**Mission Statement**

The Westfield Memorial Library—the community’s destination for discovery and ideas—engages minds, entertains spirits and facilitates lifelong learning for people of all ages.

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**Westfield Memorial Library**  
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**Library Hours**  
Monday-Thursday  
9:30 am to 9:00 pm  
Friday and Saturday  
9:30 am to 5:00 pm  
Sunday-1:00 to 5:00 pm

**Library Closings**  
March 30 for Good Friday and  
April 1 for Easter  
May 28 for Memorial Day

**Board of Trustees Meetings**  
March 22  
April 26  
May 24

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**A typical day at the Library...**

In 2017 over 200,000 visitors came through our doors. Many attended programs such as our popular Playgroup for Babies and Toddlers, and Storytimes for two and three year olds. Strong evidence suggests that a traditional book, rather than an electronic tablet, makes for a more engaged reading experience. The two lads above look transfixed by their books.

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Of those 200,000 visitors, many attended educational and entertaining programs for adults, as well as special programs for children provided by the Friends of the Library. Above left is historical presenter Ken Serfass, who recently portrayed Ulysses S. Grant, discussing Grant’s unusual friendship with President Lincoln. Above right, children and their parents were mesmerized by a snapping turtle, brought to the library by Snakes-n-Scales.
People in the News

New Board of Trustees Members Take the Oath of Office

Board President Jim Capone swears in four new members. Shown clockwise from left are Councilwoman Linda Habgood, Michelle Habayeb, Rupa Motwani and Rosalie Serapiglia.

Westfield Staffer Wins Friends of WML Scholarship

Victoria Pawlicki was recently awarded a $1,500 scholarship by the Friends of the Library. Victoria works at the Circulation Desk of our library, as well as two other libraries, while pursuing an English major at Kean University. She plans on becoming a librarian. The scholarship is available to those who live/work in Westfield and take credit courses related to a library career. Applications are available at 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 and The Thomas Glasser Foundation
Hosted by the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library

Jim DeSarno
WHS Head Football Coach, Three-time Coach of the Year
“Blue Devil Football—37 Games and Counting”
Wednesday, March 14

Laura Bilodeau Overdeck
Former Westfield resident, WHS ‘87, Founder/President of Bedtime Math
“Truth in Numbers”
Wednesday, May 2

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, & Board member Westfield Historical Society
“Architectural Gems in Westfield”
Wednesday, November 7

Let’s discuss these great books at 
The Friends Book Club
Meetings are held at 2:00 pm on Wednesdays. All are Welcome!

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

The Women in the Castle
by Jessica Shattuck
May 16
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.

**BEING ELMO: A PUPPETEER’S JOURNEY**
March 2
Be inspired by the story of the man behind the beloved Sesame Street character, Elmo.

**THE GIN GAME**
March 9
Enjoy the Pulitzer Prize winning play starring Dick Van Dyke and Mary Tyler More.

**HAMILTON: BUILDING AMERICA**
March 16
Celebrate the life and times of Alexander Hamilton.

**CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK: “CHICAGO”**
March 23
Starring Renee Zellweger, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Richard Gere.

**NO TGIF MARCH 30—GOOD FRIDAY**

**NORMAN LEAR; JUST ANOTHER VERSION OF YOU**
April 6
Learn about the life of the television producer and social activist.

**CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK: “THE PRODUCERS”**
April 13
The Mel Brooks’ classic starring Zero Mostel and Gene Wilder.

**NO TGIF APRIL 20 – NO TGIF APRIL 27 – FRIENDS BOOK SALE**

**TRUMBO**
May 4
Explore the life of the black-listed Hollywood screenwriter.

**CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK: “THE WOMAN IN GOLD”**
May 11
Starring Helen Mirren

**LIVE PROGRAM: FLUTE AND GUITAR**
May 18
Enjoy this live performance by flutist Marjorie Koharski, and guitarist Keith Calmes.

**NO TGIF MAY 25 — HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY**
A United Kingdom   Monday, March 12
Language:   English
Running time: 111 minutes

The story of King Seretse Khama of Botswana and how his loving but controversial marriage to a British white woman, Ruth Williams, put his kingdom into political and diplomatic turmoil.

