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for Christmas Eve. Closed
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New Year’s Day
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December 17
January 28, 2016
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Mission Statement
The Westfield Memorial Library—the com-


Westfield Family Leaves Legacy to Westfield Library
Foundation to Establish Weiss Family Jazz Series

The library and Westfield Memorial Library Foundation are excited to announce the formation of a new jazz series. Established with a bequest to the Foundation in memory of long-time library patrons Joseph and Dorothy Weiss, the Weiss Family Jazz Series, presented by the Westfield Memorial Library Foundation, commences in 2016 with a performance by Keith Franklin Jazz on February 10 at 7:00 p.m. (See page 7.) Following will be the Mason Gross School of the Arts Jazz Trio on May 4 and jazz singer Marlene Verplanck on October 5. Leaving a legacy to the library through the Gifts Program or through a donation to the Foundation is a wonderful way to commemorate a loved one. Organizations and businesses can also participate. A gift from an organization means recognition for its accomplishments throughout the year, and a gift from a business is a unique way to recognize retirees, founding days, or other special events. For more information, contact Director Phil Israel at 908.789.4090 extension

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A Strong Foundation Recently Doug Stokes, President of the Board of Trustees, dedicated a plaque to the library recognizing the six original founding members of the Westfield Memorial Library Foundation. Pictured from left are Mr. Stokes, Roger Sullivan, Linnea Rhodes, Lynn Kolterjahn and Library Director Phil Israel. Not shown are Randi Albert, Jay Hershey and Tom Smith.
Culture Corner

Library continues to stream free, HD quality videos of select Lincoln Center performances*
*Generously funded through support from the Oak Foundation, Altman Foundation and Booth Ferris Foundation*

The streaming of the New York Philharmonic Gala held at Lincoln Center in 2012 with violinist Itzhak Perlman has been rescheduled to Saturday, December 12 at 2:00 p.m. (See page 5.) In a continuing effort to bring world-class performances to the library, we will also present four shows that pay homage to Broadway. So clear and crisp, you’ll think you’re there!

Lincoln Center Salutes Broadway in 2016

Kristin Chenoweth: The Dames of Broadway ...
All of ‘Em!!!! Saturday, February 20 at 2:00 pm

Broadway and television star Kristin Chenoweth (Wicked, Glee, Pushing Daisies) has made her mark on stage and screen. In this concert for Lincoln Center, she offers a fond salute to the great ladies and show-stopping scene stealers of Broadway, creating a night at once intimate and filled with “Broadway razzle dazzle.” This special performance was taped in February 2013 as part of Lincoln Center’s American Songbook series.

Ring Them Bells! A Kander & Ebb Celebration
Saturday, May 14 at 2:00 pm

Rob Fisher’s lively tribute to the music and musicals created by John Kander and Fred Ebb stars Broadway’s Marin Mazzie, Jason Danieley, and two of Kander & Ebb’s best-known collaborators, Chita Rivera and Joel Grey. From Cabaret to Chicago to Kiss of the Spider Woman, Kander and Ebb’s work sparkles with wit even as it channels the deepest, sometimes darkest, reaches of the human heart.

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Coming Soon...Save the Dates:
Patina Miller in Concert July 9
Celebrating Marvin Hamlisch October 15
News from the Friends of the Library

Let’s Discuss these Great Books at the Friends’ Book Club

*Clara and Mr. Tiffany*
by Susan Vreeland, January 20, 2016

*Rebecca*
by Daphne Du Maurier, March 16

*Dead Wake – The Last Crossing of the Lusitania*
by Erik Larson, May 18

Open to the public. All meetings are at 2 pm in the Meeting Room. Request copies of the book at the Circulation Desk.

The Friends Thank all who Made Children’s Book Sale Such a Success!

The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library thank all who generously donated and shopped for books and related materials at the Children’s and Teens’ Book Sale. The donations exceeded 4,000 items! The sale generated $2,085 to benefit the Library’s many activities. Over 40 people donated their time to run the sale. The Friends look forward to seeing you at their huge April Book Sale for both adults and children.

