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Music on McFarland

Musical performances made possible by a generous gift to the AWPL Foundation by Glenn P. and Susan D. Dickes.



Hudson Ebony Strings in Concert Sunday, February 26 at 2pm

Celebrate Black History Month! Join us for an afternoon of beautiful music performed by the chamber orchestra comprised of young, talented African American string musicians under the tutelage of E'lissa Jones.



Traditional Irish Seisiún with Sheridan Rúitín Thursday, March 2 at 6:30pm



The Irish Fiddle with Brian Conway Sunday, March 26 at 2pm

Join Brian Conway on fiddle for an afternoon of Irish music. Brian performs with a skill, grace, and force that are steeped in tradition but distinctively his own. He has won numerous competitions and has been called one of the best fiddlers of his generation.



Celebrate Women's History Month! First Ladies Coalition

A One Woman Show with Ginger Grace Sunday, March 5 at 2:00pm

Colleen, a resilient ex-con, immigrant and survivor of domestic violence, invites Eleanor Roosevelt, Jackie Kennedy, Lady Bird Johnson and Mary Todd Lincoln into her sewing shop! Mysteries and secrets are unveiled – hers and theirs – and with the help of these courageous women, Colleen wrestles insurmountable obstacles into extraordinary possibilities – in the most surprising situations!

Through the eyes of Colleen, we encapsulate the history of our country and the invaluable impact of these four First Ladies as they spoke out, changing the course of events. They were forerunners – paving the way for our current wave of women in politics and social justice.

**Funded by a generous gift to the
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PROGRAMS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.**

For virtual programs,
an email will be sent to you with
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Please visit our website www.albertwisnerlibrary.org for more detailed information and a complete list of upcoming programs.

Adult Programs

Basic Hand Sewing Skills with Kia Ward

Saturday, January 7 at 11:00am

Join Kia Ward of Kia Symone Designs as she teaches some sewing basics including hemming and buttons. All materials provided; space is very limited.



Warm Up to a Cold Case - Cold Case Files #2

Thursday, January 12 at 6:00pm

Join Prof. Christina Lane from the Cold Case Analysis Center (CCAC) at the College of Saint Rose where she is the primary instructor for criminal behavior and criminology classes. The CCAC provides training and experience to students interested in analyzing unsolved cases. After the talk, pick up your cold case file. Return on Thurs., February 9 at 6pm to discuss the case with fellow "sleuths" and close out the case!

Climate Solutions 101

Tuesday, January 17 at 6:00pm

Utilizing the educational videos provided by Project Drawdown, learn about our climate challenges and find solutions to this most important world problem. Project Drawdown's mission is "to help the world reach "drawdown"—the point in the future when levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere stop climbing and start to steadily decline". Please watch videos #1-5 prior to this event; we'll watch Video #6 together then discuss the series and review ways to take action. The discussion will be moderated by members of Sustainable Warwick. Find the videos at <https://drawdown.org/climate-solutions-101>



Winter Bird Identification

Wednesday, January 18 at 6:00pm

Chilly days don't drive all the birds away! Come learn about birds local to our area during the winter months. Presented by the Orange County Audubon Society.



Tai Chi with Ron Gee

Wednesdays, 10:00 to 11:00am, January 18 through February 22

The gently flowing movements of Qigong & Taijiquan, known more simply as Tai Chi, are ancient Chinese practices widely recognized for promoting many health benefits including better posture, enhanced energy, and calmness of mind. In this series of 6 sessions, participants will learn standing meditation, simple qigong exercises, and some basic taijiquan postures. Register for individual classes.



Conversational Spanish

Wednesdays, 1:00 to 2:00pm, January 18 through March 22

Are you interested in practicing your Spanish? Join Carlos Gonzalez, originally from Mexico City, for an hour of conversational Spanish where you will talk about various topics of interest such as history, education, etc. in a conversational setting.

Medicare 101: Everything You Need to Know

Thursday, January 19 @ 2:00pm

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.



JAZZ – An American Art with Barry Wiesenfeld

Saturday, January 21 at 11:00am

Jazz was born in the U.S., but is our gift to the world. This presentation delves into its origins, evolution, styles and milestones. We'll explore its structure, artists, and the components that are common to all eras - including those elements that are shared by other genres of music, a fascinating parallel. And of course, we'll listen to an earful of magnificence.



