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New & Noteworthy at the Westfield Memorial Library

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9:30 AM to 5:00 PM
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Library Closings

April 22 for Good Friday
April 24 for Easter
May 30 for Memorial Day

Board of Trustees Meetings

March 24
April 28
May 26

Founded in 1879, the Westfield Memorial Library strives to provide the Westfield community an environment that promotes a love of reading and ensures free access to ideas and information.

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Help is on the way ...

Library offers Job & Career Accelerator to help job seekers find a new job or new career

The Westfield Memorial Library is now offering the Job & Career Accelerator, a comprehensive, online job search system. This innovative online resource provides job seekers everything they need to find their next job, all in one easy-to-use application.

If you are a patron of Westfield, you can easily access the online program with your library card. There is no charge, and all you need to do is visit the library's website www.wmlnj.org at the library, or from any internet-enabled computer.

Library Director Phil Israel said, "The library is able to offer this outstanding database as a result of the New Jersey State Library receiving a \$5.1 million dollar grant from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and matching funds of \$1.5 million from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Training courses are being developed and will be offered at the library in the upcoming weeks."

LearningExpress Job & Career Accelerator™ provides personalized, step-by-step assistance for job seekers at all experience and education levels—from exploring and matching suitable occupations from over 1,000 detailed occupation profiles to finding available jobs in their area from a database of over 5 million up-to-date job postings.

With Job & Career Accelerator, you can easily create professional resumes with the powerful resume tool that features over 120 model resumes. You can also create cover letters, master interviewing and networking techniques, and even learn how to use popular work-related software applications. (See page 5 for Basic Job Readiness Computer training.)

In addition, the Accelerator helps you plan, tailor, and track multiple job searches at the same time while providing expert advice and tips every step of the way. The end result is the most efficient and effective job search possible. Get started on your future today!

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Foundation News

www.wmlfoundation.org
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908. 248.4542



*Looking Forward,
Giving Back*

Westfield Memorial Library Foundation Partners with Rialto and Digiplex to Bring Inexpensive Film Series for Kids to Town

The newly formed Westfield Memorial Library Foundation has already started doing exciting things for the Library. Through the Foundation's recent collaboration with the Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown and the new Digiplex Rialto Theatre of Westfield, the Kidtoons Family Matinee series was launched over a mid-February weekend.

That first weekend bustled with free showings of kid-friendly films like "Candyland" and "My Little Pony," live entertainment, giveaways and snacks. Thereafter, the tickets to Kidtoon matinees will cost \$3.50. "The Little Engine That Could" is on track for March.

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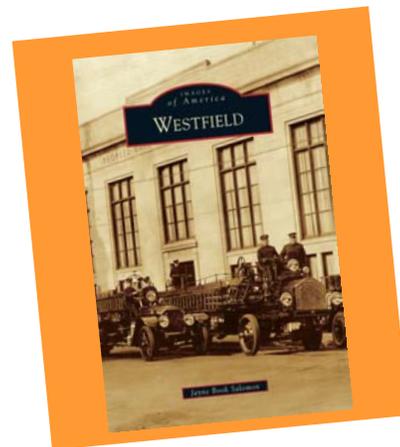
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Kidtoons aims to provide families with young children, ages 3-7, inexpensive, quality G-rated entertainment. "The Library Foundation applauds Digiplex and the Rialto for creating new options for young moviegoers and their families," said Roger Sullivan, Foundation President. "Everybody loves movies!"

The Foundation and Digiplex have discussed future collaborations at the Rialto as well, both in terms of local cultural events and fundraising for the Library. The Foundation was formed last fall when a group of private citizens realized that the efforts of a non-profit, fundraising group were essential to helping the Library maintain the high level of service that we provide.



On Sale at the Library!
Westfield

**By Westfield Resident Jane Book Salomon
\$20 at the Circulation Desk**

Learn all about our town's rich past in *Westfield*, a new volume of fascinating images and details from the archives of the Westfield Historical Society. All sales benefit the Foundation.

