitting sweat-pants and shirts are recommended. Bring your exercise mat and a thick, large towel to place underneath it. If you are particularly stiff, bring two small, firm pillows. Try it! You will like it!

Lorraine Harwelik is a Registered Yoga Teacher (RYT), dual-certified clinical herbalist, and a licensed N. J. educator. She is the founder and head herbalist of Natural Therapeutics for Health, LLC in Cranford.

You must register online for all programs at www.wmlnj.org, and click on Calendar, or call 908.789.4090 option 0.
Let’s Talk at the Fiction Book Club about
*The Shoemaker’s Wife*
by Adriana Trigiani
Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00 pm

The majestic and haunting beauty of the Italian Alps is the setting of the first meeting of Enza, a practical beauty, and Ciro, a strapping mountain boy, who meet as teenagers, despite growing up in villages just a few miles apart. At the turn of the last century, when Ciro catches the local priest in a scandal, he is banished from his village and sent to hide in America as an apprentice to a shoemaker in Little Italy. Without explanation, he leaves a bereft Enza behind. Soon, Enza's family faces disaster and she, too, is forced to go to America with her father to secure their future. *(thanks to amazon.com)*

Tell Your Story at the Story Slam
Wednesday, January 8 at 7:00 pm

*What’s new?* There are many different ways to celebrate a new year! Do you have resolutions--broken or kept? Do you have great memories of New Year's Eve? Come and share your favorite stories!

Chill Out with the Frost Kings
Saturday, January 12 at 2:00 pm

The FrostKings are equally at home playing swinging shuffles, slow blues or full-tilt boogies. Their repertoire ranges from the West Coast swing stylings of Louis Jordan and T-Bone Walker, to the classic blues of Luther Johnson, B.B. King, Eddie 'Clean Head' Vinson and Muddy Waters, to the R&B of Wilson Pickett and Herbie Hancock. It may be chilly outside, but the the icy cold tones of the FrostKings warm up any evening. Don’t miss them!

Want to see what our programs are like? Check out our YouTube videos on the website www.wmlnj.org by clicking on the YouTube icon.
Learn all about Music in Films-Originals and Adaptations
Wednesday, January 16 at 7:00 pm

Allen Cohen presents an informative and entertaining survey of the musical film: its origins, history and future. Using audio and video examples it begins with “The Jazz Singer,” ranges through Busby Berkeley, Fred and Ginger, the MGM years, and the rock era to Chicago and beyond. It includes discussions of the differences and similarities between Broadway and Hollywood musicals, why the era of the great Hollywood musicals came to an end, and where film musicals may go next. Mr. Cohen has conducted or written dance music for six musicals on Broadway, and played keyboards or rehearsal piano for dozens of others. He has also conducted shows off-Broadway, in regional theaters, and on tours around the United States and the world. His musical, “The Medicine Show,” was produced at the Annenberg Center in Philadelphia, and he contributed songs to the off-Broadway revue “The Present Tense.” He has also written the music for two off-Broadway plays, four films, and dozens of radio and television commercials. A member of the Board of Directors of the League of Composers in New York, he has received a Meet the Composer grant and his classical pieces for orchestra, solo instruments, chamber groups, and voice have been presented around the world. Formerly a Westfield resident, he is currently an Associate Professor of Music at Fairleigh Dickinson.

Enjoy the Cabaret Music of Castorina and Rose
Tuesday, February 12 at 7:00 pm

Betty Rose is a superb vocalist who has performed at New York City's Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall. Rave reviews have described her angelic voice as "exquisite," her performances as "perfection," and audiences have called her a "perfect singer." Betty Rose is a classically trained vocalist with an extensive range who has been singing professionally since the age of five.

