September is Library Card Sign-up Month
Sign up and get a free commemorative water bottle and all the services of your library

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, so all month long, we will be encouraging Westfield residents of all ages to sign up for their own library card.

This card unlocks a world of free resources including personal and professional development with LinkedIn Learning, language development with Mango Languages, and streaming documentaries and Great Courses videos with Kanopy.

As a special courtesy, every Westfield resident who registers for a new library card during the month of September will receive a commemorative water bottle.

“Libraries play an important role in the education and development of children,” says Allen McGinley, Library Director. “We offer a variety of programs and services that support students of all ages and backgrounds such as story times, our 1,000 books before kindergarten program, Brainfuse online tutoring, volunteer opportunities, and the library’s new teen advisory group.”

To sign up for a library card or to learn more about the library’s resources and programs, please visit https://wmlnj.org/ or visit the library at 550 East Broad Street. Learn more about our programs by visiting our website or facebook.com/wmlnj.
News from the Friends of the Library

Expand Your Mind through The Hale Speaker Series

Made possible by grants from
The Anne and Lee Hale Fund and
The Thomas Glasser Foundation
Hosted by the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library
Programs are held in the Library Meeting Room

Author Sally Williams Cook
Wednesday, September 28 at 7:00 pm

Artist Ricardo Roig
Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00 pm

Book Discussion Group on Wednesday, October 12 at 2 pm
Lessons in Chemistry
Pick up a copy in the Circulation office.

Get Ready for the Friends Annual Children’s Book Sale!
The Children’s Book Sale is a beloved community event. You’ll find a bountiful selection of books for babies all the way through teens. All funds raised go directly back to the library via Friends-sponsored programs. It’s the perfect time to donate the books your children have outgrown, update your favorite reader’s bookshelf or your classroom library.

To volunteer write info@fwmlnj.com.

Donation Day - Sun Oct 23, 1:00—4:30pm
Donation Days - Mon Oct 24, Tue Oct 25, 10:00 am—8:30pm
Full Price Sale Days - Wed Oct 26, Thu Oct 27, 10:00am—8:30pm
Half Price Sale Day - Fri Oct 28, 10:00 am—4:30pm
Bag Day - Sat Oct 29, 10:00am—1:00pm

Sharing the Warmth Knitting Group
Sharing The Warmth is the crochet and knitting club of the Friends. Each month they meet to create blankets for organizations in need of some extra tender loving care. The club has provided blankets to homebound Westfield residents, individuals in hospice care and young cancer patients.

All meetings are held in the Meeting Room from 1:00–3:00 pm

Tuesday, September 20
Thursday, September 29
Thursday, October 6
Thursday, November 10
Tuesday, November 22
All New Business Seminars for the Business Community

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL SEMINARS. VISIT WWW.WMLNJ.ORG, EVENTS TAB
Sponsored by SCORE Metro NJ, U.S. Small Business Administration,
Greater Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce, Unity Bank and Westfield Memorial Library

Starting a Small Business in New Jersey-
Customer Acquisition
Tuesday, September 20 at 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join us for an interactive workshop to learn about the essentials of opening a business in New Jersey. Presenter Mitch Layne has extensive experience in technology, electronics, and auto mechanics. His corporate sales experience includes sales and management positions with WR Grace, Xerox Corp, and Digital Equipment. He is an active SCORE volunteer offering mentoring in marketing, public relations, and real estate rental/leasing.

Small Business Financing
Tuesday, October 4 at 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Paul Dzera, a CPA with over 40 years of management consulting experience across a wide range of industries, provides guidance to business owners in developing business strategies, preparing business plans and financial projections, analyzing financial and operating performance compared to expectations, and improving financial results. Some of his industry experience includes retail, manufacturing, hospitality, health care and professional services.

Tools for Building Business-Lunch and Learn
Wednesday, October 19 at 12:00 to 1:30 pm

Learn how to use Data Axle’s U.S. Business and Consumer Modules to target specific groups of businesses or individuals who may be interested in your products or services. Provided for free to Westfield regional businesses by the Westfield Memorial Library, the consumer modules will be thoroughly explained by Data Axle’s Bill Carlson. You will learn how to identify the ideal geography of potential new customers, learn key contacts, and research competitors. Most importantly, you will learn how to identify sales leads, marketing intelligence, and build a business plan.

