September 18-21, the Library will be closed so that we can have the first floor and stairs leading to the second floor newly carpeted.

Although we apologize for the inconvenience this upgrade may cause some of our patrons, we’re excited that we can continue to improve the Library’s physical appearance.

Some of the cost of the carpeting will be paid for with the $15,000 that the Friends of the Library donated through their 2017 Book Sale.

We are so grateful to these dedicated volunteers who, year after year, put in hundreds of hours into running the best book sale around!

And in other news …

Do you love the convenience of downloading the Library’s selection of magazines to your phone, tablet or computer? Zinio magazines has merged with rbdigital, so you’ll need to create a new rbdigital account. Visit www.wmlnj.org and see the Digital Access link for easy directions.
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.

NO TGIF SEPTEMBER 1
HAPPY LABOR DAY

MISS POTTER
September 8
Enjoy this bio-pic about the life of Beatrix Potter, starring Renee Zellweger.

LEONARD BERNSTEIN:
THE GIFT OF MUSIC
September 15
Explore the stunning career of composer and conductor Leonard Bernstein.

THE GATHERING STORM
September 22
Learn about the life of Winston Churchill prior to World War Two. Starring Albert Finney.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK
"THE ARTIST"
September 29
The Academy Award winning movie.

THURGOOD
October 6
This one-man play stars Laurence Fishburne in his Tony-nominated performance as Thurgood Marshall, the remarkable Civil Rights lawyer and Supreme Court Justice.

COPELAND AND THE AMERICAN SOUND
October 13
Celebrate the life of American composer, Aaron Copeland.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK
"WAITRESS"
October 20
The basis for the hit Broadway musical. Starring Keri Russell.

NO TGIF OCTOBER 27-
CHILDREN’S BOOK SALE

PATTI SMITH-DREAM OF LIFE
November 3
An intimate portrait of poet, painter, musician and singer Patti Smith that mirrors the essence of the artist herself.

THE MAKING OF WEST SIDE STORY
November 10
An award winning look at the making of the recording of West Side Story.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK
"MAMMA MIA"
November 17
Starring Meryl Streep.

NO TGIF NOVEMBER 24
Happy Thanksgiving!
Friends to Hold Children’s and Teens’ Book Sale in October

The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library are pleased to announce the dates for the upcoming annual sale of books and related media for children and teens. Proceeds of the sale benefit the Westfield Memorial Library. A wide variety of high-quality materials will be offered at rock-bottom prices. The Friends welcome donations of gently used hardcover and soft cover books, audio books, and DVDs—everything from board books for babies to books and other media suitable for teens. They CANNOT accept videos, magazines, encyclopedias, vinyl records, or damaged or moldy books.

**Donation Days**
Tuesday, October 24: 2 pm - 7 pm
Wednesday, October 25: 10 am - 3 pm

**Sale Days**
Thursday, October 26: 11 am - 8 pm
Friday, October 27 (1/2 Price Day): 10 am - 4:30 pm
Saturday, October 28 (Bag Day; $7 per bag): 10 am - 1 pm

For additional information or to volunteer to help out at the sale, contact Dona Teschner or Barbara Goldberg at wmlchildrensbooksale@gmail.com.

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**Shall we discuss these great books at The Friends Book Club?**

Meetings are held at 2:00 pm on Wednesdays
All are Welcome!

Request copies of the books at the Circulation Desk.

*Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by J.D. Vance
October 18, 2017

*The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin
January 17, 2018

*Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine, and the Murder of a President* by Candice Millard
March 21, 2018

*The Women in the Castle* by Jessica Shattuck
May 16, 2018

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**The Tenth Annual Hale Speaker Series Continues**
Made possible by grants from the Anne and Lee Hale Fund and The Thomas Glasser Foundation

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 at 7 pm**
Erin Vogel, PhD:
“Studying Orangutans in Indonesia”
Westfield native, WHS ‘91, and Associate Professor of Anthropology, Rutgers University

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 at 7 pm**
Douglas Yearley, Jr.:
“Housing Trends in America”
Westfield native, WHS ‘78, CEO and Director, Toll Brothers
Adult School Classes at the Westfield Memorial Library

Adult School at the Library

The classes below are handled through the Adult School of the Chathams, Madison, Florham Park, and most recently, Westfield. You can register in late August/early September by visiting the Adult School’s website www.theadultschool.org, or calling their office at (973) 443-9222.