Recycle Coach: the App, the Website and Better Recycling

Thursday, February 2 at 6:00pm

In this webinar, Ermin Siljkovic, Orange County Recycling Coordinator, and Lauren Webb of Recycle Coach will help us learn about getting answers for all questions about local recycling from Recycle Coach. Hosted by Sustainable Warwick.

Circle of Voices Poetry Group

Wed., February 8 at 6:00pm

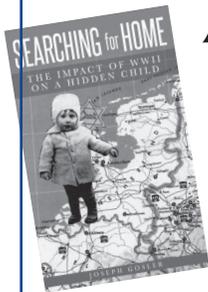
Join Laurie Byro and the Circle of Voices Poetry Group for a discussion of "The Big Six"- William Wordsworth, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, John Keats, Lord Byron, Percy Bysshe Shelley and William Blake. New members are always welcome! Poems are available at the Help Desk.



Black History Month at the AWPL

Tuesday, February 21 @ 5:00pm

Join us for a screening of Raoul Peck's Oscar nominated I Am Not Your Negro (2016), a fascinating portrait of James Baldwin, the ingenious novelist, playwright, essayist, poet, and activist; then join staff for a discussion at 6:30pm. If you can't make the screening, watch the documentary prior to the discussion - available on HOOPLA, Kanopy and on DVD - and then join us at 6:30pm.

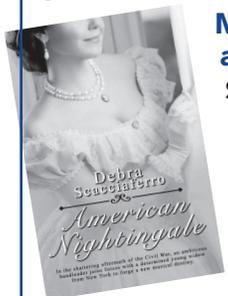


Authors on McFarland!

Meet Joe Gosler, author of

***Searching for Home* Sat., February 4 at 11:00am**

Author Joe Gosler discusses his recent memoir, *Searching for Home: The Impact of WWII on a Hidden Child*, in which he talks about his experiences as an infant placed in hiding during WWII in The Netherlands.



Meet Debra Scacciaferro, author of *American Nightingale*

Saturday, February 18 at 11:00am

Join author Debra Scacciaferro as she discusses her new historical romance, *American Nightingale*. Set in post-Civil War 1865 in New York City, it revolves around a returning soldier on his way to resume his career as the bandleader of Smith's Cornet Band at the famous 19th century Catskill

Mountain House in Ulster County (a real hotel that burned down in 1940s). Complicating his plans is the news of his step-brother's death, and meeting his widowed sister-in-law and her young daughter, who turn to him for help. Debra will talk about the music of the times, the real hotel which was built at the precipice of one of the grandest views of the Hudson Valley (still a popular camping spot), and how New York became the social capital of the country that would culminate in the Gilded Age.



Playing Together, Being Together for Parents
Saturday, February 11 - 11:00am to Noon

Do you feel a strain on your relationship with your child(ren)? Life is so busy; it is hard to find time for meaningful moments. During this workshop we will discuss the importance of connecting with your child, what a meaningful connection looks like, and how you fit it into your busy schedule. Join us to learn how simple positive interactions with you and your child(ren) become the bricks that build the foundation for all future development.

What is Classical Music?

Sunday, March 19 at 2:00pm

To most people "classical music" is a general term, a catch-all for anything that might be played at a symphony concert. There is, however, a more specific, and more historical definition of "classical music" which needs exploration. In this hybrid mix of conversation and live musical performance, The Kemyndable Trio will highlight examples of phrasing, harmony, and form that differentiate these "classical" compositions from those of other periods including Mozart's Overture to *Così fan tutte*, Devienne's Flute Trio #5 and Scherer's Trio #2.

Board Games

Thursdays, 1:00 to 2:30pm

Bring a game and join others to have some old-fashioned fun.

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Tuesdays, 10am to 1pm

Non-instructional new members are welcome.

Caring Crafters

Thursday, 1:00 to 3:00pm

Join fellow knitters, sewers, and crafters for an informal gathering to share tips and tricks.

Local History Programs:

The History of Chocolate in the Hudson River Valley

Sunday, January 22, 2023 –

2:00 to 4:00pm (Snow Date Jan 29)

Age Group: Adult / Teen

Our favorite winter hot drink started as an invigorating and nourishing drink that was quite different from today. Culinary Historian Peter G. Rose will present the early trade of the Valley's Dutch settlers through the 18th century into the late 19th century, and how chocolate connected the world to early New Yorkers.

