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LIBRARY HOURS:

MONDAY to THURSDAY:
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10am to 5pm

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Noon to 4pm

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Dec. 24:
Christmas Eve

Dec. 25:
Christmas

December 31:
New Year's Eve

January 1:
New Year's Day

January 15:
MLK, Jr. Day

March 1:
Open at Noon

March 31:
Easter



LOCAL HISTORY



TEAS OF THE REVOLUTION: TALK & TASTE

Saturday, January 20
at 2:00pm

Culinary historian Niel De Marino of The Georgian Kitchen will present a brief introduction to the "taking of tea" and its meaning in the late colonial era, including a tasting of some of the popular teas. What were the "tea parties" and the economic protests in the lead-up to the Revolutionary War really about? Join us for this kickoff event for nation's 250th anniversary, focusing on the Boston and New York tea parties of 1773 and 1774. Preceding this program is the annual meeting of the Friends of Hathorn Historical Society at 1:00; all are welcome.



Music on McFarland Concert Series

Funded by a generous gift to the AWPL Foundation by Glenn P. and Susan D. Dickes

Sankofa African Drum & Dance Ensemble

Sunday, February 4 at 2:00pm

Kofi Donkor returns to the Library for a celebration of African culture with the Sankofa Drum and Dance Ensemble.



Irish Music in America



Sunday, February 25
at 2:00pm



Irish music has been around as long as almost any genre and is as loved today as it was centuries ago.

In the olde days in Ireland, instrumentals were written and performed on traditional instruments like the fiddle and the tin whistle. In recent generations, and with Irish culture making its mark in the new world, Irish American Folk Music was born. Barry Weisenfeld, along with Brian Conway and Sheila Noonan, will speak of the fascinating background of the art form, tell related and sometimes personal stories, and perform some of this wonderful music.

Monthly Book Groups

Discover a world of literary exploration with our diverse range of book clubs! Books are available at the Circulation Desk.



Sustainable World - 2nd Tuesday

Tuesday Evening Book Group - 1st Tuesday

Thursday Morning Books - last Thursday

Millennial Book Group - 4th Tuesday

NEW Genre Journeys

Starting Thursday, January 25 at 6:30pm

Beginning January 25, join the Library's new book group and embark on a literary adventure like never before! Each month, we explore a fresh and exciting genre delving into captivating stories that span the literary spectrum. From gripping mysteries to heartwarming romances, we read it all.

Come share your thoughts and discover your next favorite read with us! **The group will meet every 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30pm.** The first genre will be MYSTERY. Stop by the Library and browse our selected mysteries or pick out one of your own!

Adult Programs

3D Printing 101

Thursday, January 4 at 6:00pm

Join Eddie Khaytman for an interactive presentation on what 3D printing is, how it works, and all the various ways it can be applied in the real world. There will be a demo of how to design using the 3D printing platform Tinker CAD. Leave with a deeper understanding of the various aspects of 3D Printing, its limitations and future potential!



Chair Yoga with Judy

Fridays, January 5, 12, 19 and 26 at 11:30am - 12:30pm

Judy Sangara returns for four weeks of gentle chair yoga suitable for all levels and ages.

MEDICARE 101

Thursday, January 18 at 1:00pm

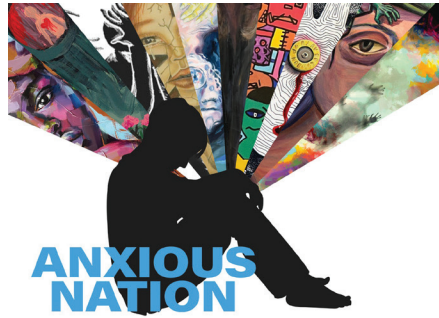
Whether you are currently enrolled in Medicare or will be in the future, this presentation will give you a better understanding of how the program works and what your options are. This informational talk will cover original Medicare, supplemental plans, Medicare Advantage and the various drug plans available.

