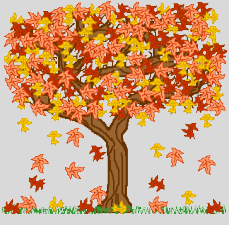


Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library Newsletter



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MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Your Board has been very active during the summer break. All committees continued their activities and have advanced their programs. In September, we established a long range planning committee.

Finally, congratulations on a successful Children's and Teens' Book Sale. The outstanding efforts of Dona Teschner, Barbara Goldberg and Joan Sanborn and their volunteer team are appreciated.

HALE SPEAKER SERIES

A former Westfield resident, whose work is exhibited on tiles at the town train station and the Reeve House, will deliver the next talk in the 12th annual Hale Speaker Series.

In a speech scheduled for October 16 at 7 p.m., **Stacey Farley** will discuss "The Art of Ceramic Tile" and the techniques utilized to create her various installations. Her work centers on making ceramic tiles that show historical stories about people doing ordinary things. Transportation is a theme evidenced in her numerous murals. Farley, a public artist, also works in paint, wood, and other materials. A number of public agencies, including NJ Transit, have commissioned her work.

An alumna of Brown University, Farley received her MFA from the University of Illinois. She resides and works in the Hudson Valley.

Lee Hale founded the Hale Speaker Series in honor of his late wife, Anne, who died in 2007. Lee passed away in 2013. Their daughter, Barbara Hale, is a member of the committee that oversees the series. Funding comes from the Anne and Lee Hale Fund and the Thomas Glasser Foundation.

Pre-registration is required for the hour-long talk. Those planning to attend can register online at www.wmlnj.org or by phone at 908-789-4090 ext. o.

Something's Coming.

Something Good.

Save the Date - April 1, 2020

West Side Story



The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library's 2020 Annual Trip is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2020.

Traveling by bus, we will leave from the library and ride into Manhattan for a delightful lunch, then view "West Side Story".

Any questions, please email:
info@fwmlnj.org

To reserve your spot, please include name, cell phone number, names of guests and their cell phone numbers.

LIKE THE FRIENDS



We are now on Facebook. Look for the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library and Like our page. Posts are a great way for the Friends to promote ourselves via social media reaching to our Westfield community and beyond. Did you know that more than half of the book sale shoppers mentioned that they heard about the Children's and Teens' book sale via social media? That's pretty exciting to know we are getting our word out via TapInto Westfield, Westfield Patch or posts from the Friends that are shared to other Westfield town or area Facebook groups.

We will promote upcoming events and programs with posts. Detailed information will continue to reside on the Friends website at www.fwmlnj.org.

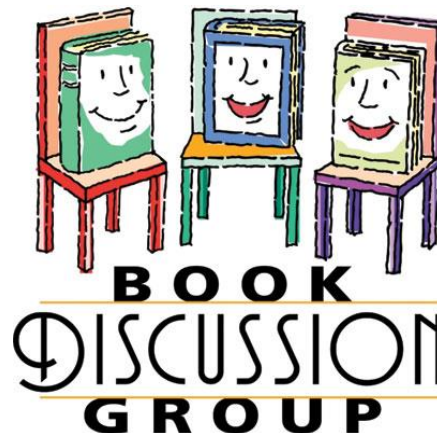


If you have information to post or a question about the Friends Facebook page, contact Marcy Lechner/marcylechner@gmail.com.

WWW.FWMLNJ.ORG



Friends information all in one place. From membership to children's programs to Hale Speaker Series, book discussion and more, the website contains all the information out there. The website provides you with schedule information, volunteer signups and up-to-date details direct from event and program chair people



Join our book discussion group for thought-provoking books, lively conversations, and the good company of other book lovers. Meetings are always scheduled on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the Library's Meeting Room. To receive updates on where and when to find copies of our book selections, you may contact info@fwmlnj.org to be added to our mailing list.

January 15: *An Officer and a Spy* by Robert Harris.

More than 100 years ago, French military officer Alfred Dreyfus was arrested for passing secrets to the Germans, and after a scandalous court-martial, sentenced to life imprisonment on Devil's Island. At first, Georges Picquart believed that Dreyfus was guilty as charged, but after Picquart became head of the counter-espionage agency, he discovered evidence that a spy remained at large and Dreyfus was innocent. This gripping tale is a mixture of spy, detective and court room genres.