Anne M. Hale Speaker Series for 2011

The Anne M. Hale Speaker Series continues in 2011 with four dates:

Wednesday, April 13 7:00 pm

Rich Bagger, Westfield resident and Chief of Staff for Governor Chris Christie

Wednesday, June 1 7:00 pm

Dr. Mark Taylor, Westfield native, author of *Crisis on Campus* and Chairman of the Department of Religion, Columbia University

Wednesday, September 21 7:00 pm

Dr. Roy Vagelos, Westfield native and former chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Merck & Co.

November—Date to be announced

Bob Wischusen, Westfield native, announcer for the NY Jets & ESPN.

Fran Lemberg to Receive the Gaston Award

On Monday, March 7, the Friends will honor Fran Lemberg at the March Board meeting with the Gaston Award. This annual award was created in memory of Kenneth S. Gaston, a past member and president of the Library Board of Trustees. Fran has been Member-at-Large, Recording Secretary, Vice President, and President. She has also been active with Books on Wheels, Mobile Meals and Children's Specialized Hospital. Whenever a hand is needed, Fran is always there!

Share the Warmth

The Friends Group is busy knitting and crocheting 12" acrylic squares, which will be sewn together to form 4' x 8' afghans. The afghans are for children with cancer, who will attend Camp Happy Times this summer. The Group meets monthly for a couple of hours to work on the project together and to catch up on the latest books and Library news. For further information on the times and dates for future meetings, please write friendsofwml@gmail.com.



Once again, it's time for the Friends Annual Book Sale!

Donation Days

Thursday, March 31

Friday, April 1

Saturday, April 2

All donations are tax deductible

Please remember – NO magazines, damaged books or encyclopedias

Sale Days

Wednesday, April 6

Thursday, April 7

Friday, April 8—Half Price Day

Saturday, April 9—Bag Day

The Friends can always use help with this massive project. If you'd like to volunteer, leave your contact information at the Circulation Desk or write friendsofwml@gmail.com. Or, take some time to go through your books and bring them on donation days. Clean your house and raise some money for your Library at the same time!

Future Librarian Scholarship Applications Due April 15

Applications for the annual "Future Librarian" scholarship must be submitted to the Library, attention Jane Stepanski, Scholarship Committee, no later than **April 15, 2011**.

Computer Classes Spring 2011

Beginner

Intermediate

Advanced

BEGINNER CLASSES

Must have mouse and typing skills

Basic Internet **Tuesday, April 12 10—11:30 am**

Learn the fundamentals of navigating the Internet to find information, learn how to identify and locate popular websites, define basic Internet terms and evaluate web sites for reliability.

The first half hour of the class will be dedicated to teaching students how to use the mouse and keyboard. This part of the class is essential for those not familiar with using a mouse.

Beginning Word **Tuesday, April 26 10:00—11:30 am**

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 (2007 version).



INTERMEDIATE CLASSES

A class for those with some computer knowledge and skill.
Must have mouse and typing skills to attend Intermediate level classes

Genealogical Resources on the Internet **Wednesday, May 4 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.

ADVANCED CLASSES

Ready to bump up your skills to the next level?

New! Learn PhotoShop one-on-one with a librarian!

Every Monday and Tuesday, from 10—1 pm, librarian Jeff Bennett will be available to show you all the wonderful and exciting features of PhotoShop. You MUST bring your own laptop with PhotoShop already downloaded on it. Please email Jeff Bennett at jbennett@wmlnj.org to book a specific time, or call ahead 908.789.4090.

NEW!!! Inkscape: Graphic Design **Thursday, March 17 7:00—8:30 pm**

Inkscape is an exciting, free, and fun open-source program for creating logos and editing photographs. With Inkscape you can create all kinds of entertaining graphics, calligraphy, signs and artwork and have a lot of fun in the process. This class is for advanced computer users. Mouse skills are required.

Computer Classes continued

Advanced

Advanced Word Thursday, March 24 2:00—3:30 pm

This class covers many advanced features of Microsoft Word including copying and pasting, keyboard shortcuts, editing photographs, Clip Art, columns and drop caps. Come learn how to tap Word capabilities you never knew even existed. Note: The course is taught on the 2007 edition of Word.

