The Library is the Community’s Favorite Place...

I have always known that our library volunteers give so much, but it wasn’t until we actually stopped to count them, the ways they contribute and the hours they work that I was truly overwhelmed! Over 75 adult and teen volunteers have contributed 3,965 hours the equivalent of 529 work days this year alone. Wow! This number doesn’t even include the hundreds of hours of volunteer service from the Board members of our Library Trustees, Foundation and Friends of the Library.

And what a difference they make...every day! Our volunteers provide so much that simply would not happen without them. From staffing the Friends and Bookends used book store to reading the local newspapers on tape for the visually impaired, providing homework assistance to young students, shelving books and cleaning hundreds of dvds, and presenting numerous programs, every day they assist in an amazing variety of truly meaningful ways, and we are all the richer for it. We are grateful for all that volunteers give to our library, investing their time and talent. These unique gifts, rooted in a strong commitment to the Library and its central place in our community, are at the heart of what makes our library such a treasured resource for all.

Currently our volunteer positions are filled, but from time to time vacancies do occur. Check our website for future opportunities or stop by at the front desk.

Thank you...


Please accept our apologies and let us know if we omitted your name. We value all of our volunteers!

...to Volunteer.

Pamory Cooper
Library Director
Adult Programs

Except as noted programs are free & open to all adults residing in the WVCSD. Registration required: online at www.albertwisnerlibrary.org or call 986-1047 ext. 3.

Organic Gardening with Gar Wang
Sat. April 2 • 10:00am to Noon
Gar shares practical tips on growing vegetables organically, including the raised bed/intensive method, composting, germinating and transplanting seedlings.

Ukrainian Eggs
Sun. April 3 • 12:30 to 3:30pm
The workshop will give participants the opportunity to decorate their own eggs & learn the history and symbolism of this tradition. $5 supply fee.

The Great Gatsby ~ The American Dream Series
Tues. April 19 • 6:30pm
The 3rd in our Humanities Series will examine the Dream as it is presented in The Great Gatsby, an example of the material aspects of “the good life.”

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter & Sweet Book Discussion
Weds. April 27 • 6:00 to 7:45pm
“Mesmerizing and evocative, Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet is a tale of conflicted loyalties, devotion...” NY Times. Join the discussion.

Perennial Gardening
Thurs. April 28 • 6:30 to 7:45pm
Plan a beautiful perennial border for blooms and color with Master Gardener Donna VanTieghem.

The Hypnosis Solution: “Trance-Form” Your Life
Tues. May 17 • 6:30 to 7:45pm
Arlene Prince will describe what hypnosis is and how it can be used as complementary treatment for a variety of conditions.

On the Road
The American Dream Series
Tues. May 25 • 6:30pm
The 4th session in our Humanities Series will examine the Dream presented in terms of a counter culture viewpoint, a reaction to the “standard” dream of the 1950’s.

The Audacity of Hope
The American Dream Series
Tues. June 21 • 6:30pm
The 5th session in our Humanities Series will examine all the themes covered in the course so far as they converge in Barack Obama’s Audacity of Hope.

Canine Nutrition-How to choose a Quality Diet through Label Interpretation
Thurs. April 21 • 6:00 to 7:30pm
Learn the facts about canine physiology, the natural diet for dogs and how to choose the correct diet for your dog by interpreting the information provided on food labels.

AARP Driver Safety Program
April 9 & June 11
9:30am
Complete this program and receive a 10% discount on auto ins. in NYS and point reduction on moving violations.

To register contact:
Bill Stelz-986-5124
or AARP - 888-227-7669
www.aarp.org
AARP members $12
non-members $14

Orange County History Conference
April 16, 9am to 4:45pm
Free and open to the public & to municipal historians, historic organizations, teachers and all life-long learners. Registration is required: www.albertwisnerlibrary.org, or call the Library Help Desk at (845) 986-1047, ext. 3.

Professional Development Credit available for teachers for a fee; contact Peter Feinman at IHARE directly: (914) 939-9071 or at info@ihare.org.

Earth Day Celebration
May 1, Noon to 4pm
Exclusive showing of the film Queen of the Sun
Speakers and Exhibits include: Permaculture, The Community Garden, Orange County Water Authority, and more...

Local Author Book Fair
April 10, 1-4pm
Meet the authors in your neighborhood!