The Operas of Mozart, Rossini, and Bellini
Monday, September 25 and October 2 at 1:00 to 2:30 pm

Explore the stories, characters, and music of the great bel canto operas with Robert Butts, one of New Jersey's leading opera conductors. **$50 for the series (a third date to be scheduled)**

Social Media for Beginners
Thursday, October 12 and October 19 at 7:00 to 8:30 pm

In this informative 2-part workshop, learn how to use Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Google+, Skype and other social media platforms from both your computer and mobile device. Bring your own device to class. **$75 for both classes.**

Buy and Sell on Ebay
Thursday, November 2 and November 9 at 7:00 to 8:30 pm

In this informative workshop, you’ll learn to establish an account, work with PayPal, and auction bidding techniques. Bring your own device to class. **$75 for both classes.**

The Operas of Donizetti and Verdi
Monday, November 27, December 4 and December 11 at 1:00 to 2:30 pm

Explore the stories, characters and music of the great bel canto operas with Robert Butts, one of New Jersey’s leading opera conductors. **$50 for three classes.**
Adult Programs for the Fall

Come Hear Persian Music
Mystic Songs of Love
Saturday, September 9
at 2:00 pm

Amir Vahab and his Ensemble will perform "Sufi songs of Love" selected from the poetry of the great Sufi Masters Rumi, Hafez, Yunus and Baba Taher.

The lively folk and traditional music features the ethereal sounding Ney (mystical reed flute), Tar, (Instrument of Lovers), Oud (the short neck lute), Tanbour (The ancient sacred lute), Saz (seven-stringed long neck lute), Daf (large frame drum associated with Sufi rituals) and Tombak (Persian goblet drum). The concert concludes with a dynamic drumming performance that echoes the universal heartbeat of existence. Don’t forget to sign up: our Saturday afternoon musical performances always fill the house.

Guitarist Peter Biedermann
Returns to Entertain Us
On Wednesday, September 13

Peter Biedermann is a solo instrumental guitarist based in Green Valley, AZ who has been composing and performing for over 40 years. His background also includes stints in various group settings; most notably the bands PING, White Light, Serious Fun, Magic Spot and Amalgamation. The common thread throughout his musical background is crossing the boundaries of music without limits.

This hybrid contemporary style melds elements of American and European folk with jazz and blues shadings underpinned by subtle ambient electronics. Peter began focusing on performing original solo instrumentals beginning in 2000, and he now presents his music in intimate settings such as libraries, art galleries and house concerts. He will focus on pieces from his latest recording, “Tales From The Desert” on a variety of 6 and 12 string guitars in unique tunings. While encouraging questions from the audience, he will also include some of the history and evolution of steel string guitar playing over the last 50+ years. Fans of fellow guitarists such as Leo Kottke, the British school (Bert Jansch, John Renbourn, Davy Graham), Ralph Towner, Michael Hedges and Pierre Bensusan will enjoy this music.
More Adult Programs for the Fall

Learn about Ichabod Crane, Washington Irving, and the Legend of Sleepy Hollow—an NJCH* program
Wednesday, October 4

*This program is funded by the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

A performance focused around a spooky and twisted tale! The presenter brings an all new adaptation of this horror story written by Washington Irving. The interactive one-man interpretation of the story of the headless horseman draws the audience into the school-master’s world in sleepy Tarrytown. The program, followed by discussion about this 19th century author who also wrote Rip Van Winkle, ends with a dramatic reading of the story’s postscript. American Historical Theatre is a nonprofit organization specializing in first-person living history presentations.

Take an Armchair Art Tour of Paintings of the Dutch Golden Age

The Dutch artists and their work are revered—and no one knows them better than museum educator Dr. Michael Norris! Get to know the part of the Metropolitan Museum of Art devoted to the pictures of Frans Hals, Jan Vermeer, and Rembrandt van Rijn. Along the way, learn about the Dutch Republic in its 17th-century heyday, including its tulip mania and the Flying Dutchman!

