Always something new...

E Commerce comes to the Library

As always, your library continues to improve so that your experience at an important stop-off point like the Circulation Desk is fast and easy. To pay fines and late fees, we now accept credit cards (with a $5.00 minimum).

Even more convenient is our related service on the website: you can pay your fines from home (or wherever you are) with a credit card. Visit www.wmlnj.org and click on the heading on the far right of the home page, “pay fines from home.” This payment can be conducted wirelessly using whatever device you have that connects you to the Internet—your cell phone, laptop or computer. Of course, late fees and fines are still accepted at the Circulation Desk as in the past.

Another innovation is our new Self Checkout station. There’s no need to wait in line to check out any materials you want to borrow as long as you have your library card with you. Simply scan it under the green light and follow the simple prompts from there. You can also pay any fines from the Self Checkout station as well.

Brainfuse is a new on-demand, anytime, anywhere eLearning system for all ages and levels. The Brainfuse suite consists of HelpNow—live tutoring for young students and adults—and JobNow, which provides coaching for job hunting as well as a variety of resources and tools. Find Brainfuse on our website under Online Resources.
THE IMITATION GAME
September 7
Explore the life of mathematician and cryptographer Alan Turing.
Starring Benedict Cumberbatch.

TONY BENNETT: AN AMERICAN CLASSIC
September 14
Enjoy this live concert companion to Tony Bennett’s Duets album, including duets with Barbara Streisand, Elton John and Christina Aguilera.

THE HUDSON RIVER SCHOOL: ARTISTIC PIONEERS
September 21
Learn about the Hudson River School, the first American school of landscape painting.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK “WHEN HARRY MET SALLY”
September 28
Starring Meg Ryan and Billy Crystal.

THE PARIS OPERA
October 19
A behind the scenes look at the Paris Opera.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK “ADDAMS FAMILY VALUES”
October 26
Just in time for Halloween and the Addamsfest!

NO TGIF NOVEMBER 2 - CHILDREN’S BOOK SALE

SULLY
November 9
Clint Eastwood’s retelling of the story of Sully Sullenberger and the Miracle on the Hudson. Starring Tom Hanks.

INTO THE AMAZON
November 16
Explore the 1914 journey of President Theodore Roosevelt into the Amazon Rainforest.

NO TGIF! NOVEMBER 23 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING

SMOKEY JOE’S CAFÉ: THE SONGS OF LIEBER AND STOLLER
October 12
Celebrate the music of legendary song writing duo, Lieber and Stoller, including hits such as Stand by Me, Jailhouse Rock and Hound Dog.

THE IMMORTAL LIFE OF HENRIETTA LACKS
October 5
Based on the best-selling nonfiction book of the same name, the film chronicles how the unauthorized harvesting of Lacks’ cancerous cells led to unprecedented medical breakthroughs.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK “ST. VINCENT”
November 30
Starring Bill Murray and Melissa McCarthy.
Friends of the Library

Expand Your Mind through the

11th Annual Hale Speaker Series

All programs are held in the
Westfield Memorial Library Meeting Room at 7:00 pm

Made possible by grants from The Anne and Lee Hale Fund
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Hosted by the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library
Pre-registration required

Josh Albertson
Westfield native and resident,
WHS ’92, and Inman Group CEO
“Digital Media Is Dead, Long Live Digital Media”
Wednesday, October 3

Carol Tener
Longtime Westfield resident, realtor,
and Board member Westfield Historical Society
“Architectural Gems in Westfield”
Wednesday, November 7

Join the Friends on Opera and Theatre Trips!

Did you know the Friends host a Metropolitan Opera Series program? Upcoming operas are Aida on September 26 and The Pearl Fishers on November 14. For more information please contact Ulf Dolling at 908.654.5737 or uhdoll@aol.com.

Save the Date

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 1:00 pm Matinee
“To Kill a Mockingbird”

Trip includes bus from library to Shubert Theater, NYC and lunch nearby. New play by Adam Sorkin, starring Jeff Daniels. For more info write wmlvolunteers at gmail.com.

The Friends Book Discussion Group meets
Wednesday, October 17 at 2:00 pm
Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate

This poignant novel is based on one of America's most notorious scandals, in which a Memphis-based adoption organization kidnapped poor children and sold them to wealthy families all over the country. The novel shows how two families, generations apart, are forever changed by this heartbreaking injustice. Copies of the book will be available in the library’s “Book Clubs in a Bag” after Labor Day.

