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9:30 AM to 9:00 PM
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9:30 AM to 5:00 PM
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Sunday, April 4 for Easter
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“And then what happened?” Maureen Cooney, Youth Services librarian captivates young listeners with her reading of “The Lion and The Mouse” on a wintry afternoon in March. Readings for Aesop’s Kids continue on Fridays at 3:45 p.m. from April 9 to May 14.

Library’s E-Book Collection Now Compatible With E-readers
Our electronic book collection is an exciting service we offer to patrons. E-Books allow us to expand our collection, providing fiction titles and numerous nonfiction titles with subjects ranging from computer instruction to business, how-to, self-help, and travel. Now we are embracing new technology to make this service even more accessible.

Although we started the e-Book collection seven years ago, until now all the titles could be read or downloaded only to a computer. This past holiday season proved that portable e-readers, such as Sony and Barnes and Noble Nooks, were enormously popular.

So now we are excited to announce that over 2,000 titles are compatible through Barnes and Noble Nooks, Sony’s Daily Edition, all for Sony Digital Readers (PRS-300, 505, 600, and 700BC), and COOL-ER. (Unfortunately, e-Books cannot be downloaded to Kindles at this time).

The library has access to two databases for e-Books. You can find popular fiction and non fiction titles through the link to ListenNJ. The ListenNJ collection, which still contains downloadable e-audiobooks, has now been expanded to include e-Books. Our other e-Book database, NetLibrary, focuses mainly on non-fiction titles.

Also, we will soon announce changes to our website to make these materials easier to access. Currently, you may access the collection by going to our website at www.wmlnj.org.

You can find links to ListenNJ and NetLibrary at the bottom of the page. To set up accounts specifically for NetLibrary, you should visit the reference desk on the second floor.

Photo by Kathy Muhm
Spotlight

Phil Israel, Library Director

If you’re a regular user of the library, you have most likely seen Phil Israel, Director since 2003, around the building. He may be talking to a patron on his phone, troubleshooting the public computers, or overseeing a visit from the building inspector or fire department.

“Running a library is just like running a small business,” said Mr. Israel, who has had a career in the library field spanning 30 years. “It covers everything from personnel issues, to construction, to budgeting, or to knowing the latest type of content that people want—whether it’s digital, online, or the more traditional printed material—and everything in between.”

As director of the library, Mr. Israel recommends an annual budget of approximately $2.6 million to the Board of Trustees and administers it throughout the year; recommends long term goals and plans to the Board; and collaborates with department heads to plan and implement new services. As part of day-to-day operations of the library, he also selects the movies and music CD’s that are part of the library’s collection.

To choose movies and music that patrons will like, Mr. Israel reads numerous movie catalogs and follows the Billboard charts, as well as relying on staff members who have expertise in areas that he lacks. The ultimate guidance is in the market place. “If a movie or a CD is popular in the consumer market, it will be popular here,” he said.

Mr. Israel’s knowledge of what patrons want is solidly based in his past experience as director of the Somerville Public Library, the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library in South Amboy, and his years at the media centers of Fairleigh Dickinson University, Upsala College and Rutgers University. He earned his Master of Library Science at the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies at Rutgers University and a B.A. in history at Montclair State College.

In a busy library such as Westfield, where more than 260,000 patrons walk through the door annually and more than 350,000 items were loaned in 2009, what does Mr. Israel like most about the job? “Successfully implementing new programs and services,” he said without hesitation.

Some of the new programs and services that he has brought to the library over the past seven years are the launching of the online archives, which capture more than 100 years of local newspapers, 80 years of Westfield High School yearbooks, and recorded oral histories of Westfield citizens; the introduction of technology improvements such as the wireless network and the numerous databases offered by the library; as well as the overseeing of the 2007 renovation. He also mentioned the Lewis and Clark exhibit, which toured all over the nation, with Westfield being the smallest venue to show the exhibit.

According to Mr. Israel, Westfield’s greatest strength is the competence of the staff and the value the community places in the library. His own approach to the business of running a library is also a major contributing factor. “It’s the details that make everything successful,” he said. “The little things add up to make the entire experience more rewarding.”
Friends Decorate the Meeting Room

The library Meeting Room has a fresh new look that you must see! Recently painted yellow and adorned with framed posters, the room pays tribute to the Friends’ Museum Pass Program. The Friends’ Poster Project installed posters representing the museums that our patrons can attend for free. We acquired the posters in a variety of ways: some museums created posters specifically for us, some donated posters, some were purchased, and two were created by Friends co-president Linnea Rhodes. The posters were mounted, matted and framed at The Artist Framer in Cranford by owner Stefanie Lalor. She and Will Rhodes, art installer, donated their time.

