

Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library Newsletter



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SPRINGTIME...BOOK SALE



Once again the Friends is hosting the Annual Book Sale. In our 45th year, we will be collecting donations, sorting and shelving, and, of course, selling books, CDs, and DVDs on a wide array of topics for all ages. Come be part of this amazing operation as we raise funds for Friends' sponsored programs and library requests. The Book Sale is indeed a Westfield institution that you don't want to miss.

It takes a whole bunch of Friends plus friends of Friends to run the sale. If you volunteered before, please check your email for an invitation to sign up. Volunteer sign up is open at www.fwmlnj.org. Upon signing up for a time slot you will receive a confirmation email. *Please note that since an email sent from the website is a new address, your inbox may process it as Spam. Consequently, you should check your Spam folder for confirmations and reminders. Usually if you move the confirmation or reminder to your Inbox, there is a better chance of it being recognized a mail for your Inbox in the future.*

Our co-chairs, Michael Miller and Cindy Colicchio, are planning a great sale. Your participation will help make the sale a success. Please be sure to sign up for one of the time slots. The same jobs are available as last year—sorting/shelving, security, floor support and cashier. New volunteers are welcome. Feel free to direct interested folks to the sign up on the website at www.fwmlnj.org. To reach the Book Sale Committee with questions or suggestions, please contact them at info@fwmlnj.org.

Thank you in advance for your volunteer efforts. See you at the Sale!!!!

Donation Days

April 24 – 26 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

April 27 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Sale Days

April 30 (Friends members-only preview): 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

May 1 – 2: 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. – TEACHERS HALF PRICE

May 3: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. – HALF PRICE DAY

May 4: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. – BAG DAY - \$8 per bag/bag provided

2019 MEMBERSHIP

THANK YOU TO OUR NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

We thank our new members who have just joined and our loyal members that have renewed their memberships. All renewals that were received by us through March 1, 2019, have been processed. You should have received your membership acknowledgement and card in the mail if you renewed by March 1.

IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO, PLEASE SEND IN YOUR RENEWALS ASAP SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT ON SOME OF YOUR MEMBER BENEFITS

Your 2018 benefits have expired - your renewal now will ensure your benefits for the rest of 2019.—Don't miss out on these upcoming events:

- Early admittance to our community loved book sale in April
- Volunteer opportunities at the book sale
- The spring volunteer luncheon
- Participation in the Spring Trip and Opera programs
- Future newsletters highlighting more member events throughout the year

It's easy to renew – return a completed blue membership card and dues either by mail or drop off at the library during your next visit.

Not yet a member?? Please join us! You can pick a membership card at the library or call us and we'll send to you via email or postal mail.

NEW FRIENDS' WEBSITE

We have a new home on the web -- www.fwmlnj.org. Come by to find all the information you need concerning our popular programs and events like the 12th Annual Hale Series, the 46th Annual Book Sale, Membership, Museum Pass, Children's Programs, Book Discussion, Trips, the Opera, Books-on-Wheels and Share-the-Warmth.

This is the place to learn about the Friends and all that we have to offer. Have a Friends question? You can reach the Friends via the General Mailbox at info@fwmlnj.org. Our Friends' website is growing so be sure to check in often to see what's happening.

FRIENDS ADD 3 NEW MUSEUMS TO THEIR MUSEUM PASS PROGRAM!!!

Three new museums, all in New York, have been added to the Friends' Museum Pass Program. The program now offers free admission to 24 museums. Passes are available to full privilege library card holders and Friends members on a first come/first served basis.

The Jewish Museum, located at 1109 Fifth Avenue at 92nd Street, is open every day but Wednesday (check website for hours.) Your pass admits two adults (children under 18 are always free) and features a 10% discount at the museum shop and restaurant plus discounts at local restaurants, shops and parking. The Jewish Museum is a Premium Museum and cannot be combined with other museums.

