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Music on McFarland Concert Series



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LIBRARY HOURS:

MONDAY to THURSDAY: 9am to 8pm

FRIDAY: 9am to 5pm

SATURDAY: 10am to 5pm

SUNDAY: Noon to 4pm

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Sun., April 20 Closed for Easter

Mon., May 26 Closed for Memorial Day

Fri., Jun. 6 Open at noon



The Music of Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn Sun., Apr. 6 at 2:00pm

Vinnie Cutro (trumpet) and Mitch Schechter (piano) will present the work of the greatest composing duo in American jazz history, Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn. Through musical interpretation and oral presentation, part musical performance, part history lesson, the musicians will present samples from the collaboration of Ellington /Strayhorn, demonstrating what made this collaboration so remarkable, and what it is that continues to delight listeners almost 100 years later.

Authors on McFarland



Circle of Voices Poetry Group – Donald Hall Wed., Apr. 9 at 6:30pm

Join the Circle as they delve into the poetry of Donald Hall, a celebrated poet, writer, and

literary critic. Discover his enduring legacy and poetic craft in this engaging discussion led by Laurie Byro. Selected poems available at the Help Desk.

The DAMD Poets Sun., Apr. 13 at 2:00pm

The DAMD Poets – Deborah, Anne, Mary, and Diane – will share their original poetry, including pieces inspired by common prompts. As a group of SUNY Orange colleagues, both active and retired, they come together to critique each other's work, collaborate on prompts, and support one another's creative journeys.



From Italy with Love Sun., May 4 at 2:00pm

Join tenor Salvatore Chiarelli for an afternoon of traditional and classical Italian, Neapolitan, and Italian-American songs.



No Strings A Capella Sun., Jun. 8 at 2:00pm

Experience the magic of rich harmonies and vocal artistry of No Strings A Cappella as they bring a dynamic mix of contemporary hits, jazz, spiritual selections and timeless melodies to life – no instruments, just pure voices.

Howard Horowitz and Harvey Greenwald

Tues., Apr. 15 at 6:30pm Celebrate National Poetry Month with an inspiring evening of verse! Join local poets Howard Horowitz and Harvey Greenwald for a captivating poetry reading filled with rhythm, reflection, and creativity.

Poetic Tribute: Exploring Fatherhood in Verse Wed., Jun. 11 at 6:30pm

This month, the Circle explores selected works that celebrate, reflect on, and delve into the complexities of fatherhood. Selected poems available at the Help Desk.

Library Writer's Group – Wednesdays, 2:00 - 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!



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All program registration opens Saturday, March 15th, 8:00am online. Please visit our website www.albertwisnerlibrary.org for more detailed information and a complete list of upcoming programs.

EARTH DAY MONTH

Native Keystone Plants: Superstar Support for Pollinators

Wed., Apr. 2 at 6:30pm Researchers warn of a global decline in insect and pollinator populations due to habitat loss, pesticides, climate change, invasive plants, and disease. Restoring native plant diversity benefits these species and the broader ecosystem. Come learn what some of these plants are and how home gardeners can maximize pollinator habitats by using these vital plants. Presented by Cornell Cooperative.



All About Amphibians! Thurs., Apr. 3 at 6:30pm With the warmth of spring

and the rhythm of seasonal rains, it's the perfect time to explore the fascinating world of our region's amphibians – both seen and heard! Join us for an engaging presentation by SUNY Orange Professor Walter Jahn.

Create a Community Garden

Sat., Apr. 5 – 11:00am to 1:00pm

Join Wickham Works' artists to help create a "Community Garden" made from recycled material. The workshop is suitable for adults, teens, and children aged 2 and up. The completed installation will be displayed at Treecycle 2025, Warwick's annual earth day celebration at Stanley Deming Park on April 26th, 1 to 5:00pm.

The Stories, Science, and History of Trees Tues., Apr. 8 at 2:00pm

Join us online as Smithsonian Horticulturalist Matthew Fleming, quides us through the secret world of trees as is revealed in the beautiful and absorbing guide to the giants of the plant world -The Tree Book: The Stories, Science, and History of Trees. Register through our website.



Glenmere Lake: The "Endangered" **Cricket Frog**



Thurs. Apr. 17 at 6:00pm

Join ecologist Jay Westerveld for a fascinating talk about the Cricket Frog and the uphill battle fight to save Glenmere, Orange County's most biodiverse habitat.