Frantz   Monday, April 9
Language:   German
Running time: 113 minutes

Set in Germany and France in the immediate aftermath of the First World War, Frantz recalls the mourning period that follows great national tragedies as seen through the eyes of the war’s lost generation: Anna (21 year-old Paula Beer in a breakthrough performance), a bereft young German woman whose fiancé, Frantz, was killed during trench warfare, and Adrien (Pierre Niney, Yves Saint Laurent), a French veteran of the war who shows up mysteriously in her town, placing flowers on Frantz’s grave. Adrien's presence is met with resistance by the small community still reeling from Germany’s defeat, yet Anna gradually gets closer to the handsome and melancholy young man, as she learns of his deep friendship with Frantz, conjured up in evocative flashbacks. What follows is a surprising exploration of how the characters wrestle with their conflicting feelings.

After the Storm   Monday, May 14
Language:   Japanese
Running time: 117 minutes

Dwelling on his past glory as a prize-winning author, Ryota (Hiroshi Abe) wastes the money he makes as a private detective on gambling and can barely pay child support. After the death of his father, his aging mother (Kirin Kiki) and beautiful ex-wife (Yoko Make) seem to be moving on with their lives. Renewing contact with his initially distrusting family, Ryota struggles to take back control of his existence and to find a lasting place in the life of his young son (Taiyo Yoshizawa) - until a stormy summer night offers them a chance to truly bond again.
Programs for Adults

Be Thrilled by the Silk City Band
Thursday, March 1 at 7:00 pm

Silk City's sound is as unique as their repertoire. Mandolin, guitar, bass and vocals deliver hard-driving roots music and bluegrass along with a wide variety of other styles to enrapture acoustic music lovers. The trio features Barry Mitterhoff's stellar mandolin stylings, Danny Weiss' heartfelt guitar and vocals, and the rhythmic pulse of bass master Larry Cohen. The beautiful North Carolina "roots" sound of Mary Olive Smith's vocals combine with Danny's smoky baritone for some beautiful duets, and the quartet rocks with an infectious energy. Get ready for good times with Silk City's great tunes, hot picking, dynamic singing and an irresistible mix of bluegrass and rockin' Honky Tonk, Roots/ Country, Western Swing and original music.

Beyond Gmail
Saturday, March 3 at 2-4 pm

Do the words “Cloud Computing” and “Google Drive” sound like alien terms to you? Gain knowledge about the benefits of using cloud computing and the Google Drive. Popular instructor Karen Camden will demonstrate how to get started, create and upload files, convert and print documents and more. Prerequisites: general working knowledge of computers, ability to search the internet. NOTE: this is not a hands-on computer course.

A Journey through Ireland with Joel Simpson
Wednesday, March 7 at 6:30 pm**

**Note an earlier-than-usual start time!!!**
Discover Wild, Ancient, Hidden, Gorgeous Ireland with professional photographer and world-traveler Joel Simpson! Ireland, both the Republic and Northern Ireland, exudes authenticity: its landscape, alternately lush and stark; its prehistoric, ancient and Medieval sites; its small towns and villages; the rich geology of its ragged coastlines and interior wonders; its “haunted” ruins, its spectacular flora and its reassuring lack of commercialism. This scenic glimpse into Ireland will have you yearning to visit—or revisit—the Emerald Isle! Joel Simpson’s art and photography has been showcased in New York, Colorado, Seattle, Barcelona and Paris. His work has been published in many art and photography magazines including “Camera Arts,” and “Focus.”
Mark Kilianski on guitar, and Deb Shebish on fiddle carry on the tradition of Irish music with vibrance and reverence. You can expect lively reels and jigs, boisterous pub songs, and tender ballads, as well as the stories and history that go along with them.

After establishing an explosive musical connection at the Appalachian String Band Festival in West Virginia, the two teamed up to bring Irish music to the people of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Berklee College of Music graduate and NJ native Mark Kilianski tours full time as a solo artist, and with Americana duo Hoot and Holler. Mark has won awards at The Appalachian String Band Festival (2nd place Neo-Trad Contest), and Mt. Airy, NC Old Fiddler's Convention (4th place Guitar Contest). In 2016, Mark was featured in the book *New Jersey Folk Revival: History and Tradition* for his work as a guitar and banjo player, singer, songwriter, and interpreter/advocate of traditional Appalachian and Country music.

Philadelphia fiddler Deb Shebish holds a masters degree in Scottish Studies from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and has performed folk and classical music with the likes of Mairead Ni Mhaonaigh, Ric Blair, Tim O'Brien, and The Three Irish Tenors. She teaches and performs in the Philadelphia, PA area, and is a documentarian of music in Philly, the Balkans, and her home state of Indiana.

