In September the Library will be closed from Monday, September 12 to Wednesday, September 14 to update the software used to circulate books, order books and maintain the on-line catalog. We are updating our software because it is close to twenty years old and will soon have no software support.

What does this mean to you? The most noticeable difference will be a new and improved on-line catalog that’s easier to search. It will be possible to search a title by material type, so you’ll be able to seek out a title and see if we own it as a book, audio-book, DVD, or CD. You can write a review or post a tag.

After a transition period, the Library will continue implementing changes to go green by eliminating mailed paper overdue and hold notifications. We will even be able to remind you via email when an item is about to become overdue.

Some of the other improvements transpiring behind the scenes will make ordering and cataloging easier.

It will take some time for staff to climb the learning curve and know the new software as well as we do the current system. We’re sure that you’ll bear with us as we continue to make using your Library even easier and more convenient.

Good wishes from Westfield to Japan … This summer Youth Services offered four origami workshops as part of the community-wide project Senbazuru Westfield. Senbazuru is the Japanese tradition of creating 1,000 paper cranes to symbolize good will and recovery. Joy Lara (4th from left) taught children how to fold the cranes that were sent to Japanese earthquake and tsunami survivors.
Westfield Memorial Library Foundation and Digiplex Destinations bring “high culture” to the community and raise funds for the Library

This summer the Westfield Memorial Library Foundation teamed up with Digiplex Destinations to bring some of the world’s highest quality cultural events to our area.

Starting in July, tickets for encore performances of the Moscow Bolshoi Ballet, the Metropolitan Opera and other concerts in high definition (HD) went on sale here at the Westfield Memorial Library.

These HD showings (also known as digital broadcasts), which took place at the Cranford Theater, rivaled having a center row orchestra seat in a live theater; yet, patrons stayed right here at home to see world-class ballet, opera and classical concerts.

Tickets for the Bolshoi Ballet performances cost $15, and tickets for the Metropolitan Opera summer encore series and the Israel Philharmonic cost $20. Part of the proceeds from these sales went to the Library Foundation.

Metropolitan Opera HD encore presentations included “Don Carlo” as well as “Renee Fleming: Live With the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.” Actual live HD broadcasts, including Met opera performances, will be carried in the fall.

The next performances in the Bolshoi Ballet Series are: Giselle, Sunday, September 11, 12:00 pm and Wednesday, September 14, 7:30 pm; Mediterranea, Sunday, September 25, 1:00 pm and Wednesday, September 28, 8:00 pm; and Caligula, Sunday October 9, 1:00 pm and Wednesday, October 12, 8:00 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the Library, or call Digiplex at 908.396.1360 for more information. All performances are at the Cranford Theater, located at 25 North Avenue.

The Westfield Memorial Library Foundation seeks to provide long-term support for the Library through a variety of fund-raising strategies. These include individual and corporate donations, fund-raising events, long-term capital campaigns and legacy giving. All donations are tax deductible.

The Foundation stands ready to assist the Library with large projects such as building or renovation campaigns; also with funding for programs and services that may be jeopardized because of increased pressure on local and state budgets.

For more information, visit wmlfoundation.org, or call 908.248.4542.
The Anne M. Hale Speaker Series for 2011

Made possible through grants from the Thomas Glasser Foundation and the Lee M. Hale and Anne M. Hale Foundation, the Hale Series is hosted by the Friends of the Library. The two final speakers for 2011 are:

“The Changing Pharmaceutical Industry”
Wednesday, October 5   7:00 pm
by Westfield native Dr. Roy Vagelos, former CEO and Chairman of Merck & Co.

Dr. Vagelos is the author of more than 100 scientific papers. He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and received his medical degree from Columbia University before serving for two years as an Army doctor assigned to the National Institutes of Health. He was associated with Massachusetts General Hospital and Washington University School of Medicine before joining Merck. Dr. Vagelos was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the National Academy of Sciences and the American Philosophical Society.

“Living the Dream”
Wednesday, November 9   7:00 pm
Westfield Native Bob Wischusen, Announcer for the NY Jets & ESPN

Check our website www.wmlnj.org for more information in the fall. Preregistration required!!!

Sharing the Warmth
A group of dedicated members of the Friends has been diligently knitting and crocheting for the past six months in order to donate afghans to Camp Happy Times in Pennsylvania.