An art educator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York for many years, Dr. Morris earned his BA in classics from the University of California at San Diego, and his MA in classics and Ph.D. in art history at the University of California at Santa Barbara. He spent twenty years at the Cloisters Museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and has lectured on trips all over the world. His talks at the library are always so fascinating. Sign up!
More Adult Programs for the Fall 2017

Hudson Shakespeare Company presents Macbeth
Wednesday, October 11 at 7:00 pm

One of the most classic of Shakespeare dramas comes to life in this performance by the Hudson Shakespeare Company! “Light thickens, and the crow Makes wing to th' rooky wood. Good things of day begin to droop and drowse; While night’s black agents to their preys do rouse.”?

This is Shakespeare's eerie tale about the damaging physical and psychological effects of political ambition on those who seek power for its own sake. A brave Scottish general named Macbeth receives a prophecy from a trio of witches that one day he will become King of Scotland. Consumed by ambition and spurred to action by his wife, Macbeth murders King Duncan and takes the Scottish throne for himself. He is then haunted by nightmares, visions, and screams in the night feeding his guilt and paranoia. Forced to commit more bloody murders to protect himself from enmity and suspicion, he soon becomes a tyrannical ruler. The bloodbath and consequent civil war swiftly take Macbeth and Lady Macbeth into the realms of madness and death as ghosts, witchly enchantments and other horrors scar the land. Sign up for a seat.

Excel for Financial Use
Saturday, October 14
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Microsoft Excel software is a seriously powerful and complex financial spreadsheet tool.

Popular instructor Karen Camden returns to teach an Excel for Financial Use workshop. She will add to your basic working knowledge by identifying and demonstrating Formulas, Functions, Auto Features, and Templates along with shortcuts and helpful tips designed to increase your knowledge.

Prerequisites: keyboarding skills and a minimum of Level 1 Basic Excel.
Detox your Home
with Heather McMahill
Tuesday, October 17 at 7:00 pm

Detox your Home for a “greener” lifestyle. Are you looking for ways to eliminate chemicals from your home and get back to a more natural day-to-day life? Join holistic health consultant Heather McMahill as she shares ways to kick chemicals to the curb and reduce the use of toxins.

Heather McMahill  In this fun, hands-on workshop, participants will make a chemical-free home care product to take home with them. Heather is both an essential oils enthusiast and a self-proclaimed “mom on a mission” to educate people on practical ways to keep their families and homes as healthy as possible. In addition to working with Young Living Essential Oils, Heather is trained in a variety of health and wellness practices, including yoga and mindfulness and reiki.

The Weiss Family Jazz Series for 2017 Concludes with

The David Aaron Trio

No doubt you’ve heard David Aaron and his musicians, perennial favorites, at the Sweet Sounds Downtown Jazz Festival on summer evenings in Westfield. At tonight’s show, David will be playing his clarinet, accompanied by his keyboardist and drummer. Don’t miss their unique jazz style! Be sure to sign up—all of our Jazz programs fill the house to capacity.
Tribute to the Grammys with Stan Edwards
Wednesday, November 8 at 7:00 pm

Here’s to the dear Grammy Awards! This event is a musical toast to the first decade of the Grammy Awards, from 1958 - 1967.

Hear the songs sung by the great singers of that period, from Doris Day, Tony Bennett, Louie Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, Louie Prima to Keely Smith. You’ll hear the great, award-winning songs such as “Volaire,” “Mack the Knife,” “I Left My Heart in San Francisco” and “People.”

Stan Edwards is a long-time professional vocalist who has sung at the Village Gate with Dorothy Fields, and Cy Coleman, and has performed in multiple venues ranging from Frank Sinatra's Fountainbleu to the Gas Light Club and Tavern on the Green, as well as television musical shows and a tour with the Tommy Dorsey Band. He and his equally talented wife, Linda Ipanema, who have given several wonderful performances at the Library, continue to perform together.

Watch an Indian Cooking Demonstration
With Charu Jhalani
Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30 PM

Indian cooking club returns this fall! Charu Jhalani will teach us how to prepare a new dish while expanding our knowledge of Indian culture and cuisine. Tonight Charu will be making paneer chilla, a healthy pancake made of green split lentils, garlic, and chilies, then stuffed with crumbled Indian cheese and spices. You will be able to taste the finished product and then receive a printed copy of the recipe to add the dish to your repertoire.