The Power of Local Food Thurs., Apr. 24 at 6:30pm

Join Chad Pilieri of Grow Local Greenwood Lake for an engaging talk on the profound impact of local food on health, communities, and the economy. Discover how supporting local food systems creates positive change. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your connection to the food on your plate!



Is an Electric Vehicle the **Right Choice for You?**

Tues., Apr. 29 at 6:30pm

If you are considering buying an electric vehicle, join this seminar to learn the basics of what to look for in an EV and to hear from other townsfolk about their experiences.

Join us on Saturday, April 26, from 1-5pm at Stanley-Deming Park, for TREECYCLE 2025!

A Free Earth Day celebration of art, community, and environmental action.

This vibrant spring festival, produced by Wickham Works, features art installations, interactive activities, live performances, and informational booths highlighting local sustainability efforts in the Warwick Valley.

FUN FOR ALL AGES!



ARM-OF-THE-SEA THEATER

RIPARIAN RHAPSODY • Sat., Apr. 26 at 3pm

TREECYCLE 2025, presents RIPARIAN RHAPSODY,

a spectacular puppet performance by Arm-of-the-Sea Theater. This captivating show explores the delicate relationship between forest and stream, making a lyrical case for protecting streamside buffer zones through breathtaking visuals, live music, and even a singing bear!

Sponsored by Glenn P. Dickes and Susan D. Dickes, along with the Albert Wisner Public Library,

the performance will take place at Stanley-Deming Park as part of Treecycle.



Siobhan at soriordan@rcls.org.

Adult Programs

Online Safety for Adults

Fri., Apr. 11 at 10:00am

Our digital footprint is growing as we become more and more online. While it is convenient to pay bills online and book doctor's appointments, it also leaves our personal information more vulnerable to fraudsters and data brokers. Join a representative from the NYS Division of Consumer Protection to learn how to minimize your digital footprint and protect your data when interacting online.

Puzzle Competition Thurs., May 1 at 6:00pm



FRAUD

ALERT

Get ready for an exhilarating challenge at our puzzle competition! Teams of up to four people will do their best to complete a 500-piece
jigsaw puzzle within a set time period.
For adults and teens 16+.

Call the Help Desk to register.

Fraud Prevention Thurs., May 8 at 3:00pm It's not all in your head!

Fraud has increased exponentially over the past few years. "Fraudsters" are getting better at their jobs, have better technology, and are taking more money than ever. Join the NYS Division of Consumer Protection to learn how to detect the signs of fraud, what the latest trends are, and how best to avoid becoming a victim of fraud.



Medical Directives

Sat., May 10 at 11:00am

Dr. Vahe Keukjian, a long-time family physician in the Hudson Valley, will talk about the kinds of decisions we have to make about

medical care, the various medical advance directives in New York State, how to choose a person to be a healthcare proxy and how to talk with doctors about our wishes.



OUT OF AFRICA: The Beat Goes On -Exploring the World History of the Harp

Thurs., Jun. 5 at 6:00pm

Join us for a unique concert / lecture tracing the harp's 62,000-year history. Led by **The Gravikord Duo** – **Bob Grawi**, inventor of the Gravikord, and **Pip Klein** on flute and percussion—the event blends a slideshow, personal stories, readings, and live music. Featuring the **Gravikord**, a modern double electric harp inspired by the West African kora, the program offers an engaging journey through original and international musical selections.

arts Mid-Hudson This project is made possible with funds from the New York State Legislature and administered by Arts Mid-Hudson.

The Hudson River School: America's First Landscape Tradition Thurs., Jun. 19 - 6:00 to 7:30pm



Originating in the first half of the 19th Century, the Hudson River School celebrated the majestic beauty and wilderness of the Hudson Valley, and in doing so established the first true tradition of landscape painting in the United States. Recognized as the founder of the Hudson River School, and also one of its finest artists, Thomas Cole is credited with making landscape painting acceptable subjects for serious painters. Presented by Laura Nicholls.

> BOARD GAME NIGHT: Roll, Play, Repeat!

Mondays at 6pm beginning March 10

Ready for some fun and friendly competition?

Join us Monday evening for a great selection of classic and modern games with fellow gamers. Bring your friends or make new ones as you roll the dice, strategize, and play your way to victory!

> No registration needed; adult 18+.



Freeform Wire Wrapped Necklace

Sat., Apr. 12 – 11:00am to 1:00pm Janet Baskerville is back to guide you in crafting a one-of-a-kind wire necklace.

All materials are provided, but space is limited!

Craft Swap @ the Library!

