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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Friends of the Library and Machlowitz Family Donate Furniture & Sensory Wall to Youth Services

Throughout the Youth Services areas, you and your children can now find new places to sit, study or read a book, while our youngest library visitors can play at the new sensory wall. Our librarians have a new desk to answer your questions, offer suggestions and manage the children's area. All of this was made possible by a generous donation from the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library.

Monies raised from Membership and book sales allow the Friends to fund such library projects throughout the year. With the help of 35 dedicated volunteers, the Children’s Book Sale recently raised $2,900 for the library.

In addition, former Friends President David Machlowitz and his wife Sheryl provided the sensory wall.

"The children's area receives many visitors throughout the day," said Cindy Colicchio, past co-president of the Friends. “It was time to renovate the furniture to continue to provide a comfortable, library-friendly place for children, their families and caregivers to enjoy. We are thrilled to make such a valuable contribution to our library.”
A YEAR IN SPACE AND BEYOND A YEAR IN SPACE  
December 7  
Take a behind-the-scenes look at astronaut Scott Kelly’s 12-month stay on the International Space Station.

LIVE PERFORMANCE!!!  
DRIFTAWAY DUO  
December 14  
Enjoy a live performance of the Driftaway Duos’ Holiday Show – Spirit of the Season, including everyone’s favorite holiday songs.

NO TGIF DECEMBER 21 - MERRY CHRISTMAS  

NO TGIF DECEMBER 28 - HAPPY NEW YEAR  

THE MAYO CLINIC  
January 4  
Discover the story of the renowned institution that has been called a medical mecca. Directed by Ken Burns.

A WALK IN THE WOODS  
January 11  
Join author Bill Bryson’s trip along the Appalachian Trail. Starring Robert Redford.

IRIS  
January 18  
Explore the true story of the lifelong romance between novelist Iris Murdoch and her husband John Bayley, from their student days through her battle with Alzheimer's disease.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK  
January 25  
“MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING”  
Starring Nia Vardalos and John Corbett.

BRINGING BALANCHINE BACK: NEW YORK CITY BALLET  
February 1  
Follow the New York City Ballet to the Marinsky Theater in St. Petersburg.

RBG  
February 8  
Celebrate the life and work of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

THE POST  
February 15  
Learn about the Washington Post’s publication of the Pentagon Papers. Starring Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK: “ONE DAY”  
February 22  
Starring Anne Hathaway.
**Take a Book, Return a Book**

A Little Free Library is now at the South Side Train Station kiosk and three other locations around Westfield, courtesy of the Friends. You can pick out a book from one of the Libraries and when done reading it, pass it on to a friend, return it to the same Little Library, or one of the other Libraries. You are also welcome to leave books for others to take. The idea of the Libraries is based on the Little Free Libraries organization, located in Hudson, Wisconsin, that promotes the establishment of book exchanges throughout the world.

Other Little Libraries are located at Minnowaskin Park near the back of the Municipal Building parking lot, Tamaques Park between the tennis courts and the playground, and the Walnut Street parking lot by the Elm Street Soccer Field. Initially the libraries are stocked with books for all ages and monitored by the Friends. Books should be returned to one of these four libraries, not the Westfield Memorial Library. Questions or ideas, write wmlnjfriends@gmail.com.

**Friends of the Library**

**Friends offer passes to 21 + museums**

Looking for something to do in the winter months? Check out one of the museum passes offered by the Friends of the Library. Since the inception of this popular program, 9,500 passes have been checked out.

You can find a list of all the museums offered in New York and New Jersey on the website [www.wmlnj.org](http://www.wmlnj.org) under the Museum Pass tab.

**The Friends of the Library Knitting Club**

“Sharing the Warmth” Extends the Warmth …

With Monthly Crochet Instructions and Help

Librarian Marge Barkan will be on hand during the regularly scheduled Thursday meetings of the Knitting Club to provide instruction, guidance and help to anyone interested in learning to crochet or needing help with a current project. You do not have to be a member of the knitting club or sign up. Just come to any meeting date (beginning January 2019) and bring your project, or just yarn, a crochet hook & the desire to learn!

**The Friends of the Library Book Discussion Group**

Meets Wednesdays at 2:00 pm

January 16 and March 20

The Handmaid’s Tale
by Margaret Atwood

Set in the near future, this dystopian tale imagines a bizarre new world with strict reproductive policies. Available in the library’s “Book Clubs in a Bag” after December 5.

Behold the Dreamers
by Imbolo Mbue

This is the unforgettable story of a young Cameroonian couple making a new life in New York just as the Great Recession upends the economy. Available in the library’s “Book Clubs in a Bag” after February 6.
Adult Crafting--Winter Star Workshop with Joy Lara  
Tuesday, December 4 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 November 27, MURAL patrons may register, space permitting.

