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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Take Note!

New Jersey Library Association Award-Winning Newsletter

New & Noteworthy at the Westfield Memorial Library

Summer 2018

Library Director Phil Israel shows off an enlargement of the $15,000 donation check that resulted from the Friends of the Library Book Sale. He is flanked by Co-Presidents Cindy Colicchio on the left and Chris Mason on the right. The donation supports special programs for the library throughout the year. Story on page 3.

We’re flipping to Flipster!

Library lovers can now read digital magazines on easy-to-use Flipster

Say goodbye to Zinio and RBdigital—as of June 1 the library will offer instant access to over 30 magazines on the new service Flipster. All of the favorites that you’re accustomed to reading are there, and it’s even easier to use. You can read magazines on desktop computers, ipads and iphones, mobile devices, Adroid devices and Kindle Fire.

Although Flipster focuses on current issues, many back issues are available. There are no holds, and no limits to how many magazines you can download. They stay on your device until you choose to delete them as well.

For first-time use, you need to create an account with a user name and password. Visit www.wmlnj.org, watch the tutorials and begin!
Summer is a wonderful time to step up your reading and your chance to win prizes. Every time you check out an item, you can submit an entry to win a prize. This year we’ll have two monthly Grand Prize Baskets, which will include gift cards to favorite Westfield restaurants—Ambeli Greek Taverna, Aadams Tavern, 1958 Cuban Cuisine, Rockin’ Joe’s—and some other fun items. Not sure what to read? We’ll have detailed reading lists to help you out, too.

The 2018 Summer Reading Program theme is “Libraries Rock!” This program is designed to include children of all ages and reading abilities, and features fun prizes and recommended booklists for each grade.

We have a Listening Club for those children not yet reading on their own, and different levels of reading for different grades.

Registration is open to full-service Westfield Library cardholders starting June 18th and takes place in-person at the library. The program continues through August 11th. Stop by!

The program runs from June 18th - August 11th. Anyone entering grades 6-12 who is a full service Library cardholder can join the via the Library’s website.

All eligible participants must register online. Registration begins on June 18th and can be done from any computer, including those located in the library. Prizes include a free one night rental from the library's DVD collection, a $5 gift card from Starbucks or a local ice cream shop, and a new hardcover book.
Friends of the Library Book Sale Nets $15,000 for the Library

For two weeks in April, the Meeting Room of the Library was completely transformed into a gigantic warehouse, full of the best bargains around. An army of over 125 volunteers spent over 1,100 hours unpacking, organizing and selling thousands of books, CDs, and DVDs raising $15,000 for library programs.

The Friends would like to thank all the volunteers, the Westfield Department of Public Works and the Westfield Board of Education respectively for delivering and picking up the shelves and tables that make displaying materials possible; the Westfield Memorial Library; Westfield Fire Department; Costco, Trader Joes, Kings and Shoprite for supplies; the Middle Schoolers from St. Helen’s Church, Westfield; and the Edison Girl Scout Cadette Troop 40491, Edison.

The Friends would also like to extend thanks to all the people who cleared out their homes to donate books and other items, and to all the people who bought them!

Anyone who is interested in joining the Friends, please write to wmlvolunteers@gmail.com.

Visitors to the library patiently sorted through all kinds of goodies to discover exactly what they wanted.

Jerry Skotnicki, Vice President of the Friends, worked tirelessly for weeks to marshal all the forces needed to run an event of this magnitude. We caught him taking his first break in days.
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.

GRACE OF MONACO
June 1
Celebrate the life of Princess Grace of Monaco.

JUNE 8 - NO TGIF- STAFF DAY

VERMEER, BEYOND TIME
June 15
Explore the work of the influential and well-known artist.

TESLA: MASTER OF LIGHTNING
June 22
Examine the life of the scientist, inventor and visionary.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK
“Tea with Mussolini”
June 29
Starring Judi Dench, Maggie Smith and Cher.

AMELIA
July 6
A look at the life and mysterious disappearance of the legendary American pilot Amelia Earhart.

