

Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library Newsletter

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Welcome

As summer draws to a close, we look forward to a new season of activities for the Friend. First up is our annual Children and Teen Book Sale in October, followed by our first annual Jewelry Sale in November. The Fall will also see the Hale Speaker Series resume with a talk by former Wall Street Trader turned Women's basketball referee, Joe Vaszily-, on Wednesday, September 20th, the new season of the Metropolitan Opera and a new series of book discussions.

For 2024, we will be offering our Winter schedule of Children's programs starting in January, are in the planning stages of a program for Black History month in February, will be holding our second annual jigsaw Puzzle Sale at the end of February, a Women's History program for March and our Spring Book Sale at the end of April. All of these activities and more promise a busy and rewarding year ahead. If you would like to volunteer to help with any of these programs, please send an email to info@fwmlnj.org. All volunteers are greatly appreciated and it is a great way to give back to the community and to make new friends while doing so.

Cindy Colicchio
Harriet Davidson
Co-Presidents



2024 Annual Membership Campaign

The Annual Friends Membership campaign is our opportunity to thank each member for their support, highlight the programs we support, offer opportunities for involvement and yes, ask for financial support. We reach members via the current contact information that they have provided. If you have updated your email or your mailing address please let us know during October. We will be working on the campaign throughout November and December. Send updates to info@fwmlnj.com. Our wonderful committee includes Christine Mason, Linda Scaperrotta, Lori Wendler and Audrey Zavetz. Interested in joining the membership committee, please contact Marcy Lechner at marcylechner@gmail.com.

Visit Our Jigsaw Pop-Up Sale

Do you enjoy completing jigsaw puzzles? Do you wish they weren't so expensive? Do you like supporting the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library? Now you can do all of these things by visiting the Friends Jigsaw Puzzle Pop-Up Sale at the library. Puzzles currently available are located across from the main entrance of the library in front of the staff office. With colder weather on the way and fewer outdoor activities, completing a challenging (or not so challenging) puzzle is the perfect way to pass the time while waiting for the Friends' Children's and Teens' Book Sale (October 25th – 29th) or the Friends' First Jewelry Sale (November 18th & 19th). Puzzles vary in size, complexity and subject matter, so next time you visit the library check out what is available and find a puzzle that is just right for you!

Attention: Parents! Grandparents! Teachers! Kids!

The 15th Annual Children's and Teen's Book Sale is coming! Sale dates are Wednesday, October 25th through Sunday, October 29th. Prices will range from \$.50 to \$2.00 for board books, paperbacks, and hardcovers.

We will be accepting donations on the following days:

- Saturday, October 21st from 1 to 4 pm
- Sunday, October 22nd from 1 to 4 pm
- Monday, October 23rd from 10 am to 3 pm
- Tuesday, October 24th from 10 am to 3 pm
- Wednesday, October 25th from 10 am to noon.

We can only accept children's and teens' books, CDs & DVDs. We cannot accept text books, encyclopedias, VHS tapes, vinyl records or materials for adults. If you can't make any of the drop off days, please email Amy at ajberman@hotmail.com, and she will make arrangements to pick them up from you.

In addition to raising money for the Friends, all of which is used to support Friends' programs, the sale is a great way to get books in "new-ish" condition for your kids or grandkids or students at super low prices. There is always a large variety of non-fiction topics and favorite fictional characters to choose from.

The Members Only evening will be held on Wednesday, October 25th from 5 pm to 8 pm. The sale will be open to all starting Thursday, October 26th. The rest of the sale dates are as follows:

- Thursday, October 26th** 10 am to 8 pm – Teachers receive a 50% discount
- Friday, October 27th** 10 am to 4 pm – Teachers receive a 50% discount
- Saturday, October 28th** 10 am to 4 pm – Half Price Day
- Sunday, October 29th** 1 pm to 3 pm – Bag Day – fill up a bag with books for \$10!

If you are looking for something to do with the kids, on Thursday, October 26th at 11 am, it will be Library Storytime for some read aloud fun. Also on Thursday, October 26th at 3 pm, Morticia Addams (Westfield's Scariest Mom) will be on hand for a read aloud story or two.

