Expand Your Mind through the

12th Annual Hale Speaker Series

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

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Hosted by the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library

Joe Nolan on Wednesday, March 20
Former Westfield resident, Holy Trinity class of ’76, traffic reporter for 39+ years and stadium announcer for Rutgers and the Jets

"Holy Trinity to Heavy Traffic"
You know his voice—now hear his story

Timothy Boyle on Wednesday, May 8
Westfield native, WHS Class of ’84, co-owner of 16 Prospect Wine Bar and Bistro

"From Paris to Prospect Street"
Hear about the business of bistros from a graduate of Le Cordon Bleu

Stacey Farley on Wednesday, October 16
Former Westfield resident and notable public artist

"The Art of Ceramic Tile"
Learn about public art from the creator of the ceramic tiles at our train station and the Reeve House

Carol Tener on Wednesday, November 6
Westfield resident, Realtor, member of Westfield Historical Society Board and Historic Preservation Commission

"Architectural Gems in Westfield Part II"
The story continues—come hear more about the history of our homes and neighborhoods.

The Friends of the Library Book Discussion Group Meets
Wednesdays at 2:00 pm
March 20 and May 15
All are Welcome

It’s time again for the Friends Gigantic Annual Book Sale!

Donation Days:
April 24 – 27
Sale Days
April 30 – May 4

Check the website for a more complete listing of dates and times.
To volunteer, write wmlvolunteers@gmail.com.
Library Programs for Adults

Electric Violinist Deni Bonet
On Saturday, March 2 at 2:00 pm

Join us for an afternoon of unique and electrifying music from Deni Bonet and her guitarist, Westfield resident Chris Flynn. Deni has a stellar resume, having performed and recorded with Cyndi Lauper, R.E.M., and Sarah McLachlan. She is also Irish rocker Mundy's go-to violinist when he tours the USA.

Her previous appearances include two sold-out shows at Carnegie Hall, concerts on the Great Wall of China, at the United Nations and a show at the White House for President Obama, the First Lady and Vice-President Biden. Sign up!

Why do young people run for office?
Monday, March 4 at 7:00 pm

What propels young people to run for office? What challenges do they face? How does their age impact how they view public policy?

John R.D. Celock, the author of The Next Generation: Young Elected Officials and their Impact on American Politics will explore these questions. John interviewed over 90 current and former young elected officials nationwide for the book, the first comprehensive look at why young people run for office. He is the president of Celock Media Group, a New Jersey based communications firm, and the editor of The Celock Report, a political news website focused on state level politics and young elected officials nationwide. The launch editor of Westfield Patch, one of the first profitable Patch sites in the country, John established the site as the go-to source for Westfield news and information.

Indian Cooking with the Instant Pot
Thursday, March 7 at 7:00 pm

The Instant Pot (electric pressure cooker) is all the rage! It is also particularly well suited for many Indian dishes. Join Charu Gupta and fellow foodies as we learn how to prepare a new dish and expand our knowledge of Indian culture and cuisine. Tonight Charu will be making Chole Curry, a chickpea curry dish, while demonstrating how the electric pressure cooker can cut down the cook time of this and other dishes. She looks forward to sharing this delicious, healthier yet quicker way of cooking. Charu’s program is a demonstration, rather than a hands-on activity; however, you will be able to taste the finished product and receive a copy of the recipe.
Programs for Adults

Hit the Roof Band
Saturday, March 9 at 2:00 pm

With a taste of some of the twentieth century's most important musical movements, Hit the Roof Band reinvigorates old songs with a new twist. The duet of keyboardist and drummer will start off with a bit of ragtime-stride, and then move into the era of swing and boogie-woogie. Next they’ll embark on a journey of rock n' roll frenzy, all the while explaining the history and icons behind the movement. Hit the Roof will continue the performance in the style of the blues and New Orleans piano, both of which have roots steeped in boogie-woogie, gospel, classical, and funk. They blew the roof off the library at their last show, so make sure you sign up!

Hear Irish Music with Guitarist Mark Kilianski and Fiddler Deb Shebish
Wednesday, March 13 at 7:00 pm

Mark Kilianski on guitar and Deb Shebish on fiddle will 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. Berklee College of Music graduate and New Jersey native Mark Kilianski tours full time as a solo artist, and with Americana duo Hoot and Holler. 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. Sign up now!