A sample tasting of 18th century hot chocolate will be provided, as well as one of the many early recipes and how it can be made today.

"Stories from a Renovation: An Historic Warwick House Speaks"

Sunday, February 12, 2023 -

2:00pm to 3:00pm

Join Larry Mansour, who with wife Diane owns the Thomas Ferrier home on Waterbury Rd., as he shares stories that came to light during renovation of this historic home. Attendees are invited to share what they learned during restoration of their own corner of Warwick history. Bring photos to show around the table and tell about your challenges and triumphs.

Library Writers' Group

Every Wednesday from

2:00 to 4:00pm

Bring in 6 copies of up to four pages, typed and double spaced, to be critiqued by fellow writers in a friendly, constructive manner. All forms of prose acceptable; no poetry please! This is a non-instructional program for adults; new members always welcome!

Pinterest Party @ the Library

Every 3rd Thursday at 6:30pm

Join the Pretty Committee for a different craft project inspired by Pinterest.

Teen Programs

Follow @awplteens on Instagram!

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

Vision Boards

Tuesday, January 3, 5:30-6:30pm

What do you want your vibe for 2023 to be? Start off the New Year by making a vision board!



Drop-In Chess For ages 13+ (teens and adults)
Wednesdays Starting January 4, 5:00-7:00pm
Stop by for drop-in games of chess! Join other chess enthusiasts for non-instructional games.

Dungeons & Dragons (Grades 8-12)

Every Wednesday, Jan. 4 – March 15, 5:00 to 7:00pm

Join the adventure! New and experienced players are always welcome. **Registration Required.**

Scripted: A Teen Writing Program

Thursdays January 19 – February 9, 5:30-7:00pm

Bring your creative writing skills to a 4-week script writing program! Learn about script-writing and work collaboratively to write a show script.

Anime Club

Anime Club meets once a month to watch anime, talk about manga, and make anime projects! New members are always welcome! **Registration Required.**

- **Let's Make Ramen!**
Sat., Jan. 21, 3:00 to 4:00pm
- **Anime Buttons**
Sat., Feb. 18, 3:00 to 4:00pm
- **Anime Trivia**
Sat., Mar. 18, 3:00 to 4:00pm



Navigating College Admissions with College Mode Consulting
Tuesday, January 24, 5:30-6:30pm

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 students and parents are welcome!

Teen Advisory Board

Saturday, January 28, 3:00 to 4:00pm
Saturday, February 25, 3:00 to 4:00pm

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.**

Escape Room: Winter Mystery

Tuesday, February 7, 5:00-6:45pm



Caught in a winter storm, can you solve the puzzles and find the clues to escape the room?



Cocoa and Canvas Night

Tuesday, March 7, 5:30-6:30pm

Get ready for a cozy paint and sip! Drink hot chocolate (marshmallows provided!) and paint a winter masterpiece!

Neon Signs

Tuesday, March 14, 5:30-6:30pm

Brighten up your room by making your own neon sign!

2023 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY COMPETITION

Essays due: April 17th by 5:00pm

The Albert Wisner Public Library Foundation's 17th annual college scholarship competition will be open starting January 13th.

Any High School Senior who resides in the Warwick Valley Central School District and expects to graduate in 2023 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.

Full scholarship guidelines will be posted on the library's website.

The scholarship is funded by Glenn P. and Susan D. Dickes, generous founding sponsors.

Did you know...???

One-on-one tech help with your phone, tablet, Kindle, iPad or laptop is available. Call the Help Desk at **986-1047, ext. 3** in advance to arrange an appointment.

AWPL subscribes to Consumer Reports online, accessible through the Library's website: **albertwisnerlibrary.org** -> Find, Read, Watch & Learn -> Research -> Databases A-Z (select C for Consumer Reports.) Log in using your library card.

CREATIVITY LAB

(Grades 4-7)

Registration for these programs starts
Saturday Dec. 17, 8:00am online.

Printmaking with a CD

Cover a CD with paint. While it's wet, draw on it with a Q-tip and then print your design.

Tuesday, January 10, 5:30 - 6:30pm

Make Some Delicious Focaccia

Pizza dough, olive oil, salt and herbs make a delicious bread, and while we're waiting let's play Bananagrams! - It's a mad dash to make words using lettered tiles; out think your friends.