Colors in Nature

Saturday, February 24 at 10:00am

Have you ever wondered why some birds are more colorful than others? Why is our planet green? How do living things produce and exhibit different colors? And why would a bird or any animal want to stand out, anyway? Please join us for a new and informative program about color in nature. Presented by SUNY Orange Professor Walter Jahn.

FILM & DISCUSSION:



Saturday, January 27 @ 10:00am

Over the past three decades, the biggest public health threats to teenagers in the United States came from binge drinking, drunken driving, teenage pregnancy, and smoking. Today, these have been replaced by soaring rates of mental health disorders-especially anxiety. In a rare public advisory in early 2022, the U.S. surgeon general warned of a devastating mental health crisis among adolescents, creating a national emergency. Like pouring gasoline on an already out-of-control inferno, the pandemic exacerbated anxiety and its impact. Academy Award-winning director Vanessa Roth and first-time co-director Laura Morton thoughtfully unfold the epidemic of anxiety and explore why we are such an anxious nation. A discussion, led by Stephanie Knight, LMSW, will follow the screening.

**New York
Blood Center**

Blood Drive @ AWPL

**Tuesday, February 6
12:00pm to 6:00pm**

If you can help, please stop by the Library and donate. The entire donation process takes less than one hour, and a single donation can be used to save multiple lives. No appointment necessary.

Vocal Health for Anyone with a Voice

**Saturday, March 16 –
10:00am to 12 noon**



Does your voice feel tired, effortful, or unreliable? In this class you will learn exercises, stretches, and tips along with an understanding of vocal anatomy to empower your vocal self-care. You will gain knowledge, tools, and exercises for voice users of all types.

Memory Cafe

**Thursdays, March 7, April 4, May 9
and June 6 - 1:30 to 3:30pm**

A social gathering for people living with dementia and their care partners. 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.



LANGUAGE HORIZONS: Discover the World through Words Language Learning Classes

- **Conversational French**
Wednesdays, 2:30 to 3:30pm
Feb. 14 through March 27
Join us for twelve weeks of language instruction.
- **Conversational Italian II**
Tuesdays, 2:00 to 4:00pm
Feb. 27 through May 7
(No class on April 2)

This class builds on the principles learned in Conversational Italian I. You must have attended Conversational Italian I or have knowledge of the Italian language for this class.

Registration is required; weekly attendance strongly encouraged.

Sign up for our weekly eNewsletter
by contacting **Siobhan** at soriordan@rcls.org.



Words Unbound: Voices in Poetry & Prose



Author Talk with Cynthia Elliot Sunday, January 7 at 2:00pm

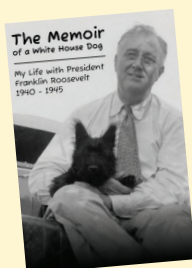
Start 2024 with a bang! Sit with best-selling mindfulness author Cynthia Elliot as she shares her 9 steps for blissful living, called Engineering Joy. Cynthia is the author of *Unleash the Empress*, and her eagerly anticipated new memoir, *Memory Mansion*.

Circle of Voices Poetry Group Wednesday, February 7 at 6:30pm

Join Laurie Byro and the Circle of Voices Poetry Group to discuss the works of W. H. Auden. New members are always welcome! Poems are available at the Help Desk.



Author Talk with Barbara Guerriero-Flites Saturday, February 17 at 11:00am



Many people during turbulent times turn to their pets as a source of comfort and well-being. President Roosevelt and Fala were a source of comfort not only to each other but also to the nation during

World War II, and President Roosevelt knew how to use this to his advantage. During the war, the First Dog used his charm to sell bonds for wartime programs and was adored by the press. Fala is the only Presidential pet featured in a national monument. Join Barbara as she shares this fascinating story.

Library Writer's Group Wednesdays, 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Have your work critiqued by fellow writers in a friendly, constructive manner. This is a non-instructional program for adults; new members always welcome!
Only prose, no poetry



CHESS @ The Library Every Wednesday, 5:00 to 7:00pm

Join fellow chess enthusiasts for an evening of open play.
Players of all levels are welcome!

Board Games & Bridge Thursdays, 1:00 to 2:30pm.
Bring a game and join others to have some old-fashioned fun.