We can use volunteers for set up, donation sorting, during the sale and clean up. The link for the sign-up sheet is <https://fwmlnj.org/book-sale-signup/> and is also available on the website. If you have any problems or questions about signing up, just email Amy at ajberman@hotmail.com and she can get you signed up.

We hope to see you as a volunteer as well as at the sale!



New Stuff on the Friends Website

On your most recent visit to the website (www.fwmlnj.org) you may have noticed some changes. While content is updated as needed, we have added a few new features to make your viewing experience easier and more enjoyable.

Home Page

Upcoming Events: This section offers a quick look at what and where the Friends will be in the current month. To learn more about each event/program follow the link on the home page or via a menu option.
News & Events: The most current events get placement here. Details and a Read More button that provides all you need to know about an event. In addition, links to other relevant information are located in these posts.

Book Menu

Book Events: In here you will find information on book events within driving distance to Westfield. The current event listed is the Maplewood Book Festival in October. Do you have any book events that you'd like to share with the Friends? Please send them to MarcyLechner@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

The Friends have packed schedule of events during the next several weeks, including:

October 16: Friends of the WML Board Meeting

Children's and Teens' Book Sale

October 21-24 Donation Days

October 25-29 Sale Days

October 18: Friends Book Discussion Group - "Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Grann

October 25: Friends Met Opera Program; Puccini's *La Boheme*

October 31: Friends Share the Warmth Knitting Club

November 1: Hale Speaker Series:
Jay Hershey "A Career in the News – Thrills, Chills, and Ink Spills"

November 13: Friends of the WML Board Meeting

November 14: Friends Share the Warmth Knitting Club

Donated Jewelry Sale

Current & Ongoing Donation Days

November 18 – 19 Sale Days

November 28: Friends Share the Warmth Knitting Club
December 5: Friends Share the Warmth Knitting Club

December 11: Friends of the WML Board Meeting

December 12: Friends Share the Warmth Knitting Club

BE ON THE LOOKOUT

****Winter Jigsaw Puzzle Sale
(February 28-29)**

****Winter Children's Programs
(Saturdays, January- March)**

****Spring Book Sale
(April, 2024)**

It's Almost Here: The First Friends Donated Jewelry Sale

Looking for a for yourself? Or maybe a holiday gift for friends or family? We have collected over 1500 pieces of jewelry, from costume to fine pieces, since May. Thanks to all who have provided the donations which will help make our sale a success. So come and see for yourself!

The sale dates are:

****Saturday, November 18 10:00 to 4:00**

****Sunday, November 19 1:00 to 4:00**

The sale will be held in the Library Meeting Room. Forms of payment are cash, check and PayPal. We look forward to seeing you then. Bring a friend! Bring 2!!

Friends Join Library Staff at LifeLong Westfield Senior Fair

LifeLong Westfield held its annual Senior Fair at St. Helen's Parish Hall on September 29th. The Friends and staff from the Westfield Memorial Library provided information on the programs offered by the library and by the Friends as well as information on upcoming events



Standing: Jerry Skotnicki, Audrey, Zavitz, Jennifer Schulze, Roz Giuditta; Seated: Michael Miller, Harriet Davidson



Come Find Your Next Adventure in Reading at the

Children's & Teens' BOOK SALE

DONATION DAYS:

Accepting: Books, CDs & DVDs in good condition for babies to teens. No encyclopedias or text books, VHS tapes or vinyl records.

Saturday, October 21: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Sunday, October 22: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Monday, October 23: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Tuesday, October 24: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wednesday, October 25: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

SALE DAYS:

Members Only Preview: (Memberships sold at door)
Wednesday, October 25: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

General Sale/All Day Teacher Discount:
Thursday, October 26: 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Events: 11:00 am – Library Storytime
3:00 pm – Reading Time with Morticia Addams

Friday, October 27: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Half Price Day:
Saturday, October 28: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Bag Day:
Sunday, October 29: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Purchase a bag for \$10 and fill it up with books.

Visit fwmlnj.org for more information.

Donations are tax deductible and benefit the Westfield Memorial Library.
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