Content Strategies for Online Marketing and Social Media
Tuesday, November 1 at 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Robert Mazransky, a SCORE volunteer with over 15 years of marketing experience in music, consumer electronics, travel, and technology industries, will teach you how to create content to achieve your marketing goals. He provides mentoring for customer and acquisition marketing, branding, go-to-market strategies, online marketing, and marketing planning. He has been a SCORE mentor since 2018.
For those 10 years remembered as the 1960s, music was a constant surprise and delight. The greatest triumph of the time was simply that all these riches played alongside one another in a radio marketplace that was more open than it had ever been before (or would ever be again) for a shared audience that revered it all. The ‘60s started with the Everly Brothers and ended with The Grateful Dead.

Jazz Singer Maggie Worsdale celebrates the music of the 60s with hits that wove their way into our lives and souls. She’ll sing these songs and share the stories behind them.

New York saxophonist Daniel Bennett has been hailed as one of the most original and unpredictable musical voices of his generation. The Daniel Bennett Group is celebrating the release of their latest album, “New York Nerve.” Daniel is joined by master percussionist Koko Bermejo (drums/keyboard) and acclaimed bassist Kevin Hailey.

Daniel has been featured in Timeout New York, NPR and the Boston Globe. The Group was recently voted “Best New Jazz” in Hot House Magazine. Daniel is the associate director of the New York Jazz Academy in Times Square.

The Daniel Bennett Group performs regularly at the Blue Note (NYC), Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club (London), and Herb Alpert's Vibrato (LA). The group's genre-bending sound has captivated audiences throughout the world. Please make sure you register in case we have to hold the show in the Meeting Room, which has limited seating. Visit www.wmlnj.org, click on the Events tab and find the date.

**Jazz Singer Maggie Worsdale Presents “Songs of the 1960s” Thursday, September 8 at 7:00 pm**

**The Weiss Family Jazz Series** Presents The Daniel Bennett Group at the Gazebo in Mindowaskin Park on Thursday, September 15 at 7:00 pm

**Sponsored by the Weiss Family Jazz Series and the Westfield Memorial Library Foundation. The Weiss Family Jazz Series was established with a bequest to the Westfield Memorial Library Foundation and the Westfield Memorial Library in memory of longtime library patrons and jazz lovers, Joseph and Dorothy Weiss.**

**BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIRS**

**IN THE EVENT OF RAIN, THE SHOW WILL BE HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM OF THE LIBRARY.**
Catherine Brown presents
“A Citizen’s Guide to the Constitution”
A Special Program Acknowledging Constitution Week!
Monday, September 19 at 7:00 pm

The United States of America was established by the consent of its citizens when they, through their States, ratified its foundational document, the Constitution. The Constitution is a blueprint for representative self-governance designed to make the experience of human liberty a reality for all.

The primary responsibility of every citizen is to make sure our representatives govern in accordance with the Constitution and to hold them to account when they don’t. But we cannot be effective citizens unless we understand the blueprint!

Presenter Catherine M. Brown, Esq. will explore the idea, liberty, upon which the Constitution is based, the form of governance liberty requires and the functionality and durability of the Constitution’s design. She will also discuss how the operating principles of self-governance manifest themselves today. All attendees will receive a copy of the Constitution.

Catherine has represented plaintiffs and defendants at every level of the state and federal courts for nearly 40 years. She served as a Deputy Attorney General in the Division of Law, where she handled complex, constitutional law litigation for the New Jersey Department of Corrections, the New Jersey Attorney General and the New Jersey State Police; and she maintained a solo practice for 20 years.

Catherine was appointed by the New Jersey Supreme Court to serve on the District X Ethics Committee, which she chaired in 2007-2008.

Virtual Trivia Nights! Online Zoom Events
Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00 pm and Tuesday, November 15 at 7:00 pm

Join us on two separate dates for the return of our virtual trivia night series! Varied and often unusual categories make this game fun for the whole family! You can play as an individual or put together your own team.

You must register for these events in order to get the event URL emailed to you. Visit www.wmlnj.org, click on the Events tab and find the date. You can also play in-person on Monday, October 17 at 7:00 pm.

The Adult School presents the Music of the 1960s with Music Historian Robert Butts
Tuesdays from 1:00–3:30 pm: September 27, October 4, October 11, October 18

The 1960s was one of the most intense decades in history—marked by increased violence, assassinations, social unrest and The Vietnam War. Music perhaps best represented all the changes: the concerns and the inspiration. Explore how the musical genres of rock, folk, classical, country, and Broadway evolved during this tumultuous decade. Register at www.theadultschool.org, or call 973-443-9222. The cost is $72.
**Even More Programs for Adults**

Masks are encouraged, but not required in the Meeting Room during in-person programs
Registration required for all events

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**A Sensational Afternoon of Music**
**with the Kenn Morr Band**
**On Saturday, October 1 at 2:00 pm**

A sensational afternoon of music! The Kenn Morr Band is on a roll in 2022, pleased to be touring in support of its latest release, “Open Field.” Recorded at Sandy Brook Studios in Colebrook, CT, the album features ten new songs penned by Morr, highlighted by the cohesive playing of the Kenn Morr Band. The result is an organic collection of lush three-part vocal harmonies and sparkling instruments—real musicians playing soulful music in real time.