Experience a delightful creative flow as you learn to use collage and mixed media techniques to create a festive 3D star based on the traditional “Parol” lanterns that adorn homes in the Philippines during the Christmas season. Hang your unique creation at home or give it as a unique gift! Artist Joy Lara leads this workshop. Materials will be provided.

John Groom presents "The Beatles: The Beginnings"  
Wednesday, December 5 at 7:00 pm

Find out everything you wanted to know about the Beatles with Liverpool native, John Groom. John will engage with early stories about the Beatles, their families, backgrounds, social circles, successes and failures as they made their rise from obscurity. The presentation will include a song clip from The Quarrymen, a rock-n-roll group formed by John Lennon that eventually evolved into the Beatles.

Now a Scotch Plains resident, John Groom was born and raised in Liverpool, England. He lived in the same village and attended the same high school as Paul McCartney and George Harrison, attended the same Sunday school as John Lennon, and belonged to the same club where Lennon met McCartney.

Fundamentals of Yoga  
Thursday, December 6 and Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 pm

Lorraine Harwelik’s class is for anyone who wants to build a safe and sound yoga practice. Regular yoga practice has been scientifically proven to improve flexibility and to help body systems function optimally. Sound yoga fundamentals can lead to a better sense of well-being and to help you use your body with greater effectiveness and comfort. Take one or both classes, but make sure you sign up—class size is limited.

Vocalist Diane Cypkin Presents “The Music of Harry Warren”  
Monday, December 17 at 7:00 pm

There isn’t another hit-making composer quite like Harry Warren, who had nearly two dozen number one hits, including, Forty-Second Street, Chattanooga Choo Choo and The More I See You. Presented by vocalist Diane Cypkin and accompanied by Lena Panfilova, a graduate of the Moscow Conservatory.

Foreign Film TBA  
Monday, December 10   2:00 & 6:30 pm
Kevin Woyce will use original photographs, vintage images, and live music to explore favorite Christmas Traditions, from the First Christmas to “A Christmas Carol,” “White Christmas,” and the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree. He will also explain how historical figures ranging from Saint Nicholas, Martin Luther, and Queen Victoria to Charles Dickens and Thomas Nast helped shape the way we celebrate the Christmas Season. Kevin Woyce is an author, photographer, and lecturer specializing in regional American history. He has spoken on many dozens of topics from the Jersey Shore to the Palisades.

Job Searching for Everyone
Saturday, January 5 at 2:00 pm

Could it happen to you? Will you be prepared? Will you get lost in the “Why Me” syndrome? How will it affect you, your co-workers, your family and friends? This course is designed to answer these questions and address many areas which will help you move forward towards achieving a successful job search. **BONUS:** those who attend the full session will receive a “Top 10 Tips” take away handout.

Trivia Night for Teens and Adults
Tuesday, January 8 at 7:00 pm

Question: What is happening on Tuesday, January 8 at 7 pm? Answer: Trivia Night comes to the Westfield Library! Bring your teammates, team up with others, or be a one-person outfit! There is a maximum of 4 people per team. The winning team gets a prize! Everyone ages 16 and over is welcome to play. The questions are designed to be accessible to a large range of ages and interests.

Adult Crafting:
Sock Cupcakes and Candy
Tuesday, January 9 from 1:30 to 3:00 pm
“The Sweetest Little Gift Idea”

Due to the hands-on nature of this class, registration is limited. Registration is available to Westfield Resident Cardholders only. Beginning 12/27/18, MURAL patrons may register, space permitting.

Have you ever admired those clever and cute ways of presenting gifts and party favors that you see on Pinterest? Come for a class on making cozy sock cupcakes and candy treats. They are perfect party favors or wonderful little gifts for Valentine's or Teacher Appreciation Day. Librarian Marge Barkan, a lifelong crafter who loves sharing new ideas, will teach the class.
More Programs for Adults

Watercolor Basics with Joy Lara
Thursday, January 10
2:00 to 4:00 pm

Due to the hands-on nature of this class, registration is limited! Registration is available for Westfield Resident Cardholders only. Beginning 1/3/19, MURAL patrons may register, space permitting.

Artist Joy Lara will guide you through understanding the materials, techniques and basic skills so you can create a pleasing painting, even if this is your first water color. Materials will be provided.