On Monday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m., the Friends host a special reception celebrating the Poster Project and the Museum Pass Program. Discounted memberships, plus information on the museums in the Museum Pass Program will be available.

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Anne M. Hale Speaker Series Expands

The Anne M. Hale Speaker Series, named for a Westfield woman who was active in community events and who died in 2007, will expand from one talk per year to four events this year.

The series is financed through a grant from The Thomas Glasser Foundation and by The Anne and Lee Hale Fund, and is hosted by the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library.

Jon Bramnick, a Westfielder and the New Jersey Assembly conference leader, kicks off the series on April 8 with a talk titled “Trenton: An Inside Look at State Government Decision Making.” Former major leaguer Jeff Torborg, a Westfield native, talks about baseball, the national pastime, in a June 3 lecture. These events will be held at the Town Hall Community Room in Westfield.

Dr. Thomas Farley, the New York City health commissioner who grew up in Westfield, discusses the “Prescription for a Healthy Nation” in a Sept. 30 talk at the library.

The final speaker is researcher and author Arthur Lefkowitz, of Piscataway, who was a featured speaker last year in the Anne Hale Series. His talk, also to be held at the library, on November 17, focuses on the “indispensable men” who helped George Washington in the fight for American independence.

Deadline for the Future Librarian scholarship application is April 15. All applications must be submitted to the library, attention of Jane Stepanski, Scholarship Committee.
Computer Classes  Spring 2010

These classes can give you a great introduction to some fabulous new learning. Spring is the time for a fresh start! Please check what computer skills are required to attend each class.

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If you are still using your computer as a typewriter, this hands-on class will help you make the most of Word. Learn the basics of setting up a document, formatting text, and cutting and pasting. (2003 version)

Must have mouse and typing skills to attend this class

| **Introduction to the Internet**  |
| **Saturday, April 10**  |
| **10:00-11:30 am**    | **Genealogical Resources on the Internet** |
| **Wednesday, April 7** |
| **10:00-11:30 am**    | **Facebook-New Class!!!** |
| **Monday, April 5** |
| **7:00-8:30 pm or Saturday, May 1 10:00-11:30 am** |

Discover all the fun and interesting features of the Internet, including menus and toolbars, and learn how to navigate the Web.

Must have mouse and typing skills to attend this class

Note: If you do not have a Facebook account already, you must have an email account to sign up.

Must have mouse and typing skills to attend this class

Wouldn’t you love to learn how to use all the wonderful features on Facebook? Learn how to set up an account, develop your profile information, load pictures and communicate with friends & family.

Must have mouse and typing skills to attend this class

See next page for more classes
**Travel Resources on the Internet**  
*Thursday, May 6  
10:00-11:30 am*

Right now can be the best time to fly and travel! This hands-on class teaches you to navigate the vast array of Internet resources for the best prices for travel. Learn also how to book tickets online and make hotel reservations. **Must have mouse and typing skills to attend this class**

**Advanced**  
Ready to bump up your skills to the next level?

**Business and Investment Resources on the Internet**  
*Wednesday, March 3  
7:00-8:30 pm*

Ever wonder how to find a current or historic stock price, company profile information, or the latest investment tips? Ever want to find businesses in certain geographical areas? This demonstration and hands-on class covers the basics of ReferenceUSA, Standard and Poor’s, NetAdvantage, Hoover’s and Yahoo! Finance, which are comprehensive sources of business and investment information here at the Library. **Must have mouse and typing skills to attend this class**

**Shopping Resources on the Internet**  
*Thursday, March 25  
10:00-11:30 am*

If you love to shop, want to find unique items or are always looking for a bargain, this class is for you! In this hands-on class, we’ll explore various online shopping resources, and discuss comparison shopping and security. **Must have mouse and typing skills to attend this class**

**Google Docs**  
*Thursday, May 11  
10:00-11:30 am*

Google offers much more than just a search engine. Come and learn about Google’s free, web-based alternatives to Word, Excel and PowerPoint and never carry a Flash drive again. **Must have mouse and typing skills to attend this class**

**Advanced Microsoft Word**  
*Thursday, May 13  
7:00-8:30 pm*

Learn about Word’s advanced capabilities such as editing photographs, creating eye-catching banners, and importing Excel graphs. (2003 version) **Must have beginning Word skills to attend this class**
**The Unknown Harriet Tubman**  
Performed by  
Follow the Drinking Gourd  
Wednesday, March 10  7:00 pm

We’re celebrating Women’s History Month with this fully costumed, musical show about the ex-slave and freedom fighter Harriet Tubman. An original show created by the group “Follow the Drinking Gourd,” the evening brings Tubman to life through narrative, music and images.