Camp Happy Times is a free, one-week overnight camp for children ages 5-21 who have had, or are currently undergoing, cancer treatment.

It is our mission to provide the campers with blankets, which are crafted with our love and support, in an effort to give them hope, cheer and warmth. We are thrilled to donate seven afghans this year and are already busy beginning our blankets for next year. We welcome new members, as well as donations. All material must be acrylic.

For more information, please contact us at friendsofwml@gmail.com.
Computer Classes Fall 2011

BEGINNER CLASSES
Must have mouse and typing skills

One-on-one, 30-minute computer appointments with a librarian. We’ll teach you at your level! Stop by the Reference Desk on the second floor, or call 908.789.4090 x 7950. (M-F: last appointment is 4:00 pm. Sorry – no weekend appointments.)

Email Basics
Set up an account and learn email basics, or learn more email skills.

Internet - Learn the Beginner Basics
Learn about different search engines and search techniques. Plus, learn what’s fun on the Web.

Beginning Microsoft Word
Thursday, October 27  2:30—4:00 pm
Explore all the terrific features of Microsoft Word 2007, including formatting, cutting and pasting.

INTERMEDIATE CLASSES
Classes for those with some computer knowledge and skill. Must have mouse and typing skills to attend Intermediate level classes

Travel: Plan It, Book It and Save Money!
Wednesday, October 12  10:00—11:30 am
There are many new travel sites on the internet since we first presented this class in 2005. There is no need to fear booking your trip on the Internet. Travel companies have upgraded and revised their sites to make them safer, more secure, and easier to use. This hands-on class will help you plan your trip. You’ll also learn how to save money by comparison shopping for air fare, hotels and rental cars.

Genealogical Resources Online
Wednesday, October 26  10:00—11:30 am
If you have always wanted to research your family tree or find information on your ancestors, this is the class for you! This workshop will focus on using Heritage Quest Online and Ancestry.com, which are databases accessible at the library.

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Sign up for computer classes online at www.wmlnj.org and click on Calendar, or call 908.789.4090 x7951. Don’t procrastinate—seating is limited.
**ADVANCED CLASSES**

Ready to bump up your skills to the next level? Mouse, copy & paste skills required.

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### Advanced Word
**Tuesday, September 20  10:00–11:30 am**
**or**  
**Tuesday, November 22  7:00–8:30 pm**

This class covers many of Word 2007’s lesser-known, advanced features such as keyboard shortcuts, copying and pasting, photo editing, inserting tables and graphs, adjusting margins, columnizing and ClipArt. You are welcome to bring your own laptop, but you must still register. If you plan to bring your own laptop, please notify jbennett@wmlnj.org before the day of the class.

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### Photo Editing with GIMP
**Tuesday, October 11  4:00–5:30 pm**

Want to learn how to bring out the best in your digital photographs? Want to learn how to get rid of ugly intrusions in your landscapes, scratches in vintage photos, or how to bring out the dazzling colors and shadows? Come to this new class on the photo editing program GIMP. A free program that is similar to Photoshop and Lightroom, GIMP offers hundreds of ways to give your pics that professional look. For advanced computer users only.

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### Basic Database Class for Students
**Tuesday, October 11  7:00–8:30 pm**

This is a perfect class for middle school and high school students to learn about our online databases, what types of information they contain and how to search them through our website. Learn how to get up-to-date, viable information for those upcoming projects and homework assignments.

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### New! For Job Hunters—The Gale Career Transitions Database

Career Transitions is a complete, self-paced application that walks job-seekers through the entire process from assessing strengths and interests, to exploring new opportunities, to ultimately improving the chances of landing a job. It offers a practical, personalized, and guided experience that integrates all the tools needed in the job search-process including: the resume builder; a personal profile that stores references, and action plans and more; an assessment engine that identifies career interests and transferable skills; the ability to target specific careers and apply for jobs; interviewing and networking tips; adult education and low-fee distance learning classes; and access to unemployment services, health benefits and other social services. Ask a Reference Librarian for help, or visit www.wmlnj.org, click on Online Resources, Online Databases and Career Resources.
Adult Programs for the Fall

Fiction Book Club: “The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks”
Wednesday, September 7  7:00 pm