Do you remember the Seventies? Didn’t you love all those great hits by James Taylor, Joni Mitchell, Billy Joel, Judy Collins and many others? Francine and Joel present a memorable collection of songs including: Both Sides Now, (Take Me Home) Country Roads, You’ve Got A Friend, Take It Easy and more! Francine and Joel Zelnik are the legendary musical duo (yes, married!), Francine Evans, an accomplished singing actress and Joel Zelnik, world class jazz pianist. Together they possess over 20 years of performing achievement. Make sure you sign up.

Adult Crafting: Learn Counted Cross Stitch
Tuesday, February 5 at 1:30 pm

Due to the hands-on nature of this class, registration is limited! Registration is available for Westfield Resident Cardholders only. Beginning 1/29/19, MURAL patrons may register, space permitting.

Learn everything you need to know to complete a mini cross-stitch framed project. All materials will be provided; however, if you have small embroidery scissors, please bring them. Taught by librarian Marge Barkan.

Zumba Gold for Adults!
Wednesdays, February 6, 13, 20 and 27
At 10:00 to 10:45 am

Due to the hands-on nature of this class, registration is limited! Registration is available for Westfield Resident Cardholders only. Beginning January 30, MURAL patrons may register, space permitting.

Join certified Zumba instructor Andrea Lawson as she takes you through this popular dance-party exercise in a form that is designed for adults and seniors, with low-key and easy-to-follow steps that help your balance and coordination. Take one, two, three or four classes. Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers.

Joys of Backyard Bird Feeding
Saturday, January 19
at 2:00 pm

Calling all bird lovers and those who love the beauty of their backyards! Attracting birds is a great way to bring nature up close and provides hours of enjoyment. This program familiarizes participants in how to use bird feeders, water and shelter to attract native birds. We also cover how to discourage nuisance animals and how to make your property bird friendly.

Those Soft-Rockin’ 70s with Joel and Francine Zelnik
Saturday, February 2
at 2:00 pm
Even More Programs for Adults

The Early Days of Radio
by Journalist Evan Weiner
Wednesday, February 6 at 7:00 pm

Learn everything you wanted to know about the importance, impact, and influence of radio! Radio is a 117-year-old medium, but it was not until the sinking of the Titanic that radio became important. A young amateur radio operator named David Sarnoff pushed Congress after the Titanic disaster to open up radio frequencies and start commercial radio.

Evan Weiner started his journalism career at the age of 15 on WRKL Radio, Mount Ivy, N.Y. in 1971. By 1978, he was covering news for WGRC Radio and won two Associated Press Awards. In the 1980s, he started his long association with Westwood One Radio. Internationally he has appeared on the BBC Radio network and he has written eight books about the business and politics of sports.

The Weiss Family Jazz Series** for 2019
Opens with the Dave Braham Trio
Saturday, February 9 at 2:00 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.

Come hear Pianist/Organist Dave Braham and his guitarist and drummer in a wonderful winter afternoon performance of jazz. Dave has performed and recorded with many well-respected jazz and Latin musicians during his 35+ year career, some of which include Houston Person, Irene Reid, Lou Donaldson, David “Fathead” Newman, Etta Jones and Warren Vache. He has recorded with Random Act Records, Bluejay Records and Muse Records, to name a few. He has performed at many notable performance venues such as Blues Alley, in Washington, D.C; Northsea Jazz Festival, Netherlands; Nice Festival, France; Jazz Alley, Seattle; Ronnie Scott’s, London; Jazzmobile, New York City; Blue Note, New York City; and Cecil’s Jazz Club, NJ. Sure to be popular, sign up!

Wendy Jones presents An Extraordinary Life
Saturday, February 16 at 2:00 pm

Josephine E. Jones moved from South Carolina to New York in 1946 to work as a cook in private homes. She became a Harlem activist and in the 1960s, the first black supervisor at a Fortune 500 company. An Extraordinary Life is an American story, a Great Migration story, a New York story, a black family's story, a mother-daughter story, and the story of a woman’s fight for creativity in the workplace. Wendy Jones is an author, playwright and founder of Ida Bell Publishing, LLC. The company publish new works by people of color, new immigrants and women.
Join long time meditator and retired Executive VP, Jim Rose, as he offers this engaging workshop on how to use the meditation practice to transform the heart. He will explore how to incorporate more love and peace in your life, which can have a profound transformation on your overall well-being. This session will be devoted to integrating these practices into your daily life. Participants will learn to let go of anger, fear and worry in order to create more harmonious relationships, better work and home environments and experience a deep sense of personal peace and love. There will even be two short meditation sittings.

Explore the cultural tapestry of West Africa through centuries of art from within its 18 present-day countries, especially the Benin kingdom of the Edo people. Included will be sculpture, metalwork, and ivories from local museums, such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Brooklyn Museum, and the Princeton University Art Museum.

