AUTHORS ON McFARLAND
in collaboration with
Orange County Audubon Society

CHRISTIAN COOPER,
author of
Better Living Through Birding
Sat., June 8 at 11:30am

Join NY Times best-selling author, Christian Cooper, for a discussion of his debut memoir, Better Living Through Birding. He is the Host and Consulting Producer for National Geographic’s hit series “Extraordinary Birder with Christian Cooper.” Currently vice president of New York City Audubon he advocates for greater, safer access to green spaces for all, with a focus on outreach to youth in underserved communities as well as being a longtime activist on issues of racial justice and LGBTQ equality.

Music on McFarland

Concert Series

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Deni Bonet & Chris Flynn
Sun., April 14 @ 2pm

Experience the dynamic musical synergy of Deni Bonet and Chris Flynn, a talented Americana-folk duo hailing from New York City. Join us for an afternoon filled with exceptional musicianship, lively performances, side-splitting stories, and finely-crafted songs, all unified by the unique bond shared between these seasoned, esteemed artists and dear friends.

The Schooches
Sun., June 2 @ 2pm

Join us for an afternoon of toe-tapping, hand-clapping music with the chart-topping NYC band, The Scooches. Their eclectic mix of Roaring ‘20s, global folk, blues, gospel, New Orleans jazz, Americana, and more will leave you no choice but to dance along!

Friends of the Library
USED BOOK SALE
Sat., June 1
10am to 3pm

The Friends of the Library is hosting a pre-summer book sale.

Don’t miss out on the chance to stock up on captivating reads to kickstart your summer escapades.

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**EARTH DAY MONTH**

**Observing Climate Change Effects in Greater Yellowstone with Howard Horowitz**
Wed., April 3 @ 6:30pm
Over the past five decades, notable transformations have been witnessed in and around Yellowstone National Park. This presentation features maps and vibrant slides illustrating these changes.

**Beyond the Avocado Pit**
Sat., April 6 @ 11:00am
From pineapples and celery to ginger and sweet potatoes, come and learn about the myriad of plants you can grow from things found in the grocery store!

**Recycling 101**
Mon., Apr. 15 at 6:30pm
Join Ermin Siljkovic (Recycling Coordinator at the Orange County Division of Environmental Facilities and Services) and discover the secrets behind what can be recycled and unravel the intricate process of turning waste into valuable resources.

**Introduction to Permaculture with Chris Harrison**
Sun., Apr. 21 at 1pm
Permaculture is an approach to land management that uses whole-systems thinking, applying principles including long-range planning and resilience and utilizing agriculture systems modeled from natural ecosystems.

**Can Lanternflies Envision Invading Sheep? Exploring Greenwashing in the Age of AI**
Mon., Apr. 22 at 6:30pm
Join us as we delve into the impact of greenwashing on ecology, drawing on examples to highlight its most deceptive manifestations and strategies for prevention.

**Bright Ideas: Shedding Light on LED Bulbs**
Wed., Apr. 24 at 6:30pm
Does buying a light bulb seem more complicated and confusing than it should be? Do LEDs last as long as they claim? Do they look as good as my old incandescent lights? Greg Galluccio, a Warwick resident with more than 40 years of experience in the electronics industry will simplify industry jargon like lumens, color temperature, and dimmability.

**Beauty on the Wing: Life Story of the Monarch Butterfly**
Sun., Apr. 28 at 1pm
Experience the captivating journey of Monarch butterflies in a 56-minute film set in Cape Ann and Mexico’s volcanic mountains. Witness their remarkable life cycle amidst stunning landscapes, showcasing their migration spanning thousands of miles across borders. “Beauty on the Wing” highlights the urgent need to protect these iconic butterflies and their habitats, fostering understanding of our interconnected ecosystems.

**Adult Programs**

**Dive into Books**
Wed., Apr. 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 12 noon
Join Elizabeth Mangum, LCSW, a local trauma-informed therapist and parent, for an in-depth exploration into Lindsay C. Gibson’s work “Recovering from Emotionally Immature Parents.” Do you have trouble setting boundaries, expressing your feelings and naming your needs, or building healthy relationships with yourself and others? Are you a parent wanting desperately to break the cycle of dysfunctional relationships? If any of this sounds familiar, lean in and listen!

