The dictionary defines a book as a written or printed work on consecutive sheets of paper fastened or bound together in a volume. Thanks to ongoing advances in technology, a book can also be defined as a handheld, electronic device that allows users to access and read thousands of books and periodicals in one device; in other words, an e-reader.

The Library now has four e-readers—two Barnes and Noble nooks and two Sony Readers—with plans to purchase two more next year. Lighter than a paperback, the nook and Sony Reader each have a 6 inch touch screen and weigh a little over 6 ounces. “An e-reader is like having a library within one hand-held gadget,” said Library Director Phil Israel. “They are easy to hold and easy to read, even in bright sunlight.”

The e-readers are pre-loaded with different popular fiction and non-fiction titles such as, “State of Wonder” by Anna Patchett, “Full Black” by Brad Thor, “Bossy Pants” by Tina Fey and “That Used to be Us” by Thomas Friedman.

Westfield Memorial Library resident cardholders over the age of 18 can borrow the e-readers for up to two weeks at a time. Stop by the Circulation Desk and check one out today!

See page 5 to learn about our E-reader Workshop on January 12.
Westfield Memorial Library Foundation and Digiplex Destinations continue to raise funds for the Library via sales from digital broadcasts of ballet and opera

The Westfield Memorial Library Foundation is teaming up with Digiplex Destinations to bring some of the world’s highest quality cultural events to our area via high-definition, digital broadcast.

Tickets for live, high-definition broadcasts of the Metropolitan Opera and Encore broadcasts of the Moscow Bolshoi Ballet, the Metropolitan Opera and other ballets and concerts are being sold at the Library with a portion of the proceeds going to the Foundation. With ticket sales becoming brisker, Digiplex has scheduled shows through summer 2012.

The Nutcracker Ballet will be carried at the Rialto Theatre in Westfield. All other performances shown below will be at the Digiplex Cranford Theatre. A portion of the tickets purchased at the Library for each of the ballet performances, Metropolitan Opera Live performances and Metropolitan Encore performances listed below will benefit the Foundation.

With the end of the year fast approaching, have you considered including the Foundation in your annual giving plans? You may also want to consider creating an endowment or other legacy to help the Westfield Memorial Library in honor of a loved one. For more information, visit wmlfoundation.org, or call 908.248.4542. Watch for the Spring and Summer dates of the ballet and opera in the Spring newsletter.

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The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library are pleased to announce a new addition to their popular Museum Pass Program: the Skyscraper Museum, located in lower Manhattan’s Battery Park City at 39 Battery Place.

The museum explores tall buildings in New York and around the world as objects of design, products of technology, sites of construction, investments in real estate, and places of work and residence. Their current exhibition, “Supertall!” is an international survey of buildings over 100 stories completed since 2001 or now under construction.

The pass admits two adults and children under 18 plus extends a 10% discount at the museum gift shop. Museum hours are 12 to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday.

To learn about the other 18 New York and New Jersey museums in the program, visit www.wmlnj.org and click on the Museum Pass tab. We guarantee a wonderful day!
Computer Classes Winter 2011

BEGINNER CLASSES
Must have mouse and typing skills.

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

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

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

Beginning Microsoft Word
Tuesday, December 6 10:00—11:30 am or Thursday, February 23 2:30—4:00 pm
Explore all the terrific features of Microsoft Word 2007, including formatting, cutting and pasting.

The New Library Catalog
Thursday, December 8 10:00—11:30 am
Learn our new Library Catalog. This class covers the basics on how to search the catalog, place holds on items, check your account and discover new features.

Beginning Microsoft Excel 2007
Date and Time to be Announced
Watch our website for upcoming details
Wouldn’t your work be so much easier to organize if you could make those nifty charts that everyone uses? Learn Excel and you’ll impress your boss … and yourself!

This class is taught by Karen L. Camden, who has over 8 years’ experience teaching Microsoft Office at all levels. She has been a course leader for The American Management Association for over 17 years and has extensive experience in training adults at all levels.