Friends to Hold Children’s and Teens’ Book Sale

October 31st through November 3rd, the Friends will host their annual Children and Teen Book Sale. What a great opportunity to refresh your home or classroom bookshelf. Look for additional information on donation and sale day times as the date gets closer. Volunteers needed, too.

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Don’t forget the Museum Pass Program!

Visit 21 of the best museums in NY and NJ for free, courtesy of the Friends. See the Friends tab on the website.
**Programs For Adults**

**Come Hear the Blues by Musician Rockin’ Johnny Burgin**
**Wednesday, September 12 at 7:00 pm**

Rockin' Johnny plays his own blues originals as well as classics of Chicago blues and some obscure treasures. He is quick with an anecdote or comment to contextualize the music that he learned directly from some of Chicago's greatest blues masters. He always encourages dancing and slips in a rock n roll or soul crowd pleaser as the mood demands. In every show, he includes selections from "Howlin' at Greaseland," a tribute to music of the great blues singer Howlin' Wolf which was nominated for a BMA for Best Traditional Blues CD of 2017. Make sure you sign up and expect a great time!

**Rev up Your Day with Plant-based Super Foods!**
**Monday, September 17 at 7:00 pm**

Join Sue Rose, Vegetarian Lifestyle Coach, for this informative workshop. A vegetarian diet that is high in plant-based whole foods has many health benefits including more energy and increased stamina. Sue will cover basic nutrition needs and how to add more nutrient dense foods to your daily menu. Handouts will include recipes. There will even be a short meditation sitting at the end!

**Tai Chi Demonstration with Instructor Gang Huang**
**Thursday, September 20 at 7:00 pm**

Due to the hands-on nature of this class, registration will be limited to Westfield Resident cardholders only. Beginning Thursday, September 13, MURAL patrons may register, space permitting.

Learn all about Tai Chi, the Chinese tradition of martial arts movements that has become a gentle way to exercise and reduce stress. Certified Tai Chi instructor Gang Huang will teach the ways of Tai Chi, and then show the class its various movements. He has participated in the International Chinese Martial Arts Competition in Washington DC and the U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship winning numerous medals. He teaches at his Bridgewater Seeking Tai Chi Studio. His passion is to dedicate his knowledge and the skills of Tai Chi to help the promotion and growth of Tai Chi in the US. Make sure you sign up.
Programs For Adults

Vocalist Diane Cypkin Presents the Music of Harry Warren
Monday, September 24 at 7:00 pm

If you spend an hour listening to Diane Cypkin sing the songs of Harry Warren and tell his story, you’ll realize that there isn’t another hit-making composer quite like him. Warren had nearly two dozen number one hits, including, Forty-Second Street, Chattanooga Choo Choo and The More I See You. Dr. Cypkin is a Professor in the Media, Communications and Visual Arts Department of Dyson College of Arts and Sciences at Pace University. She has presented one-woman shows about Molly Picon and Songs of World War II shows throughout the tri-state area. Her accompanist Lena Panfilova is a graduate of the Moscow Conservatory. She has performed as a collaborative pianist with many musicians and has given numerous solo and chamber concerts in Russia, across Europe, and in America. Make sure you sign up.

The Popular Cardio/Toning Exercise Series Returns!
Tuesdays September 25, October 2, and October 9 at 7:00 pm
Registration is limited! Registration is available for Westfield Resident Cardholders only. Beginning September 17, MURAL patrons may register, space permitting.

For beginners to experienced exercisers, this class combines low impact aerobics with calisthenics to provide a complete workout in an hour. A fun way to help get in shape for the holidays! Bring a mat or towel, and hand weights if you would like to tone your upper body. Librarian/fitness enthusiast Mary Piekarski will lead the class. She has taught classes at the Piscataway Library for many years and is thrilled to share her love of fitness with a new community. Make sure you sign up. You are welcome to sign up for as many sessions as you would like.

Hear Rae Delbianco
Author of Rough Animals
Wednesday, September 26 at 7:00pm

Rough Animals, the first novel by Rae DelBianco, has been compared to the work of Cormac McCarthy, Denis Johnson, and Gabriel Tallent. It has received starred reviews from Publishers Weekly and Kirkus Reviews, and has been praised by Vogue, the New York Post, New York Magazine and others. Growing up in Bucks County, Rae began raising livestock at age 8 and founded a beef cattle operation at 14. She attended Duke University on a Robertson Scholarship, and later attended Curtis Brown’s Novel Writing Course in London. She has lived in Mountainside, NJ for the past four years with her 88-year-old grandmother in order to write. Rae will discuss writing and getting published.