From a single, abbreviated life grew a seemingly immortal line of cells that made some of the most crucial innovations in modern science possible. And from that same life, and those cells, Rebecca Skloot has fashioned in The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks, a fascinating and moving story of medicine and family, of how life is sustained in laboratories and in memory. Henrietta Lacks was a mother of five in Baltimore, a poor African American migrant from the tobacco farms of Virginia, who died from a cruelly aggressive cancer at the age of 30 in 1951. A sample of her cancerous tissue, taken without her knowledge or consent, as was the custom then, turned out to provide one of the holy grails of mid-century biology: human cells that could survive—even thrive—in the lab. Known as HeLa cells, their stunning potency gave scientists a building block for countless breakthroughs, beginning with the cure for polio. Skloot doggedly but compassionately gathered the threads of the stories of Henrietta’s family, slowly gaining their trust while helping them learn the truth about her. With their aid she tells a rich and haunting story that asks the questions, Who owns our bodies? And who carries our memories? —condensed from Tom Nissley (amazon.com)

Learn How to Self-Publish with Author Manny Luftglass
Saturday, September 10  2:00 pm

Have you always wanted to publish your book, but don't know exactly how? Have you tried traditional publishing methods, and traditional publishers, but have been frustrated by the results? Manny Luftglass, local author and self-publisher, discusses the process of self-publishing from start to finish. He covers such issues as developing credibility, deciding your audience, copywriting, finding a printer, and marketing your book. Make your dream come true!

Experience the Thrilling Music of the Manhattan Lyric Opera
Wednesday, September 21  7:00 pm

Founded in 1998 by opera singer and Artistic Director Anne Tormela, The Manhattan Lyric Opera Company is uniquely devoted to presenting elegant, concise, user-friendly staged and concert versions of the classic operas, operettas and Broadway works. The Company specializes in making the heart of this great music accessible. A native New Yorker, Ms. Tormela specializes in bel-canto, opera, and early operatic and early-music style. Her voice has been described as “ringing and strongly expressive” with “extraordinary vocal control.” “The upper reaches (of her voice) with dazzling security.” Make sure you come early to get a good seat for what promises to be a wonderful evening. And remember to sign up online or by phone.

Want to see what our programs are like? Check out our YouTube videos on the website www.wmlnj.org by clicking on the YouTube icon.
More Adult Programs for the Fall

Listen to Two Unique Points of View On New Jersey History
Tuesday, September 27  7:00 pm

Join us in a marvelous presentation of New Jersey history, led by two celebrated historians, Jude M. Pfister and Gordon Thomas Ward.

Mr. Pfister is the author of *The Jacob Ford Jr. Mansion, The Fords of New Jersey* and *The First Decade of the United States Supreme Court* (2007). He is the Chief of Cultural Resources at the Morristown National Historical Park Library.

Mr. Ward is the author of *A Bit of Earth* and *Ghosts of Central Jersey*. He is a member of Haunted New Jersey, a premier group of paranormal investigators who make use of many years' worth of experience and the collection of forensic-based evidence to both dismiss and support claims of hauntings, especially in historic locations.

Move with the Jose Obando Salsa Trio
Wednesday, October 12  7:00 pm

Join us for an exciting and informative night of Salsa!! Jose Obando is one of the incorporators of the salsa museum in Spanish Harlem and its former executive director. Salsa is an American musical genre amalgamated by Nuyoricans (that’s a combination of New Yorkers and Puerto Ricans) and Puerto Ricans in El Barrio.

Mr. Obando established Lubona Corporation, an education consultancy, and serves as the executive director. His consultancy includes the Department of Musical Instruments of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Julliard School, The Cathedral of St. Patrick, the NY Public Library and many other prestigious institutions. You will love his music and the show!

New Jersey’s Civil War...Just how did the war affect the State?
Thursday, October 13  7:00 pm

The Civil War divided New Jersey more than any other northern State. The last northern state to ban slavery, New Jersey was the only free state where Stephen Douglas won any electoral votes. Copperheads were in office throughout the War and Newark's mayor even talked about secession. Although New Jersey regiments fought bravely in many battles, the Civil War in New Jersey did little to unify the state. Learn about New Jersey's controversial history in the War Between the States in New Jersey with Kean University professor of history Jonathan Mercantini. Professor Mercantini shows several letters from members of the Kean family written during the Civil War era, as well as other fascinating items of the times.

Register online for all programs at www.wmlnj.org or 908.789.4090 x 7951
Sir Alfred Hitchcock directed over 60 films spanning more than half a century. With a distinctive style, both in front and behind the camera, his movies influenced generations of film makers. Watching classic scenes from “Rear Window,” “North by Northwest,” “Psycho,” and “The Birds,” we discover what made Hitchcock, “the master of suspense.”