Come enjoy African American spirituals and Civil War tunes, accompanied by piano and piccolo.

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**MothUP: An Evening of Storytelling**  
Thursday, March 11  7:00 pm

Come and tell your own stories at this local version of a “Moth” Event. Prepare a five-minute version of a true story based around the theme of “Favorites”: favorite friend, favorite vacation etc. A team of judges chosen from the audience gives a score. Go to the themoth.org to get ideas on how this event works. This event was so popular in January that we’ve decided to host another one right away!

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**Songwriters-in-the-Round**  
With Kim Yarson  
Saturday, March 13  2:00 pm

Kim Yarson presents a Songwriters-in-the Round program showcasing the original music of local notable songwriters as well as her own creations. The performers share the story behind their songs and then sing them acoustically.

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Photographic and video recordings of our events may be used in Westfield Memorial Library publicity materials, or on our website. If you do not want us to use a photo or video of you or your child, please tell the librarian before the event.
More Adult Programs for the Spring

25 Businesses You Can Start with Little Or No Money
Monday, March 15  7:00 pm

Do you want to start your own business, but you’re short on cash? It's a myth that you need a great deal of money. Buck Buchanan, a veteran SCORE counselor who has started two successful businesses, shows you how. He discusses:

- The characteristics of people who succeed in business
- The five steps absolutely necessary for success
- How successful companies differ from the unsuccessful

Pairing Wine with Food and Giving the Gift of Wine for the Holidays
Wednesday, March 24  7:00 pm

Just in time for Easter and Passover, Mark Censits, owner of CoolVines in Westfield, discusses how to pair wines with holiday meals, choose a wine when you don’t know what’s on the menu, and impress a real wine connoisseur. Great guidance on one of the finer things in life…wine.

The Nostalgia Big Band
Tuesday April 6  7:00 pm

Nostalgia is a 17 member swing and dance band featuring a female and male vocalist under the leadership of Sal Melillo (Sonny Miles) and conducted by Sam Calello. The Band recreates original music scores and the sounds and styles of the great bands of Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, Count Basie, Artie Shaw, Benny Goodman, Harry James and other famous bands of the Big Band Era. The Nostalgia Big Band is composed of music teachers and former professional musicians who have performed with Big Bands and ensembles throughout the New York area.
Even More Adult Programs for the Spring

Less Stress, More Success:
A Better Way to Guide Your Child Through College Admissions and Beyond
by Marilee Jones
Thursday April 8  7:00 pm

Why is the college admissions process so stressful? How can parents help their children most effectively through the process? In this look from the “inside,” we discuss the reality of college admissions today and describe a better way to look at the process, a way that ensures the success of the applicant while lowering the stress level of the family. By following two guiding principles, it’s never too late to exhibit excellent parenting through one of your child’s most important passages.

Marilee Jones is one of the nation's most experienced College Admissions Deans and is a thought-leader in the college admissions process. The MIT Dean of Admissions from 1998-2007 and an admissions professional for nearly 30 years, Marilee has been a national spokesperson on the changes in today's college admissions climate, speaking out against the pressures it induces in both students and parents.

The Banjo Rascals
Monday, April 12  7:00 pm

The Banjo Rascals delight audiences of all ages with a variety of distinctive toe-tapping music. Come clap your hands, stomp your feet and sing along with this enthusiastic trio who will perform everything from Ragtime to 20’s and 30’s swing and Big Band Era to 1950’s and 1960’s Rock ‘n Roll.

“The Long, Continuing War Between New Jersey and New York City”
Thursday, April 29  7:00 pm

Professor Michael Aaron Rockland from the American Studies Department at Rutgers University speaks about "The Long, Continuing War Between New Jersey and New York City." His lecture touches on fights over jobs, taxes, transportation, culture and more. Professor Rockland is the author of many books, including "Looking for America on the New Jersey Turnpike," "The George Washington Bridge: Poetry in Steel," and "Snowshoeing Through Sewers." Professor Rockland has been called "one of the most exuberant men on earth and a raconteur of genius," so don't miss this evening.