EDGAR ALLAN POE: BURIED ALIVE
July 13
Draws on Poe’s evocative imagery to tell the real story of the notorious author.

THE FARTHEST: VOYAGER IN SPACE
July 20
Experience the outer space journey of NASA’s Voyager mission.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK
“The Monuments Men”
August 10
Starring George Clooney.

MAYA ANGELOU:
AND STILL I RISE
August 3
Witness a close-up portrait of the legendary poet and writer in the first feature documentary about her life.

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AUGUST 17 - NO TGIF

AUGUST 24 - NO TGIF

AUGUST 31 - NO TGIF
HAPPY LABOR DAY!

TGIF will resume Friday September 7.
A Fantastic Woman  Spanish  104 minutes  
Monday, July 2

Marina, a transgender woman who works as a waitress and moonlights as a nightclub singer, is bowled over by the death of her older boyfriend. His family throws her out of their apartment and forbids her from attending the funeral. She fights to be the fantastic woman she has become.

The Fencer  Estonian  Running Time  99 minutes

Fleeing from the Russian secret police because of his controversial past, Endel, a young Estonian fencer, is forced to return to his homeland, where he starts a sports club for children. When they want to participate in a national fencing tournament in Leningrad, he must make a choice: risk everything to take the children to Leningrad or disappoint them by putting his safety first.

The Women’s Balcony  Hebrew  96 minutes  
Monday, July 23

When the women’s balcony in an Orthodox synagogue in Jerusalem collapses, leaving the rabbi’s wife in a coma and the rabbi in shock, the congregation falls into crisis. Charismatic young Rabbi David appears to be a savior but slowly starts pushing his fundamentalist ways and tries to take control. Can the rift created between the men and women be resolved?

Loving Vincent  English  95 minutes  
Monday, July 30

The life and controversial death of Vincent Van Gogh told by his paintings and by the characters that inhabit them. The intrigue unfolds through interviews with the characters closest to Vincent and through dramatic reconstructions of the events leading up to his death. Nominated for an Academy Award for Best Animated Feature Film and nominated for a Golden Globe for Best Animated Motion Picture.

The Midwife  French  117 minutes  
Monday, August 6

Two of French cinema's biggest stars shine in this bittersweet drama about the unlikely friendship that develops between Claire (Catherine Frot), a talented but tightly wound midwife, and Béatrice (Catherine Deneuve), the estranged, free-spirited mistress of Claire's late father.

Loveless  Russian  127 minutes  
Monday, August 13

Zhenya and Boris are going through a vicious divorce marked by resentment, frustration and recriminations. Already embarking on new lives, each with a new partner, they are impatient to start again, even if it means threatening to abandon their 12-year-old son, until he disappears after one of their fights.
**Programs for Adults**

**Zumba Gold--Zumba for Adults!**
**Wednesdays, June 6, 13 and 20 at 10:00 am**

Registration is limited! Registration is available for Westfield Resident Cardholders only. Beginning May 30, MURAL patrons may register, space permitting.

This popular dance-party exercise comes to the library in a form that is designed for adults and seniors, with low-key and easy-to-follow steps that help your balance and coordination. A forty-five minute class, this low-intensity, modified version of Zumba keeps all the fun!

Join certified Zumba instructor Andrea Lawson as she takes everyone through the movements of Zumba to the great Latin sounds of salsa and merengue. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers.

**Hudson Shakespeare Theatre Presents “The Tempest”**
**Wednesday, June 6 at 7:00 pm**

Voices in the air or was it just the wind? Prospero, a displaced noble, lives on a wild and beautiful island and is the magical master of all he surveys. He can summon up storms but he has no power over his precocious teenage daughter Miranda, who yearns to know of the outside world.