An Officer and a Spy was awarded the Walter Scott prize for historical fiction.

CHILDREN'S SATURDAY MORNING PROGRAMS FOR 2020

For the enjoyment of all, children *MUST* be the correct age for the program they attend and have a full-service Westfield Library card in their name. Library card numbers are required for online registration.

To register, visit our website, fwmlnj.org, then click on calendar.

When Animals Attack (Live animal show)

January 11, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.
4 years and up
Website: www.eyeswild.com

Mike Rose Magic Show: Winter Wonders

January 25, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.
4 years and up
Website: www.MikeRoseLibraryShows.com

Trickster Tales (puppet show)

February 1, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.
4 years and up
Website: www.tuckerstales.com

Giant Reptiles (Live animal show)



February 8, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.
4 years and up
Website: www.snakes-n-scales.com

Jester Jim Juggling Show



February 22, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.
Puppet show for 4 and up
Website: www.jesterjim.com

Night Sky Viewing and Talk

February 25, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Amateur Astronomers Inc. & Sperry Observatory
school age children and parents
Website: www.asterism.org

Dinoman - Dinosaurs



February 29, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.
4 years and up
Website: www.dinoman.org

Amazing Animal Adaptations (Live animal show)

March 7, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.
3 years and up
Website: www.poconowildlife.com

Sciencetellers: Aliens from Space

March 14, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.
4 years and up
Website: www.sciencetellers.com

Pajama Party Sing Along With Yosi

March 21, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.
4 years and up
Website: www.YosiMusic.com

LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES



There are now 6 Little Free Libraries operating with a seventh ready to be installed. Two new libraries were recently mounted on posts and brass plaques added that show that the Friends are responsible for the new installations.

The Little Libraries were installed, with the much appreciated assistance of Michael Albigese, on Palsted Avenue, just off West Broad Street, at the Westfield Community Center and on Clark Street across from the Y, next to the Y's parking lot.

The 7th Little Library, which will be dedicated to children's books, was donated to us by Adriana Vergara who created the Little Library as an art project while a student at Westfield High School and will be installed at the playground in Mindowaskin Park by the DPW.

Our town administrator, Jim Gildea, has been very helpful in getting the assistance of the DPW and making sure that the Little Library at the train station was kept safe during the work being done on the kiosk.

We also want to thank the wonderful volunteers who check the Little Libraries and restock the supply of books as needed and insure the Little Libraries are kept neat and appealing. If you are interested in adding your name to the list of volunteers, please contact either Mike Miller or Harriet Davidson because a new group of volunteers will be needed for 2020.

CHILDREN'S AND TEENS' BOOK SALE

The Children's book sale the Friends Westfield Library was a year. The



generated almost **\$3,300**, all of which will go toward funding programs at the Library. The wonderful selection of books and media offered due to the community's generous donations created a great place for readers to shop.

9th Annual and Teens' hosted by of the Memorial big hit this sale

The first day of the sale got off to a great start with a story time led by a librarian for our youngest readers. Throughout the sale, volunteers read to children in our Story Corner, providing parents and guardians time to shop at their leisure. New this year was a Color Your Own Bookmark activity, which proved to be a big hit!

A heartfelt thank you to the volunteers who truly made the book sale happen. Their efforts were appreciated by the sale organizers and by the parents and children who used the volunteers to help them find exactly what they were looking for, from a favorite board book to a Caldecott or Newberry award-winning classic. We look forward to their dedication and energy during the spring sale beginning in April 2020.

We want to again thank our volunteers from the Students Helping Out Union County (S.H.O.U.T-U.C) program for their enthusiastic and invaluable help packing our remaining books at the end of the sale. Their assistance helped enable us to donate our books to other groups supporting literacy among young readers. A special thank you also goes out to the Board of Education, the Department of Public Works and the Westfield Public Library for their logistical support.

For more information on the Friends of the Westfield Library or to volunteer during the spring sale please contact the Friends at info@fwmlnj.org

IN MEMORIAM

**Eva Wiley
Friends' President (1994-1995)**

Mary Wellnitz