Charles Castorina is an extraordinary pianist who performs solo in the tri-state area, as well as with his partner Betty Rose. They packed the house on their previous visit to the library, so please register now!
The Very Last Page of Adult Programs

Start Getting Ready for Backyard Gardening!
Saturday, February 23 at 1:30 pm

Get ready for spring planting and the Philadelphia Flower Show. Come grow with us as you learn about the basics of gardening. Find out about soils, tools and how to choose the right plants. Be the envy of your neighbors as you design, plan and execute the garden of your dreams.

Karen Camden teaches the class.

Listen to the Fabulous Music of Rhonda Denet and Silver Fox Songs!
Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00 pm
For Westfield Residents Only**

Rhonda Denet and Silver Fox Songs are back by popular demand! “Mostly Motown” is a review of classic rhythm & blues and soul of the 1960s and 70s. Join Rhonda Denet and the Silver Fox Songs trio as they celebrate a time when this primarily African-American genre crossed over to mainstream audiences. Featured songs were made famous by female artists Aretha Franklin, Martha & The Vandellas, Diana Ross & The Supremes, Etta James, Gladys Knight, Dionne Warwick, Dusty Springfield and Roberta Flack, as well as male artists Ray Charles, Smokey Robinson, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye and Al Greene. You must register!

**MURAL Cardholders may sign up beginning February 28 provided there is availability. You must register for this program.
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 pm.
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.

Please Note:
Weekly topics are subject to change.

FRANK SINATRA
December 7
Trace the life of this American legend from his boyhood in Hoboken, NJ through his career as a singer and actor.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK:
“The Shop Around the Corner”
December 14
Starring Margaret Sullivan and Jimmy Stewart

NO TGIF — DECEMBER 21
NO TGIF — DECEMBER 28

BEST OF WORLD CRUISES
January 4
Cruise to such places as Alaska, Eastern and Western Caribbean, Northern and Western Europe, Hawaii, Mexico, and many more.

HISTORY OF RADIO
January 11
This is the story of a "magic box" that changed our country's way of life. Review the stars, the shows and the history that made Americans laugh and cry during the golden age of radio.

PAUL CEZANNE
January 18
Learn about the life & works of this wonderful artist.

WILMA RUDOLPH
January 25
Enjoy this biopic about Wilma Rudolph who not only triumphed over polio, but went on to win three consecutive gold medals at the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome. Stars Cicely Tyson and Denzel Washington.

NO TGIF — February 1

GREAT SINGERS OF YESTERYEAR****
February 8
Revisit with some of the greatest singers from the 1920’s to the 1950’s including Al Jolson, Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, Rosemary Clooney, Billie Holiday, Dick Haymes, and many more!

****PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A LIVE LECTURE/PERFORMANCE BY MR. RICK BUSCIGLIO

ELLA FITZGERALD
February 15
Learn about the life of this legendary first lady of song.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK:
“Easy to Wed”
February 22
Starring Esther Williams, Van Johnson, and Lucille Ball

All programs are videos or lectures unless otherwise noted.
The Strange World of Reptiles
Meet live lizards, snakes, turtles, & even an alligator, as you learn about the fascinating world of reptiles.
**Date:** Saturday, January 12  **Time:** 10:30 am  
**Age:** 5 years & up  
Online registration begins December 12

The Three Bears by Tuckers’ Tales Puppet Theater
Four stories and three bears are featured in this collection of bear tales - Unbearably fun!  
**Date:** Saturday, January 19  **Time:** 10:30 am  
**Age:** 3 years & up  
Online registration begins December 19

Father Goose’s Tales with Jim Napolitano
Using shadow puppets, Father Goose's Tales is a modern retelling of nursery rhymes, stories and children's songs that will entertain the whole family.  
**Date:** Saturday, February 2  **Time:** 10:30 am  
**Age:** 3 years & up  
Online registration begins January 2

Native American Tales About Woodland Animals
Native American Beverly Friend invites preschoolers (and their grown-ups) to participate in some fascinating traditional Native American tales, told in a fun and interactive presentation.  
**Date:** Saturday, February 9  **Time:** 10:30 am  
**Age:** 3 years & up  
Online registration begins January 9

