

Take Note!

New & Noteworthy at the Westfield Memorial Library

Winter 2009

Westfield Memorial Library

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Library Hours

Monday-Thursday
9:30 AM to 9:00 PM
Friday
9:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Saturday
9:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Sunday
1:00 to 5:00 PM

Library Closings

December 24 and 25 for Christmas Closing at 5:00 pm on December 31 for New Year's Eve and closed January 1 for New Year's Day January 18 for Martin Luther King Day February 15 for Presidents Day

Board of Trustees Meetings

**December 17
January 28
February 25**

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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So that the past is not forgotten...

Library to present recorded interviews of longtime Westfield residents on website

Growing up in Westfield in the early 1900's... what was it like? Thanks to a joint project between the Westfield Historical Society and the Westfield Memorial Library, you can soon listen to firsthand memories of that time on our website.

In the late 1960's and the early 1970's, the Historical Society recorded interviews with prominent Westfield residents regarding the history and growth of the town. You will be able to

hear thirty-two of these interviews directly from the library's website, plus you will be able to read the text of the interview on the website. The texts will also be searchable by key word.

Some of the interviews are with Ernie Winters, Shirley Wright, John Simonetti, Dr. Charles Hely, Hollis Plinton, Henry Foster and Peg Andrews. Visit our website at www.wmlnj.org for a release date.



“Westfield Through Time” - Westfield artist Kerry Paone continues to paint the 300-foot mural that spans the back three walls of the Youth Services Department. It depicts New Jersey scenes and animals from hundreds of years ago to present day downtown Westfield. Here Kerry is shown painting the train station. The Friends of the Library and the Westfield Municipal Library are generous co-sponsors of the mural. Come see it anytime we're open; it's amazing.

T*echnically speaking...* there's so much going on at the library with constant innovations to our technology that it's hard to keep track of it all. For example, did you know that we now have:

Reader's Advisory Service

If you're sometimes overwhelmed with all the books that are out there, or you just don't have time to stop by and browse, we can help you find books that you'll love. Visit our website at www.wmlnj.org, click on Adult programs and select Book Suggestions. Fill out the simple Reader's Advisory form by answering a few questions regarding your favorite books, authors and genres of fiction or non-fiction. Give us a week and we'll get back to you with a list of books hand picked for you.

Email Reference

This new service is great for conducting research anytime. Send the Reference Librarian a query via email and receive a reply within 24 hours.

RSS Feeds

If you want to receive library news as it's posted, subscribe to the RSS feed on our website. Always stay in the loop!

Library Elf

This free reminder service lets you and your family track all of your library activities: what's due, overdue, or about to be due. Sign up through our website www.wmlnj.org.



Foreign Film Trailers

When our Foreign Film Festival resumes in March 2010, you'll be able to view a trailer of the film right through our website. Just click on the film and watch. You'll be hooked.

Local History Room Computer

Now researching your organization's past or delving into local history just got easier. We have a new computer right in the Local History Room, located on the second floor. It's open anytime you ask a Reference Librarian.

And in other library news...

Teen Creative Writing Group

We have a brand new group starting just for teens, at the request of teens. Beginning on Sundays, February 21 through March 28, a Teen Writers group will be led by Jonathan Dickstein. Open to high school students (grades 9-12), it's a chance for teens to be creative and improve their writing techniques by taking part in some fun activities and inspiring writing exercises. Curiosity and an open mind are essential. Materials and refreshments provided.

Study Hall Nights

Westfield High School Midterm exams will be held January 22-28. WHS students are welcome to study in our meeting room **from 7-10 p.m. on Thursday, 1/21; Monday, 1/25; and Tuesday, 1/26 and Sunday, 1/24 from 3:30-10 p.m.**

Refreshments!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Gaston Award

March 14

Book Sale

Set-up: April 13

Donation days: April 14-17

Set-up: April 19-20

Sale Days: April 21-24

Take down: April 25 and 26

Volunteer Party-

June 2

Friends Book Club Dates

January 20 *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout

March 17 *The Commoner* by John Burnham

May 19 *Ruth* by Elizabeth Gaskell

All meetings begin at 2:00 pm.

Two news museums added to Museum Pass Program

Coming in January, the Museum of Modern Art in Manhattan and the Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms in Parsippany Troy Hills will join our program. The MoMA pass admits any 5 people. Home of the Arts and Crafts designer Gustav Stickley, the Stickley Museum is open Wednesday through Sunday from April through mid-November and on weekends year round. The pass admits two adults and all children under 18 in the household.