The Brooklyn Botanic Garden is located at 1000 Washington Avenue in Brooklyn. The museum is closed on Monday and is accessible by subways stopping at the Brooklyn Museum or Prospect Park stations. Your pass admits two adults and children under 17 and extends a 10% discount at the Garden Shop and café. The Brooklyn Botanic Museum is a 2Fer Museums and its pass can be combined with a pass of one other 2Fer museum.

The New York Transit Museum is located in an authentic 1936 subway station at 99 Scermerhorn Street in Brooklyn. The museum, accessible by subways stopping at Borough Hall in Brooklyn, is closed on Mondays and major holidays. Your pass admits two adults and up to four children and offers a 10% discount at the 3 NY Transit Museum Stores (located at the museum, at Grand Central Terminal and at 2 Broadway.) Your card also admits you to the following Museums through its Reciprocal Network: New York Hall of Science (Queens), Staten Island Children's Museum, Newark Museum, Brooklyn Children's Museum 3rd Saturday and subsequent Sunday of the

month only), and Intrepid (must provide photo id) The New York Transit Museum is a 2Fer Museum and its pass can be combined with a pass of one other 2Fer museum.

2Fer Museums (passes for two museums may be signed at the same time) are: Brooklyn Botanic Garden (Brooklyn), Children's' Museum of Manhattan (NY), Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum (NY), Frick Collection (NY), International Center of Photography (NY), Montclair Art Museum (NJ), Morris Museum (NJ), Museum of Arts and Design (NY), Museum of the City Of New York (NY), Museum of Early Trades and Crafts (NJ), Museum of the Moving Image (NY), New-York Historical Society (NY), Newark Museum (NJ), New York Transit Museum (Brooklyn), Skyscraper Museum (NY), Stickley Museum at Craftsman Farms (NJ), Storm King Art Center (NY-open April 4 through November), and Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center (NJ).

Premiere Museums (passes may not be combined with other museum passes) are: American Museum of Natural History (NY), Grounds for Sculpture (NJ), Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum (NY), Jewish Museum, Museum of Modern Art, and Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum (NY.)

In addition, library card holders are eligible for a \$3.00 discount on admission to the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, NJ. Each visitor must present his/her WML card to get the discount.

Before you visit be sure to check each museum for their hours and exhibitions. For general information please go to the library

JOIN THE FWML MET OPERA GROUP FOR THE 2019-2020 SEASON!!!

For the 2019-20 Metropolitan Opera season the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library are proudly presenting a magnificent subscription series of 8 operas. Five of them were highlighted by NY Times critics and writers on February 23 as must-see.

We are opening with the season premiere of Verdi's 'Macbeth' featuring Anna Netrebko and Placido Domingo. In Tchaikovsky's 'The Queen of Spades' we will hear the new rising star, Norwegian soprano Lise Davidsen. The visual feast and magnificent score of Berlioz' 'La Damnation de Faust' is presented by the ideal trio of Bryan Hymel (Faust), Elina Garanca (Marguerite) and Ildar Abdrazakov (Mephistopheles). The new production of Wagner's 'Der Fliegende Hollander' turns the Met stage "into a rich, layered tableau reminiscent of a vast oil painting" and is led by Sir Bryn Terfel as the Hollander with the gifted German soprano Anja Kampe as the devoted Senta, whose selfless love is what the Dutchman seeks. The season

will end with Janacek's gripping domestic drama 'Kata Kabanova', with the soaring soprano Susanna Phillips in the title role and Dolora Zajick as her unyielding mother-in-law. These operas are rounded out by the classics 'La Boheme', 'Le Nozze Di Figaro' and Madama Butterfly.

Registration for the 2019-20 season is now open for any person from Westfield or surrounding communities. For as little as \$30 a night plus bus fare you can experience **one of the best opera houses in the world**. Transportation is conveniently provided by charter bus from Westfield to Lincoln Center. For all operas the bus will leave at 5 p.m. from Westfield and costs approximately \$30 per performance pending number of participants. Choice of subscription prices range from \$247 (Family Circle) to over \$2,000 (Orchestra) per series - your choice! With the subscription you get a 15% discount over the single ticket price, no fees! There are openings and new participants are invited to join.