Prospero commands a storm to wreak havoc on some of his enemies to settle an old debt, while giving his daughter the future she craves. Wizards, pirates, and monsters collide in this comedic Shakespeare romp through an enchanted Caribbean island, as ancient scores of revenge are settled.
More Programs for Adults

Home Cooking for Your Dog and Cat
Saturday, June 9 at 11:00 am

Learn how to keep your pets healthy in this informative presentation on cooking for your canines and felines! Happier, healthier, and better behaved pets start with a species appropriate diet that can also effect cognition and behavior.

Christine M. Filardi, certified in canine and feline nutrition and author of “Home Cooking for Your Dog,” will teach us how to create a biologically appropriate diet for our dogs or cats. In the future you may see that many of the common health issues our pets face—allergies, joint problems, obesity, digestive upset, and behavior issues—may be eliminated, as well as the need for prescription foods. Christine has been featured on Long Island Naturally, Animal Island, and FiOs1 News.

Adult Craft: Make a Shabby Chic America Flag
on Tuesday, June 12 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 June 5, MURAL patrons may register.

Just in time for Flag Day, we’ll make a Shabby Chic American Flag, perfect for all the upcoming patriotic holidays. Anyone can participate in this 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. 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 for many years.

Female Spies of World War II
Presented by Ladies of History on Wednesday, June 13 at 7:00

In this thrilling program, Alisa Dupuy will play female spy mistress Vera Atkins, and present the lives of other female spies who risked it all in World War II. The women, who came from all walks of life, stepped into these roles to aid their country.

The Ladies of History is a labor of love that grew out of Alisa Dupuy’s desire to study history, wear the fashions of different eras and bring history to life in a lively and fun way. Alisa has presented her programs to tea rooms, historical societies, libraries, bed and breakfasts, book clubs, social clubs, church fundraisers and schools.
More Programs for Adults

Hollywood in the White House
Wednesday, June 20 at 7:00 pm

If you love *VEEP*, *House of Cards*, *West Wing*, *The American President* and *Seven Days in May*, you will love this high octane journey through 84 years of Hollywood films and TV shows about U.S. presidents. Film historian, author, and speaker Max Alvarez has been examining film and society through a microscope for decades. His cinema talks are rich in historical and cultural information and bolstered with humor and witty anecdotes about motion pictures and their colorful creators.

Music in the Movies
Monday, July 9 at 7:00 pm

Have you ever wondered why movies almost always have music? How does music interact with images, dialogue, and sound effects to create meaning in a film scene? Dr. Paul Christiansen, Associate Professor of Musicology at Seton Hall University, offers his second lecture here at the Westfield Memorial Library, this time on the crucial role of music in film.

“Something Shakespeare This Way Comes”
Presented by the Shrewd Mechanicals of the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey on Wednesday, July

Due to space considerations, registration is available for Westfield Resident Cardholders only. Beginning July 11, MURAL patrons may register, space

We are excited to be a part of this new venture by The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey! Their new touring company, The Shrewd Mechanicals, will be sure to please with their inaugural performance, *Powerful Trouble*. This live presentation is a stirring collection of moments and music from Shakespeare's great canon of plays, as well as selections from some of the profound, witty, and light-hearted works his plays have inspired over the centuries. Come and see this taut four-member ensemble bring the joy, wit, poetry and music of the world's greatest playwright to life. Make sure you sign up!
Louis Armstrong is undeniably one of the most influential figures of 20th Century music. Though he did most of his innovating in the 1920s, Armstrong had a long, storied career as a popular entertainer, beloved around the world as America's “Ambassador of Goodwill.” Armed with precious rare footage, Ricky Riccardi, will bring Armstrong's final decades to life with films of Armstrong in performance on stage and on television, including memorable renditions of songs such as “Hello, Dolly!” “What a Wonderful World” and the song known as one of the first protest songs ever recorded, “(What Did I Do to Be So) Black and Blue.”


**Make a Keepsake Box**

*For Adult Crafters...*

Join us as we make keepsake boxes! We'll provide a tin box and other decorating supplies. Using paint, pictures from magazines (please bring your own if you have something specific in mind) and mod podge, you can make a keepsake box to hold your smaller precious memories. Librarian Marsha Bryant will lead this class perfect for both new and experienced crafters. Box measurements are 4-3/4” x 3-3/8” x 1-1/2”.