“Sharing the Warmth” Knitting Group Donates 101 Afghans

Last August the Friends group donated 101 afghans to Camp Happy Times in Tyler, PA. Sponsored by the Valerie Fund, the camp hosts between 150-200 campers, aged 5-21, for one week each year during the month of August. Each camper has, or has had, cancer. Sew splendid!

Friends Present Gaston Award to Anne and Lee Hale

Friends Co-President David Machlowitz recently presented the Kenneth Gaston Award posthumously to Anne and Lee Hale. He praised their dedication to the library and to the establishment of the successful and popular Speakers Series named after the couple. Their daughter, Barbara, a Hale Series board member, accepted the award, given annually to individuals or groups who have demonstrated a sincere interest in the Library and helped support its activities.

The Friends Celebrate Black History Month: “A Salon Evening with African American Women Who Broke Barriers in Art and Literature” Wednesday, February 17 at 7:00 pm (Snow Date: Wednesday, March 2)

This program covers six important women: Frances Harper, Angelina Weld Grimke, Georgia Douglas Johnson, Nella Larsen, Gwendolyn Brooks and Rita Dove. Similar to the Harlem Renaissance days of performance salons, their works will be performed and recited by Lisa Fleming.

Lisa has performed in numerous regional and community theaters in Philadelphia, Atlanta, Pittsburgh and extensively in NJ and NY. With many film and TV credits to her name, she is currently working on independent voice-over productions nationwide. Lisa, who has her own Management/Productions company, always awes Westfield audiences with her shows. Open to the public, but you must sign up online or by telephone.
Computer Classes for the Winter and Spring
For all of these classes, you must have some computer knowledge and skill, plus mouse and typing skills

**Advanced Word: Using the Insert Ribbon**
**Thursday, December 3  7:00—8:30 pm**
This 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. The class is intended for people who already know the basics of Word. You may bring your own laptop.

**Google Docs and Drive: Use the Cloud**
**Saturday, January 16  10:00—11:30 am**
Google Docs is a free, cloud-based platform for word processing, presentations and spreadsheets. Being “cloud-based” means that your work is stored online and can be accessed from any computer anywhere. Learn how to use this convenient and powerful suite of software!

**Genealogy on the Web! Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, Geni and More!**
**Thursday, February 4  7:00—8:30 pm**
Ancestry.com is a fantastic resource for genealogical research that family historians in the past could only dream of. Learn how to use these databases to dig deep, efficiently and accurately into your family’s roots!

Also, learn how to use Geni, a social network/genealogical wiki that lets you construct family trees, discover distant branches of your family and even see how you’re “related” to friends and famous people! You are welcome to bring your own laptop.

**Photo Editing with GIMP**
**Saturday, March 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. You may bring your own laptop, but it must have GIMP loaded on it.

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**Teen Study Hall Nights for Mid-Terms**

*It’s that time of year again … and the Library is here to help!*

**Teen Study Hall Nights for Mid-term Exams**

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This lecture examines the historic journey of The Beatles, starting from their early days in Liverpool and Hamburg, into the excitement of Beatlemania, through their ground-breaking studio albums (Rubber Soul, Revolver, Sgt. Pepper's) to their remarkable final recordings at Abbey Road.

Speaker Vincent Bruno is a rock historian with focus on The Beatles and The Sixties. Recently retired as Director of First Year Programs at LaGuardia Community College (City University of New York), he holds an MPA from Baruch College. An Adjunct Professor for the past 25 years, he has taught courses in numerous disciplines including Humanities, Management and Cooperative Education. As a Beatles scholar/storyteller, he looks to both embrace not just their legacy but to present an entertaining, interactive and informative session for the casual listener as well as the hard-core Beatles fan.

Get creative and find new uses (perhaps a holiday gift) for something you already have. Join presenter Karen Camden as she explores “how to make this out of that” from your household treasures. Don't recycle, repurpose! You’ll leave this workshop with real-world strategies, too!