**Memory Café**
Thurs., Apr. 4, May 2, and June 6 at 1:30
A social gathering for people living with dementia accompanied by a care-giver. Come make new friends and interact in a safe, supportive, and engaging environment without fear of embarrassment or being misunderstood. Melinda Burgard, NYS Licensed Creative Arts Therapist, will facilitate. Please call the Help Desk at 845-986-1047, ext. 4 to register.

**The Unique Ecology and Inhabitants of Warwick’s Gibraltar Rock Forest**
Thurs., April 4 @ 6:30pm
This community forest has long been treasured for its locally unique topography, minerals, flora and fauna, and for its overall beauty and drama. Almost completely forested, this 136-acre parcel of land contains the iconic “Gibraltar Rock,” a 5-acre anvil of rock that surges some 200 ft. above forested vernal pools which contain unusual lime-loving flora and support amphibian populations. The area contains a number of rare minerals including Warwickite and Edenite.

**VOTE**
**The 2024 / 2025 Tax Levy and Trustee Vote**
will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 9am to 9pm at the Library.

Trustees Colleen Larsen and Mary Berrigan are running for re-election. Residents of WVCSD who are registered to vote are able to participate.
On the Appalachian Trail
with Laurie Unick
Thurs., Apr. 11 at 6:30pm
Join Laurie Unick for a presentation featuring photos and insights from her 2022 Appalachian Trail adventure. Delve into an overview of the trail, highlighting encounters with fellow hikers, accommodations, and a glimpse into the essentials she carried during her 5 1/2-month expedition. The session concludes with a Q&A session for further discussion.

Chair Yoga with Judy Sangara
Mar. 22 and 29, Apr. 5, 12 and 19 at 10:30am
Judy returns for five weeks of gentle chair yoga. To register for these classes, please call the Help Desk at 845.986.1047, ext. 4.

Tick Tracker: Unveiling the World of Ticks - Know, Identify, and Protect!
Thurs., May 2 at 6:30pm
May is National Lyme Disease Awareness Month, so let’s get ready for tick season! Ticks harbor various diseases that can significantly affect your health. Educate yourself on the diverse tick species present in our locality, the illnesses they transmit, their common habitats, and preventive measures to minimize exposure. Everyone will learn how to dress for the woods and how to do a “tick check” at this family-friendly talk.

What Is Creativity?
A Talk with Chef CIARÁN McGOLDRICK
Sun., May 19 at 2pm
Join us for a new series about the nature of creativity as artist Judy Pedersen interviews Chef Ciarán McGoldrick who owns and operates Glenmere Farm in Florida, NY. He recently participated in and won the grand prize on Chopped, the lively and highly competitive cooking show created by The Food Network.

Yankee Stadium: From the Organ Bench
Mon., May 13 at 6:30pm
Currently in his 21st season as the Weekend Organist at the iconic Yankee Stadium, Ed Alstrom invites you to join him as he offers a behind-the-scenes glimpse into each performance. Through captivating storytelling, Ed will share tales of triumph, humor, and nostalgia from his experiences demonstrating the magic that unfolds when music meets the spirit of America’s favorite pastime.

Raising Chickens in the Hudson Valley
Thurs., Jun. 6 at 6:30pm
Discover the joy of raising chickens with Benedict Hudson. From choosing the right breeds and setting up a cozy coop to providing proper nutrition and care, come learn how to create a happy home for your feathered friends.

Pinterest Party @ the Library
3rd Thursday of the month
• Apr. 18 – Kusudama Flower Ball
• May 16 – Flower/Herb Rock Garden Markers
• Jun. 20 – Pressed Flower Bookmarks

Blooms and Beyond! Community Art Show Main Level April through June 2024
Let’s welcome Spring by taking a journey through the enchanting realm of botany. Stop by the Library and pick up an application. Drop off artwork beginning the week of April 1. Call Siobhan at 845-986-1047, ext. 6 with questions.
Celebrate Asian Pacific Islander Month!

Korean Lotus Lantern Workshop
Sat., May 4 at 11am
Join us for an immersive experience in creating exquisite traditional lotus flower lanterns, guided by members of The Korean Spirit and Culture Promotion Project. Using colorful paper and wire-frames, attendees will have the opportunity to craft their own beautiful lanterns. The symbolism of the lotus flower and the significance of lantern festivals will be discussed. Space is limited; register for the program by calling the Help Desk at 845-986-1047, ext. 4.

Getting Started with Asian Vegetables
Sat., May 11 at 11am
Join Lesley Parness for an informative session on Asian lettuces. Each participant will have the opportunity to plant a small tray of Asian greens to bring home and transplant into their garden or containers. Space is limited; call the Help Desk to register.