MAHJONG Tuesdays, 10:00am to 1:00pm.

STITCHES CARING CRAFTERS

Wednesdays, at 5:30
(earlier start during the winter)

Thursdays,
1:00 to 3:00pm.

The Creative PALETTE



Watercolor with Pat Foxx FLOWERS OF THE MONTH

Pat Foxx returns for a series of casual watercolor classes. All materials provided; all skill levels welcome. Register for individual classes.

- Thursday, January 18 at 6:30pm
- Saturday, February 3 at 10:00am
- Thursday, March 14 at 6:30pm

Paint Party @ the Library – WINTER SCENE Saturday, February 10 at 1:00pm

Join Mimi Ratcliff of Artsy Chicos Paint Party for a step-by-step painting class. All materials are provided and all skill levels welcome!

Wickham Works Art for Seniors

Thursday, February 29, March 7, March 14
and March 21 10:00am to 11:30am



Join teachers and artists from Wickham Works for a morning of movement and music followed by an arts & craft activity. Stay active, independent and engaged in your community!



Basket Weaving Class

Saturday, March 30 -
10:00am to 2:00pm

Robin Ingram returns to show you how to weave a simple storage basket. Space is very limited; please bring a quick lunch or snack for the break. This class is open to Warwick patrons only. If you've previously enrolled in this course, kindly refrain from registering to allow others an opportunity.

A SHINY NEW YEAR Community Art Show

Main Level January through March 2024
If you would like to participate in this show, download an entry form available under "Library Announcements" on AWPL's website or pick one up at the Library. Drop off artwork beginning the week of January 8.

Call Siobhan at 845-986-1047, ext. 6 with questions.

On Display – January/February 2024

- Lower Level Community Room –
**We the People Warwick:
Warwick Voices Through Photos**
(Opening reception on Sat., January 6, 1 to 2pm)
- Lower Level Gallery Area –
Bill Jordan: Buildings, Foliage and Water

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Sankofa African Drum & Dance Ensemble

Sunday, February 4 at 2:00pm

Kofi Donkor returns to the Library for a celebration of African culture with the Sankofa Drum and Dance Ensemble.

The 13th Amendment – A Lecture with Tiombe Tallie Carter

Thursday, February 29 at 6:30pm

Explore the profound impact of the 13th Amendment in a thought-provoking discussion with attorney Tiombe Tallie Carter.

Delve into the historical context, significance, and ongoing implications of this pivotal amendment that abolished slavery, shaping the course of American history and civil rights. Join us for an insightful exploration of the 13th Amendment's legacy and its enduring relevance in the context of Black history.



Defensive Driving Class

Saturday, March 2 – 10:00am to 4:30pm
(snow date: Mar. 9)

This New York State DMV-approved course earns participants a 10% reduction on their automobile insurance premiums for 3 years and a reduction of up to 4 points from their driving record. The course is accepted by all New York insurance companies for a discount. There is no formal testing.

\$35 due at time of **in-person registration** at the Help Desk; cash or checks only. Please make checks payable to the instructor, Ian Prastien. This class is open to Warwick residents; open to non-residents after Feb. 26 if space permits. Check-in will begin at 9:45am; please bring a bagged lunch.



Creativity Lab

EVENTS FOR Grades 4-7

Registration begins Saturday, December 16, 8:00 AM online.

A Tape Grid and Markers

Make a painter's tape grid, markers and watercolor paint will do the rest.

Tuesday, January 9, 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Taco Casserole Night

All the ingredients in a taco, but bigger!

Tuesday, January 16, 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Black Boxes & Paint Markers

Decorate a 3" x 3" box in the pointillist style.

Tuesday, January 23, 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Transfer Images onto a Wooden Cube

We'll supply some images to transfer to your 6-sided cube, or bring your own.

Tuesday, January 30, 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Make a Metal Pendant Necklace

We'll supply the materials. Bring your imagination.

Tuesday, February 6, 5:30pm - 6:30pm

The Art Closet

Experiment with our art materials to see how they work.