Programs are open to Westfield Memorial Library and MURAL cardholders. Register online at www.wmlnj.org and click on Online Calendar, or call 908.789.4090.
"A Force for Change: African American Art and the Rosenwald Fund"
Lecture by Chief Curator of the Montclair Art Museum, Dr. Gail Stavitsky
Monday, May 3  7:00 pm

To celebrate the two-year anniversary of the Friends Museum Pass Program, Dr. Stavitsky discusses Montclair’s current exhibit. This exhibit explores the legacy of the Rosenwald Fund, designed to foster black leadership through the arts, literature and scholarship. You also have a chance to see posters from museums in the Friends program, which have just been hung on the walls of the Library’s meeting room. Free passes and discounted memberships to the museums will be available.

Learn Scrapbooking
Wednesday, May 5  7:00 pm

This beginners’ class is a great way to get you started on scrapbooking. It needn’t be expensive or elaborate. Sandy Frank shows you the process and teaches you how to continue on your own. **Class is limited to 15, so sign up early.** Bring these materials:

**Construction paper and patterned paper:**
Variety of colors and patterns, sizes and shapes

**Adhesive:** Double stick Scotch tape and a glue stick

**Pens:** black-fade proof and water proof

**Pencil and eraser**

**Ruler**

**Scissors:** For cutting out small items such as letters, numbers and pictures of people

**Embellishments:** Stickers, buttons, ribbon etc.

**Memory items:** pictures, postcards, matchbooks etc.

A Home Based Business: Is It for You?
Wednesday May 12  7:00 pm

Get your questions answered at this talk. A representative from the Service Corp of Retired Executive (SCORE) explains the basics of setting up a home based business. It’s a great way to operate your small company, while reducing expensive start-up costs such as leasing space, lease hold improvements, utility and phone deposits, and major office equipment. SCORE is a free service in partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The Dog Whisperer-Jamie Casale
Wednesday, May 26  7:00 pm

Is your dog or new puppy driving you crazy? You may be suffering from a common issue many dog owners face: a failure to communicate. Professional dog trainer and behavioral counselor Jamie Casale discusses how you and your dog can improve your communication and your relationship. She helps dog owners understand the way dogs think, how they view human behavior, and how better communication between dog and human helps with many behavioral issues. Soon you’ll be speaking your dog’s language!

Save the Dates: The next Fiction Book Club dates are April 21 and June 23. Titles TBA.
Foreign Film Festival

All films will be shown at 2:00 and 6:00 pm. Please register on the library’s website at www.wmlnj.org or call 908.789.4090 X4140.

The Counterfeiters
Wednesday, March 31
German, 98 minutes, Rated R

This is a 2007 Austrian-German film written and directed by Stefan Ruzowitzky. It fictionalizes Operation Bernhard, a secret plan by the Nazis during the Second World War to destabilize the United Kingdom by flooding its economy with forged Bank of England currency. The film centers on a Jewish counterfeiter, Salomon 'Sally' Sorowitsch, who is coerced into assisting the Nazi operation at the Sachsenhause concentration camp. The film is based on a memoir written by Adolf Burger, a Jewish Slovak typographer who was imprisoned in 1942 for forging baptismal certificates to save Jews from deportation, and later interned at Sachsenhausen to work on Operation Bernhard. Ruzowitsky consulted closely with Burger through almost every stage of the writing and production. The film won the Best Foreign Language Film Oscar at the 80th Academy Awards in 2008.

The Valet
Wednesday April 28
French, 85 minutes, Rated PG-13

The Valet (French: La doublure) is a 2006 French comedy film written and directed by Francis Veber. The screenplay focuses on a parking valet who is enlisted to impersonate the lover of a famous fashion model in order to deflect attention from her relationship with a married businessman.

Sunflower
Tuesday May 25
Mandarin, 129 minutes, not rated

The film is split into three segments spanning thirty years. The first segment, in 1976, begins with the return of an artist, Gengnian to his wife, Xiuqing and son after several years of re-education during the Cultural Revolution. He returns however, with injured hands and can no longer continue as an artist. He instead hopes to cultivate artistic aspirations in his son, Xiangyang. Though he eventually follows in his father's footsteps, Xiangyang resents his father's pressures and the two soon fall out. The next segments, in 1987 when Xiangyang is a 19 year old, and 1999, when he is in his 30s, continue to chart the course of father and son’s tense relationship. Throughout this moving film, the sunflower plant appears repeatedly as a theme.
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 4130.