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

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

Intermediate

E-Reader Workshop
Thursday, January 12
10:00—11:30 am
Bring in your nook, Sony Reader, or Kindle and we’ll teach you how to download ebooks using the library service ListenNJ.

New Class—Intermediate Excel 2007
Date and Time to be Announced
Watch our website for upcoming details

If you’re already comfortable with using Excel but you’re ready to learn some of its more advanced features, than this class is for you.

The class covers the process of finding titles and downloading onto your device.

(You must bring in your own e-reader—the devices will not be provided.)

It’s taught by Karen L. Camden, who has over 8 years’ experience teaching Microsoft Office at all levels. She has been a course leader for The American Management Association for over 17 years and has extensive experience in training adults at all levels.

Advanced

Advanced Microsoft Word
Tuesday, January 10
7:00—8:30 pm
This class covers many of Word 2007’s lesser-known, advanced features such as keyboard shortcuts, copying and pasting, photo editing, inserting tables and graphs, adjusting margins, columnizing and ClipArt. You are welcome to bring your own laptop, but you must still register. If you plan to bring your own laptop, please notify jbennett@wmlnj.org before the day of the class.

Advanced Microsoft Word
Tuesday, January 10
7:00—8:30 pm

Photo Editing with GIMP
Thursday, February 9
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, scratches in vintage photos, or how to bring out the dazzling colors and shadows? Come to this new class on the photo editing program GIMP. A free program that is similar to Photoshop and Lightroom, GIMP offers hundreds of ways to give your pics that professional look. For advanced computer users only.
Adult Programs for the Winter

Improve the Quality of Your Life with BEST 5-Minute Meditation
Wednesday, December 7  7:00 pm

Are negative habits and emotions holding you back? Do you want to improve your life but don’t know where to start? Meditation expert Harmony Choi of the Harmony Meditation Center in Westfield introduces us to BEST 5-Minute Meditation. The goal of BEST 5-Minute Meditation, which is based on the teachings of Ilchi Lee, is to awaken our most precious resource: the brain. With over 20 years of experience, Master Harmony has helped many practitioners on the road to self-discovery and inspired living. He is also a Tao Life Coach. Make time for this special program and change your life.

Come to Our Final Foreign Film of 2011
“Bride Flight”
Monday, December 12  2:00 and 6:30 pm
Dutch, 130 minutes

This lavish, romantic drama charts the lives of three different women forever changed when they immigrate to New Zealand as war brides.

Let’s Celebrate the 100th Birthday of Charles Addams!
Saturday, January 7  10:30 am

On the 100th anniversary of the birth of Charles Addams, Ron MacCloskey, Charles Addams aficionado, presents a fascinating lecture about this influential Westfield native. Also a Westfield native, Ron discovered at an early age that he could draw and loved cartooning. As a hobby, he fell in love with monster movies. That led to his enjoyment of “The Addams Family.” He started collecting items and now owns over 100. In 1991 when the Paramount film came out, he approached the town with the idea of doing something special to honor Mr. Addams. Consequently, Ron founded a scholarship, gave several talks and had the Addams house on Elm Street declared a historic landmark. Come celebrate and view real Addams memorabilia.

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

Got iPad 2 and iPhone 4s?
Saturday, January 7  2:00pm
Or Monday, January 9  6:30 pm

Presented by Dave Marra, Senior Systems Engineer
for Apple, this talk helps you discover the iPad 2, thinner, lighter and faster than ever. Packed with amazing new features, the iPad 2 has an entirely new design, two cameras and a new dual-core A5 chip for blazing fast performance and stunning graphics. Through Dave’s easy demonstrations, you learn how to experience the next generation magical device for browsing the web, reading and sending email, enjoying photos, watching videos, listening to music, playing games, reading books and more!