Cool Science With Wondergy
Explore how matter changes from solid to liquid to gas with liquid nitrogen. A fun, interactive science program.  
**Date:** Saturday, February 16  **Time:** 10:30 am  
**Age:** 4 years & up  
Online registration begins January 16

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.  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 19  **Time:** 7:00 – 8:30 pm  
**Age:** 5 years & up  
Online registration begins January 19

Live Animal Friends
Eyes of the Wild gives young children a first “look and touch” experience with the amazing world of animals.  
**Date:** Saturday, March 2  **Time:** 10:30 am  
**Age:** 3 years & up  
Online registration begins February 2

When Animals Attack!
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.  
**Date:** Saturday, March 9  **Time:** 10:30 am  
**Age:** 5 years & up  
Online registration begins February 9

"Meet Eugene" with Yosi
Songs, stories and humor with Singer Yosi and Eugene, the puppet.  
**Date:** Saturday, March 16  **Time:** 10:30 am  
**Age:** 3 years & up  
Online registration begins February 16

Songs and Stories around the World
Songwriter and author John Farrell shares songs and stories from, and about, many places around the world.  
**Date:** Saturday, March 23  **Time:** 10:30 am  
**Age:** 4 & up  
Online registration begins February 23
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. Any questions, please ask a Youth Services Librarian

**Fun for 4’s & 5’s Storytime**
Stories, crafts and fun. Attend either in the morning or afternoon.
**Dates:** Tuesdays, January 8—February 12  
**Times:** 10:30-11:00 am OR 1:00-1:30 pm  
**Ages:** 4 & 5  
Child attends program without parent or caregiver. No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

**2’s on Thursday Storytime**
Stories, songs, finger plays and movement activities.
**Dates:** Thursdays, January 10—February 14  
**Time:** 10:30-10:50 am  
**Age:** 2  
Parent or caregiver attends with child. No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

**Time for 3’s Storytime**
Stories, songs, rhymes and crafts.
**Dates:** Wednesdays, January 9—February 13  
**Time:** 10:30-11:00 am  
**Age:** 3  
Parent or caregiver attends with child. No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

**Little Listener’s Storytime**
Stories, finger plays, rhymes and songs.
**Dates:** Fridays, January 11—February 15  
**Time:** 10:30-10:50 am  
**Age:** 23 months & younger  
Parent or caregiver attends with child. No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

**LEGO K Club**
A special winter LEGO session for kindergarten only. Use your imagination to create awesome LEGO structures.
**Dates:** Wednesdays, January 16—February 6  
**Time:** 3:45-4:30 pm  
**Age:** Kindergarten ONLY  
Online registration begins on December 16. Space is limited, so sign up early.

**Chess Club for Kids**
Chess sets provided for children to play each other. No age requirement, but children must know how the chess pieces move.
**Dates:** Friday, January 4, February 1, March 1  
**Time:** 3:45-4:45 pm  
No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

**Creative Dramatics**
Listen to a story, create simple props, then act it out!
**Dates:** Friday, January 18 and February 15  
**Time:** 3:45-4:30 pm  
**Age:** Kindergarten & Up  
Online registration begins on December 18.

**Grupo ñ Spanish-Language Storytime**
Spanish language story time for families with children. All stories, songs and activities are in Spanish; no English is spoken.
**Dates:** Sundays, December 9; January 13; and February 24  
**Time:** 2-2:45 pm  
**Age:** 6 and younger  
Open to the public.

**It’s that time of year again…Mid-Term Exams!**
Do your studying at the Library’s Teen Study Hall Nights

Starting Saturday, January 26, the library program room will be open afternoons and evenings for high school students studying for exams. **On Thursday, January 31, Monday February 4 and Tuesday, February 5**, the room will be open until 10 pm. Light refreshments will be available for students from 7-10 pm on those evenings.