Members who are not interested in a full subscription may share a subscription with friends or other interested participants and still enjoy the 15% discount on subscription ticket prices. It is a bargain: you choose the operas you want to see: one or all eight. I will coordinate. Alternatively, you can sign up for one whole subscription and change one or more operas to other ones on the list (e.g. double them) to enjoy them together with a friend or spouse.

If a participant cannot attend an opera, the subscription ticket may be exchanged through the Met subscription office (no fees!) or sold to someone else. The opera group maintains a "Standby List" of people who have expressed an interest in buying tickets for individual operas. If you are interested in participating as subscriber or a Standby and would like more information, please see our website or contact Ulf Dolling at 908-347-3563 or uhdoll@aol.com.

The Metropolitan Opera, NY City Bus at 5:00 p.m.

Sept. 25	MACBETH (Verdi)
Oct. 30	LA BOHEME (Puccini)
Dec. 18	THE QUEEN OF SPADES (Tchaikovsky)
Jan. 29	LA DAMNATION DE FAUST (Berlioz)
Feb. 19	LE NOZZE DI FIGARO (Mozart)
Mar. 18	DER FLIEGENDE HOLLANDER (Wagner) New Production
Apr. 1	MADAMA BUTTERFLY (Puccini)
May 6	KAT'A KABANOVA (Janacek)

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BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP *Something Beautiful Happened: A Story of Survival and Courage in the Face of Evil* by Yvette Manassis Corporon

Our last book selection this spring will be discussed on **Wednesday, May 15**, at 2:00 p.m. in the library's meeting room. Join us!

In an interview with Megyn Kelly, the author said her Greek grandmother's stories about how her village hid a Jewish family during World War II finally impelled her to honor the villagers and track down the family's descendants. Only days after she found them, her cousin's young son and his grandfather were shot and killed in a Kansas parking lot by a Neo-Nazi. Part memoir, part history of the Greek Jews, Corporon takes what she learned about the past and applies it to the present: "even in the midst of unimaginable pain, beautiful things still happen."

**Save the Date - Friends Volunteer
Appreciation Luncheon -
Wednesday, May 22, 2019**

Expand Your Mind through the

12TH ANNUAL HALE SPEAKER SERIES

**Made possible by grants from
The Anne and Lee Hale Fund and The Thomas Glasser Foundation
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All programs are held in the Westfield Memorial Library Meeting Room



Joe Nolan

former Westfield resident, Holy Trinity class of '76,
traffic reporter for 39+ years
and stadium announcer for Rutgers and the Jets

"Holy Trinity to Heavy Traffic"

You know his voice -- now hear his story

Wednesday, March 20 -- 7:00 p.m.

Timothy Boyle

Westfield native, WHS Class of '84,
co-owner of 16 Prospect Wine Bar and Bistro

"From Paris to Prospect Street"

**Hear about the business of bistros
from a graduate of Le Cordon Bleu**

Wednesday, May 8 -- 7:00 p.m.



Stacey Farley

former Westfield resident and notable public artist

"The Art of Ceramic Tile"

**Learn about public art from the creator of the
ceramic tiles at our train station and the Reeve House**

Wednesday, October 16 -- 7:00 p.m.



Carol Tener

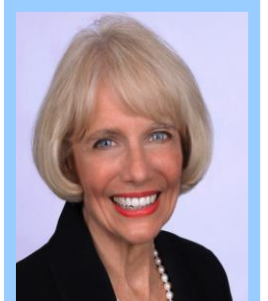
Westfield resident, Realtor, and member of Westfield
Historical Society Board and Historic Preservation Commission

"Architectural Gems in Westfield - Part II"

The story continues

come hear about the history of our homes and neighborhoods.

Wednesday, November 6 -- 7:00 p.m.



**Open to the public. Pre-registration
required.**

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