Tuesday, February 13, 5:30pm - 6:30pm

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Suitable for Framing: A Victorian Woman's Place in Botanic Art & Illustration

Sunday, March 10 at 2:00pm

When renowned British botanist John Lindley wrote *Ladies' Botany* in 1834, he did so to block women from, not welcome them into, the academic world of horticulture. Learn how women figured it out anyway and managed to contribute to science, influence public taste and advance their own craft. The Victorian artists featured range from rebels to spinsters, suffragettes to missionary wives and are highlighted with strikingly beautiful imagery and humor. Presented by Lesley Parness, retired Superintendent of Horticultural Education at New Jersey's Morris County Park.

Women Air Force Service Pilots of WWII (WASP)

Sunday, March 24 at 2:00pm

The female pilots of WWII flew jets and sometimes new planes that men avoided. They ferried aircraft from the factory to airbases to free male pilots for combat. They endured discrimination and received less pay; they had no military standing and received no Veterans benefits. But they proved that women could fly planes as well as men, and in time received their due recognition.

Teen Programs

Follow @awplteens on Instagram!



To sign up for our Teen-specific e-newsletter, visit the teen page on our website.



Teen program registration begins Saturday, December 16th

Teen Winter Reading Challenge

Why wait until summer to read some good books?

Stop by the Library Help Desk to pick up a Winter Reading Challenge Bingo Card any time after January 2nd. Fill in 5 in a row in any direction and return to the Help Desk before March 22nd to be entered to win a prize! **One entry per person.**

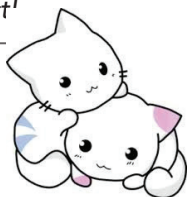
Teen Advisory Board

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! *Registration Required.*

- **Saturday, January 27, 2:00 to 3:00pm**
- **Saturday, February 17, 2:00 to 3:00pm - Earth Day Project**
- **Saturday, March 16, 2:00 to 3:00pm**
- * *Special Meeting: Thursday, March 21, 6:00-7:00 – Help us finish our Earth Day project!*

Anime Club

Anime Club meets once a month. New members are always welcome! *Registration Required.*



- **Saturday, February 10, 3:00 to 4:00pm**
Washi Tape Watercolor Bookmarks
- **Saturday, March 16, 3:00 to 4:00pm**
Anime Drawing Teens DIY

Woven Mug Rugs

Learn how to do a mini weaving project and make a coaster for your mug!

Saturday, January 13, 3:00 to 4:00pm



Crafts with Karen

Join Karen Lee for a monthly teen craft! Each month's projects will be announced closer to the date of the program.

- **Thursday, February 1, 6:00 to 7:30pm**
- **Thursday, March 7, 6:00 to 7:30pm**



Paper Quilling

Join Jaqueline from the Middletown Library to learn how to do paper quilling!

Saturday, March 23, 2:00 to 4:00pm



Preparing for College



Financing a College Education

Scott Ahrens of the New York State Department of Financial Services will present a workshop focusing on filling out the FAFSA and on how the various types of aid, including grants, scholarships and the federal student aid work study program are used to finance an education. Detailed information will be presented on the various kinds of federal and private student loans. High school students (10th-12th grades) and their parents welcome.

Tuesday, January 9, 6:30 to 7:30pm

Navigating College Admissions with College Mode Consulting

Get an overview of the college admissions process, including information about applications, financial aid, and more with Sharon Davis and Lynn Lillian from College Mode Consulting. High school juniors, seniors, and parents are welcome!

Thursday, January 25, 6:30 to 7:30pm

2024 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY COMPETITION

The Albert Wisner Public Library Foundation's yearly scholarship competition will be open starting January 12th. Any high school senior who resides in the Warwick Valley Central School District and expects to graduate in 2024 is eligible to submit an essay of not more than 2000 words.

This year's topic:

Tell us about a book that has affected you deeply and explain why.

Essays due: April 12 by 5:00pm

Full scholarship guidelines will be posted on the Library's website. Call Emily Wilson at 845-986-1047 ext 4 with questions.

Did you know that the Library has membership passes for FREE admission to more than 20 museums, art institutions, and outdoor parks?