Modern Real World Etiquette
Monday, October 1
at 6:30 pm

What ever happened to good old fashioned courtesy? In our often hurried, electronic “Must have it now” world, many of the basic rules have fallen by the wayside. Enjoy this review of contemporary guidelines to avoid hearing from the “Etiquette Police.” Presented by popular instructor Karen Camden.
Programs for Adults

Learn to Crochet!
Adult Craft on Tuesday, October 2 at 2:00 pm Part 1
Adult Craft on Tuesday, October 9 at 2:00 pm Part 2

Due to the hands-on nature of this class, registration is limited! Registration is available to Westfield Resident Cardholders only. Beginning September 25, MURAL patrons may register, space permitting.

Have you always wanted to try crochet or do you need a refresher? Come to the library and over the course of two sessions, you will learn the basics of crochet and work on a beginner’s pattern for a scarf with pockets! The first week you will be given all the materials you need to complete the scarf along with a lesson on how to crochet. At the end of the first session, you will take it home to work on and return the following week to learn how to complete the project. You will be surprised at what you can accomplish with just the basics.

Marta McDowell and The World of Laura Ingalls Wilder
on Thursday, October 4 at 7:00 pm

Explore the natural world that inspired an icon of American identity. Join us as best-selling author Marta McDowell presents a journey through Laura Ingalls Wilder's many landscapes. From Wisconsin to the Dakotas to Missouri, McDowell will share details about Wilder and the plants, creatures and landscapes that were so integral to the Little House series. Enjoy seeing illustrations and historical photographs from McDowell's The World of Laura Ingalls Wilder, published on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of Laura Ingalls Wilder's birthday.

Marta McDowell lives, gardens and writes in Chatham, NJ. She teaches landscape history and horticulture at the New York Botanical Garden, where she studied landscape design. Her particular interest is in authors and their gardens—the connection between the pen and the trowel. Her previous books include Beatrix Potter's Gardening Life, Emily Dickinson's Gardens, and All the Presidents' Gardens.

Time for the Odessa Klezmer Band
on Saturday, October 6 at 1:00 pm

Listen to and learn about Klezmer Music with the Odessa Klezmer Band and bandleader Ed Goldberg! Enjoy this jazzy, upbeat music that originated in Jewish celebrations in Eastern Europe, in tiny villages as well as cities like the cosmopolitan port of Odessa. Make sure you sign up.
Programs open to WML and MURAL cardholders. Make sure you sign up.

**The Weiss Family Jazz Series** for 2018
Concludes with Swingadelic
Performing the Music of Johnny Mercer
Wednesday, October 10 at 7:00 pm

**The Weiss Family Jazz Series** was established with a bequest to the Westfield Memorial Library Foundation in memory of longtime library patrons, Joseph and Dorothy Weiss.

Johnny Mercer was not only an iconic figure as a lyricist and composer for the Great American Songbook, but was also a celebrity and entertainer throughout the 40’s and 50’s, with a popular radio show during the war years, gigs with a lot of the well-known big bands of the era, hit records of his own in the 1940’s, and winner of four Academy Awards for Best Song as well as two Grammys for Song of the Year. This show explores not only the great music and sublime lyrics of this most American of wordsmiths and composers, but also his life, personality, gifts and flaws, through entertaining and informative stories that introduce the songs and show segments. John Bauer, piano and vocals; Vanessa Perea, vocals; David Longworth, drums; and Dave Post, bass. Make sure you sign up for this special evening to get a seat.

**Job Search for Everyone**
Saturday, October 13 at 2:00 pm and Monday, October 15 at 6:30 pm

Looking for a job but don’t know where to begin? Join us as popular instructor Karen Camden answers your questions. This course addresses many areas which will help you move forward towards achieving a successful job search. **BONUS:** those who attend the full session will receive a “Top 10 Tips” take away handout.

**The Adult School Hosts**
Timothy Boyce — From Day to Day
on Tuesday, October 16  7:00 pm

This World War II concentration camp diary--one of only a handful ever translated into English--was secretly written by Odd Nansen, a Norwegian political prisoner. Speaker Timothy Boyce edited this fine document of the Holocaust. **There is no fee for this program, but you must register through The Adult School** at theadultschool.org.