Since the Museum Pass Program was started in April of 2008, a total of 904 passes have been signed out, admitting as many as 3,284 people

MEMBERSHIP APPEAL STARTS THIS JANUARY

Currently we have over 530 members, but we are always looking for new members to support our library programs. Membership dues are \$15.00 for an Individual, \$25.00 for a Family and \$50.00 plus for a Friend. Joining the Friends helps us support the library with equipment, programs, materials; the Museum Pass Program; scholarships for future librarians; Book-on-Wheels; the paperback book exchange and more. Benefits are:

- * 10% discount at the Town Book Store on purchases
- * Advance entry to the annual book sale
- * Discount on the annual Friends' trip
- * The Friends' newsletters with advance notice of Friends' programs, trips and events
- * Friends may invite guests to the winter children's programs.
- * Non-residents may participate in the Museum

Pass Program. Membership forms are available at the Friends' bulletin board first floor.

Future Librarian scholarship applications available in January

Applications for the annual "Future Librarian" scholarship will be available at the library circulation desk in January.

We will consider a Westfield resident currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Library Science or a college degree in Media Education. We also invite Westfield High School 2010 graduates interested in becoming librarians, and who have been employed at the public library or have volunteered at the high school library, to apply. All applications must be submitted to the library, attention of Jane Stepanski, Scholarship Committee, no later than April 15, 2010.

Computer Classes Winter 2009/2010

Wouldn't it be wise to learn some new computer skills? The Library is a great place to start. Please check what computer skills are required to attend each class.

BEGINNER

BEGINNER CLASSES

Just unpacked your new computer and unsure where to start? This class is for you!

Introduction to the Internet

Thursday, January 14

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

INTERMEDIATE

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Fun and practical classes for those with some computer knowledge and skill.

Travel Resources on the Internet

Thursday, January 7

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

Download @ Your Library

Wednesday, February 10

10:00-11:30 am

This class covers the terrific audio-visual databases the library has to offer, such as:

ListenNJ— Download audio books
MyLibrary DV —Download movies!
NetLibrary—Download books!
And MusicDownloads!

Must have mouse and typing skills to attend this class

Email Basics

Thursday, February 18

10:00-11:30 am

A librarian will help you set up an email account and develop some basic email skills using Yahoo!

Must have mouse and typing skills to attend this class

Genealogical Resources on the Internet

Wednesday, February 3

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 show you Heritage Quest Online and Ancestry.com, which are databases accessible at the library.

Must have mouse and typing skills to attend this class

See next page for more classes

Computer Classes Continued

ADVANCED

ADVANCED CLASSES

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 Westfield Memorial Library.

Must have mouse and typing skills to attend this class

Google Docs
Thursday, March 18
7:00-8:30 pm

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

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 NEW 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

FOR STUDENTS

Junior Research Paper Resources
Tuesday, February 2
7-8:30 pm

This introductory class will be taught by a Westfield Memorial librarian and a high school librarian. Students learn about the databases that both the library and the high school have available to

help them find materials for their junior papers. Students also learn how to access the e-books that are held by both libraries.



Adult Programs for the Winter



Wine for the Holidays: Easily pairing food with wine and confidently giving the gift of wine" Tuesday, December 1 7:00 pm

Wine is often a fixture on the holiday dinner table. As guests, we like to bring wine as a gift to our hosts and hostesses. How do we know what to choose? What pairs well with holiday meals even if we don't know what the menu will be? Mark Censits, founder of CoolVines wine and spirits shop of Westfield, provides helpful guidance in dealing with these issues, so that we can better enjoy one of the finer things in life....wine.

Colonial and Victorian Christmas Customs Wednesday, December 2 7:00 pm

Holly and mistletoe, gingerbread and caroling—how and why did these customs originate at Christmas? Food historian Judith Krall Russo answers these questions and discusses the similarities and differences between Colonial and Victorian Christmas celebrations. She also discusses what foods were prepared and enjoyed as part of the holiday festivities.



The Basics of Digital Photography Monday, December 7 7:00 pm



When the family gathers for the holidays, you'll want to use that confusing new digital camera that you just received as a gift. But where do you start? Anthony Lauro of APL Photography de-mystifies the basic types of cameras and how to use them. Never again miss a precious moment or feel confused by your camera.

Christopher Dean Band Wednesday, December 9 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. Don't miss this exciting evening.