Mark Arnowitz • Doug Cook
Chelle Cordero • Jim DeFelice
Peggy Ehrhart • Charmine Gordon
Norman Isaacs • Tina Kane
Paul Kane • Sharon Linnea-Scott
Bill Leonardi • Rae Lindsay
Ivy Tulin • Thomas Mattingly
Christa Ocker • Anita Page
Judy Reene-Singer
Donna Spector • Princine Tighe
Tim Tocher • Edie Tolchin
Janet Lane Walters & more

Love & Publishing
1pm
Learn about publishing in the 21st century!

Film: The World According to MONSANTO
Sat. May 14 • 2 to 4:45pm
Presented by the League of Women Voters. The film looks at the long term worldwide health, environmental and economic risks for using genetically modified seeds. A panel discussion with local farmers will follow.

AWPL Foundation Concert Series
The Music of Friends

The Music of Brazil
April 8, 7pm
John Arbo & Richard Boukas

From Italy Con Amore
April 15, 7pm
Tenor ~ Salvatore Chirelli
Soprano ~ Elga Johannes
teen programs

Except as noted programs are free open to all teens residing in the WVCSD.
Registration required: online at www.albertwisnerlibrary.org or call 986-1047 ext. 3.

Library Announcements!

Dispatch on Tape!
The Warwick Valley Dispatch is available on tape for the visually impaired. Please contact the Help Desk if you have a family member or friend who would like to participate in this service.

Stitching @ The Library
If you knit, crochet, embroider etc. join the Library Stitchers. Groups meets every Thurs. from 9:30-11:30am or in the evenings from 6:00-7:45pm. No registration required.

Warwick Valley Community Business EXPO 2011
April 9, 10am to 4pm
W V Middle School
Stop by the library’s table!

Battle of the Books 2011
Attention Book Battlers! The 2011 titles have been announced. Save the date for our local battle on August 9th. Copies will be available to registrants at the Help Desk after Memorial Day.
1. Ship Breaker by Paulo Bacigalupi
2. Paper Towns by John Green
3. Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes
4. Into Thin Air by Jon Krakauer
5. Maximum Ride by James Patterson
6. Wednesday Wars by Gary D. Schmidt
7. Marcelo in the Real World by Francisco X. Stork
8. Ghostopolis by Doug TenNapel

sign-up today!

last minute SAT hints & tips tues. april 26 - 6:30PM board rm.
Reading specialist Jill Mante will provide helpful tips and strategies to de-stress before the test. This session focuses on proactive steps students can take. Ideal for 10th to 12th graders planning to take the SAT.

book discussion: The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins sat. june 4 - 3 to 4:00pm board rm.
Our Science Fiction & Fantasy Discussion Group will take on The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins. Join us as we discuss the book that Booklist describes as “a superb tale of physical adventure, political suspense, and romance.” Pick up a copy at our Circulation Desk. Copies are limited, register early!

Teen Advisory Board
sats. april 23 & may 24
1 to 2:00pm - community rm.
Come join the Teen Advisory Board, where teens meet and discuss ideas for upcoming teen programs here at the library. Enjoy perks for being a member (besides the community service hours!), such as free copies and fine amnesty. Refreshments will be served.

Snack-n-study Regents Review tues. june 14 - 8 to 11:00PM
Stressed out about your Regents finals? Come to the library! We’ll be open late just for you! We’ll have teachers on hand for review on Regents subjects, as well as snacks and drinks to ease your long night of studying. Doors will be locked promptly at 8:00PM, so please arrive on time!

5th annual awpl foundation scholarship

For the fifth consecutive year, the Albert Wisner Public Library Foundation is offering two college scholarships to be awarded in a writing competition. Applicants will submit an essay, not to exceed 2,000 words in length, on the following topic: “How I can spend my life in Warwick and make a positive impact, locally or globally.” Submissions will be judged on the basis of responsiveness to the topic, overall literacy and grammatical accuracy, relevance to current events and/or community concerns in the Warwick area, and other criteria as the judges think appropriate. Authors of the two essays judged to be best of those submitted will each receive $1,000 toward the cost of college tuition.

Any high school senior who resides in the Warwick Valley Central School District is welcome to participate. The student need not be enrolled in Warwick Valley High School.