Author, photographer and lecturer Kevin Woyce will enlighten us about New York’s greatest skyscrapers with original photographs and historic images. Learn how, why and where they were built. It’s fascinating!
Rewind - Back to Classic Rock!  
Wednesday, August 8 at 7:00 pm

Be prepared to go back in time! Rewind - Back to Classic Rock will be performing hit songs from the '50s, '60s & '70s. Come along to tap your feet and move to the beat of your favorite songs and artists of the decades. Rewind includes John Delgiudice on guitar and vocals, Ken Cohen on drums and vocals, and Rich Loughlin on bass and vocals. The band performs at a number of venues and libraries around the Garden State and beyond.

Blues Night with David Keyes and Rob Papparozzi

Doors open at 6:45 pm for this special event

You don’t want to miss these two world-class musicians and vocalists! David Keyes, New York City native keyboardist, singer and songwriter is a 30-year veteran of the Blues, Roots and Americana music scene. He has released five highly acclaimed albums, has been named the “Best Unsigned Artist” by Keyboard magazine, and also has been nominated by the Blues Foundation for the annual Pinetop Perkins best piano player award. New Jersey-based frontman, singer, & harmonica player Rob Papparozzi has been a blues performer since 1967. He has worked with major artists such as B.B. King, Dr. John, Bruce Springsteen, Whitney Houston, Carole King, Roberta Flack, Culture Club and Cyndi Lauper.

Family Music Fun

Kick off our summer reading program with this fantastic musical morning! Polka Dot, aka Ron Albanese, plays uptempo, cut-loose, feel-good kinds of music. Audiences clap, sing, and dance along. Fun for all ages!
Date: Tuesday, June 26
Time: 10:30 - 11:30 am
All ages welcome
Tickets required for all children and adults attending the program. Tickets will be available the morning of the program at the Youth Services Desk.

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 with Miss Carmen!
Dates: Mondays, July 9, 16, 23, and 30
Time: 10:00 - 10:30 am
Ages: 2 - 4 years old with parent or caregiver
Required online registration begins June 1 - Please use child’s library card to register. Child must register for EACH session they are attending.
Yoga Tales
Come learn the practice of yoga, and basic yoga poses through storytelling with Miss Carmen.
Dates: Mondays, July 9, 16, 23, and 30
Time: 10:30 to 11:00 am
Ages: 5 and older
Required online registration begins June 1 - Please use child’s library card to register.
Child must register for EACH session they are attending.

Feeling Crafty?
Enjoy a story and then create a special craft centered around our Libraries Rock Summer Reading club theme.
Dates: Tuesday, July 10, 17, 24, 31 and August 7
Time: 10:30 - 11:15 am
Ages: 4 and up
Required online registration begins June 1 - Please use child’s library card to register. Child must register for EACH session they are attending.

Summer Math Fun - grades K to 2
Join us for a special Bedtime Math event. We’ll introduce kids to games from Crazy 8s, a totally new kind of club where kids get to make mischief while learning about the math behind their favorite activities. Bedtime Math Founder Laura Overdeck, author of four best-selling children’s books, will be on hand to show us how to continue the math fun at home!
Dates: Wednesday, July 11
Time: 10:00 – 11:00 am
Grades: Entering kindergarten through entering second grade
Online registration begins June 1 - Please use child’s library card to register.

Drive-In Movie Night at the Library
We’ll make our own version of a drive-in movie! Come decorate your own personal cardboard “car” then settle down in your car and watch a short film!
Date: Wednesday, July 11
Time: 7:00 to 8:00 pm
Ages: 4 and up
Required online registration begins June 1 - Please use child’s library card to register.

Pipsqueak Players
Kids have a great time as they build their reading confidence! Improv, repetition and character development are explored through a picture book. Kids present a short play at the end of the hour.
Dates: July 12 & July 26
Time: 10:30 - 11:30 am
Ages: 4 – 6 years old
Required online registration begins on June 15th. Please use child’s card to register. Child must register for EACH session they are attending.