United Kingdom’s *Folk Word* states: “Among its many vagaries, life offers some certainties – they include the flow of memorable melodies and deeply-thought themes that permeate Kenn Morr’s mix of folk rock Americana. The latest album from The Kenn Morr Band, ‘Open Field’ serves up a selection of laid-back warmth, involving softly embracing songs and pin-sharp observational lyrics.”

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**Jose Obando Presents “The 360+ year Evolution of Salsa”**
**On Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00 pm**

Jose Obando traces the development of salsa in the Dominican Republic beginning with the manufacture and use of percussion instruments accompanying the pertinent and appropriate vocalization and dancing. This was permitted by the Spaniards under the impression that the Africans were practicing the Catholic faith. During this evening, Jose will give a dance lesson, featuring the lively merengue.

Jose Obando was an undergrad in International Studies at The City College of New York located in Harlem. He presently serves as the CEO of Lubona Corporation. Among his clients are: the Department of Musical Instruments of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, St. Patrick’s Cathedral, U.S. Naval Academy, The Juilliard School, and Grace Church School among others. Jose is the nation’s only museologist dedicated to Salsa.

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**Guitarist Peter Biedermann Plays on Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 pm**

Peter Biedermann, a solo finger style instrumental guitarist, has performed in several different contexts since the mid ‘70s. While his music doesn't settle into any particular genre, it is a hybrid, contemporary style that melds elements of American, European and other world influences. It’s a jambalaya of sound enhanced by subtle electronics and live looping on various guitars in unique tunings. Peter began focusing on performing original music starting in the mid ‘80s and hasn’t stopped since then.
Even More Programs for Adults

**Melody and Poetry from Persia, with the Amir Vehab Ensemble**

**On Saturday, October 15 at 2:00 pm**

*Sponsored by Westfield Memorial Library and the Town of Westfield Human Relations Advisory Commission*

Come hear an afternoon of enchanting music from Persia. Hear centuries of Persian poetry put to song and harmony with celebrated and accomplished performer Amir Vehab and his ensemble. Amir has shared Persian music throughout the world. This will be his second performance at the library.

**Trivia Night! Costumes are encouraged but fun is mandatory!**

**On Monday, October 17 at 7:00 pm  In-person Event**

Halloween is not for children only! Join us for a special evening of October and Halloween-related trivia questions! Anyone ages 16 and up can attend and either be part of a team (maximum of 4 people) or play as an individual. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team members.

Our September and November Trivia Nights remain virtual, but this is an in-person event.

**Are you on your list? Dr. Colleen Georges presents**

**Achieving your Want To Do’s amidst your ‘Have To Do’s**

**Online Event on Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 pm**

How often do we set professional or personal goals for ourselves, just to let them go by the wayside because we have too many other responsibilities that take priority? Sometimes we find ourselves in a rut of mundane activities and can barely remember what we really love doing, what brings us a sense of meaning, or where we excel.

Dr. Colleen Georges will address several strategies that will help you with: goal setting, priorities, self-compassion, strengths, passions, purpose, gratitude, appreciative inquiry, and other important areas.

Write yourself a new chapter! Make sure you register to receive the event URL. Visit www.wmlnj.org, click on the Events tab and find the date.
Black professional baseball originates in the decade of the 1880's, and comes down to the advent of Jackie Robinson's entry into the Major Leagues.

This program tells the story of great Black players and great Black teams who played their games behind a color line built by American racism.

Dr. Lawrence Hogan is Professor Emeritus of History from Union County College in New Jersey, author of *The Forgotten History of African American Baseball*, and principal author and editor of *Shades of Glory* published by National Geographic, as well as several other books on the history of Blacks in America.

Kevin Kane has made the better part of his living as a writer, musician and playwright. His Negro League version of “Casey at the Bat,” called “Breaking the Line with the Mudville Nine” was written for and first performed at the Cooperstown Baseball Hall of Fame, where he presented a program of readings with NPR essayist/sports writer Frank DeFord.

Since then, Kevin has performed readings of his poem at New York City’s 92nd Street Y, at the Society for American Baseball Research’s national conference, and at many libraries and colleges in New Jersey and New York.