Tuesday, January 17, 5:30 - 6:30pm

Chinese Calligraphy with Master Artist Ron Gee

Learn the art of Chinese calligraphy using Chinese brushes, Chinese ink and paper. Leave with a framed work of your art.

Tuesday, January 24, 5:00 - 6:30pm



Metal Cut Outs

Cut metal sheets into shapes, figures, animals, words or abstract designs and arrange them on a single color background. Can be flat or 3-D.

Tuesday, January 31, 5:30 - 6:30pm

Name That Place

Compete with your friends to identify the world-famous locations shown on our postcards. All players will take home some postcards.

Tuesday, February 7, 5:30 - 6:30pm



Make a 4x6 Foot Mural (2 sessions)

- **Session 1:** This group project begins with printmaker's rollers and paint to make a 4x6' background. Everyone will finish one section in their own way using mixed media.

Tuesday, February 14, 5:30 - 6:30pm

- **Session 2:** Assemble the individual sections adding new features to bring it together for display.

Tuesday, February 21, 5:30 - 6:30pm



ART @ The Library

Community Art Show

A Study in Black and White

January 9 - March 31

MAIN LEVEL

Would you like to exhibit your artwork at the Library?

The Library accepts applications to display exhibits in the Community Room, Gallery and locked display cases on the lower level, and for the Board Room on the main level.

For further information, please call
Siobhan O'Riordan at 986-1047, ext. 5,
or email her at soriordan@rcls.org.



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

Museums include: [The Museum of Modern Art](#), [Storm King Art Center](#), [New York Historical Society](#), [Dia: Beacon](#), [the Children's Museum of Manhattan](#), and so many more!

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



CHESS @ the Library is back!

Every Wednesday, 5:00 to 7:00pm
beginning January 4.

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

Game boards and pieces are supplied.

No registration necessary;
non-instructional drop-ins welcome.

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

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 for **most** winter programs begins **December 17 at 8:00 am, online.**

Registration for **some special programs** (look for this symbol ~) will take place 1-3 weeks prior to the event, online or by calling or visiting the Children's Room.



EVENTS FOR Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers

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

Pajama-time Storytime*

(Families with young children.)

Wear your PJs, grab your favorite stuffed animal and enjoy some stories and songs.

Mondays, Jan. 9 - Feb. 13,
5:30 - 6:00pm

Music With Mr. Matt*

(10-35 months, with a caregiver.)

Come sing & play instruments with Mr. Matt.

- **Mondays, Jan. 9 – Feb. 13,**
10:15 – 10:45 am
- **Mondays, Jan. 9 – Feb. 13,**
11:15 – 11:45 am
- **Thursdays, Jan. 12 – Feb. 16,**
10:15 – 10:45 am

Preschool Story Time*

(3 - 5 years, on their own.)

Hear stories, sing songs and make some art.

- **Tuesdays, Jan. 10 - Feb. 14,**
11:15 - 11:45am
- **Wednesdays, Jan. 11 - Feb. 15,**
11:15 - 11:45am

Mother Goose*

(Birth-12 months, with a caregiver.)

Baby's first library class. We will share tips, 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, Jan. 10 – Feb.14,
10:15 -10:45 am

Toddler Time*

(18 - 36 months, with a caregiver.)

Hear stories, sing songs and make some art.

- **Wednesdays, Jan. 11 - Feb. 15,**
10:15 – 10:45 am
- **Fridays, Jan. 13 - Feb. 17,**
10:15 – 10:45 am

Playing Together, Being Together*

(6-23 months, with a caregiver.)

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

Thursdays, Jan. 12 – Feb. 16,
11:30 – 12:00 pm

Cooking Together*

(3-5 with a caregiver.)

Hear a story then prepare a related recipe together.

Fridays, Jan. 13 - Feb. 17,
11:15am - 12:00pm

EVENTS FOR School Age Children

* Minecraft Unplugged

Minecraft experts and newbies can come participate in Minecraft-themed games and activities, played IRL! (that means "in real life").

Grades 2-5: Wednesdays, January 11, 18, & 25,
5:30 - 6:15pm



~ Sew Cute!

Have fun sewing your own mini stuffed woodland animal.

Grades 1-4: Saturday January 28,
2:00 - 3:00pm

Register starting Jan.14, 8:00am online.



~ Lunar New Year Festival

Let's celebrate the Year of the Rabbit by making traditional foods and crafts.