Thurs., May 22 – 6:00 to 7:30pm Calling all crafters! Bring your unused craft supplies and swap them for something new at our Library Craft Swap. We're accepting gently used and unused craft items – think yarn, fabric, beads, paper, and other creative materials. Please ensure all donations are in good condition – no broken, dried-up, or unusable items. Drop off donations during normal Library hours beginning May 17 through May 21.

Creative Quarters: A Crafting Escape for Every Season! Ceramic Tile Coaster Set Thurs., Jun. 26 at 6:30pm

Transform plain ceramic tiles into beautiful, personalized coasters! Perfect for gifts or adding a personal touch to your home. All materials provided – just bring your creativity!

LOCAL HISTORY

QUIET COURAGE: **Baroness Frederika Reidesel's War**

Sun., May 18 at 6:00pm

Join Reenactor Emma Cross of Williamsburg as she portrays and shares the life experience of the Baroness von Riedesel, who passed through Warwick along with the entire captured army of Burgoyne. Program will be held off-site at Founders Day 2025, the lawn of the Old Stone House Restaurant, 21 Hathorn Rd.

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:

> Dreams We Chase: An Author Talk with Jennifer Weiner Wed., Mar. 26 at 2:00pm

Wordsmith and Wonder: An Author Talk with Jodi Picoult Wed., Apr. 2 at 7:00pm



The Thrill of Writing Action, Adventure, and Suspense: A Conversation with Gregg Hurwitz Thurs., Apr. 24 at 7:00pm

Monthly Book Groups



Love books? Looking for great discussions and new friends?

Join one of the Library's book clubs or start your own! Whether you're into fiction, nonfiction, mystery, or memoirs, we have a club for you – or we'll help vou create one. Connect with fellow readers, share ideas, and discover your next favorite book. Call or stop by the Help Desk to get started today!

Sustainable World - 2nd Tuesday via zoom Tuesday Evening Book Group – 1st Tuesday **Thursday Morning Books – last Thursday** Millennial Book Group – 4th Tuesday

Creativity La

EVENTS FOR Children Ages 9 - 12

Registration for all Creativity Lab programs opens Sat., Mar. 15, 8:00 am online.



We're playing Clue, the classic boardgame! Test your sleuthing skills; follow your hunches and solve the mystery. Popcorn included. Tues., Apr. 22, 5:30 - 6:30pm

Miniature Bookcase and Tiny Books

You'll use our materials to make and decorate a little bookcase. You can then fill the shelves with miniature books we'll supply.

Tues., Apr. 29, 5:30 - 6:30pm

Deviled Eggs! Learn how to make perfect hard-boiled eggs, then We will turn them into deviled eggs to eat in class. Tues., May 6, 5:30 – 6:30pm

Zentangle

Relax with our designer coloring sheets and markers. Check out our samples on display in the Children's Room.

Tues., May 13, 5:30 - 6:30pm

Movie Night with Nachos

Bring your favorite cushion and get comfortable in the Storytime Room to watch a movie.



Help us choose the movie by adding your suggestion to our clipboard in the Creativity Lab display in the Children's Room. Nachos included.

Tues., May 20, 5:30 - 7:00pm



The 2025 / 2026 Tax Levy and Trustee Vote will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 9am to 9pm at the Library.

The election of two Library Trustees is on the ballot.

An information meeting on the Library's proposed FY 2025/2026 Operating Budget (available on the Library's website) will be held on Tuesday, April 1 at 6pm at the Library.

Not in town on April 8? Vote by absentee ballot!

For more info, visit www.albertwisnerlibrary.org and click on the "About" tab or call the Circulation Desk at 845-986-1047, ext. 3. Residents of WVCSD who are registered to vote

are able to participate.

Teen Programs

To sign up for our Teen-specific e-newsletter, visit the teen page on our website. Teen program registration opens Saturday, March 15th, 8:00am. Registration required.



Navigating College Admissions with College Mode Consulting Thurs., Apr. 10, 6:30 - 7:30pm

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 sophomores, juniors and parents are welcome!

2025 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY COMPETITION

Since 2007, the Albert Wisner Public Library Foundation has sponsored college scholarships, awarded annually through an essay competition. Any High School Senior who resides in the Warwick Valley Central School District and expects to graduate in 2025 is eligible.

Three \$2,500.00 scholarships will be awarded, sponsored by Library benefactors Glenn P. and Susan D. Dickes and one anonymous donor.

This year's topic: Choose a brief passage from a book that is meaningful to you and which has influenced your perspective on life and describe that influence.

Essays due: April 11 by 5:00pm

Full scholarship guidelines are posted on the library's website under "Services =>Teens."