More Adult Programs for the Winter

Harpist Merynda Adams **Monday, December 21 12:00 pm**

It's the first day of Winter—don't be blue! Once again, harpist Merynda Adams helps us usher in a new season with her melodious harp playing. Take out a good book, sit down and relax in our second floor reading area, and listen to the celestial sounds of the season.



Social Networking for Adults: Facing Facebook **Saturday, January 9 10:30 am**



Did you know that facebook gained its 300 MILLIONTH user this September? And that its popularity among the 55-and-older crowd is booming?! The number of 55-and-older facebook users increased by 513.7% in the last six months (July report released by iStrategyLabs)!

Attend this program and learn why so many adults are flocking to this popular social networking site. By the end of the program you will understand:

- What facebook is and why to use it
- Who is using facebook and how
- Privacy settings and issues
- Facebook etiquette

Presented by Amy Kearns, MLIS, Program Coordinator for the Central Jersey Regional Library Cooperative and the Past President of the New Jersey Library Association's Information Technology Section



"There's More to New Jersey Than the Sopranos" **Wednesday, January 13 7:00 pm**

Marc Mappen, currently the Executive Director of the New Jersey Historical Commission and an assistant/associate professor at Rutgers University for 19 years, presents his newest book, *There's More to New Jersey Than the Sopranos*. Highly praised, this work is described as a "lively romp through history from the primitive past to the present day." This prolific author and touted historian will cover the humorous, scandalous, and tragic tales of New Jersey filled with such characters as Annie Oakley, Ulysses S. Grant, Benedict Arnold and Shoeless Joe Jackson. If you're a lover of history, or a fan of New Jersey, you won't want to miss this program!

Even More Adult Programs



Tenor Salvatore Chiarelli with Soprano Elga Johannes Wednesday, January 20 7:00 pm

Come and enjoy your favorite Italian songs, arias and more. Salvatore Chiarelli, a native of New York City, was vocally trained in both Italy and New York City for the opera stage. A former teacher and accountant, Mr. Chiarelli began performing two years ago. He has already been heard on television and radio as well as on the opera stages of both North America and Europe. In 2006 Mr. Chiarelli recorded his first CD entitled “Due Terre, Un Cuore,” which includes fifteen tracks of opera, Neapolitan songs and musical theater. By January of 2010 he will have completed the recording of his second CD. Elga Johannes is a professional soprano based in New York City.

MothUP - A participatory storytelling event Wednesday, January 27 7:00 pm

The phenomenal success of NYC's “The Moth” has inspired this program. Come and tell, or come and listen, to a story at this local version of “The Moth.” “The Moth” is a great event where people tell stories based around a specific theme.

Wanna-be storytellers should prepare a five-minute, true story on the posted theme. Our theme for this evening will be “Firsts”: First job, first car, etc. Then ten individuals (from the audience), are picked randomly from a hat. All Moth stories are based on true-life experiences and are told in front of an audience, without notes, scripts or cheat sheets. After each story, a team of judges, chosen from the audience, gives a score. The story that you share should be a true, first-person story. Need more of an idea how this works? Go to the themoth.org. Listen to some stories and become inspired to share your own!

How to Provide the Best Cat and Kitten Care for Your New Pet Saturday, January 30 2:00 pm

Did you or your child receive a cat or kitten for the holidays? Are you sometimes unsure of what their behavior means? Do you know what shots they should be getting at the vet's and when? What are the health benefits to keeping cats indoors instead of letting them go outside? When should they be spayed or neutered? Betty B, adoption chairperson for the Summit Animal Rescue Association (SARA), discusses the answers to your cat care 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.



*Sign up for library programs by going to our website
www.wmlnj.org and clicking online Calendar.*

Positively the Last Page of Adult Programs



Social Networking for Adults: Twitter
Saturday, February 6 2:30 pm

With more than 4 million visitors a month to Twitter, and businesses such as Zappos.com and Best Buy actively tweeting, Twitter has become the popular application for real time conversation. Who's tweeting? Just about everyone, including people ages 45 to 54 (who are 36% more likely than any other age group to use Twitter - ComScore report).

Learn what Twitter is and why and how to jump into the conversation and start tweeting! Presented by Amy Kearns, MLIS, Program Coordinator for the Central Jersey Regional Library Cooperative and the Past President of the New Jersey Library Association's Information Technology Section.

