

## 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.”

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

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.



### 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.

## More Programs for Adults

### 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.

### 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.

## Even More Programs for Adults



**Tiferet**  
LITERATURE, ART, & THE CREATIVE SPIRIT

### Celebrate Spring and National Poetry Month with Tiferet Journal Saturday, April 14 at 2:00 pm

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.



Robert Carnevale



Adele Kenny



Donna Baier Stein



Nancy Lubarsky



John McDermott



Michelle Ortega



Bob Rosenbloom



### Let's Try Cardio Toning On Tuesdays: May 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 7:00 pm Sign up for 1, 2, 3 or 4 classes!

**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.

### Adult Crafting: Make a Wine Bottle Vase Wednesday, May 2 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 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.





## The Very Last Page of Programs for Adults



### 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



Michael Pasqua - Keyboard



Gerry Babo - Bass



Bruce Riccitelli - Drums



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 centers. Expect the piccolo, C flute, alto flute, bass flute and contrabass.