This one-woman play sees America’s Civil War through the eyes of towns-woman Mary Bowman. Professional actress Michèle LaRue brings Mary vividly to life, spiriting audiences back to July 1, 1863—as the assault on Gettysburg, PA, begins. That murderous battle, fought 159 years ago, changed the course of the war and created our first National Cemetery.

Michèle adapted this presentation from novelist Elsie Singmaster’s classic *Gettysburg: Stories of the Red Harvest and the Aftermath*—published in 1913, the semi-centennial of the War Between the States.

A century later, Singmaster’s fictional wife and mother still grabs our imagination and our hearts. With Mary Bowman, we travel the emotional and physical terrain of 50 years: from the cannons’ first roar to the grief and devastation that follow; from the promise of Lincoln’s visit and commemoration, to the healing only time can bring.

Michèle tours nationally with a repertoire of productions that revitalize writing from America’s Gilded Age. She has presented her offerings at nearly 500 venues—Chicago’s Newberry Library and most prominently, Washington’s Smithsonian Institution.
Programs may be added, changed, or cancelled. For the most up-to-date information about our programs, see our events calendar on our website at wmlnj.org or join our Facebook Group at https://www.facebook.com/groups/WMLKidsRoom

Vaccination clinics for children 6 months to 4 years
Thursday, September 8 at 1:00—5:00 pm
Thursday, September 22 at 2:00—6:00 pm

The Westfield Regional Health Department is offering COVID vaccinations for children ages 6 months through 4 years, by appointment only. Schedule an appointment by visiting https://www.westfieldnj.gov/vaccine-appointments
Online appointment scheduling includes vaccination appointments at various locations, so please confirm the date, time, location, and age level before completing your appointment.

Join the New Teen Advisory Group—Two Meetings
Wednesday, September 14 from 5:00 - 5:45 pm
Wednesday, October 12 at 5:00 - 5:45 pm

Would you like to help the Library select and plan programs and special events for teens and tweens? Express your opinions on what kinds of books or other materials we should provide at the Young Adult department of the Library. Tell us about a service you wish we provided at our Library. Join our new Teen Advisory Group!

We will be meeting twice this fall; please register for both sessions, which will take place in the YA area/Teen Zone of the Library. If you care about libraries, this is the community service opportunity for you! Westfield residents ages 12-17 only please.

Firefighter Day at the Library
on Saturday, October 15 at 10:00 am

Celebrate National Fire Prevention Week! Join us for a firefighter-themed story time, meet firefighters from the Westfield Fire Department, and see a fire engine up close!
Afternoon Coloring Break
Join us Monday afternoons for a chance to relax and have fun coloring! We will provide coloring sheets and crayons (and colored pencils if you want to get detailed!), you provide the artistic flair!

**Dates:** Mondays, Sept. 12 – Oct. 24  
**Time:** 2:00 to 6:00 pm  
**Ages:** all ages  
Drop in program. Held at the children’s department tables.

Friday Funtime
Babies and toddlers and their grownups are invited to come and socialize and play in our back yard. We will provide toys and mats – you provide the kids! In bad weather, held in meeting room.

**Dates:** Fridays, Sept. 16 – Oct. 21  
**Time:** 10:00 – 10:45 am  
**Ages:** Babies and toddlers  
Please bring a blanket or towel to sit on if you would like.

Miss Andrea’s Latin Dance Moves for Kids
Join us for an awesome Latin Dance party, sure to get the kids and their grownups happy and moving! Outdoors if weather is good.

**Dates:** Wednesdays, Sept. 14 – Oct. 19  
**Time:** 10:00 – 10:30 am  
**Ages:** suitable for ages 2 and up  
No pre-registration required, but space will be limited if indoors. Sign in at Youth Services desk.

Afternoon LEGO Club
Free play with LEGO every other Wednesdays after school. Use your imagination to create awesome LEGO structures.

**Dates:** Wednesdays, Sept. 7, 21, Oct. 5, 19  
**Time:** 3:45 – 4:30  
**Ages:** 6 years old and up  
Pre-registration is required. Please sign up online using the child’s card.

Together Time
Join us Thursday mornings for some together time with the librarians! It will be a mix of books, short movies, rhymes, etc. Each week will vary, but every week will be fun!

**Dates:** Thursdays, Sept. 15 – Oct. 20  
**Time:** 10:00 – 10:30 am  
**Ages:** 2 and up with adult  
No preregistration required, but space will be limited. Sign in at Youth Services desk.