Grades K-3: Saturday,
January 21, 1:00 - 2:00pm

Register starting Saturday, January 7,
8:00am online.



~* Make a Magic Show

Learn some simple magic tricks and help create our own magic show video.

Grades K-4: Wednesdays,
February 1, 8, & 15, 5:30 - 6:15pm

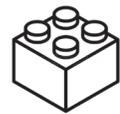
Register starting Jan. 18, 8:00am online.

EVENTS FOR Families

~ **Monthly Birthday Bashes** (For ages 2-12)
Join us for these community birthday bashes; we'll celebrate everyone who has a birthday each month along with the listed children's authors. Our bashes will include crafts, music, treats & more!

"Happy Birthday to You..." and:

- **A. A. Milne, Saturday, Jan. 7, 2:00 - 3:00pm**
Register starting Dec. 17, 8:00am online.
- **Norman Bridwell, Saturday, Feb. 4, 2:00 - 3:00pm,**
Register starting Jan. 14, 8:00am online.
- **Dr. Seuss, Saturday, Mar. 4, 2:00 - 3:00pm**
Register starting Feb. 11, 8:00am online.



LEGO Sundays

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

Sundays, Jan. 8 - Feb. 12, 1:30 - 2:30pm.

No Registration Needed!

~ Read To The Dogs

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

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays,
Jan. 10 - Feb. 16, 4:30 - 5:30pm**

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



Homeschoolers' Get Together

Meet up with other homeschooling families at the library.

Tuesdays, Jan. 10 - Feb. 14, 1:00 - 3:00pm

Call the Children's Room for details.

~ Full Snow Moon Paint & Sip

Gather together to learn about February's Full Snow Moon. Paint a wintery scene while enjoying some delicious hot cocoa and treats.

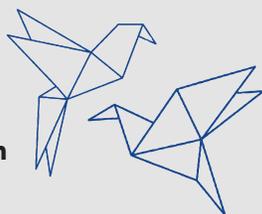
Grades K-5: Saturday, Feb. 4, 1:00 - 1:45pm
Register starting Saturday, Jan. 21, 8:00am online.



Paper Birds

Make and decorate a winter bird using decorated papers.

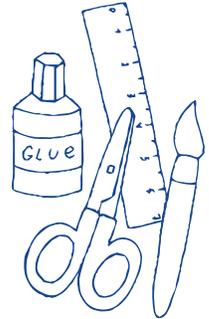
**Grades K-3: Saturday,
February 18, 2:30 - 3:30pm**
No Registration Needed!



~ Family Craft Nights Thursdays, 5:00 - 5:45pm

(Grades K-4, with a caregiver.)
Fun crafts to make together.

- **Snow Globes - January 12**
- **Mobiles - January 19**
- **Picture Frames - January 26**
- **Suncatchers - February 2**
- **Valentines - February 9**
- **Sand Art - February 16**



Register for each week separately
starting January 5, 8:00am online.

Saturday Matinee Drop-In Movies

Drop in to watch a great children's movie. Bring your own drink; we'll provide the popcorn.



Saturday, January 14, 2:00pm
Saturday, February 11, 2:00pm
No Registration Needed!

~ "Over and Under The Snow" Hike & Hunt

Take a hike along the Storywalk and hunt for items on our scavenger check list.

Saturday, February 18, 11:00 - 12:00pm
Register starting Sat., Feb. 4, 8am online.

Presidents' Week Drop-in Crafts

Something new to make every day during the school break.

February 20 - 23, 1:00 - 3:00pm
No Registration Needed!



~ BOOK TALKS With Treats

We will gift you the book; you read the book, then we'll talk about it. Treats will be served! Register online then pick up your book at the Children's Room desk.

- **Long Road to Freedom (Ranger in Time Series)**
by Kate Messner
Grades 2-3: Monday, February 27, 5:00 - 5:45 pm.
- **Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate**
Grades 4-5: Wednesday, March 1, 5:00 - 5:45 pm.
Register for each separately starting February 6, 8:00am online.
- **Mercy Watson to The Rescue by Kate DiCamillo**
Grades K-1: Thursday, March 2, 5:00 - 5:45 pm.

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Homebound Delivery Service:

The Library is pleased to offer a Homebound Delivery Service for members of our community who cannot visit the Library due to illness, disability, or lack of transportation.

Contact **Jody** at
845-986-1047, ext. 2
for complete details and to sign up for this service.



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