Hear Ken Lelen Play the Music of the Kingston Trio on Saturday, March 16 at 2:00

The Kingston Trio changed pop music between the late 1950s and the late 1960s. They were the most envied, imitated, and successful pop group as they gathered a repertoire from many sources. Their top hits included “She Was Too Good To Me,” “A Rolling Stone,” “Blowin’ in the Wind,” and “Last Thing On My Mind.” When Ken Lelen performs the Trio’s songs, he plays on vintage acoustic guitars for an authentic, back-in-the-day sound. Don’t miss this special concert.
Learn about Virginia Apgar, MD, Newborn Babies and the March of Dimes on Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00

Virginia Apgar, MD was an anesthesiologist best known for creating the Apgar Score, a clinical system for evaluating the physical condition of newborns at birth. She was born and grew up in Westfield and graduated from Westfield High School in 1925. She was the first woman to hold a full professorship at Columbia University. At the March of Dimes she directed research into the causes, prevention, and treatment of birth defects. David Rose, Archivist of the March of Dimes, will celebrate Women’s History Month by exploring the life of Dr. Apgar and her lifelong quest to improve the health of babies. This program is sponsored by the Freeholder Board through the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs in the Department of Parks and Recreation, and is funded in part by a grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission, a Division of Cultural Affairs in the Department of State.

Celebrate Women’s History Month with a Hedy Lamarr Documentary on Thursday, March 28 at 1:00

Hedy Lamarr was not only a beautiful Hollywood star—she was an inventor. An Austrian Jewish emigrant who invented a covert communication system to help defeat the Nazis, Lamarr was ignored and told to sell kisses for war bonds instead. It was only toward the very end of her life that tech pioneers discovered that it was her concept that is now used as the basis for secure WiFi, GPS and Bluetooth technologies. Bombshell: The Hedy Lamarr Story premiered at the 2017 Tribeca Film Festival, and was named Best Documentary by the New York Film Critics Online.

The War in Westfield: On the Ravaged Route of Rebels and Redcoats on Saturday, March 30 at 2:00 pm

Historian Bob Mayers will detail the history behind events in Westfield during the Revolutionary War, including The Battle of the Short Hills, the British retreat through Westfield, and the Continental Army’s march through town on its way to Yorktown. Bob thrives on discovering facts about the American Revolution not found in the work of earlier writers. A frequent speaker at historical societies, he is a graduate of Rutgers University and served as a combat officer in both the Navy and the
**Trivia Night! A Trifecta! for Teens and Adults**
**Tuesday, April 2 at 7:00 pm**
**Tuesday, July 2 at 7:00 pm**

**Question:** What is happening on three Tuesdays at 7 p.m.? **Answer:** Trivia Night comes to the Library! Bring your teammates, team up with others, or be a one person outfit! There is a maximum of 4 people per team. Everyone ages 16 and over is welcome to play. The questions are designed to be accessible to a large range of ages and interests. New questions and categories each night. Prizes for the winning team or individual.

**The Weiss Family Jazz Series 2019* Continues**
**With The Charlie Apicella Quartet on Wednesday, April 3 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.

Don't miss guitarist Charlie Apicella and his quartet Iron City: Amy Bateman on violin; Roy Cummings on bass and Alan Korzin on drums. The band has put out six CDs, including *Groove Machine* which features Charlie's hard bop inspired originals and arrangements of classic Blue Note Records gems.

**How to Break up with your Clutter on Saturday, April 6 at 2:00 pm**

Intrigued by Marie Kondo's *Life-changing Magic of Tidying Up* but confused by all her rules? Professional organizer Jamie Novak has a simpler, more reasonable, but very effective approach to sorting through your clutter. Come hear a humorous take on how to part with the things you no longer use. Overcome common obstacles to getting organized, like keeping clothes you might wear, holding onto treasures, and saving items “Just in case” you need them someday!

**Unravel the Mystery of The Cemetery Keeper’s Wife on Monday, April 8**

Mary Ann McFadden will speak about her five-year journey researching and writing this book, which revolves around the true life assault and murder of kitchen maid Tillie Smith in 1886 at Centenary University. Ms. McFadden has had many “coincidences” throughout her life with Tillie’s story and believes that she was destined to write this historical novel. You will be astonished.
More Programs for Adults

Adult Craft! Make a Floating Teacup on Tuesday, April 9 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm

Due to the hands-on nature of this class, registration is limited. Registration is available to Westfield Resident Cardholders only. Beginning April 2, MURAL patrons may register, space permitting.