The library’s latest innovation is the streaming of free, high-quality videos of select Lincoln Center performances. Join us on this wintery afternoon to view this 2012 gala, which was originally recorded at Avery Fisher Hall. Audra McDonald hosts a festive, spectacular night of classical music, as Alan Gilbert conducts the New York Philharmonic in a performance of Respighi's sparkling “Pines of Rome.” World-class guest violinist Itzhak Perlman performs personal favorites.
Balancing Act: What does the word “balance” conjure up for you? Is it a state of mind or a physical state? Is it an action or a feeling, a need or a goal? In this workshop led by Wendy Rosenberg, we will explore what balance, being balanced and living a balanced life mean to you. We will delve into “balance” through writing and art activities. No writing or art experience is required!

Wendy is a teacher with 21 years of experience as a poet. She became a Certified Applied Poetry Facilitator (CAPT) through the National Federation of Biblio/Poetry Therapy, and is a member of the National Association for Poetry Therapy (NAPT). She attended the Expressive Arts Institute at Salve-Regina University where she received training as an Expressive Art Education Facilitator.

Inner Happy: It’s the perfect time of year to focus on the things that bring us happiness and make us smile. In this workshop, also led by Wendy Rosenberg, we will combine art and writing to help us tap into our inner happy. No writing or art experience is required!

Color Your World! Coloring for Adults
Tuesday, December 15 at 10:00 am
Tuesday, January 12 at 10:00 am
Tuesday, February 9 at 10:00 am

Our hectic lives color our view of the world. Wouldn't it be great if you could just spend a few unhurried hours with a coloring book? Whether you color inside or outside the lines, coloring is a fun and relaxing activity that allows you to get your creative juices flowing without the need for any artistic talent.

Join us for a program that will make you feel like a kid again! The coloring patterns we'll provide are geometric, intricate, and abstract, designed to appeal to adults. We'll supply all the materials. No need to register.
The critically acclaimed TV Series, “Downton Abbey,” has renewed popular interest in the Edwardian era, when King Edward VII reigned in the United Kingdom. It was a time of great disparity between the haves and the have-nots. Wealthy aristocrats owned huge manor houses, and reveled in luxury, leisure and extravagance. The rich expected their every whim to be indulged, and all their daily needs to be fulfilled, by the lower class of domestic servants.

Come learn about this fascinating time and the people who lived in it. Judith Krall-Russo is a regular lecturer and seminar organizer across the state. She has extensive knowledge of food and beverage customs, particularly the history and ceremony of tea, and has melded this information into captivating historical programs.

Keith Franklin is a creative jazz pianist who has a B.A. in piano performance from Rutgers University. He has toured in the U.S and opened for Blood Sweat and Tears, B.B. King, Iron Butterfly and the Youngbloods. After his foray into rock and roll, he returned to his jazz roots.

Vocalist Catrice Joseph graduated from LaGuardia High School of the Arts and New York University. She has performed in over twelve countries and toured nationally with shows such as Hair, Fame and Tommy. Her Broadway credits include Seussical, Bird Girl, Rent and All Shook Up.

Scot Hornick, double and electric bassist, has studied and performed with many great musicians. Live performances have taken him all over North and Central America, as well as Europe and Scandinavia. He teaches at Mercer County Community College and Bill Wright's School of Music.

Tom Papadatos, drummer, is a Berklee College of Music graduate. He has been performing in the New York area, and has toured in the United States, Asia and Europe with various pop, rock, blues, and jazz artists, as well as modern dance companies. We can’t wait for this exciting new jazz series to begin!

Historian Donald J. Peck returns to the library to present his history of that pivotal year in New Jersey: 1776. In his lecture he will discuss New Jerseyans who favored and opposed independence. A highlight of the lecture will be the historic peace conference of September 11, 1776.
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.

MEL BROOKS: MAKE A NOISE
DECEMBER 4
Learn about the life of the great comedian and director.

HEATHER MULVEY
DECEMBER 11
Sit back and enjoy this LIVE PERFORMANCE of holiday music by the New Jersey musician.

ETHEL
JANUARY 22
Learn about the life of Ethel Kennedy in this documentary directed by her daughter Rory.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK:
"PLEASE DON’T EAT THE DAISIES"
JANUARY 29
Starring Doris Day and David Niven.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK:
"HIGH SOCIETY"
DECEMBER 18
Starring Bing Crosby and Grace Kelly.