Dave has conducted thousands of technology presentations, keynote addresses and workshops for schools, Mac and PC user groups, businesses and other professional organizations across the United States and Canada. Certified as both an Apple certified Technical Coordinator and an Apple Certified Systems Administrator, he specializes in digital multimedia, internet technologies, accessibility and Mac/PC integration. Dave also covers iPhone 4s content in his demonstration. Come and learn everything you need to know about these two devices!

Let’s Talk: The Fiction Book Club Discusses “An Object of Beauty”
by Steve Martin
Wednesday, January 11  7:00 pm

Martin compresses the wild and crazy end of the millennium and finds in this piercing novel a sardonic morality tale. Lacey Yeager is an ambitious young art dealer who uses everything at her disposal to advance in the world of the high-end art trade in New York City.

After cutting her teeth at Sotheby's, she manipulates her way up through Barton Talley's gallery of 'Very Expensive Paintings,' sleeping with patrons, and dodging and indulging in questionable deals, possible felonies, and general skeeviness until she opens her own gallery in Chelsea. Narrated by Lacey's journalist friend, Daniel Franks, whose droll voice is a remarkable stand-in for Martin's own, the world is ordered and knowable, blindly barreling onward until 9/11. And while Lacey and the art she peddles survive, the wealth and prestige garnered by greed do not. Martin (an art collector himself) is an astute miniaaturist as he exposes the sound and fury of the rarified Manhattan art world.

If Shopgirl was about the absence of purpose, this book is about the absence of a moral compass, not just in the life of an adventuress but for an entire era. (Publisher's Weekly)
Hear Pulitzer Prize Winning Reporter
Amy Nutt
Saturday, January 14  2:00 pm

Amy Ellis Nutt is a senior enterprise writer at The Star-Ledger where she has worked for nearly 14 years. She was awarded the 2011 Pulitzer Prize in feature writing for her 20,000-word series about the sinking of a scallop boat called, “The Wreck of the Lady Mary.” Nutt also published a new book this year, “Shadows Bright as Glass: The Remarkable Story of One Man's Journey from Brain Trauma to Artistic Triumph,” which was based on a series she did for The Star-Ledger that was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 2009.

Three Steps to a Clutter-Free New Year
Tuesday, January 17  7:00 pm
(Snow date Tuesday, February 7  7:00 pm)

Overwhelmed by papers, projects, and piles? You’re not alone! Join top selling author and expert organizer Jamie Novak as she reveals her trademark 3-step system to organize it all from entryways to offices. Jamie has been seen on HGTV and QVC, and she currently serves as a home blogger for Martha Stewart’s Whole Living.

Silver Fox Songs-From Jazz to Soul!
Wednesday, January 18  7:00 pm

Come and listen to Rhoda Denet sing the sweet songs of Ella Fitzgerald, Nancy Wilson, Etta James and Gladys Knight. This formally trained and soulfully gifted songbird is accompanied by a trio of talented musicians: Dave McDowell on sax and flute, Hui Cox on guitar and Chuck Batton on percussion. What a great night this will be!

In addition to numerous national and regional awards, Nutt was a Nieman Fellow in Journalism at Harvard University in 2004-2005. A graduate of Smith College, she also has Masters’ degrees from M.I.T. (Philosophy) and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, where she is now an adjunct professor. Prior to The Star-Ledger, Nutt was a writer-reporter at Sports Illustrated magazine for nine years.

Famous for bringing her real life approach to organizing, she knows her clients are short on time and space, so she suggests keeping de-cluttering manageable by working in small blocks of time.

Not sure where to start? You’ll leave this program with a plan and simple solutions you can really use!
Positively the Last Page of Adult Programs

“Hitchcock: The Master of Suspense”
by Chris Messineo  Saturday, January 28  2:00 pm

Sir Alfred Hitchcock directed over 60 films spanning more than half a century. With a distinctive style, both in front and behind the camera, his movies influenced generations of film makers. Watching classic scenes from “Rear Window,” “North by Northwest,” “Psycho,” and “The Birds,” we discover what made Hitchcock the “Master of Suspense.”