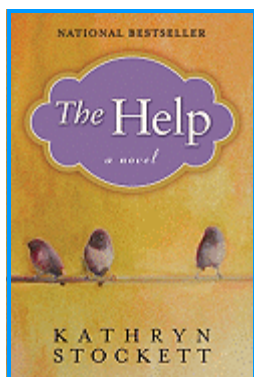
The Pulaski Skyway
Monday, February 8 7:00 pm

Join author Steven Hart as he describes the epic endeavor to build the Pulaski Skyway and span the Meadowlands. Learn about engineering and architectural mistakes, sordid local politics in Newark and Jersey City, titanic mayoral and union egos, and a nation clumsily stumbling into its love affair with the automobile. Discover what went right, and wrong, with "New Jersey's answer to the Golden Gate Bridge." Hart is the author of *The Last Three Miles: Politics, Murder, and the Construction of America's First Superhighway*.



Robert Dopira, Classical Guitarist
Wednesday, February 17 7:00 pm

Enjoy Robert Dopira, a classical guitarist, whose repertoire consists of the foremost guitar literature across centuries and periods of music. It includes Bach suites and chaconnes, Scarlatti sonatas, Albeniz' Suite Espagnole, Moreno-Torroba's Castles of Spain, and Castelnuovo-Tedesco's Sonata. His special interest is searching for unusual guitar transcriptions of works by famous composers. He was chosen by the Rome Festival Orchestra in Italy to participate in their summer performance program. Dopira studied with Albert Valdes-Blain, a protégé of guitar virtuoso Andrés Segovia.



Fiction Book Club at the Library
Wednesday, February 24 7:00 pm

Our new club will meet every other month. For our first selection, we'll discuss *The Help*, a novel set in the author's native Jackson, MS in the early 1960's. She tackles the complicated theme of blacks and whites living in the segregated South.

Our Foreign Film Festival resumes in the March.

Watch for film titles and dates to be announced.

TGIF!

**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.**

MIKHAIL BARYSHNIKOV

December 4

Examine the life and career of this amazing dancer.

"THE NUTCRACKER"

December 11

Enjoy The American Ballet performance of this traditional holiday treat.

NO TGIF — DECEMBER 18

NO TGIF — DECEMBER 25

NO TGIF — JANUARY 1



TRAVEL ALASKA

January 8

Enjoy the beauty and splendor of our 49th state.

THE TIFFANYS

January 15

Discover the story of Charles and Louis Comfort Tiffany and the empire they created.

ROBERT REDFORD

January 22

Learn about the remarkable career of this legendary leading man.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK: "BAREFOOT IN THE PARK"

January 29

Starring Robert Redford and Jane Fonda.

ALVIN AILEY

February 5

Review the life and work of this American choreographer.

MAYA ANGELOU

February 12

Examine the life and works of this contemporary American poet.

PAUL ROBESON

February 19

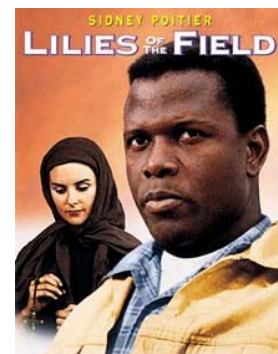
Explore the life and works of this internationally renowned American concert singer, scholar, actor of film and stage, professional athlete, writer, multi-lingual orator and lawyer.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK:

**"LILIES OF THE
FIELD"**

February 26

Starring Sidney Poitier.



**Please note: All programs are videos or lectures
unless otherwise noted.**

Programs for Children

Thank you so much to the Friends of the Library
for sponsoring these wonderful events!

Live Animal Friends. Especially for 3-5 year olds and their parents, Live Animal Friends is a first introduction to animals. Using small, non-threatening animals such as chinchillas, rabbits, guinea pigs and birds, children will get a first “look and touch” experience with the amazing world of animals. Online registration required, since space is limited. Children must have their own full-service Westfield Library card. Absolutely must be age 3 or older.

Date: [Saturday, January 23. Time: 10:30 a.m.](#)

Live Giant Reptiles. Especially for age 5 and up, and parents, Live Giant Reptiles brings children the chance to learn about them through a presentation including humor, awe and compassion for these beautiful creatures. Online registration required, since space is limited. Children must have their own full-service Westfield Library card. Absolutely must be age 5 or older.

Date: [Saturday, January 23. Time: 1:30 p.m.](#)

Sing Along with Nappy Shadow Puppets.

Shadow Puppets and silly songs, what could be better? For 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, January 30. Time: 10:30 a.m.](#)

Little 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. Online registration required, since space is limited. Children must have their own full-service Westfield Library card. Absolutely must be age 3½ or older.