Chris Messineo, Director of the NJ Film Institute, narrates an audiovisual presentation of some of the master’s best movies. Sharing scenes from classic films and anecdotes about their making, he dissects the work of the master with wit and insight into the craft of film making. Mr. Messineo is an award-winning filmmaker, a fanatical student of cinema and an accomplished lecturer. You will learn so much about what made Hitchcock’s films so memorable…and so scary!
Almost the last page of Adult Programs

Going Bat-ty—Learn Everything about Bats!
Saturday, October 15  10:30 am

Jackie Kashmer, Director of the New Jersey Bat Sanctuary, shows us a real bat or two, explains their behavior, and teaches us everything about them. Did you know that bats come in different colors? Did you know how important they are for a healthy environment? Do you know what to do if you find a bat? Do you know where the New Jersey Bat Sanctuary is located?

Ms. Kashmer became a wildlife rehabilitator 20 years ago, re-habbing small mammals and songbirds. Six years ago she began to concentrate solely on bats when she realized that large rehab centers could not always provide the necessary care and feeding of a baby bat, which is the size of a thumbnail. Since bats play such a vital role in the health of our environment, their care cannot be taken lightly. Bring your questions and be prepared to change your mind about bats.

Ghosts of Central New Jersey: Historic Haunts of the Somerset Hills
Wednesday, October 26  7:00 pm

Tonight historian and author Gordon Thomas Ward delivers a captivating lecture about ghostly phenomena at historic locations in New Jersey. A lifelong writer, Mr. Ward is a member of Haunted New Jersey, a premier group of paranormal investigators who investigate claims of hauntings, especially in historic locations.

Mr. Ward’s other writings include books, speeches, newspaper and magazine articles and poetry. He is the author of Life on the Shoulder: Rediscovery and Inspiration along the Lewis and Clark Trail (Lucky Press 2005) and a self-published book of original poetry entitled Windows (1994).

Groove with the Christopher Dean Band
Wednesday, November 2  7:00 pm

The Christopher Dean Band is a top notch, regional blues/soul band based out of the Central Jersey area. They have been working up and down the East Coast for the past eight years. Their vocals and music—guitar, keyboard and sax—have a natural, soulful groove that will have you tapping your feet.

Register online for all programs at www.wmlnj.org, or call 908.789.4090 x 7951.
Story Slam! Tell Your Favorite ‘Round the Dinner Table Stories  
Wednesday, November 30  7:00 pm

Previously called a “MothUp,” our Story Slam is your chance to tell a favorite story to a small group of willing listeners. No cheat sheets or notes allowed; check out themoth.org to get ideas on how this event works. New and experienced storytellers encouraged!

The Foreign Film Festival Will Fire up in the Fall!

Save these dates for the best in foreign films and watch our website at www.wmlnj.org for announcements of titles. All shows on Mondays at 2:00 and 6:30 pm: September 26, November 28 and December 12.

Other Programs Held at the Library

Monday Afternoon at the Opera  
Held at the Library  
Hosted by the Westfield Adult School  
A six-week session from 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Opera is one of the most vital and complex art forms, combining theater, orchestra, staging, costume, acting, singing, dancing and everything else associated with musical drama. For over 400 years, composers have created operatic masterpieces that have thrilled audiences around the world. Come explore the stories, characters and music of the great operas with Robert W. Butts, one of New Jersey’s leading opera conductors. With video examples and lecture, Mr. Butts explores six operas in depth.

October 3, 17, 24, 31 and November 7 and 21. Contact the Westfield Adult School to register. Call 908.232.4050, e-mail adultschool@westfieldnj.com or:

Westfield Adult School  
PO Box 606 Westfield NJ 07091

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TGIF! Looking for entertainment on Friday afternoons?

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.

NEWPORT MANSIONS
September 9
Tour the famed Newport Mansions, the “summer cottages” that are some of the grandest homes ever built.

HANDEL AND HAYDN
September 16
Explore the lives and music of two of the greatest European composers.