Essays are due at the Library by 5:00pm on Friday, April 8, 2011. Students should bring six (6) printed copies of the essay, together with a cover sheet showing their name, mailing address, phone number and email address, to Kathleen Koopman at the Circulation Desk. The essay must not contain any information that identifies the writer; judges will not know who wrote each essay.

To ensure fairness to all applicants, the April 8th deadline is firm and final.

Glenn P. Dickes and Susan D. Dickes have been generous sponsors of the scholarship since its inception.

library teen newsletter

Submit an article for the new bi-monthly Teen Newsletter! You can contribute a review of a favorite book or video game, write a short poem, cover a Library event, or suggest an article. See our Help Desk about submitting your article. Contributions count toward your community service hours! The deadline for submitting an article for the next newsletter is April 23rd.
**Saturday Afternoon @ the Movies**

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A feature film on the Big Screen

April 30, 3 -4:30pm

100 minutes

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**Children's Programs**

Programs are free and open to all children residing in the WVCSD.

### Storytimes!


#### Mother Goose

**Ages 10 mos. -18 mos.**

A special time to share with your Pre-Toddler. Together we will read stories, sing songs, do fingerplays and play!

#### Preschool Storytime

**Children 3-5**

This storytime includes great book finger-plays, songs and a fun craft!

#### Toddler Time

**Ages 18-36 months**

A program for 2 year olds & a parent or guardian. Toddlers will be introduced to the world of books through stories, fingerplay & songs.

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**Read, Play, Learn!**

Register online at www.albertwisnerlibrary.org

#### Monkey Around with Curious George

_Sat. April 9 • 11:00-12:00_

_Register March 19 Ages 3-5_

Hear stories about that cute little trouble maker and the man in yellow! Watch a movie, make a craft and have a snack.

#### Chat 'n Cook!

_Sat. April 16 • 1:30-2:30_

_Register March 26 Grades 3-5_

Do you like cooking shows? Do you like to read? We will cook something from scratch while we talk about books we have read and would like to recommended.

#### Talk-It-Up

_Tuesdays • 4:15-5:00._

_April 5 - Register March 19_

_May 3 - Register April 16_

_April 19-Register April 2_

_May 17 - Register April 30_

_Grades K-2_

We will share a book, then talk about the story & pictures. Included is a craft or activity.

#### Mother's Day Craft

_Sat. May 7 • 1:30-2:30_

_Register April 23 Grades K-3_

Make a craft to surprise Mom.

#### Cat Wind Chime

_Sat. May 14 • 1:30-2:30_

_Register April 23 Grades 2-5_

Create an adorable cat wind chime to decorate your backyard.

#### Pond Life

_Thurs. May 19 • 4:15 –5:15_

_Register April 30 Grades 3-5_

With the help of naturalist Kevin Geraghty, we will examine small organisms that live in ponds.

#### Wii Gaming

_Sat. May 21 • 3:00-4:00_

_Register April 2 Grades 2-5_

Play together or individually.

#### Garden Program

_Sat. May 21 • 1:30-2:30_

_Register Apr 30 Ages 4-7_

Help us beautify our lovely patio. We'll plant flowers in the garden and in planters. You can also bring a flower home for your garden.

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**New! ABC 123**

**Ages 4 & 5 years old**

This is a class just for children entering kindergarten in Sept. 2011. We will have stories, songs, games, activities and a craft.

#### Saturday Morning Storytime

**Ages 2-7 (no registration required)**

Drop in on Saturday morning for stories, fingerplays, songs and a craft.

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**Homework Buddies**

Our Homework Buddies are here to help your child with math, science and reading.

We have textbooks for Warwick Elementary & St. Stephen’s School.

IN-HOUSE USE ONLY.

**Hours:**

Mon & Wed. 3:45-5:30

Fridays 3:45 - 5:00

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**Lego Sundays**

_April 17 May 22_

_2 to 3 pm_

_Ages 4-10_

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**Puzzle & Toddler Toy Exchange**

Bring in a gently used toy or wooden puzzle and get a coupon to come back and get first pick for something else. Items should be complete in a plastic bag.