Sign up for computer classes online at www.wmlnj.org and click on Calendar, or call 908.789.4090 press 0. Don't delay as seating is limited.

New!!! Photo Enhancement with GIMP Tuesday, April 12th 12:00—1:30 pm Thursday, April 14th 7:00—8:30 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? Want to learn how to bring out dazzling colors and shadows in your images? Well, come to our new class on the photo editing tool GIMP.

GIMP is a free program that is similar to Photoshop and Lightroom. It offers hundreds of ways to improve photographs to give your pics that professional look.

This class is for advanced computer users. Mouse skills and copy and paste skills are REQUIRED.

Brand New at the Library! Basic Job Readiness Computer Training Tuesdays on May 10, 17, 24 and 31 from 1 to 5:00 pm Sign up for one, two, three or all four classes

Are you just getting back into the work force, or are you entering a new field that requires more computer expertise than you've ever had? These four classes taught by Union County College will bring you up to speed. They're workforce-focused and emphasize the basic computer skills that every job applicant needs today. Take one, two, three, or all four classes. All courses are delivered at a basic user level, are four hours long and are built around essential workforce development skills.

Windows—This class covers Windows, which is the foundation of any PC based usage.

Internet Training—This class covers the basic usage of the Internet, understanding of web site addresses, introduction to the major web search engines, elements of a web search with specific emphasis on web based job searches.

Word—This class covers the basic elements of Microsoft Word. Emphasis will be on the development of a resume and cover letter.

Outlook—This class covers the proper usage of web based email, email etiquette, responding to job listings, and on line applications. You will receive help in creating a personal email account if you do not have one.

Adult Programs for the Spring



MothUP—What’s Your Story About Spring? Tell it on Wednesday, March 9 7:00 pm

What do you love to do when the snow finally melts? Let’s celebrate spring at this local version of a “Moth” Event. Prepare a five-minute version of a true story based around the theme of what you love to do in the springtime. No cheat sheets or notes allowed. Go to the **themoth.org** to get ideas on how this event works. We run this event on a quarterly basis because it’s so popular, and it draws new storytellers every time.

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Creativity Workshop Thursday, March 10 7:00 pm

Try out different forms of self expression at this hands-on Creativity Workshop. Westfield resident and expressive arts facilitator Wendy Rosenberg helps you learn how to express yourself through art, music, poetry and creative writing. No experience in art or writing needed—just a desire to have some fun.

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Financing a Small Business in Today’s Economy Tuesday, March 15 6:30 pm *Note early start time of 6:30 pm*



A rough economy could make you hesitate to start or build a small business, but it doesn’t have to. This informative program hosted by Kean University’s Small Business Development Center answers all your questions on how to finance your small business. Lenders from different loan programs talk about how to access their funds. Funded in part through a Cooperative Agreement with U.S. Small Business Administration. The New Jersey Small Business Development Centers (NJSBDC) network is also funded by the State of New Jersey and is hosted by Rutgers Business School: Newark and New Brunswick.

More Adult Programs for the Spring

Rave On! Live Performance!
Listen to the Music of Buddy Holly
Wednesday, March 23 7:00 pm

RAVE ON! shows are high-energy performances of the best of Rock & Roll's early years. RAVE ON! features the music of Rock & Roll legend Buddy Holly and other name acts of the era that many consider Rock & Roll's best.

This timeless music gets the audience rocking, young and old alike! It's the music that influenced The Beatles, and continues to influence today's artists such as Bruce Springsteen, The Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan, and countless others.

RAVE ON!'s show is always a crowd pleaser. Come early for good seats.