EDISON: THE FATHER OF INVENTION
FEBRUARY 5
Examine the life of the Wizard of Menlo Park.

MYSTERY GORILLAS
FEBRUARY 12
Join primatologist Mireya Mayor, as she uncovers the secrets of these mysterious giants.

WASHINGTON THE WARRIOR
FEBRUARY 19
Trace the life of George Washington as a soldier prior to becoming president.

I LOVE LUCY
50TH ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL
JANUARY 15
Celebrate the anniversary of the classic television show.

TRAVEL: ENGLAND
JANUARY 8
Experience England.

NO TGIF DECEMBER 25
MERRY CHRISTMAS

NO TGIF JANUARY 1
HAPPY NEW YEAR

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK:
"CASABLANCA"
FEBRUARY 26
Starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman.
For the enjoyment of all, children MUST be the correct age for any program they attend and have a full-service Westfield Library card in their name. To register, visit our website, www.wmlnj.org, then click on Calendar. Any questions, please ask a Youth Services Librarian.

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

**Mammal Mania**
Mammals from around the world will be featured, along with information on their behavior, habitats, survival strategies and their often humorous personalities. A few of the animals we will meet are the wallaby (a small kangaroo), rabbit, guinea pig and the Patagonian cavy.

**Date:** Saturday, January 9
**Time:** 10:30 – 11:30 am
**Age:** 4 years & up
Open to full-service Westfield library card holders only.
**Registration required for ALL children/adults attending the program.**
Use library card number to register each person.
**Online registration begins on December 1, 2015.**

**Tropical Rainforest**
Presented by Bill Boesenberg of Snakes-n-Scales. The tropical rainforest is perhaps THE most interesting ecosystem on Earth. These forests are filled with amazing animal species using adaptations to survive. Meet live toads, lizards, and snakes as you learn about the fascinating world they inhabit.

**Date:** Saturday, January 23
**Time:** 10:30 – 11:30 am
**Age:** 4 years & up
Open to full-service Westfield library card holders only.
**Registration required for ALL children/adults attending the program.**
Use library card number to register each person.
**Online registration begins on December 1, 2015.**

**Puppet Sing-Along with Jim Napolitano**
Join the fun as Nappy’s Puppets present some of the silliest songs around!

**Date:** Saturday, January 30
**Time:** 10:30 – 11:30 am
**Age:** 3 years & up
Open to full-service Westfield library card holders only.
**Registration required for ALL children/adults attending the program.**
Use library card number to register each person.
**Online registration begins on January 1, 2016.**

**“It’s the Wolf” by Tuckers’ Tales Puppet Theater**
Some days are bad; others are big, bad & particularly troublesome. Join us as we follow Mr. Wolf through some of his most famous adventures.

**Date:** Saturday, February 6,
**Time:** 10:30 – 11:30 am
**Age:** 3 years & up
Open to full-service Westfield Library card holders only.
**Registration required for ALL children/adults attending the program.**
Use library card number to register each person.
**Online registration begins on January 1, 2016.**

**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 16
**Time:** 7:00 – 8:30 pm
**Age:** 5 years & up (and parents)
Open to full-service Westfield library card holders only.
**Registration required for ALL children/adults attending the program.**
Use library card number to register each person.
**Online registration begins on January 1, 2016.**
Dragons & Dreams

Enjoy this spectacular adventure and be swept away to a world where dragons are real and dreams come true. Presented by Scienctellers, this story features interactive science experiments with dry ice, flash paper, exploding bottles and much more.

Date: Saturday, February 20
Time: 10:30 – 11:30 am
Age: 4 years & up
Open to full-service Westfield library card holders only.
Registration required for ALL children/adults attending the program.
Use library card number to register each person.
Online registration begins on January 1, 2016.

Yosi presents: Meet Eugene

Songs, stories and humor with Singer Yosi and Eugene, the puppet.

Date: Saturday, February 27
Time: 10:30 – 11:30 am
Age: 4 years & up
Open to full-service Westfield library card holders only.
Registration required for ALL children/adults attending the program.
Use library card number to register each person.
Online registration begins on January 1, 2016.

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 and his giant inflatable dinosaurs!