Authors on McFarland!

Zachary Franck
Sun., Apr. 7 at 2pm
Slingshot Diaries through Stained Glass Windows comprises writings, poems, and illustrations chronicling a man’s transition from darkness to illumination, resonating deeply with the human experience.

Maria Palmer
Sun., May 5 at 2pm
On the Rocks chronicles the real-life journey of restaurateur Joseph Costanzo Jr., from his rise to success in the 1990s as an owner of the highly acclaimed Primadonna Restaurant, radio host, columnist, and aspiring politician to his sharp fall in the early 2000s, ending in an investigation and a stint in federal prison.

Authors Online

Join us online for live author talks featuring New York Times bestselling authors and thought leaders. Register online by clicking the “author talk” button on the Library’s homepage at albertwisnerlibrary.org. We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity! Here are just a few of the upcoming authors:

March 21 at 7pm
Madeline Miller
Author of Circe and The Song of Achilles

April 17 at 8pm
Xochitl Gonzalez
Author of Olga Dies Dreaming and Anita de Monte Laughs Last

Local History

Book Talk: Peter Hasenclever of the Long Pond Iron Works
Sun., June 23 at 2:00pm
Hans Niederstrasser of the Friends of Long Pond Ironworks (Hewitt, NJ) will present his search for information about Peter Hasenclever, the German businessman who began operating the ironworks at Long Pond in 1764. Niederstrasser and the late C. J. Prol spent many years translating Hasenclever’s German-language biography and traveling to Europe and South America to find rare documents.

Founders’ Day: Growing Toward Liberty
Sun., May 19, 2-6 pm - 21, Hathorn Rd., Warwick, NY
The Library collaborates on a free family-friendly day of hands-on learning about farming in the 18th century. Friends of Hathorn and other reenactors also present Revolutionary War daily life activities.

For more information visit hathornfriends.org or email hathornhouse@gmail.com.

Monthly Book Groups

Discover a world of literary exploration with our diverse range of book clubs!

Sustainable World - 2nd Tuesday
Tuesday Evening Book Group – 1st Tuesday
Thursday Morning Books – last Thursday
Millennial Book Group – 4th Tuesday
Monthly Take Home Crafts
Stop by the teen section of the library for a take home craft kit! Kits will be available starting April 1st, May 1st, and June 1st; first come, first served.

Crafts with Karen
Join Karen Lee for a monthly teen craft!
• Thurs., May 9, 6:30-8:00pm
  Make a spring terrarium
• Thurs., Jun. 6, 6:00-7:30pm
  Craft to be announced

Book Binding
Learn how to make a simple stitched pamphlet book or watercolor journal.
Sat., Apr. 20, 2:00-4:00pm

String Art
Make an intricate design using just string and cardboard!
Sat., May 11, 3:00-4:00pm

Teen Advisory Board
Earn volunteer credit each month by joining our Teen Advisory Board! Plan programs for the library, make suggestions for books and events, and help make the Young Adult section your own!
• Sat., Apr. 20, 10:00 to 11:30am
  For this special TAB meeting, we will be performing an Earth Day Storytime for children at Albert Wisner! To participate, you must have attended the TAB meeting in February and/or March.
• Sat., May 25, 3:00 to 4:00pm
• Sat., Jun. 15, 3:30 to 4:30pm

Anime Club
• Sat., Apr. 27, 2:30 to 3:30pm – Cherry Blossom Paintings
  Create a Cherry Blossom Painting to celebrate spring!
• Sat., May 18, 3:00 to 4:00pm – Let’s Make Onigiri!
  Make a delicious rice treat!
• Sat., Jun. 15, 2:30 to 3:30pm – Pokémon Month
  It’s our annual Pokémon Month and we will be making Poké Ball Terrariums!

Battle of the Books
Interested in reading some great books and competing in a library-system wide trivia competition? Join AWPL’s Battle of the Books team! To join, email Emily Wilson at emwilson@rcis.org before April 6th, 2024 to receive more information and sign up for our first meeting.