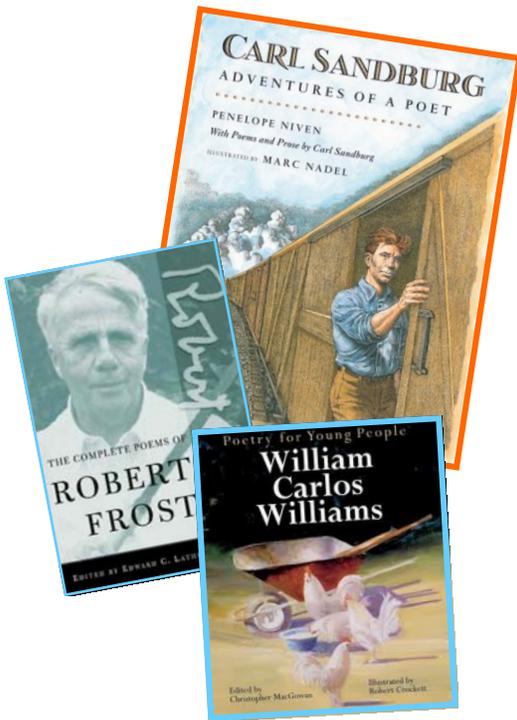
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My Favorite Poem...Share Your Favorite Poem with Us
Saturday, April 30 2:00 pm

Join Westfield resident and poet Joy Lara for this celebration of National Poetry Month. She reads some of her favorite poems and explains their significance in her life, and then audience members are invited to do the same.

The Favorite Poem Project is dedicated to celebrating, documenting and encouraging the role of poetry in the lives of Americans. Robert Pinsky, the 39th Poet Laureate of the United States, founded the Favorite Poem Project shortly before the Library of Congress appointed him to the post in 1997. The project is founded upon Pinsky's belief, that contrary to stereotype, ordinary Americans do read poetry and that many poems have profound personal meaning to them.

Joy, whose recent exhibit of paintings and poems evolved into the book *Brightness*, gave a reading at the Library last October.



Even More Adult Programs

Thinking about getting a cat or kitten? Learn all about their care from SARA Cats on Saturday, May 7 2:00 pm



Sebastian, who was rescued after falling down into a well.



Springtime means “kitten season,” so it’s a great time to get a kitten or cat. Before you do, why not learn everything you can about their care:

- Cat and kitten behavior: what does it mean?
- What shots should they be getting at the vet’s and when?
- What are the health benefits to keeping cats indoors instead of letting them go outside?
- When and why should they be spayed or neutered?
- How and when do you trim feline nails?

Betty B, adoption chairperson for the Summit Animal Rescue Association, Inc. (SARA), discusses the answers to these questions. SARA rescues hundreds of cats and kittens every year, holds adoption days at Petco and other local pet stores, and provides foster care within a network of local homes.



De-clutter Your Life With Help from Organizer Jamie Novak Thursday, May 19 7:00 pm

Springtime also means Spring cleaning, and who can help you better than professional organizer and local resident Jamie Novak? A well known television and internet radio personality, Jamie is a “Bite Size Living” Specialist. She founded Bite Size Living after she realized that she, too, was putting projects on hold. She now travels the country showing busy people how to slice and dice overwhelming projects in manageable tasks.

Jamie has also served as an expert organizer for NBC’s iVillage, and she’s appeared on QVC with a line of home solution products and HGTV’s Mission Organization. Her organizing tips have been featured in countless national magazines including *Everyday with Rachel Ray*, *Real Simple*, *All You* and *Woman’s Day*. She has written several best sellers as well. If you’re feeling overwhelmed with clutter, don’t despair, Jamie will help!



Jamie Novak

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Westfield Adult School Programs

Monday Afternoon at the Opera
3/21, 3/28, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9 1:00—2:30 pm

Explore the great operas with Robert W. Butts, one of New Jersey's leading conductors. With videos and lecture, he covers operas by Rossini, Bellini, Verdi Massanet and Bizet.

Should Seniors Take Up Computing?
Wednesday, April 13 2:30—4:00 pm

This class is designed for Seniors. If you have an interest in computers but don't know where to begin, or took a course that left you more confused, this class is for you. Computer technology is thoroughly explained (*not a hands-on course*).