Visit our website or call the Help Desk for more information about borrowing a museum pass.



Children's Programs

Programs are open to children in the WVCSD with a valid AWPL card.
Child must be specified age by beginning of program.

Registration begins December 16, 8 AM, online.

*For multi-week programs, register for the first date of the session only.

EVENTS FOR Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers

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. 10:00am – 10:30am,
January 8 through February 12
- Mon. 10:45am – 11:15am,
January 8 through February 12
- Thurs. 10:00am – 10:30am,
January 11 through February 15
- Thurs. 10:45am – 11:15am
January 11 through February 15



PRESCHOOL MUSIC With Mr. Tepper*

(3 - 5 years w/caregiver)

Music, medi"play"tion + bubbles = FUN!

**Mondays 11:30am – 12:15pm,
Jan. 8, 22, 29 and Feb. 5, 12**



Mother Goose*

(Birth -12 months
w/caregiver.)

Baby's first library class.
We will share board

books, songs, and enjoy
some sensory play together. *Please
make arrangements for siblings so
this can be a special time for you
and your baby.*

**Tuesdays 10:00am – 10:30am,
Jan. 9 – Feb.13**

Toddler Time*

(18 - 35 months w/caregiver)

Stories, songs & a craft. 2 Sessions,
sign up for one only, please.

- Wednesdays 10:00am - 10:30am,
Jan. 10 – Feb. 14
- Fridays 10:00am - 10:30am,
Jan. 12 – Feb. 16

Preschool Story Time*

(3 - 5 years, on their own.)

Stories, songs & a craft.

**Fridays 11:00am - 11:45am,
Jan. 12 – Feb. 16**

Playing Together, Being Together*

(6 - 23 months, with/caregiver)

Stimulate social-emotional growth
through play, exploration and
reading.

**Thursdays 11:30am – 12:00pm,
Jan. 11, 18, 25 and Feb. 1, 8, 15**

Sensory Playtime*

(2 – 5 years w/caregiver)

Improve problem solving,
language development and
motor skills while digging into
tubs of different materials.
2 sessions, sign up for one only,
please.

- Tues. 10:00am – 10:30am,
Jan. 9 – Feb.13
- Tues. 11:00am – 11:30am,
Jan. 9 – Feb.13

Make A Drum (3 – 5 years)

Playing an instrument is great
for your child's development.
Come make a drum with us to
use at home or at one of our
music classes.

**Thursday, January 4,
11:00am – 11:30 am**



Preschool "Play"

(3 -5 years w/caregiver)

Hear a story, then "play"

**Wednesdays 11 to 11:30am
January 10 - February 14**

Register beginning January 24.

EVENTS FOR School Age Children

Make a Loom Hat (Grades 3-7)

Miss Karen will teach you how to
make a knit hat using a circular loom.
All materials will be provided.

- Wed., Dec. 6, 5:00pm – 6:30pm
- Mon., Dec. 11, 5:00pm – 6:30pm

This is a two-week program, must attend
both dates to complete the project.
Register beginning November 21.

Winter Scene Paint & Sip

(Grades K-5)

Paint a winter scene while enjoying hot
cocoa and a treat.

Sat., Jan. 6, 1:00pm – 1:45pm

Jr. Chef's Meatless Mondays Meal Prep (Grades K-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.

4:30pm Meal Prep / 5:30pm Meal

- Monday, January 8,
Register beginning Dec. 26.
- Monday, February 5,
Register beginning Jan. 22.
- Monday, March 4,
Register beginning Feb. 19.



Pokemon Pack Wars (Grades 1-4)

We'll provide the packs; you battle it
out to win the most cards.

- Wed., Jan. 17, 5:30pm – 6:15pm
Register beginning January 3.
- Wed., Feb. 7, 5:30pm – 6:15pm
Register beginning January 24.

Jr. Chef's Lunar New Year Cooking

(Grades 1-5)

Let's make some dumplings to
celebrate the Lunar New Year!

Sat, Feb. 10, 1:00pm – 2:00pm
Register beginning January 27.