The Final Page of Adult Programs

“Create a Resume in Word” Workshop-Part I and Part II
Wednesday, November 8 at 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Wednesday, November 15 at 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Attend this hands-on workshop taught by Karen Camden to learn how Word can help you create or enhance your resume. 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 level 1 Basic Word. You should bring a thumb drive to save your work and for “homework” assignments. The number of our laptops is limited, so please bring your own, if possible.
Robodyssey - How to Talk to a Robot!
Kids learn to successfully program an autonomous mobile robot to solve a maze. Students learn programming skills based on Microsoft’s Visual Basic language while competing in a non-destructive challenge.
Dates: Tuesday, Oct. 3
Time: 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Age: 8 years old and up
Required Online Registration begins September 1st. Please use child’s library card to register.

Robodyssey - Circuits on Paper!
A hands-on workshop for creating illuminated art with LED circuits. Participants will learn to make complete circuits with conductive tape, batteries, and LEDs.
Dates: Tuesday, Oct. 10
Time: 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Age: 8 years old and up
Required Online Registration begins September 1st. Please use child’s library card to register.

Robodyssey - Arduino Wearables!
Teens and tweens ages 12 and up will learn Arduino programming and use their new skills to design multi-colored LED light displays that can be used to create unique personalized accessories.
Dates: Tuesday, Oct. 17
Time: 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Age: 12 years old and up
Required Online Registration begins September 1st. Please use child’s library card to register.

Just a Reminder...
The Foreign Film Festival will resume in the Fall.
We’ll keep you posted as soon as we have
It's Movie Time!
Take a break and enjoy a movie. These animated versions of picture books are the perfect way to start your day.
**Dates:** Wednesdays, Sept. 6 and 13
**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.

Chess Club for Kids
Chess sets are available for kids to play each other. Bring a friend or make a new one!
**Dates:** Fridays, Sept. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1
**Time:** 3:45 - 4:30 pm
There is no age requirement, but children must already know how the chess pieces move.
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.
**Dates:** Saturdays, Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2
**Time:** 10:00 - 11:00 am
Please note, program is intended for children developing their reading skills.
No pre-registration required. Sign in when you arrive at the Youth Services desk to be assigned a 10-minute reading slot.

Evening LEGO Club
Use your imagination to create wonderful LEGO structures!
**Dates:** Tuesdays, Sept. 12, Nov. 21, Dec. 5
**Time:** 6:30 - 7:15 pm
**Ages:** 5 years old and up
Parents/guardians remain in the library during program.
No pre-registration required.
Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

Baby Playgroup
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, Sept. 15 – Oct. 20
**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.

2's on Tuesday Storytime
Stories, songs, finger-plays and movement activities.
**Dates:** Tuesdays, Sept. 26 – Oct. 31
**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.

Wait! Don’t stop reading! More programs for kids on the other side of the page!
Afternoon Fun for 4’s & 5’s Storytime

Join us for longer stories and fun crafts as we continue our path towards literacy.

**Dates:** Tuesdays, Sept. 26 – Oct. 31  
**Time:** 1:00-1:30 pm  
**Ages:** 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.

3’s on Thursday Storytime

Stories, songs, rhymes and more.

**Dates:** Thursdays, Sept. 28 – Nov. 2  
**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.

Pumpkin Painting

Join us for a fun Halloween story and a pumpkin painting project. Each child takes home their own painted pumpkin!

**Date:** Saturday, October 21  
**Time:** 10:30-11:15 am  
**Ages:** 4 and up  
Required Online Registration begins September 1st.  
Please use child’s library card to register.

Yoga Storytime

Yoga comes to life as we read simple stories and act them out in Yoga poses. Hop like a frog, slither like a snake, and roar like a lion!

**Dates:** Mondays, Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27  
**Time:** 10:00 - 10:30 am  
**Ages:** 2 - 5 years old with parent or caregiver  
Required online registration begins October 1st.  
Please use child’s library card to register.  
Child must register for EACH session they are attending.

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, November 8, 15, 22, 29  
**Time:** 10:30-11:00 am  
**Age:** 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.

All About Thanksgiving

Celebrate harvest time and join us for Thanksgiving stories and a craft!

**Date:** Friday, November 17  
**Time:** 10:00-10:45 am  
**Ages:** 3 and older  
Parent or caregiver attends with child.  
Required Online Registration begins October 1st.  
Please use child’s library card to register.