Date: [Saturday, February 6. Time: 10:30 a.m.](#)

Cool Science with Wondergy. Hammer a nail into solid wood with a banana? Blow up a balloon ... from the outside? Explore how matter changes from solid to liquid to gas with liquid nitrogen. At 320 degrees below zero, it's the coolest stuff around! Online registration required, since space is limited. Children must have their own full-service library card. Absolutely must be 4 or older. .

Date: [Saturday, February 20. Time: 1-2:30 p.m.](#)

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, February 27. Time: 10:30 a.m.](#)

Turtlesinger: Live Turtles and Song. Trained singer and naturalist

Karen Buckley--and her favorite turtles, of course--will inspire us with how much she loves her turtles, and all animals on the planet.

For ages 3-5, with parents. Online registration required, since space is limited. Children must have their own full-service Westfield Library card. Absolutely must be age 3 or older.

Date: [Saturday, March 6. Time: 10:30 a.m.](#)

Jennifer Slaw, Juggler. Professional juggler extraordinaire Jennifer Slaw will delight and instruct. For ages 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 13. Time: 10:30 a.m.](#)



GRACIE

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Programs for Children

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

Family Holiday Cookie Decorating. Professional chef Roxanne Paylago leads a holiday cookie decorating exercise to help you start a family tradition, no matter how busy you already are. Bring the kids! Online registration, age 3 and up. Adult (age 16 or older) stays with child during program. Child must have full-service Westfield Library card. [Saturday, December 5, 10:30-11 a.m.](#)

Tad Hills. Come meet children's author and illustrator Tad Hills. If you've enjoyed *Duck & Goose*, you'll be interested to hear Tad read from his books and demonstrate how he illustrates his stories. Plus, be the first to hear a reading of his upcoming book *How Rocket Learned to Read*. All ages. Online registration. [Saturday, December 19, 11:00 a.m.](#)

Aesop's Kids. 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: Mondays, January 25 through March 1 (except holiday on February 15). 3:45-4:30 p.m.** Open to full-service Westfield Library card holders only.

Lego Club. Use your imagination to create wonderful Lego structures. Open to children in grades 1 through 5. Parent or caregiver stays in the library during the session. **Dates: Wednesdays, March 10 through March 31, 6:30-7:30 p.m. OR Thursdays, March 11 through April 1, 6:30-7:30 p.m.** Open to full-service Westfield Library card holders only. Call the Youth Services Desk at 908.789.4090 ext 3 for registration starting February 10.

Bookmaking with Shari Seltzer. Join artist Sheri Seltzer as she offers ideas and instruction for making your own book from scratch. Whether you use it as your journal or a record of something important to you, it will be one of a kind, and all yours. Bring any kind of small personal memento, such as ticket stubs or photos, that you will use to decorate your book. Please be prompt. Open to full-service Westfield

Library card holders only. Online registration.

Sunday, January 31

Snow date: Sunday, February 7

[Grades 6, 7, and 8: 1:30-2:30 p.m.](#)

[Grades 4 and 5: 2:45-3:30 p.m.](#)

Book Buddies. For grades 1, 2 and 3. Pair with a teen volunteer to read together, one-on-one. **Sunday, February 21, 1:30-2:30 pm and 3:00-4:00 pm.** Must register in advance at the Youth Services Desk. Parent or caregiver stays in the library during session. For more information, call us at 908.789.4090, ext 3.

Preschool Storytime. Listen to stories and do an activity. For children aged 3½ to 5. **Dates: Tuesdays, January 12 through March 2, 1:30-2 p.m., AND Fridays, January 15 through March 5, 10-10:30 a.m.** Open to full-service Westfield Library card holders only.

Tots' Storytime. Stories for children between the ages of 2½ and 3½. Parent or caregiver attends with child. **Dates: Thursdays, January 14 through March 4, 10-10:30 a.m.** Child must have own full-service library card.

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, January 11 through March 1 (except holidays on Jan. 18 and Feb. 15) 10-10:20 a.m. AND Wednesdays, January 13 through March 3. 10-10:20 a.m.** Children must have own full-service library card.

Preschool and Kindergarten Sampler. It's not too early to think about preschool and kindergarten choices for the fall. Come meet representatives from ten local private preschools and kindergartens, learn about their programs and philosophies, and bring your questions. **Tuesday, January 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Open to the public.

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