Defensive Driving Class Sat., May 3 • 10:00am to 4:30pm

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 the discount.

> **\$35** due at time of **in-person registration** at the Help Desk; cash or checks only. Please makes checks payable to the instructor, Ian Prastien.

This class is open to Warwick residents; open to non-residents after April 28 if space permits.

Check-in will begin at 9:45am; please bring a bagged lunch.

Teen Honor Among Thieves Movie Night

Wednesday Apr. 16, 5:00 - 7:30pm It's movie night! Come enjoy an epic modern classic with friends and snacks.



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!

- Tues., Mar. 25, 5:30 6:30pm
- Tues., Apr. 15, 5:30 6:30pm
- Mon., Apr. 21, 3:00 5:00pm *
- Tues., Jun. 17, 5:30 6:30pm

* For this meeting, we will be performing an Earth Day Storytime and Puppet Show for children at Albert Wisner! To participate, you must have attended the two TAB meetings prior to this date.

Anime Club

Hang out with other anime lovers and \langle play a game, do a craft, or activity.

- Sat., Apr. 5, 3:00 4:30pm
 - Sat., Jun. 7, 3:00 4:30pm

DUNGEONS DRAGONS

Wednesdays, Apr. 23 - Jun. 11, 5:30 - 7:30pm Join the adventure! Grades 8 - 12

Teen Dice Potion Craft Thurs., May 29, 5:30 - 7:30pm

Create a decorative potion bottle as an alternative to rolling dice. You will have a choice of a 6-sided, or a 20-sided die to put inside your potion bottle. You can use your potion bottle to play any game that uses dice. Shake the potion and see what number you get!

MARIO KART Tournament

Tues., Jun. 10, 5:30 - 7:30pm

Compete and have fun with friends in a Mario Kart Tournament. Come play, compete, win!



Children's Programs

Registration begins Sat., March 15, 8 AM, online for most programs.

Programs are open to children in the WVCSD with a valid AWPL card. Child must be specified age by beginning of program. For multi-week programs – those marked with an * – you just need to register for the first date of the session, your child will then be registered for all weeks for that program.

EVENTS FOR Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers

Toddler Time*

Stories, songs & a craft. (18 - 35 months w/caregiver) 2 Sessions, sign up for one only, please.

- Thurs., Apr. 24 May 22, 10:00 - 10:30am
- Fri., Apr. 25 May 23, 10:00 - 10:30am

Toddler Music With Mr. Jeff*

Come sing and play instruments with Mr. Jeff.

(10 - 35 months w/caregiver) 2 Sessions, sign up for one only, please.

- Thurs., Apr. 24 May 22, 10:30 - 11:00am
- Fri., Apr. 25 May 23, 10:30 – 11:00 am

Playing Together, **Being Together***

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

(6 - 23 months, with/caregiver) Thurs., Apr. 24 – May 22, 11:30am - 12:00pm

Leprechaun Laces*

Have fun learning some basic Irish step dance moves. (3 - 5 years, on their own)

Fri. Apr. 25 – May 23, 11:30am – 12:00pm

Cooking Together*

Hear a story then prepare a related recipe together. (3 - 5 years w/caregiver) Thurs., May 8 - 22, 11:00am -12:00pm



THEME - Love the Earth: Recycle, Reuse, Create

Start with a cardboard lid (a shoebox or other paper box lid) as your substrate - the material on which you will design your artwork - then create a work from reused, recycled and/or natural materials.

Your works will be displayed in the Children's Room.

- Register starting Fri., March 21 in the Children's Room.
- Finished artwork is due back to the Children's Room by Fri., April 11.
- Show opens on Tues., April 22 - Earth Day!
- Reception to view artwork and meet the artists: Wed., May 7, 6:00 – 7:30pm



Distraction Free Schools by ScreenStrong

Many states are moving to limit smartphone use in schools. Learn 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. Join us in this judgement-free environment as we learn how to support healthy technology use in our schools. Presented by Heather Franklin, ScreenStrong Ambassador

For parents, caregivers, educators, anyone working with children 0-25 years old.

Mon., Apr. 28, 6:00 – 7:30pm



Stories, songs & a craft. (3 - 5 years, on their own) Mon. Apr. 28 - May 19, 11:00 – 11:45am, no class 4/21

Mother Goose*

Baby's first library class. We will share board books, songs, and enjoy some sensory play toget (Birth -12 months w/caregiver)



Please make arrangements for siblings so this can be a special time for you and your baby.