Date: Saturday, March 5
Time: 10:30 – 11:30 am
Age: 4 years & up
Open to full-service Westfield library card holders only.
Registration required for ALL children/adults attending the program.
Use library card number to register each person.
Online registration begins on February 1, 2016.

The Jester Jim Show

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, March 12
Time: 10:30 – 11:30 am
Age: 3 years & up
Open to full-service Westfield library card holders only.
Registration required for ALL children/adults attending the program.
Use library card number to register each person.
Online registration begins February 1, 2016.

Atka, the Amazing Eskie

Atka, an 11-year-old standard American Eskimo Dog, his Eskie sister ‘Normal Dog’ Nuka, puppy Kayu, and their owner, Thy, will be performing unique dog tricks. Several of these tricks are interactive, requiring audience participation. Atka was featured on Animal Planet’s TV series, ‘Dogs 101’, representing the American Eskimo Dog in the studios. He has also recently filmed his first movie role as the “Hero Dog.”

Date: Saturday, March 19
Time: 10:30 – 11:30 pm
Age: 3 years & up
Open to full-service Westfield library card holders only.
Registration required for ALL children/adults attending the program.
Use library card number to register each person.
Online registration begins on February 1, 2016.
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: Tuesdays, December 1 & 8
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.

All About Winter
Bundle up and join us for Winter stories and crafts!
Date: Wednesday, December 9
Time: 10:30 - 11:15 am
Ages: 3 years and up
Open to full-service library card holders only.
Required online registration begins December 1.
Please use child’s library card to register.

Sing-Along with Sister String!
Join Sister String for a fun-filled musical sing-along of classic children’s songs.
Date: Thursday, December 3
Time: 10:30 - 11:00 am
All ages welcome with parent or caregiver
Full-service library card required.
No pre-registration is necessary.
Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

Chess Club for Kids
Chess sets are available for kids to play each other. Bring a friend or make a new one!
Dates: Fridays, December 11, January 8, February 12
Time: 3:45 - 4:30 pm
There is no age requirement, but children must already know how the chess pieces move.
Child must have a full-service Westfield Library card in his/her own name.
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, December 8, February 9, March 8, April 12
Time: 6:30 - 7:15 pm
Grades: 1 through 5 (No kindergarten)
Parents/guardians remain in the library during program.
No pre-registration required.
Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.
Child MUST be in grades 1 through 5 and have a full-service Westfield library card in his/her own name.

Afternoon LEGO K Club
A special LEGO winter session for Kindergarteners
ONLY! Use your imagination to create awesome LEGO structures.
Dates: Tuesdays, January 12, 19, & 26
Time: 3:45 - 4:30 pm
Grade: Kindergarten students only
No pre-registration required.
Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.
Child MUST be in Kindergarten and have a full-service Westfield library card in his/her own name.
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.

Storytimes and Programs Continued
Winter 2015-2016 Westfield Memorial Library

Storytimes and Programs Continued

Afternoon Fun for 4’s & 5’s Storytime
Stories, crafts and fun!
Dates: Tuesdays, January 19 - February 23
Time: 1:00 - 1:30 pm
Age: 4 & 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.
Child must be the correct age and must have a full-service Westfield library card in his/her own name.

Time for 3’s Storytime
Stories, songs, rhymes and more.
Dates: Wednesdays, January 20 - February 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.
Child must be the correct age and must have a full-service Westfield library card in his/her own name.

2’s on Thursday Storytime
Stories, songs, finger-plays and movement activities.
Dates: Thursdays, January 21 - February 25
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.
Child must be the correct age and must have a full-service Westfield library card in his/her own name.

Playgroup for Babies
Come for a Lapsit story and stay for 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, December 4 - 18
Fridays, January 8 - February 26
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.
Child MUST have a full-service Westfield library card in his/her own name.

Scavenger Hunt @ the Library!
Get ready for our annual scavenger hunt at the library. Search for clues and information and earn prizes.
A brief orientation will precede the hunt, so please be prompt.
Date: Tuesday, February 2
Time: 7:00 - 8:15 pm
No age requirement, but child must be able to read on their own.
Open to full-service Westfield library card holders only.
Required online registration begins January 1.
Please use child’s library card to register.