CAROL BURNETT
September 23
Enjoy the life and performances of this versatile entertainer.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK: “Cheaper by the Dozen”
September 30
Starring Clifton Webb, Jeanne Crain and Myrna Loy

LOUIS ARMSTRONG
October 21
The story and music of one of America’s best loved jazz performers.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK: “The Ghost and Mrs. Muir”
October 28
Starring Gene Tierney and Rex Harrison

PAUL NEWMAN
November 4
Celebrate the life and films of this world-famous actor.

NO TGIF—November 11
Closed for Veterans Day

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK: “A Damsel in Distress”
November 18
Starring Fred Astaire and Joan Fontaine

LORETTA LYNN
October 14
Learn about the life of this country singer from her beginnings in rural Kentucky to her rise to the 1970’s country music entertainer of the decade.

LUCIANO PAVAROTTI
October 7
Celebrate the life of this extraordinary singer by listening to seven of his most famous arias.

NO TGIF—November 25
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
Have a wonderful day! See you in December.

All programs are videos or lectures unless otherwise noted.

Please Note: Weekly topics are subject to change.
Fall 2011 Storytimes and Programs for Children
All programs are free to Westfield full-service library card holders. 908.789.4090 x 3.

**Homework Help!** Homework help for elementary school children. Kids in grades K-5 can drop by Youth Services for some free, friendly help from a local teen. Homework is always a little easier with a buddy to talk it over with! Open to full-service Westfield Library card holders only. Dates: Mondays-Thursdays, September 19 through December 22. Time: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

**Polka Dot Man!** Join us for a fun and interactive show including music, comedy and magic with Polka Dot Ron, for preschoolers. The audience is always part of the show! Open to children ages 3 and up. Child must have own full-service Westfield Library card. Date: Saturday, October 29. Time: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

**Pirates Ahoy!** Preschoolers will be pirates, the fun kind! Join magician Mark Zacharia as he takes you on a pirate themed journey with magic! Child must have own full-service Westfield Library card. Date: Saturday, November 19. Time: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

**Cookie Decorating!** Roxanne Paylago of Eve’s Cookie demonstrates various fun cookie decorating techniques and teaches the children how to create their own edible cookie masterpieces. All supplies are provided - all you need to bring is your imagination! Date: Wednesday, October 5. Time: 4:00 p.m. Grades: K & up. Children must have their own full-service Westfield Library card. Online pre-registration required, starting September 5th - space is limited.

**Family Music Fun: Discover Brass Instruments with The South Mountain Brass!** What do you know about trumpets, trombones, horns, tubas and other brass music instruments? Can you tell the difference between fanfares and marches? Can you hear the brass notes in jazz, and movie music? NJ’s own South Mountain Brass will give us an interactive demo. For all ages. Date: Saturday, September 24. Time: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Open to the public.

**Lego Club!** Use your imagination to create wonderful Lego structures. Open to children in grades 1 through 5. Dates: Wednesdays, October 5, 12, 19 and 26, OR Thursdays, October 6, 13, 20 and 27, Time: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Open to full-service Westfield Library card holders only. Call the Youth Services Desk at 908.789.4090 x3 to register beginning 9/6.

**Grupo Ñi.** Spanish-language storytime. All stories, songs and activities are in Spanish; no English is spoken. Dates: Saturdays, September 10, October 8, November 5 and December 3. Time: 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. Open to the public.

**Magic Carpet.** Listen to some of our librarians’ favorite stories. Must be in elementary school. Dates: Tuesdays, September 27 through November 1. Time: 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. Open to full-service Westfield Library card holders only.

**Preschool Storytime.** Listen to stories and do an activity. For children ages 3½ to 5. Dates: Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., and Fridays at 1:30 p.m., from September 27 through November 4. Children must have own full-service library card.

**Tots’ Storytime.** Stories for children between the ages of 2 ½ and 3 ½. Parent or caregiver attends with child. Dates: Fridays, from September 30 through November 4. Time: 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. Children must have own full-service library card.

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**Mindful Parenting.** Learn how to be confident in your parenting. Mindful Parenting helps your child increase self-esteem, build healthy interpersonal skills while developing a connection between self and the greater world. Monday, September 19. Time: 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Registration requested.

**Parents’ Special: You & Your Toddler.** Let's talk about the challenges and the triumphs! Tuesday, September 20. Time: 7:30 p.m. Registration requested.

**Parents’ Special: What Not to Do to Get Your Kid into College.** Are you and/or your teen “stressed out” about the college process? Learn strategies to ease the turmoil. Thursday, October 20. Time: 7:30 p.m. Registration requested.