Mike got his BA in classics from the University of California at San Diego, his MA in classics and Ph.D. in art history, both at the University of California at Santa Barbara. He spent twenty years at the Cloisters Museum and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and has lectured all over the world.

It’s that Time of Year Again... Midterms!
Come to Midterm Study Hall Hours at the Library

Sunday, January 20 -- 1:00 -- 4:30 pm
Monday, January 21 LIBRARY CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
Tuesday, January 22 -- 3:00 -- 10:00 pm: NOTE EXTENDED MEETING ROOM HOURS
Wednesday, January 23 -- 3:00 -- 10:00 pm: NOTE EXTENDED MEETING ROOM HOURS!
Thursday, January 24 -- 3:00 -- 10:00 pm: NOTE EXTENDED MEETING ROOM HOURS
Saturday, January 26 -- 1:00 -- 4:30 pm
Sunday, January 27 -- 1:00 -- 4:30 pm
Monday, January 28 -- 3:00 -- 10:00 pm: NOTE EXTENDED MEETING ROOM HOURS
Tuesday, January 29th -- 3:00 -- 9:00 pm
Friends Programs for Children  
Westfield Memorial Library  Winter 2019

For the enjoyment of all, children should be the correct age for any program they attend. All people who attend should have a full-service Westfield Memorial Library card in their name or attend with a member of the WML Friends. If you have any questions, please ask a Youth Services librarian. Thank you to the Friends of the Library for these programs!

When Animals Attack
Many mammals have developed amazing characteristics to avoid becoming "lunch." A few of the prey animals we’ll meet are the Skunk, with its well-known putrid smell, the Porcupine, with its incredibly sharp quills, and the Armadillo, with a plated back made of hair. Presented by Eyes of the Wild.

Date: Saturday, January 5
Time: 10:30 - 11:30 am
Ages: 4 years and up
Tickets required for all children and adults attending the program.
Tickets will be available the morning of the program at the Youth Services Desk.

Sciencetellers:  
The Wild West
Grab your spurs and journey with us to the Wild West, where a legendary bank-robbing outlaw is back in town, about to strike again!

After the Sheriff mysteriously vanishes, two young kids saddle up to foil the great heist and put a rotten cowboy back behind bars! We use awesome science experiments to bring key parts of the story to life. Volunteers from the audience will come up and help!

Date: Saturday, February 2
Time: 10:30 - 11:30 am
Ages: 4 years and up
Tickets required for all children and adults attending the program.
Tickets will be available the morning of the program at the Youth Services Desk.

Giant Reptiles
Meet some really big reptiles, including a snapping turtle, an alligator, and a python, as you learn about the fascinating world of reptiles. Presented by Bill Boesenberg of Snakes-n-Scales.

Date: Saturday, January 12
Time: 10:30 - 11:30 am
Ages: 4 years and up
Tickets required for all children and adults attending the program.
Tickets will be available the morning of the program at the Youth Services Desk.

Amazing Animal Adaptations
Be amazed and entertained as you are introduced to several animals native to our area. Presented by the Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation & Education Center.

Date: Saturday, January 26
Time: 10:30 - 11:30 am
Ages: 3 years and up
Tickets required for all children and adults attending the program. Tickets will be available the morning of the program at the Youth Services Desk.

The Goose is Loose
A "yarn" about the search for Mother Goose's best friend, presented by Tuckers' Tales Puppet Theatre.

How can Mother Goose have lost her Goose? And where in the land of Nursery Rhymes did she wander? Poor Mother Goose must enlist the aid of her many friends as she seeks to find poor Lucy Goosey.

Date: Saturday, February 9
Time: 10:30 - 11:30 am
Ages: 3 years and up
Tickets required for all children and adults attending the program.
Tickets will be available the morning of the program at the Youth Services Desk.
**A Night of Astronomy**
Join Amateur Astronomers Inc., from the Sperry Observatory, for a fascinating talk about the night sky, followed by a chance to view the sky through telescopes provided by the group, weather permitting.

**Date:** Tuesday, February 12  
**Time:** 7:00 - 8:30 pm  
**Age:** 5 years and up (and parents)  
Open to Full-Service Westfield Library card holders only.

Registration required for ALL children/adults attending the program.  
Use library card number to register each person.  
**Online Registration Begins on January 1, 2019.**

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**Mike Rose Magic Show: Winter Wonders**
Mike’s ’Winter Wonders Magic Show’ is completely themed around snow, cold, and winter activities! Kids will experience magic that is crisp, refreshing and just plain cool! Children don’t just sit and watch the program; they become part of the show.