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, July 13 – August 17
Time: 10:00 - 10:45 am
Ages: 0–23 months
Parent or caregiver attends with child. 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.

Pajama Storytime
Unwind after a busy day with our family pajama storytimes. Listen to some great books with Miss Diana! Our final pajama storytime on August 7th will be extra special, because we will be having a stuffed-animal sleepover! (See page 12.)
Dates: Tuesdays, July 17, 24, 31, and August 7
Time: 7:00 – 7:30 pm
All ages welcome
Parent or caregiver attends with child.
No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

City Winds Trio
Your children can have a great time while learning about classical music through this wonderful program. They will hear live music such as Mozart and Beethoven, conduct the musicians, and draw a beautiful picture. At the end, they will get to see and touch several instruments.
Date: Wednesday, July 18
Time: 10:00 to 11:00 am
Ages: 3 and up
Tickets required for all children and adults attending the program. Tickets available the morning of the program at the Youth Services Desk.
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.

**Afternoon LEGO Club**
Kids can use their imaginations to create awesome LEGO structures.

**Dates:** Wednesdays, July 18, August 15, August 22  
**Time:** 3:00 - 4:00 pm  
**Ages:** 5 and up  
Parents/guardians remain in the library during the program.  
No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

**Family Games Night**
Join us for a fun evening 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. Light snacks provided.

**Dates:** Thursdays, July 19 and August 16  
**Time:** 7:00 to 8:15 pm  
**Age:** For all ages  
No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

**Move ‘n Groove**
Get up and move with your adult who is fun-loving and active! An action-packed class filled with interactive dance routines that leave it all out on the dance floor! Move and groove to the rhythms that get you rockin’!

**Dates:** Wednesdays, July 25, August 1, 15, and 22 (note NO class on Aug. 8)  
**Time:** 11 - 11:30 am  
**Age:** 2 years old and up with caregiver  
Parent or caregiver attends with child.  
No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

**Summer Math Fun – Grades 3–5**
Join us for a special Bedtime Math event. We’ll introduce kids to games from Crazy 8s, a totally new kind of club where kids get to make mischief while learning about the math behind their favorite activities. Bedtime Math Founder Laura Overdeck, author of four best-selling children’s books, will be on hand to show us how to continue the math fun at home!

**Dates:** Thursday, July 26  
**Time:** 7:00 - 8:00 pm  
**Grades:** Going into third through fifth grade  
Online registration begins June 1 - Please use child’s library card to register.

**Scavenger Hunt @ the Library!**
Work together in teams to solve crafty clues and show off your detective skills as you explore the first floor of the library. A brief orientation will precede the hunt, so please be prompt.

**Date:** Monday, July 30  
**Time:** 7:00 - 8:15 pm  
**Age:** 5 and up  
Parent or caregiver attends with child.  
No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

**Lunch Bunch Storytime**
Pack up your lunch or a snack, and come enjoy a picnic storytime! Weather permitting we will have the storytime outside; if the weather is not cooperative, we will still have fun with an indoor picnic!

**Dates:** Fridays, August 10, 17, and 24  
**Time:** 11:30 am - 12:15 pm  
**All ages welcome**  
Parent or caregiver attends with child.  
No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

**Stuffed Animal Sleepover**
Bring your stuffed animal friend, and listen to some great books with Miss Diana! Then tuck your stuffed animals into bed and leave them at the library overnight so they can enjoy a very special stuffed animal sleepover!

**Date:** Tuesday, August 7  
**Time:** 7:00 - 7:45 pm  
**Age:** 2 years old and up with caregiver  
Parent or caregiver attends with child.  
No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

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**Age:** 5 and up  
Parent or caregiver attends with child.  
No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

**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, August 23, 30, Sept. 6, 13  
**Time:** 10:30-11:00 am  
**Age:** 2 years old and up  
Parent or caregiver attends with child.  
No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.