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**Hear Irish Music with Mark Kilianski**  
*Saturday, March 17 at 2:00 pm*

**Adult Crafting: Make a Fabric Wreath**  
*Tuesday, March 20 at 2:00 pm*

*Due to the hands-on nature of this class, registration is limited! Registration is available for Westfield Resident Cardholders only. Beginning March 13, MURAL patrons may register space permitting.*

Join us as we make a beautiful, decorative Fabric Wreath. Anyone can participate in this simple craft project 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 that looks like you spent hours and hours and required advanced skills! Librarian Marge Barkan is a life-long crafter who has been sharing her love of crafting with friends as well as developing and teaching classes for students and adults of all ages for many years.
Meditation: An Antidote for Stress
Wednesday, April 11 at 7:00 pm

Explore the healing power of meditation and learn how to create peace in your life in spite of the stress around you. The stresses and tensions of life do not just affect our mind. This simple technique can be practiced daily for health, serenity and joy. Meditation helps us to physically relax and it puts us in a state where we feel more peaceful. The problems of the world no longer have the same effect on us.

During this program you will have a firsthand demonstration by Jim Rose, a retired executive of Johnson & Johnson, a multi-national corporation. He has 35 years of experience in Human Resources management, employee development and conflict resolution. He was recognized by Human Resources Executive magazine as one of the top HR executives in the US. Jim currently provides workshops and training to groups throughout the world where he connects meditation and spiritual development to important aspects of our lives. He has been meditating for over 30 years and now focuses much of his time on his own spiritual development and in helping others who wish to do the same. If you have ever attended one of Jim's workshops, you know how special they are.

Come Hear the Christopher Dean Band
Wednesday, April 4 at 7:00 pm

Join us for a night of music with this popular band! Well-known for its R&B and Blues style, the Christopher Dean Band will delight with a mix of familiar and unique songs. Enjoy the accomplished sounds of the band through “Red Cadillac” and “Share your Love with Me.” The Christopher Dean Band is a regional blues/soul band based out of the Central New Jersey area, working up and down the East coast year round. Christopher Dean fronts the group, playing guitar and singing lead vocals. Dean has been playing professionally for the past eight years, having been taught by his older brother and bass player, David, when he was 16. Since graduating high school in 1992, he has studied various styles of guitar ranging from Delta, Chicago and Texas blues to jazz, folk, country, R&B and pop. After he toured worldwide and recorded two albums with Big Jack Johnson and The Oilers, including “All The Way Back” in 1997, and “Roots Stew” in 2000, he then recorded his first solo release in 2000, “Dogged n’ Driven.” Taking his new band and show on the road soon afterward, Christopher Dean has continually toured the East coast for the past four years.

More Programs for Adults
Poets whose work has appeared in the New Jersey-based Tiferet Journal will read from this publication and other works. Tiferet publishes high quality prose, poetry and art that further meaningful dialogue about what it is to be humane and conscious in today's often divisive world. Readers are Robert Carnevale, Adele Kenny, Donna Baier Stein, Nancy Lubarsky, John McDermott, Michelle Ortega and Bob Rosenbloom. Free and open to the public. Reception and Open Mic to follow.

Registration is limited! Registration is available for Westfield Resident Cardholders only. Beginning April 24, 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 summer! Please bring a mat or towel. Weights are optional. The class will be led by librarian/fitness enthusiast Mary Piekarski. Mary has taught classes at Piscataway Library for many years and is thrilled to share her love of fitness with a new community.

Due to the hands-on nature of this class, registration is limited! Registration is available for Westfield Resident Cardholders only. Beginning April 25th, MURAL patrons may register, space permitting. Join us as we make wine bottle vases. With just an empty wine bottle and some paint, anyone can make a cute summer decoration. This craft is great for beginners or experienced crafters. Feel free to bring your own wine bottle. Please make sure they are emptied and cleaned out. Librarian Marsha Bryant has lead crafting programs in many other libraries throughout the course of her career. She has helped people learn every kind of crafting program including ones that are fun for everyone, whether novice or expert.
Chinese Dumplings Cooking Class
Saturday, May 5 at 2:00 pm

Due to the hands-on nature of this class, registration is limited! Registration is available for Westfield resident cardholders only. Beginning April 28th, MURAL patrons may register, space permitting. Making Chinese dumplings is an activity shared with friends and family on special occasions and Charlotte Lee looks forward to sharing her family recipes with patrons. From making the dough and filling from scratch to learning the intricacies of wrapping dumplings, this class will introduce you to the mouth-watering art of homemade Chinese dumplings. Please bring an apron and a container if you would like to take home your creations! Charlotte Lee discovered her passion for cooking while spending time in the kitchen with her mother and grandmother. Today she continues this tradition with her own family.