**Ken Serfass Presents the Life of Ulysses S. Grant**
Wednesday, October 17 at 7:00 pm

Learn about the life and character of U.S. Grant. As stated by General William T. Sherman: “It will be a thousand years before Grant's character is fully appreciated. Grant is the greatest soldier of our time if not all time...” For the past 40 plus years, retired U.S. Marine Ken Serfass has studied the life and times of Grant. A sought-after speaker, he augments his portrayals of Grant with an 1860s-era general’s uniform.
More Programs for Adults

The Persuasive Role of Music in Television Commercials on Monday, October 22 at 7:00 pm

Advertising is the art of convincing people to spend money they don’t have for something they don’t need. -- Will Rogers

Dr. Paul Christiansen, musicologist and Associate Professor of Music at Seton Hall University, will again speak at the Library on how music in television commercials is used to persuade consumers to buy through powerful appeals to emotion. Ads from the 1950s to the present day will be analyzed and discussed. Whether Pepsodent or Pepsi, Kodak or Go Daddy, commercials compete for your attention and money. Come and learn about a crucial but little understood element of TV advertising.

The Hudson Shakespeare Company Performs “The Spanish Tragedy” on Wednesday, October 24 at 7:00 pm

This event is currently open to Westfield resident library cardholders only. MURAL patrons will be able to register for this event beginning October 17, space permitting.

The ever-popular Hudson Shakespeare Company performs this unique drama! Spain and Portugal have come to a bitter end in their war. Don Andrea, a soldier slain in war, is sent to the underworld. There he meets the spirit of Revenge who agrees to help him get revenge on being wrongfully slain in war. Thus begins a tale of murder and death—passion and love—a dark tale which is perfect for the Halloween season.

Dare to Celebrate The Westfield AddamsFest October 26-28 With Events at the Library!

A Special Charles Addams Program Sponsored by the Town of Westfield on Saturday, October 27 at 9:00 am

More information to come—watch our website!

New Yorker cartoonist Felipe Galindo (aka Feggo) will conduct a family-oriented event that is part lecture, part workshop. He’ll talk about Charles Addams from a cartoonist’s point of view. He’ll also share stories and anecdotes about Westfield’s famous artist, how Addams influenced other cartoonists worldwide, and why his peculiar sense of humor made his characters a household name. Feggo will lead a hands-on cartoon activity where he will show the audience how can they draw their own cartoons.

Programs open to WML and MURAL cardholders. Make sure you sign up.
Marc's life has been about pursuing twin passions: creating and recording his American roots songs, and exploring remote areas of the desert and mountain West. After signing his first publishing contract while in law school, he fronted rock bands and performed regularly in New York City clubs like CBGB, Wetlands and The Knitting Factory. His travels out West inspired him to create a set of songs in the cultural tradition of writers like A.B. Guthrie and visual artists like John Ford and Frederick Remington. Marc has performed at Austin's South by Southwest Music Festival and the Kerryville and Falcon Ridge Folk Festivals, and has opened for Bob Dylan and other national acts. His song *The Last One* was a staple for Richie Havens' concerts. Make sure you sign up!

Two centuries ago, a teenage genius created a monster that still walks among us. Few creatures of horror have seized readers' imaginations and held them for so long as the anguished "wretch" of Mary Shelley's Modern Prometheus. The story of Victor Frankenstein's terrible creation and the havoc it caused has enthralled readers, listeners, and viewers for generations. Considering the novel's enduring success, it's remarkable it began as a mere whim of Lord Byron, who, along with Mary and her then lover, Percy Shelley, was summering on the shores of Lake Geneva. "We will each write a ghost story," Byron announced to his friends, when continued rains kept them indoors. At this challenge, Mary Shelley began work on a "ghost story" that was to evolve into the most celebrated horror novel in literary history. WITH: Period costumes! Theatrical lighting! Vintage commercials! Golden Age radio equipment! Fog effects! And, of course, extensive sound effects! Too much fun to miss.

Feeling overwhelmed in both your business and personal life? Karen Camden is here to help! She will help you reduce and eliminate the causes of stress and work towards achieving the work/life balance.
Just as you have finished cleaning up after Thanksgiving dinner, it’s time to start thinking about Christmas and decorating! Join us as we make a beautiful, decorative Christmas Fabric Wreath. Anyone can participate in this craft because there is no sewing required. You will be amazed at how fun and easy it can be to create your own door or wall decoration for the holiday season. Let’s get into the holiday spirit!