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

In honor of Black History Month...
The Story of Silvia Du Bois—A Slave Who Obtained Her Own Freedom
A One-Woman Show performed by Lisa G. Fleming  Wednesday, February 8  7:00 pm

Lisa G. Fleming performs forms a one-woman, one-act play about Silvia Du Bois, a New Jersey slave who was born in Hunterdon County in 1798 and who died at 120 years of age. After her birth, she was sold to a family who moved her to New York. She obtained her freedom and moved back to New Jersey where she spent the rest of her life in the Hunterdon area. She had six children and ran a tavern she inherited from her grandfather. Her doctor interviewed her on her 116th birthday, and Lisa tells her story at this point, sitting in her rocking chair, and speaking to the people who have come to talk with her. Post-show, Lisa and playwright Audrey Palmatier answer questions. Lisa has performed extensively throughout NY and NJ, has numerous film and TV credits and her own Management/Productions company.

Story Slam! Let’s Talk about Love!
Wednesday, February 15  7:00 pm

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

TGIF! Fridays: An Exciting Series of Programs for Adults
Movies, Music and More—All Free
Light refreshments served. All programs begin at 1:30 p.m.
A fun way to socialize and make new friends.
No registration necessary. For further information about TGIF programs,
please call the Reference Department at 908.789.4090 x 7950.

TRAVEL ITALY’S COUNTRYSIDE
December 2
Sit back and relax as we explore some of Italy’s most beautiful areas, including Tuscany and the Amalfi Coast.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK:
“HOLIDAY”
December 9
Starring Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant

NO TGIF—DECEMBER 16
NO TGIF—DECEMBER 23
NO TGIF—DECEMBER 30

FAMOUS SITCOMS
January 6
Laugh along with some of the groundbreaking “Sitcoms” of television, including The Honeymooners, Make Room for Daddy, and The Dick Van Dyke Show.

CANADIAN TENORS
January 13
Enjoy this exciting blend of classical and contemporary music as the group performs at The Royal Conservatory of Music.

COLE PORTER (YOU’RE THE TOP)
January 20
Celebrate the life and music of one of America’s greatest composers.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK:
“ANYTHING GOES”
January 27
Starring Bing Crosby and Donald O’Connor

RAY CHARLES
February 3
Learn about the life and music of this versatile performer.

HARLEM RENAISSANCE
February 10
Learn about the many artists, performers, and personalities who helped shape the movement known as the Harlem Renaissance.

JACKIE ROBINSON
February 17
Review the life and legacy of the athlete who broke the color barrier of American sports.

CLASSIC MOVIE WEEK:
“DRIVING MISS DAISY”
February 24
Starring Morgan Freeman and Jessica Tandy

LIVE PERFORMANCE BY PIANIST SKIP UNGAR
March 2
Listen to Broadway tunes and learn about the Rogers and Hammerstein era of the 1950s and 60s. Skip also covers Porter, Rogers, Jerome Robbins and others.

All programs are videos or lectures unless otherwise noted.

Please Note: Weekly topics are subject to change.
Animal Friends. Visit with our friend Travis, from Wallaby Tales, as he helps us love and respect wild animals. Children must be between the ages of 2½ through 5, and must show their own full-service Westfield Memorial Library card. Online registration required. Date: Saturday, January 21. Time: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

What Big Teeth You Have! Join Travis as he introduces us to predators, which must be resourceful, alert and adaptable in order to survive. Children must not be younger than six and must present a full-service Westfield Library card. Adults stay in the room with their children. Online registration required. Date: Saturday, January 21. Time: 12 Noon to 1 p.m.