The Weiss Family Jazz Series* Continues with the MRB Jazz Project
on Wednesday, May 9 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.

The MRB Jazz Project, is a trio comprised of Michael Pasqua on piano, Bruce Riccitelli on percussion and Gerry Babo on acoustic bass. They have performed at numerous private clubs, corporate events and fund-raising affairs, as well as libraries, colleges and universities since the group’s inception in 2005. Their repertoire encompasses music that virtually spans the past ninety years of American songwriting, including classic jazz compositions, along with their unique interpretations of the Great American Songbook. From romantic ballads to up-tempo swing tunes, be-bop to jazz waltzes, MRB Jazz always weaves a diverse tapestry of music to appeal to a wide variety of musical tastes. The trio often further seasons their music with some sultry Brazilian bossa novas or other Latin inflected tunes. Make sure you sign up!

Come Hear the Silvertones Flute Ensemble Saturday,
May 19 at 2:00 pm

The Silvertones, one of New Jersey’s finest flute ensembles, play a diverse repertoire of music for flutes of all sizes. You’ll hear folk songs, jazz standards, and chamber pieces. Pieces include “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy,” and a medley where you’ll recognize “Oh, Susanna,” “Shenandoah” and more. This group of women—doctors, teachers and public servants by day—including one of our Youth Services Librarians—has performed concerts at libraries, Haddasah fundraisers, Churches, and community
Playgroup for Babies
Enjoy a playspace and reading nook as you and your little one(s) enjoy the chance to get together! 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, March 2, 9, 16, 23, April 6, 13, May 4, 11, 18, 25
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.

Chess Club for Kids
Chess sets are available for kids to play each other. Bring a friend or make a new one!
Dates: Fridays, March 2, April 6, May 4
Time: 3:45 - 4:30 pm
There is no age requirement, but children must already know how the chess pieces move. (This is a chance to meet other chess players, not a lesson.)
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, March 5, 12, 19, 26
Time: 10:00 - 10:30 am
Ages: 2 - 5 years old with parent or caregiver. Required online registration begins March 1st. Please use child’s library card to register. Child must register for EACH session they are attending.

Makers Day 2018!
Join us for a fun family afternoon! Drop in to the meeting room from 1:00 - 4:00 pm for a variety of crafts and STEM activities. Geared towards children ages 4+.
Date: Saturday, March 10
Time: 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Age: 4 years & up
More on the next page!
Crafternoon Storytime
Join us for longer stories and fun crafts as we continue our path towards literacy.
Dates: Tuesdays, March 13 - April 17
Time: 1:00-1:30 pm
Ages: 3 ½ to 5 years old
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.

It's Movie Time!
Brighten up your Tuesday with some fun movies! These animated versions of picture books are the perfect way to start your day.
Dates: Tuesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22
Time: 10:30 - 11:00 am
All ages welcome with parent or caregiver
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.

3’s on Thursday Storytime
Stories, songs, rhymes and more!
Dates: Thursdays, March 15 - April 19
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.

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, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
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. Child must be ages 2 to 5 and have a full-service Westfield library card in his/her own name.

More Programs from Friends of the Library for Children!
Open to children with their own full-service WML card or attending with a member of the WML Friends. For the enjoyment of all, children MUST be the correct age for any program they attend. To register, visit our website, www.wmlnj.org. Tickets required for all children and adults attending programs. Any questions, please ask a Youth Services Librarian.

Jester Jim
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 3
Time: 10:30-11:30 am
Ages: 4 years and up
Tickets available at the Youth Services Desk the morning of the program.

Friends Around the World
Concert by Yosi
Yosi introduces your child to a multicultural, interactive, and educational concert filled with songs, humor, dances, and musical instruments from around the world!
Date: Tuesday, March 6
Time: 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Ages: 3 years and up
Tickets available at the Youth Services Desk the evening of the program.

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 & Giant Blow-Up Dinosaurs!
Date: Saturday, March 10
Time: 10:30-11:30 am
Ages: 4 years and up
Tickets available at the Youth Services Desk the morning of the program.