Tues., Apr. 22 – May 20, 10:00 - 10:30am

Sensory Playtime*

Improve problem solving, language development and motor skills while digging into tubs of different materials.

(2 - 5 years w/caregiver) Tues., Apr. 22 – May 20, 11:00 - 11:30am

Preschool "Play"*

Hear a story then "play" it out! (3 - 5 years w/caregiver) Tues., Apr. 22 – May 20, 1:30 – 2:00pm

Preschool Music With Mr. Tepper*

Music, medi"play"tion + bubbles = FUN!(3 - 5 years w/caregiver) Wed., Apr. 23 – May 21, 10:00 - 10:45am









EVENTS FOR Families

Dr. Seuss Stories & Songs

Join the talented cast members from the Warwick Broadway Collective's upcoming productions of Seussical and Seussical Jr. as they bring beloved Dr. Seuss books to life. Enjoy a delightful morning of story readings and lively songs from the show! Sat., Mar. 8, 10:30 - 11:30am

Earth Day Storytime & Puppet Show

Let's celebrate the Earth! First, make a craft, next, enjoy an earth-friendly read aloud and puppet show. The puppet show will star members of our Teen Advisory Board.

Mon., Apr. 21, 3:30 - 4:30pm Register beginning Mon., Apr. 7.

Read To The Dogs (2 - 12 years) 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!



Tues., Wed. & Thurs., Apr. 22 – May 22, 4:30 - 5:30pm Register for a 15-minute reading slot, 1 week prior, at the Children's Room desk

Kurt Gallagher Kids' Concert (0 - 8 years)

Come sing and dance and catch bubbles with Mr. Kurt!

Sat., April 26, 3:00 - 4:00pm Register beginning Sat. Apr. 12

LEGO Sundays (For children)

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

Sun., Apr. 27 – May 18, 1:00 - 2:00pm. No Registration Needed.



Plant The Patio Garden (4 - 11 years) Help us beautify our patio garden with spring flowers then plant an herb to take home.

Sat. May 17, 1:30 - 2:30pm Register beginning Sat., May 3.



EVENTS FOR Parents

Playing Together, Being Together Parents' Q&A

Did you know that your child's meltdowns are healthy and developmentally appropriate? Come learn about what your child's brain is doing when they melt down and learn how to respond to them in a supportive way. Bring your questions and your children! We will have a play space available for your children while you get your questions answered.

Thurs., June 12, 10:00 – 11:00am Register beginning Thurs., May 29.

EVENTS FOR School Age Children

Bunny Portrait Crafternoon (6 - 9 years)

Create a bunny portrait using recycled materials

Drop-In Family Chess

Sat., Apr. 5, 1:00 – 2:00pm



(For children and their caregivers) We'll provide the chess sets, you drop-in to play with your family.

Mon., Apr. 21 - Jun. 2, 5:00 - 7:00pm

Full STEAM Ahead (5 - 12 years)

Combining great books and fun projects produces this series of powerful programs using science, technology, engineering, art and/or math concepts.

Wed., Apr. 23 – May 7, 1:30 – 2:15pm

Crocheting Club - Beginners to Advanced³

(7 - 12 years)

This one-hour class is for crocheters of all levels. The first half hour will be dedicated to teaching beginners but crocheters of all skill levels can join in to work on their projects, get help from the instructor, and practice. Beginners - please only register if you are available for all dates of the session as the lessons build on each other.

Wed., Apr. 23 – May 21, 6:00 – 7:00pm

Crafty Thursdays (8 - 11 years)

Join us for a hands-on craft, perfect for older kids.

Thurs., 5:00 – 6:00pm. Register for each date separately.

- April 24 Glass Votive Candle Holder
- May 1 Farmer's Market Bag
- May 8 Yarn Friendship Bracelet
- May 15 Glass Pendant Magnet
- May 22 No Sew Pillows

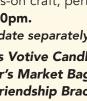
Book Talks & Treats

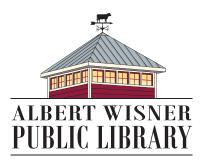
Read the book, then we'll talk about it. A book related treat will be served! Visit the Children's Room desk to register and pick up your book. All children who attend will receive a free, new book.

- (8 12 years) Wed., May 21, 5:00 5:45 pm. The First State of Being, Register starting April 30.
- (6 8 years) Tues., June 3, 5:00 5:45 pm. Princess In Black, Register starting May 13.
- (7 9 years) Mon., June 9, 5:00 5:45 pm. Izzy in the Doghouse, Register starting May 19.









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