**Date:** Saturday, February 23  
**Time:** 10:30 - 11:30 am  
**Age:** 4 years and up  
Tickets required for all children and adults attending the program  
Tickets will be available the morning of the program at the Youth Services Desk.

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**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:** Saturday, March 2  
**Time:** 10:30 - 11:30 am  
**Ages:** 4 years and up  
Tickets required for all children and adults attending the program  
Tickets will be available the morning of the program at the Youth Services Desk.

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**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 9  
**Time:** 10:30 - 11:30 am  
**Ages:** 4 years and up  
Tickets required for all children and adults attending the program  
Tickets will be available the morning of the program at the Youth Services Desk.

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**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 16  
**Time:** 10:30 - 11:30 am  
**Ages:** 4 years and up  
Tickets required for all children and adults attending the program  
Tickets will be available the morning of the program at the Youth Services Desk.
**Please note that the fall sessions of Yoga Storytime (Monday, Dec. 3 @ 10:00 am) and Zumba (Wednesday, Dec. 5 @ 10:30 am) continue into the first week of December.**

**Paws to Read**

Our friendly library dogs love to be read to ... by youngsters who need practice reading aloud to loving, non-judgmental ears. Program is intended for children developing their reading skills.

**Dates and Times (all days are Saturdays):**
- December 1st 10-11 am
- January 12th 2-3 pm
- February 23rd 2-3 pm
- March 30th 10-11 am

(The January and February dates are in the afternoon due to the Friends' program series)

No pre-registration required. Sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive to be assigned a 10-minute slot.

**It’s Movie Time!**

Beat the winter chill with some fun movies! These animated versions of picture books are the perfect way to start your day.

**Dates:** Tuesdays, Dec. 4, 11, 18
**Time:** 10:30 - 11:00 am

**All ages welcome**
Parent or caregiver attends with child. 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! An action-packed class filled with music and interactive dance experiences!

More important info in the next column. Please keep reading for the facts!

**Playgroup for Babies and Toddlers**

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, Dec. 7, 14, 21, and Jan. 11 - Feb. 22
**Time:** 10:00 - 10:45 am

**Ages:** 0 to 23 months
Parent or caregiver attends with child. No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

**City Winds Trio presents The Nutcracker**

City Winds Trio, a professional chamber group, presents the music of The Nutcracker. Children will get to hear the overture, then do drawing, movement, and even conducting to additional pieces from this and other holiday classics. At the end, children will get to "meet" some of the instruments.

**Date:** Saturday, December 8
**Time:** 10:30 - 11:30 am

**Ages:** All ages welcome, geared to 3 to 10 years
Tickets required for all children and adults attending the program. Tickets will be 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.

**Evening LEGO Club**
Use your imagination to create wonderful LEGO structures!
**Dates:** Tuesdays, Dec. 11, Feb. 5, Mar. 12, Apr. 9, May 14
**Time:** 6:30 – 7:15 pm
**Age:** 5 years old and up
Parents/caregivers remain in the library during program.
No Pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

**Countdown to Noon Party**
Can’t stay up till midnight? Countdown to noon with crafts and fun!
**Dates:** Monday, Dec. 31
**Time:** 11:30 am – 12:15 pm
**Age:** 3 years old and up
Online registration begins December 3, 2018.
Use the child’s card to register.

**Winter Session - Afternoon LEGO Club**
A special LEGO winter session for January afternoons! Use your imagination to create awesome LEGO structures.
**Dates:** Tuesdays, Jan. 8 and 15
**Time:** 3:45 – 4:30 pm
**Age:** 5 years old and up
Parents/caregivers remain in the library during program. No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

**2’s on Tuesday Storytime**
Stories, songs, finger-plays and movement activities.
**Dates:** Tuesdays, Jan. 15 – Feb. 19
**Time:** 10:30 – 10:50 am
**Age:** 2 years old
Parent or caregiver attends with child.
No pre-registration required. Please sign in at the Youth Services desk when you arrive.

**Girls Who Code 3rd to 5th grade club**
Our new 3rd-5th grade Girls Who Code club provides a space for girls to build confidence in their creativity and computer science skills while simultaneously building camaraderie and a sense of community. Featuring activities, characters and vocabulary drawn from the best-selling “Girls Who Code” book, the club exposes girls to computational thinking. Each meeting will include fun, interactive activities, reading from “Girls Who Code,” and a creative challenge, either online or unplugged.
**Dates:** Mondays, Jan. 7, 14, 28, Feb. 4, 11, 25
**Time:** 7:00 – 8:00 pm
For girls in grades 3, 4, and 5
Online registration begins December 3, 2018. You MUST use the child’s card to register.