Eclipse Pancakes
In honor of the Solar Eclipse happening on 4/8/24, make and enjoy pancakes inspired by the phases of the moon! We’ll also learn about what to expect from the upcoming eclipse.
Sat., Apr. 6, 3:00-4:00pm

Mario Kart Tournament
It’s time for another Mario Kart Tournament! Who will survive Rainbow Road?
Thurs., May 30, 6:00-7:30pm

Teen LEGO Build Challenge
Put your building skills and creativity to the test and build a LEGO boat! Will your creation float?
Sat., Jun 1, 3:00-4:00pm
Events for Babies, Toddlers, & Preschoolers

**P.A.R.C.**
Come visit our P.A.R.C. – Play and Reading Community. Join us for an informal playdate with *Playing Together, Being Together* and *Screen Strong*. Teachers, Melissa Reali and Heather Franklin, will be available to guide children, read to children, and support parents in this screen free space.
Thurs., Mar. 7, 14, and 21, 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM
Register for each session separately starting Sat. March 2.

**Toddler Music With Mr. Jeff***
(10 - 35 months w/caregiver)
Come sing and play instruments with Mr. Jeff. 4 Sessions, sign up for one only, please.
• Mon., 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM, Apr. 8 - May 13
• Mon., 10:45 AM – 11:15 AM, Apr. 8 - May 13
• Thurs., 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM, Apr. 11 - May 16
• Thurs., 10:45 AM – 11:15 AM, Apr. 11 - May 16

**Preschool Music With Mr. Tepper***
(3 - 5 years w/caregiver)
Music, medi”play”tion + bubbles = FUN!
Mon., 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM, Apr. 8 - May 13

**Toddler Time***
(18 - 35 months w/caregiver)
Stories, songs & a craft. 2 sessions, sign up for one only, please.
• Tues., 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM, Apr. 9 – May 14
• Thurs., 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM, Apr. 11 – May 16

**Sensory Playtime***
(2–5 years w/caregiver)
Improve problem solving, language development and motor skills while digging into tubs of different materials.
Tues., 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM, Apr. 9 – May 14

**Preschool Spanish***
(3 - 5 years w/caregiver)
Learn some conversational Spanish with Spanish teacher, Joyce Schenkman.
Tues., 1:30 PM – 2:15 PM, Apr. 9 – May 14

**Mother Goose***
(Birth -12 months w/caregiver)
Baby’s first library class. We will share board books, songs, and enjoy some sensory play together.
Wed., 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM, Apr. 10 – May 15

**Leprechaun Laces***
(3 - 5 years )
Have fun learning some basic Irish step dance moves.
Wed., 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM, Apr. 10 – May 15

**Cooking Together***
(3 - 5 years w/caregiver)
Hear a story then prepare a related recipe together.
Thurs., 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM, Apr. 11 - May 16

**Playing Together, Being Together***
(6 - 23 months, with/caregiver)
Stimulate social-emotional growth through play, exploration and reading.
Thurs., 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM, Apr. 11 - May 16

**Preschool “Play”***
(3 - 5 years w/caregiver)
Hear a story then “play” it out!
Fri., 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM, April 12 – May 17

**Preschool Story Time***
(3 - 5 years, on their own)
Stories, songs & a craft.
Fri., 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM, April 12 – May 17

**Earth Day Storytime & Puppet Show**
Author K.L. Going will join us for a reading and puppet show of her book, *This is the Planet Where I Live*. The show will star members of the Teen Advisory Board, and the Earth, of course! Make an Earth Day sign after the show.
Sat., Apr. 20, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Register beginning Sat. Apr. 6.

**LEGO Sundays** (For children)
We provide the LEGOS; you provide the imagination!
Sundays, Apr. 7 - May. 12, 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM.
No registration needed.

**LEGO Challenge** (Ages 5 – 10)
In addition to our regular LEGO Sunday event today we’ll be offering fast-paced, timed, LEGO building challenges. Show off and display what you’ve made.
Sun., Apr. 28, 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM
Register beginning Sat., Mar. 16.
Children’s Spring Art Show (Ages 5 - 12)
Pick up a canvas in the Children’s Room and draw, color or paint a picture inspired by your favorite children's book or book character. Your works will be displayed in the Children’s Room.
- Canvases are available starting Wed. March 20, 5:30 PM at Open Art Studio.
- Finished artwork is due back to the Children’s Room by Friday, April 5

Open Art Studio (Ages 5 - 12)
Get creative and make art using our supplies. This is a good place to start your project for our Spring Art Show.
Wed. 5:30 PM – 6:15 PM
- Wed., Mar. 20, register beginning Sat., Mar. 16