WILD ROBOT PROTECTS

Book Talk & Treats (Grades 2 – 5)

Can one robot save the ocean?

Read Book 3 of the Wild Robot series to find out how far Robot has to go to save the island and all the beloved creatures living on and around it. The first 4 people to register will receive a free copy of the book.

Monday, January 29, 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Register beginning Dec. 16, pick up books at the Children's Room desk.

AN EVENT FOR PARENTS

ScreenStrong

This program is appropriate for parents, caregivers, educators, or anyone working with children ages 0-25 years old.

This workshop addresses the science behind healthy brain development, effects of screens on the developing brain, symptoms of screen overuse & our solutions to prevent and reverse the effects of addictive screen habits.

Presented by Heather Franklin. Heather is a Warwick mother of two with a bachelor's degree in physical education (K-12) and a minor in coaching from the University of Central Florida. She has been teaching children since 2000 in a variety of sports such as gymnastics, swimming, rowing, and circus arts. She is passionate about sharing the ScreenStrong message while empowering and supporting families.

Wednesday, January 10, 5:45pm – 7:45pm



WINTER READING

Snowflake Stamp Reading Rally

(Ages 2 – 9)

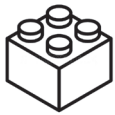
Pick up a snowflake stamp rally card at the Children's Room desk.

Read books to collect stamps.

Get a prize every time you complete a card!

January 2 – February 29

EVENTS FOR Families



LEGO Sundays

 (For children)

We provide the LEGOS; you provide the imagination! Your creations will be displayed in the Children's Room.

Sundays, January 7 - February 11, 1:30pm - 2:30pm.

No Registration Needed.

Read To The Dogs

 (For children)

Our favorite therapy dogs will be back this Winter to hear you read a book. If you can't yet read, a caregiver can read to you and the dog!



Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, January 9 – February 15, 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Register for a 15-minute reading slot, 1 week prior, at the Children's Room desk.

Family Crafts Nights

 (Grades K - 4, with a caregiver)

Fun crafts to make together.

Thursdays, 5:30pm – 6:15pm

- Jan. 11 – **Snowy Owls**
- Jan. 18 – **Snowflakes**
- Jan. 25 – **Icicle Garland**
- Feb. 1 – **Lunar New Year Craft**
- Feb. 8 – **Valentine's Day Craft**
- Feb. 15 – **Pet Rocks**

Register for each week separately.



Family Storytime

 (For families with young children)

Drop-in for family fun with stories and games.

Saturday, January 13, 10:30am – 11:00am

Register beginning Sat., Dec. 30.



Saturday Matinee Drop-in Movie

(For families with young children) Drop in to watch a great children's movie. Bring your own drink; we'll provide the popcorn.

Saturday, January 20, 1:00pm - 2:30pm

No Registration Needed.



Family B I N G O

 (For families with children)

Play BINGO and win prizes!

Saturday, January 27, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Register beginning Saturday, January 13

Winter Wonderland Magic Show

Travel to a magical winter wonderland where every day is a party! Help build a magical snowman, play magical hide & seek, and more!

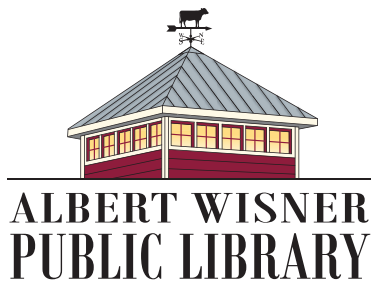
Sat., Feb. 3 - 1 to 2pm. Register beginning Sat., Jan. 20.



President's Week Drop-in Crafts and Games

Something different to make or do during part of your school break. Details will be announced closer to this week.

Tues., Wed., Thurs., Feb. 20 – 22, 1:00pm – 3:00pm



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Home delivery and pickup is available for patrons who are homebound.

Call the Circulation Desk at **986-1047, ext. 3** to make arrangements.



MONDAY AFTERNOON

at the **Movies**

Join us every
Monday afternoon - 1:00pm
for a screening of new releases and
some golden oldies!
No registration necessary.