Join us as we create these beautiful Floating Teacups where the flowers appear to be pouring out from the floating teacup above and into the saucer below. The teacups make unique centerpieces or special gifts. The class will be taught by librarian Marge Barkan, who loves to share her lifelong enthusiasm for crafts.

The Rhythm N’ Sound Musical Review Is Back by Popular Demand! Rescheduled to May 11 at 2:00 pm

A classic New Jersey band delivers all the great music of the 1940s through the 1980s! Enjoy the songs and memories of Motown, Doo-Wop, Classic Rock, and Rock-n-Roll with this upbeat trio.

Lead vocalist Frank Resola and his fellow band mates Joe Moscato and John D’Amaro are all Jersey-born musicians who have spent their lives performing in various bands. Two of the band mates formed Rhythm N’ Sound when they taught music education in the Howell School District. Together, the trio plays for a variety of musical venues, libraries, and private functions around the state.

The Light Opera of New Jersey Savoy Faire Ensemble Celebrates the Music Of Gilbert and Sullivan’s The Pirates of Penzance Saturday, April 13 at 2:00 pm

“Savoy Faire” is a Gilbert & Sullivan ensemble of featured artists from the Light Opera of New Jersey, who are focused on community outreach. The primary goal of Savoy Faire is to educate and enlighten audiences of all ages while providing top-notch entertainment. As past experience here at the library shows, they do!! Make sure you sign up.
Come Hear the Music of the West African Kora (Harp) on Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 pm

Sean Gaskell will feature traditional songs on the 21-stringed West African kora. The kora is native to the Mande peoples who live within the countries of Gambia, Senegal, Mali, Guinea, and Guinea Bissau. The music is traditionally played by oral and musical historians known as Griots (Gree-ohs).

The kora is a melodic and seemingly peaceful instrument, which is somewhat contrary to its musical repertoire. Many songs tell ancient stories of war and hardship, while others praise people of high political status and those who helped expand the Mande Empire.

Sean Gaskell has studied extensively under the instruction of Malamini Jobarteh and Moriba Kuyateh of Brikama, The Gambia, and Kane Mathis of Brooklyn, N.Y. Gaskell has been featured at numerous festivals in the US, Gambia and Senegal. Don’t miss him.

Gordon James Band Performs Songs from Down Yonder on Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00 pm

Listen and learn about the songs from the great artists of the South! The Gordon James Quartet, including some of our state's most visible and accomplished musicians, will perform the notable and memorable songs of Louis Armstrong, Preservation Hall Band, Fats Domino, Hank Williams, Elvis Presley, Jerry Lee Lewis, and more! You'll also hear anecdotes and the backgrounds of these time-less musicians and their hits. Sign up now!

Tai Chi Demonstration with Instructor Gang Huang on Thursdays: May 9 and May 16 at 7:00 pm

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, D.C. and the U.S. International Kuo Shu Championship for many years and has won numerous medals. He teaches classes at his Bridgewater Seeking Tai Chi Studio.

Raconteur Radio Celebrates the 80th Anniversary of The Wizard of Oz Wednesday, May 29 at 7:00 pm

Raconteur Radio productions are staged around and amplified by an art deco amplifier and feature theatrical lighting, period costumes, vintage commercials, Golden Age radio equipment, and extensive sound effects. This show will take you far away from your everyday existence!
Art Journaling on Thursday, May 30 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Due to the hands-on nature of this class, registration is limited to 12 participants. Registration is available to Westfield resident cardholders only. Beginning May 23, MURAL patrons may register, space permitting. Participants should plan to attend both sessions; registration for the first session means registration for the second. The program is open to both adults and older teens.

Part sketchbook, diary, to-do list and dream journal, an art journal is a reflective, multi-purpose space and itself a work of art. Join mixed-media artist Shari Seltzer as she demonstrates many mixed media techniques and suggests prompts to help you translate your ideas into visual form. Learn the process of layering images to create one-of-a-kind art journal pages using collage, paint, stencils or rubber stamps. Art making experience is not necessary, and Shari will encourage you to tame your inner critic and experiment in a playful way. Important information about supplies when you sign up online.

Music from China, Saturday, June 1st, 2:00-3:30 PM

The Music from China Youth Orchestra is back by popular demand at the Westfield Library! Please enjoy this extremely talented group of young musicians as they perform evocative and beautiful works of music from all regions of China.