Pokemon Club (Ages 6 - 10)
Aspiring Pokemon trainers will meet to participate in Pokemon related games and activities.
Tues. 5:30 PM – 6:15 PM
- Tues., Apr. 2, register beginning Sat., Mar. 16
- Tues., May 21, register beginning Tues., May 7

Solar Eclipse Gathering (Ages 5-11)
In preparation for the eclipse on Mon. 4/8, come learn about total solar eclipses then make a model of a solar eclipse and some solar eclipse art.
Sat., Apr. 6, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM,
Register beginning Sat., Mar. 16

Jr. Chef’s Meatless Mondays (Ages 6 - 12)
Meatless meals reduce greenhouse gasses, save water and are delicious! Help prepare a meatless meal then share it at the Library with your family.
4:30 PM Meal Prep  5:30 PM Meal
- Mon., Apr. 8, register beginning Mon., Mar. 25
- Mon., May 6, register beginning Mon., Apr. 22
- Mon., June 3, register beginning Mon., May 20

Cinco De Mayo Storytime Festival (Ages 5 - 11)
Join us for stories, snacks and crafts as we celebrate Cinco de Mayo at the library.
Sat., May 4, 1:00pm - 2:00PM
Register beginning Sat., Apr. 20

Slices And Devices presented by ScreenStrong
Come join us for a slice of pizza and some brain science! (Ages 10 - 18)
Students will learn the facts about basic brain science and how addictive technologies affect their developing brains.
Wed., Apr. 10, 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Creativity Lab

“A Series Of Unfortunate Events” Film
Violet, Klaus and Sunny Baudelaire are taken in by a series of oddball relatives after their wealthy parents are killed in a fire. Popcorn and lemonade, too!  
Tues., Apr. 9, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Yoga and Meditation 101  Learn a simple, 5-minute meditation and try out some yoga poses.
Tues., Apr. 16, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

The “Invent A Salad” Contest! (Just like the famous cooking show - CHOPPED!)  
A high stakes competition with your peers. Your team will receive a basket of random ingredients which you’ll use to invent a unique salad.
Tues., Apr. 23, 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM

Paint-By-Number  We’ll provide a paint-by-number kit for you to make a painting by matching the numbers to the colors.
Tues., Apr. 30, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Tunnel Theater Display  Choose an illustrated literary character to glue to cardboard and cut out. We’ll use the characters in our “tunnel” theater for one of the Library’s display cases.
Tues., May 7, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Spring Trees  We’ll be “drawing” spring trees outside in the dusky light with erasers.
Tues., May 14, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Read To The Dogs  (For children)
Our favorite therapy dogs will back this Spring to hear you read a book. If you can’t yet read, a caregiver can read to you and the dog!
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, Apr. 9 – May 16, 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Register for a 15-minute reading slot, 1 week prior, at the Children’s Room desk.
Family Crafts Nights
(Ages 5 - 11, with a caregiver)
Fun crafts to make together.
Thursdays, 5:30 PM – 6:15 PM
• April 11 – Rain Cloud Mobiles
• April 18 – Earth Watercolor
• April 25 – Rainbow Mosaics
• May 2 – Bird Feeders
• May 9 – Flower Bouquets
• May 16 – Folded Paper Butterflies

Register for each week separately.

Pixie Pop Storytime
Our favorite clown, Pixie Pop, will be here to read some classic children’s stories then she’ll make some balloon hats and paint some faces!
Sat., April 13, 11:00am – 12:00pm
Register beginning Sat. March 30.

Family Storytime
Drop-in for family fun with stories and games. For families with young children.
Sat., Apr. 27, 10:45am – 11:45am
Register beginning Sat. Apr. 13.

Kurt Gallagher Kids’ Concert
Come sing and dance and catch bubbles with Mr. Kurt!
Sat., Apr. 27, 3:00pm – 3:45pm
Register beginning Sat. Apr. 13.

Mother’s Day Storytime Picnic
Bring your blanket and a picnic snack for a special Storytime on the Library lawn. After the stories, make a craft for Mom.
Sat., May 11, 2:00 - 3:00pm
Register beginning Sat. Apr. 27.

Plant The Patio Garden
(Ages 4 -11) Decorate a planter to plant a flower to take home then help us beautify our patio garden with spring flowers.
Sat., May 18, 1:30pm - 2:30pm
Register beginning Sat. May 4.

Library Board
The Library Board of Trustees meets at the Library on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7pm; the public is welcome to attend.

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