We will accept items Mar. 1-9

Exchange Mar. 21 - April 2
VOTE @ the Library
Tuesday April 5, 2011

Each fall the Library Board begins the work of developing a budget for the next year. This year they have worked hard to hold down spending for the next year and to keep the average household’s yearly increase to $20, while facing record demand for services and collections and anticipating lower income from interest and NYS grants. The good news is that the Library is being used by more people than ever...more items circulated and more programs, visits and meetings than ever before. (See numbers below.) The Friends and Foundation have been able to increase their operating support, and the Library continues to aggressively pursue all other revenue sources.

For FY 2011/2012 the Library Board proposes to increase the library tax rate from $2.49 to $2.89/$1,000 of assessed value for Warwick homeowners and from $0.60 to $0.66/1,000 for Chester homeowners in the Library’s district. While rates are estimated, the increase for the average homeowner would be $18.00 to $20.00 a year, still one of the lowest rates in our region.

The proposed budget (side box) will allow us to expand our current hours of service to include Sundays throughout the summer, an important time for busy families, as well as provide additional funds for materials and programs. In addition, the proposed budget includes the Library’s first full time maintenance person. For more information on the vote and proposed budget, check www.albertwisnerlibrary.org.

A public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for March 29 at 7pm at the library.

Trustee Election -- Vote for One

Wayne Rossi has served as a trustee for 5 years, serving on the building committee during the construction period up to the present. He hopes to continue to provide leadership to the library and the community. Dr. Rossi feels “All great towns deserve a great library.”

Richard Kazman is a retired NYPD Captain and a 10 year resident of Warwick. He is currently a volunteer at the library, maintaining the DVD collection. He wishes to offer all he can to see that the library continues to grow and not become stagnant.

The community’s favorite place to meet, learn, discover!

by the numbers for 2010

Circulation: 318,209
highest of any public library in Orange county

Patron Visits: 173,771
14,481 average per month

Public computer sessions: 20,452
Reference questions answered: 25,697
Books & Music Downloaded: 1,386

Attendance @ programs: 13,290
No. of Adult & Teen programs: 333
No. of Childrens’ programs: 298
Volunteer hours: 3,965
529 work days
New library cards issued: 1,817

FY 2011/2012
Proposed Operating Budget Summary*

Income
Taxes $1,098,000
Library Charges $52,000
Interest $5,000
Gifts $32,000
Grants $8,000
Reserve $178,000
Total Income $1,373,000

Expenses
Salaries $683,000
FICA/Disability/Medical $163,700
Library Materials $177,500
Programs $20,000
Equipment $85,500
Office $50,100
Building Maintenance $122,000
Professional Fees/Insurance $71,200
Total Expenses $1,373,000

*for more budget detail, check our website www.albertwisnerlibrary.org

LIBRARY FINE AMNESTY
Tuesday, April 5
Return Any Overdue Library Materials
NO Fines

1 Day Only!
LIBRARY HOURS
Monday-Thursday 9am-8pm
Friday-Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday 12 noon -4pm

The last Friday of the month
the library opens at 11am

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS
Good Friday, April 22 close at noon
Easter Sunday, April 24 Closed
Memorial Day, May 30 Closed

Public Library Patron
or current resident

The Community Reads! 2011
Help to Choose the Book
For more details & to vote for your choice visit:
www.albertwisnerlibrary.org
or stop by the Help Desk

1. Huckleberry Finn
   by Mark Twain
2. The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks
   by Rebecca Skloot
3. Zeitoun
   by Dave Eggers
4. The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society
   by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows
5. True Grit
   by Charles Portis

Friends of the Library
Mystery Book Sale
March 31 • 5 to 9pm

5 to 9pm:
Mystery Book Sale
6 to 7pm:
Conversation with Local Mystery Authors
   Authors include Anita Page, Fran Cox, and Sharon Linnea Scott.
7 to 9pm:
Film: The Maltese Falcon - 1941
   Considered to be one of the greatest detective/film noir ever made.
   On the Big Screen in the Community Room.

Nominated for Academy Awards: Best Picture, Best screenplay John Huston, and Best Supporting Actor, Sidney Greenstreet.
Story by Dashiell Hammett
Directed by John Huston
Starring Humphrey Bogart as Detective Sam Spade, Mary Astor, and Sydney Greenstreet.
This movie catapulted Humphrey Bogart to stardom
popcorn, lemonade and water will be provided

Donations of Used Mystery Books accepted
Tues., Mar. 26
10am to 8pm at the Library.

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The Board of Trustees
meets at 7pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Library. The public is welcome.