Gordon Thomas Ward Presents
Gateways to History on Wednesday, November 28 at 7:00 pm

Author and presenter Gordon Thomas Ward will discuss different perspectives on the era of the American Revolution as it relates to the Morristown area. He’ll review the Ford family of Morris County along with their mansion in Morristown and how they participated in some of the most trying times of the first century of the American pageant. Gordon will also discuss the 1779-80 encampment of the New Jersey Brigade in Jockey Hollow and their camp site, discovered in the 1960s. Expect some historic photos and ghost stories!

“Music from China”
Saturday, December 1 at 2:00 pm

“Music From China” is back, this time with a performance by the duo of Wang Guowei on the erhu (a two-stringed instrument) and Sun Li on the pipa (an instrument with a hollow wooden body that is strummed), two of the most iconic and virtuosic Chinese instruments. The enduring sound and musical versatility of these bowed and plucked string instruments are presented in a program spanning music from China's ancient dynasties, to folk culture, to contemporary work.
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**: Thursdays, September 6 and 13
**Time**: 10:30-11:00 am
**Ages**: 2-5 years old
Parent or caregiver attends with child.
No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

Drop-in Chess Club
Chess sets are available for kids to play each other. Drop in to meet new partners to practice your moves with.
**Dates**: The first Saturday of every month - Sept. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec. 1
**Time**: 10:00 - 11:00 am
**Age**: There is no age requirement, but children must already know how the chess pieces move.
This is an opportunity for chess players to meet, not a lesson.
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, September 14, 21, 28 and October 5, 12, 19 and 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.

2’s on Tuesday Storytime
Stories, songs, finger-plays and movement activities.
**Dates**: Tuesdays, Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23
**Time**: 10:30 - 10:50 am
**Age**: 2 years old
Parent or caregiver attends with child.
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No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

Crafternoon Storytime
Join us for longer stories and fun crafts as we continue our path towards literacy.
**Dates**: Tuesdays, Sept. 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23
**Time**: 1:00-1:30 pm
**Ages**: 3½ to 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.

Evening LEGO Club
Use your imagination to create wonderful LEGO structures!
**Dates**: Tuesdays, September 18, October 23, November 20
**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.

3’s on Thursday Storytime
Stories, songs, rhymes and more.
**Dates**: Thursdays, September 20, 27 and October 4, 11, 18 and 25
**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.

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, September 22 and October 13 and November 17
**Time**: 10:00 - 11:00 am
**Ages**: No age requirement, but 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.
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 20
Time: 10:30-11:15 am
Ages: 4 and up
Required Online Registration begins September 15th. Please use child’s library card to register.
If you sign up and then find you cannot make it, let us know so we can free up the spot for someone else.

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 7, 14, 21 and 28
Time: 10:30-11:00 am
Ages: 2-5 years old
Parent or caregiver attends with child.
No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

Family Board Games
Join us for a fun afternoon of classic board games! Unplug and unwind with your family, and meet your neighbors. We will have a variety of games for all ages available.
Dates: Saturday, October 20
Time: 3:00 to 4:00 pm
Age: For all ages
No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

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, November 5, 12, 26 and December 3 (note: no class on Nov. 19)
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.
If you sign up and then find you cannot make it, please let us know so we can free up the spot for someone else.

All About Thanksgiving
Celebrate harvest time and join us for Thanksgiving stories and a craft!
Date: Friday, November 16
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.
If you sign up and then find you cannot make it, please let us know so we can free up the spot for someone else.

NEW PROGRAM FOR TWEENS AND TEENS!!

Tween and Teen Yoga
Join us for this wonderful new Yoga class offered just for tweens and teens! Have fun and de-stress at the same time! Yoga can help find a balance when all else is changing by strengthening the physical body, calming the mind and emotions, and helping to find deep relaxation.
Dates: Thursdays, October 18, 25 and November 1, 8, and 15
Time: 7:30 - 8:30 pm
Ages: 11 to 16 years old
Bring your own yoga mat if you have one. A limited supply will be available.
Required Online Registration begins September 15th. Please sign up for each class you will be attending. If you sign up and then find you cannot make it, please let us know so we can free up the spot for someone else.