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT
March 5
Examine the life of this vibrant first lady who became a renowned world figure.

JULIA CHILD
March 12
Review the life and legacy of one of America’s favorite chefs.

TRAVEL IRELAND
March 19
Visit some of this beautiful country’s most famous places such as Dublin and the West Coast.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK:
“THE SECRET OF ROAN INISH”
March 26
A magical tale of a girl whose search for her missing brother brings an Irish legend to life.

NO TGIF — APRIL 2—GOOD FRIDAY

THE ROMANTIC POETS:
BYRON, SHELLEY, KEATS
April 9
Recognize National Poetry Month by exploring the lives and works of these three Romantic Poets.

NO TGIF — APRIL 16—BOOK SALE
NO TGIF — APRIL 23—BOOK SALE

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK:
“BRINGING UP BABY”
April 30
Starring Cary Grant and Katharine Hepburn

BEVERLY SILLS
May 7
Celebrate the life and work of this dynamic opera star.

HENRY FONDA
May 14
Learn about the remarkable career of this legendary actor.

“THE GREAT AMERICAN PATRIOT SONGS”
May 21
Learn about the songs and the stories behind them. Songs include “The Star Spangled Banner,” “America, the Beautiful,” “God Bless America” and many more.

PLEASE NOTE “THE GREAT AMERICAN PATRIOT SONGS” IS A LIVE LECTURE PRESENTATION BY MR. RICK BUSCIGLIO.

NO TGIF — MAY 28—Memorial Day Weekend

Please note: All programs are videos or lectures unless otherwise noted.
Spring 2010 Storytimes and Programs for Children

All programs are free to Westfield full-service library card holders.

Jennifer Slaw, Juggler. Professional juggler extraordinaire Jennifer Slaw will delight and instruct. For ages 4 and older, with parents. Since space is limited, each person attending must register. Online registration begins on February 1. Children must have their own full-service Westfield Library card. Absolutely must be age 4 or older. Date: Saturday, March 13. Time: 10:30 a.m. Thanks to the generous Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library for sponsoring this event.

Aesop's fables are at least 1,500 years old, and they’re still a lot of fun! Listen to a fable or two, and do an activity. For children who are in elementary school. Dates: Fridays, April 9, 16, 23, 30, and May 7 and 14. Time: 3:45 - 4:30 p.m. Open to full-service Westfield Library card holders only. No pre-registration required.

Tuckers' Tales Puppet Theatre. Cirkus combines a lively puppet variety show format with lovable circus characters for children age 4 and older, with parents. Online registration required, since space is limited. Children must have their own full-service Westfield Library card. Absolutely must be age 4 or older. Date: Saturday, March 27. Time: 10:30 a.m.

Spring Break Week - Tafari Animal Tales. Storyteller Benjamin Brown leads an amazing journey through Africa using folktales, movement and song. Date: Monday, March 29. Time: 10:30 a.m. All ages invited. Open to full-service Westfield Library card holders only. Register online at www.wmlnj.org, or call.

Grupo ñ: Spanish-Language Storytime. All stories, songs and activities are in Spanish; no English is spoken. Dates: Saturdays, March 20, April 24, May 8 and June 12. Time: 10:30-11:15 a.m. Age: 0-6, with an adult. Open to the public.

Red Riding Hood, for age 3½ and older, with parents. The children will play Red Riding Hood, while Youth Stages’ talented actors will play a loving Mother, a tricky Grandmother, a rockin’ Wolf, and an all-new lovable and kooky relative, Auntie Robin. Join us as we take a not-so-scary walk in the woods. Pre-registration required, since space is limited. Children must have their own full-service Westfield Library card. Absolutely must be age 3½ or older. Thanks to the generous Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library for sponsoring this event. Date: Saturday, April 10. Time: 12:00 pm.

Earth Day Family Storytime. Join JoAnn Gemenden, the Union County Recycling Bureau Chief, for stories and an activity that promote taking care of our planet. All ages are invited. Date: Tuesday, April 13. Time: 7:00 pm.

Photographic and video recordings of our events may be used in Westfield Memorial Library publicity materials, or on our website. If you do not want us to use a photo or video of you or your child, please tell the Youth Services librarian before the event.