The Westfield Adult School offers these classes.
For a registration form, call 908.232.4050, or visit
www.WestfieldAdultSchool.com.
Credit cards accepted online only.

Social Networking
Wednesday, April 20 7:30—8:45pm

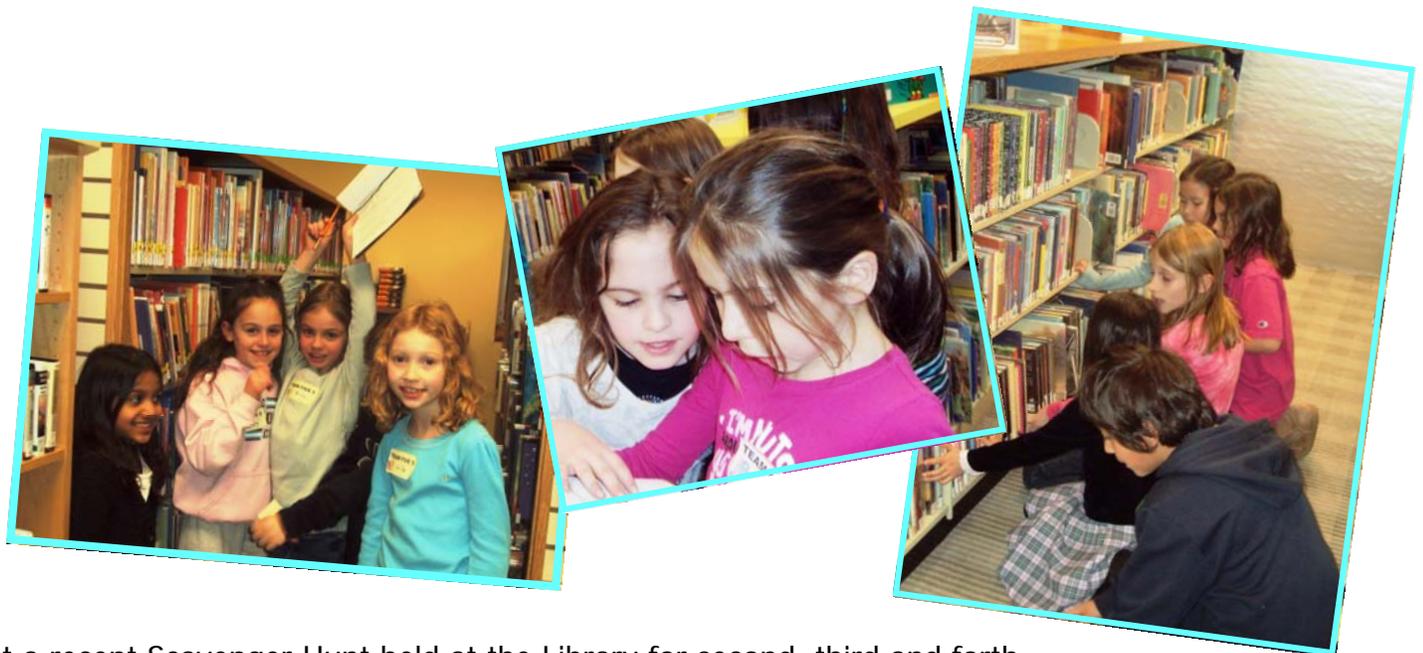
Want to learn how to use Facebook and LinkedIn? Both of these sites are great ways to re-connect with old friends and find new ones.

What's Behind the Start Button (for seniors)
Thursday, April 28 2:30—4:00pm

This course explains many features of the "Start" button that you may not know about. Learn how to troubleshoot and fix many problems yourself.

Internet Security for Seniors
Wednesday, May 11 2:30—4:00pm

Learn how to keep your computer safe from hackers, viruses, and other malware. Understand which firewall is best and what anti-virus software is superior.



At a recent Scavenger Hunt held at the Library for second, third and fourth graders, some local children stop to celebrate the clues they've discovered, while others continue to sift through shelves and books for answers.

TGIF! *Looking for something to do 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 4130.