Once upon a Time: Old Tales with a New Twist. Join popular and dynamic storyteller Lorraine Hartin-Gelardi as she uses familiar stories to tell new tales. Ages 4 to 7. Parents stay in the room. Please register online. Date: Saturday, January 28. Time: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

It’s the Wolf! Join us as we follow Mr. Wolf through some of his most famous adventures. Ages 4 and older will enjoy this puppet show, presented by Tucker’s Tales. Children must have their own full-service Westfield Library card and absolutely must be age 4 or older. Online registration required. Date: Saturday, February 4. Time: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

¡Maracas! gives an interactive Spanish family presentation for El Día de San Valentín (Valentine’s Day). Bring the kids for a morning filled with Spanish language fun! Open to the public. Please register online. Date: Saturday, February 11. Time: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Family Astronomy Night. Meet first in the Library’s meeting room on the main floor to learn about our solar system, eclipses, and more. Then, weather permitting, we will exit the building to peer at the dark night sky with telescopes and binoculars. This is a program for families and is open to the public. Please register online. Date: Wednesday, February 22. Time: 6:15 to 8:45 p.m.

Dinoman! You won’t believe how much Bob Lisaius loves dinosaurs! With magic, merry mayhem and magnificent props, you’ll be taken on a trip through the Mesozoic era. Ages 4 and up. Please do not bring children under the age of 4 to this presentation. Children must have their own full-service Westfield Library card. Online registration required. Date: Saturday, March 3. Time: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Live Great Reptiles. For ages 5 and up, and parents, Live Great Reptiles brings children the chance to learn about reptiles through a presentation including humor, awe and compassion for these beautiful creatures. Children must have their own full-service Westfield Library card and absolutely must be age 5 or older. Online registration required. Date: Saturday, March 10. Time: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Jennifer Slaw, Juggler. Professional juggler Jen Slaw delights and instructs. For ages 4 and older, with parents. Children must have their own full-service Westfield Library card. Online registration required. Date: Saturday, March 17. Time: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Turtlesinger: Live Turtles and Song. Trained singer and naturalist Karen Buckley—and her favorite turtles, of course—inspires us with how much she loves her turtles, and all animals on the planet. For ages 3 to 5, with parents. Children must have their own full-service Library card and absolutely must be age 3 or older. Online registration required. Date: Saturday, March 24. Time: 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
Homework Help. Free homework help for elementary school children. Kids in grades K-5 can drop by the Youth Services department for some free, friendly assistance from a local teen. Do your homework, practice your reading, or review your skills with a helpful older student. Dates: Most Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, January 9 through March 29. Time: 3:30—4:30 p.m. Open to the public.

Grupo ñi: Spanish-Language Storytime. All stories, songs and activities are in Spanish; no English is spoken. Dates: Saturdays, January 14, February 25, March 17, April 14, May 19 and June 16. Time: 10:00—10:45 a.m. Age 0—6, with an adult. Open to the public. Drop in.

Family PJ Storytime. Listen to good stories ... in your pajamas! For families with children ages 2½ and older. Dates: Tuesday, January 10 through February 14, 7:00—7:45 p.m. Drop in.

Magic Carpet. Listen to our librarians' favorite books. For children who are in elementary school. Dates: Fridays, January 13 through March 2 (except no session on February 17). Time: 3:45—4:30 p.m. Open to the public. Drop in.

Preschool Storytime. Listen to stories and do an activity. For children ages 3 ½ to 5. Dates: Tuesdays, January 10 through February 28, 1:30—2:00 p.m., and Wednesdays, January 11 through February 29, 10:00—10:30 a.m. Children must have full-service Westfield Library card. Drop in.

Tots’ Storytime. Stories for children ages from 2½ to 3½. Parent or caregiver attends with child. Dates: Thursdays, January 12 through March 1. Time: 10:00—10:30 a.m. Children must have own their full-service Westfield Library card. Drop in.


It’s that time of year again...Mid-Term Exams! Do your studying at the Library’s Teen Study Hall Nights

What a great place to study! Everyone will be here, plus we serve refreshments and stay open one hour later.

Tuesday, January 24, Wednesday, January 25, Thursday, January 26
and Monday January 30 6:00 to 10:00 pm