AMERICAN WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT

March 4

Celebrate Women's History Month with a look at some of our most outstanding women. Includes such women as Emily Dickinson, Louisa May Alcott, Susan B. Anthony, Annie Oakley, Nelly Bly, and many more.

CHARLES AND ANNE LINDBERGH

March 11

Explore a biography of Charles and Anne and their life together.

CELEBRATE IRISH DANCING

March 18

Enjoy the performances of eight World Championship Irish dancers.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK:

"Father of the Bride"

March 25

Starring Spencer Tracy, Joan Bennett, and Elizabeth Taylor

All programs are videos or lectures unless otherwise noted.

**NO TGIF—FRIENDS
OF THE LIBRARY
BOOK SALE
APRIL 1**

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BOOK SALE
APRIL 8**

"FRANK SINATRA: THE MAN AND HIS MUSIC"

April 15

The story and music of one of America's best loved performers.

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A LIVE
LECTURE/PRESENTATION BY
MR. RICK BUSCIGLIO**

**NO TGIF—GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 22**

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK:

"Singin' in the Rain"

April 29

Starring Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor, and Debbie Reynolds

GARDENS OF THE WORLD

May 6

Visit some of the world's most beautiful gardens.

HENRY FONDA

May 13

Celebrate the life and works of this Hollywood film star.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK:

"Toast of New Orleans"

May 20

Starring Mario Lanza and Kathryn Grayson

NO TGIF—MAY 27

Happy Memorial Day!



Foreign Film Festival

All films shown on Mondays at 2:00 and 6:30 pm.

Register on the Library's website at www.wmlnj.org or call 908.789.4090 press 0.



Owl and the Sparrow Monday, March 14 2 and 6:30 pm
Language: Vietnamese. Running time: 98 minutes

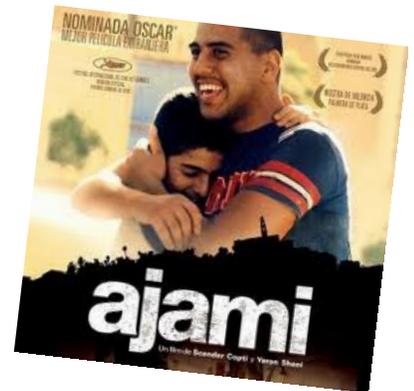
On the bustling streets of Saigon, three very different people all seeking connection are about to collide. A beautiful flight attendant looking for love. A zookeeper hiding within his animal kingdom to nurse a broken heart. And the young flower-selling runaway who

brings them together. But to avoid the authorities and a strict uncle tracking her down, she will need all of her cleverness and determination if she is going to grab any chance at lasting happiness (amazon.com).

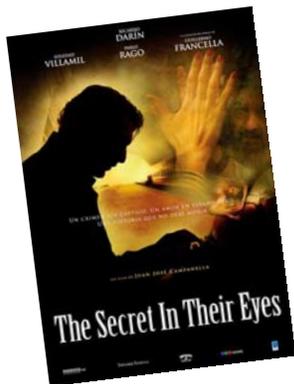
Ajami Monday, April 18 2 and 6:30 pm
Language: Arabic. Running time: 120 minutes

This Academy Award nominated film is Shakespearian in its scope and themes—revenge, loyalty, hope and despair—Ajami draws us into the lives of two brothers fearing assassination; a young refugee working illegally to cover his mother's medical expenses; a

cop obsessed with finding his missing brother. Through this dramatic collision of different worlds, we witness cultural and religious tensions simmering beneath the surface and the tragic consequences of enemies living as neighbors (amazon.com).



The Secret in Their Eyes Monday, May 16 2 and 6:30 pm
Language: Spanish. Running time: 129 minutes



An Oscar winner for Best Foreign Language Film, this film is part cold-case mystery, part long-lost love story, and part thriller set both in the present and in 1970s Argentina. Benjamin is a policeman who gets pulled into investigating a decades-old crime, and becomes drawn in, almost against his will, as layers of information about a missing girl slowly come to light. As he investigates, he runs into Irene, an ambitious judge who had

also at one point been involved in adjudicating the old crime, and for whom he has long carried a torch. The chemistry between Benjamin and Irene is part of the "secret in their eyes," as the pull between the old colleagues becomes palpable. But also palpable is the hold that this unsolved crime has over Benjamin—a creepy borderline obsession that is reminiscent of the American film noir classic Laura (excerpt from amazon.com).

First, a Word from the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library... Three More Wonderful Programs from the Friends for March!

Nina Music!

Saturday, March 5 10:30 - 11:15 am

Move and groove to Nina's rhythms. Age 3 and up. Absolutely must be 3 years old. Open to full-service Westfield Library cardholders only. Online registration.

Birds of Prey

Saturday, March 12 10:30 - 11:15 am



Visit with a naturalist from The Delaware Valley Raptor Center, learn about hawks and owls, and meet a raptor. Age 2½ and up. Open to full-service Westfield Library cardholders only. Online registration.

Pond Lives, A Preschool Program

Saturday, March 26
10:30 - 11:15 am

Our naturalist friends, "Snakes-n-Scales," are returning to Westfield to show us what kind of animals live in ponds. Frogs, salamanders, turtles and alligators all swim differently, eat differently and live differently, but they love ponds. Some of the animals we will see are local, and some are from ponds far, far away. All are wondrous water-loving creatures, and it is great fun to get to know them. Every child must have a full-service Westfield library card. Open to children 3 and older. Absolutely must be at least 3 years old. Adult must attend with the child. Online registration.



Spring 2011 Storytimes and Programs for Children

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

Move with Me! Marina Kennedy returns to lead creative movement for ages 2½ to 5. Dress comfortably, bring your energy, and your imagination, too! **Saturday, March 19, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.** Open to full-service Westfield Library cardholders only. Online registration. Sponsored by the Westfield Cooperative Nursery School.

Lego Club. Use your imagination to create wonderful Lego structures. Open to children in grades 1 through 5. **Dates: Wednesdays, April 13 through May 4. Time: 6 to 7 p.m. OR Thursdays, April 14 through May 5. Time: 6 to 7 p.m.** Open to full-service Westfield Library card holders only. Call the Youth Services Desk for registration: 908.789.4090 ext. 3. Parents/guardians remain in the library during program.

Grupo ñ: Spanish-Language Storytime. All stories, songs and activities are in Spanish; no English is spoken. **Dates: Saturdays, March 26, April 9, May 7, and June 11. Time: 10 to 10:45 a.m.** Age 0-6, with an adult. Open to the public. No pre-registration required.

Big Kids' Club. Listen to our librarians' faves. For children who are in elementary school. **Dates: Fridays, April 1, 15, 29 and May 6. Time: 3:45 to 4:30 p.m.** Open to the public. No pre-registration required.

Preschool Storytime. Listen to stories and do an activity. For children ages 3½ to 5. **Dates: Wednesdays, March 30 through April 27. Time: 1:30 to 2 p.m., and Fridays, April 1, 8, and 29. Time: 10 to 10:30 a.m.** Open to full-service Westfield Library cardholders only. No pre-registration required.

Tots' Storytime. Stories for children ages from 2½ to 3½. Parent or caregiver attends with child. **Dates: Wednesdays, April 6 through 27. Time: 10 to 10:30 a.m.** Child must have own full-service library card. No pre-registration required.

Toddler Time. Stories, songs, finger plays and movement activities. For babies and toddlers up to age 3. Parent or caregiver attends with child. **Dates: Mondays, March 28 through April 25, OR Thursday, March 31 through April 28. Time 10 to 10:20 a.m.** Child must have own full-service Westfield library card. No pre-registration required.

Homework Help. Homework help for elementary school children. Kids in grades K-5 can drop by the Youth Services department for some free, friendly help from a local teen. Homework is always a little easier when you have a buddy to talk it over with! **Dates: Mondays and Wednesdays. Time: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.** Through June 1 (excluding April 4, 6 and May 30). Open to the public.