



FALL | 2025

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Performing Arts on McFarland Presents:

THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

Thur., Oct. 23 at 6:00pm

Step into the haunted heart of the Hudson Valley with Master Storyteller Jonathan Kruk. His acclaimed solo performance of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* is not just a reading – it's a captivating theatrical event. With dramatic voices, expressive gestures, and music, Kruk vividly brings Washington Irving's classic tale to life. For attentive listeners 10+.

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SUNDAY:
Noon to 4pm

CLOSINGS/ DELAYED OPENINGS:

October 5:
Closed for
Applefest

November 26:
Close at 3pm

November 27:
Closed for
Thanksgiving

Dec. 24 and 25:
Closed for
Christmas

December 31:
Close at 3pm
for
New Year's Eve

January 1:
Closed for New
Year's Day.



Music on McFarland Concert Series

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The Music of Spain and Latin America with Daniel Garcia Sun., Oct. 19 at 2:00pm

Join us for an afternoon of unforgettable classical guitar as Dan Garcia returns to AWPL. Immerse yourself in the soulful melodies of Spain and Latin America as Garcia masterfully interprets compositions by Villa-Lobos, Agustín Barrios, Jose Luis Merlín, Antonio Ruiz-Pipó, Albéniz, Tárrega, Brower, and more. Don't miss this opportunity to experience the rich musical heritage of the Americas and Spain.



Celebrate Native American Heritage Month: *The Magic of Storytelling* Sun., Nov. 2 at 2:00pm

In celebration of Native American Heritage Month, join Tchin for an engaging journey through traditional stories that illuminate how the world came to be. Interwoven with his storytelling, Tchin shares the haunting sounds of rare Indigenous flutes.



Two Harps and a Singer Sun., Oct. 26 at 2:00pm

Singer and harpist Ann Carter-Cox, joined by harpist Penny McCulloch, presents a program of her original compositions. The performance features song settings of poems by A.E. Housman, Eugene Field, Emily Pauline Johnson, 17th-century English poets, and traditional songs from England and the Southern Appalachian Mountains.



Harp & Holly: *Sounds of the Season* Sun., Dec. 14 at 2:00pm

The harp has long been intertwined with winter celebrations across cultures and centuries. In this festive one-hour program, harpist Erika Lieberman presents a unique blend of solo holiday harp music and engaging storytelling. She explores the harp's role in helping people endure the winter season throughout history and around the world, and reflects on why this instrument remains such a powerful and enchanting symbol of the winter holidays.

Adult Programs

**Registration for ADULT programs begins online
and in-person on Fri., Sept. 19 at 9:00am**

Wicked Wreaths with Jessica Williams

Thur., Oct. 2 at 6:00pm

Add a touch of wild whimsy to your Halloween decorations! Join our Wicked Wreath Workshop where you will craft a hauntingly beautiful wreath using foraged foliage, grasses and flowers. Start with a 10-inch handmade vine base to adorn with a variety of delightfully dead treasures. Your creation will capture the eerie essence of the season while celebrating the natural world around us. All materials provided; space is limited.



Chair Yoga with Judy Zangara

Thursdays, Oct. 2 through Oct. 30 at 12:00pm

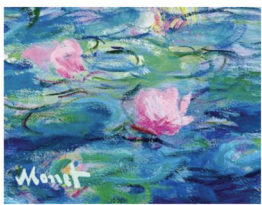
Judy returns for five weeks of gentle chair yoga suitable for all fitness levels. Please register for individual classes.



Everything You've Ever Wanted to Know About the Art of Perfumery (But Didn't Know Whom to Ask)

Thur., Oct. 9 at 6:00pm

Dive into the enchanting world of perfumery with Olivier Gillotin and uncover the secrets behind how master perfumers create their captivating fragrances. You'll get the chance to experience the raw materials firsthand, comparing both natural and synthetic scents within the same family. Discover the magic and complexity of this fascinating profession, where creativity meets science in the most delightful way.



Monet's Masterpiece: Giverny

Thur., Oct. 30 at 6:00pm
By the mid-1880s, Claude Monet had settled in Giverny, already celebrated as a founding Impressionist known for his luminous paintings of light and color.

The small town, 50 miles from Paris, became both his retreat and lifelong passion for 43 years, with his gardens serving as inspiration as well as a work of art. "I designed my gardens both for the pleasure of the eye and as subjects to paint," he said – and their beauty endures today. Join art educator Laura Nichols to explore the creation – in garden and canvas – of Monet's masterpiece, Giverny.

We the People Warwick

A DAY IN THE LIFE

Wed., Nov. 5 at 6:00pm

Join us for an evening of storytelling as local community members share what a typical day looks like in their unique worlds of work and passion. From Hollywood film sets to historic landmarks and local parks, discover the fascinating roles your neighbors play behind the scenes. Featured speakers include Mitch Lillian (Behind the Scenes in Hollywood), Craig Roberts (Woodstock Museum Docent), and Samantha Walter (Treasures of Mountain Lake Park).

STORY SHARE

Fri., Nov. 14 at 7:00pm

Everyone has a story – of love or loss, struggle or triumph, adventure, resilience, or simply the beauty of being human. We the People Warwick invites you to come celebrate the power of personal storytelling within our community.



Winter Light: An Artisan Candle Workshop Sat., Nov. 8 at 3:00pm

Join artist and designer Anahit Pogolian for a hands-on candle making workshop!

Using natural soy wax and a variety of scents, you'll create your own custom candle – perfect as a gift or for adding warmth to your home this season. No experience necessary – just bring your creativity and enjoy a relaxing, aromatic afternoon. Space is limited; ages 18+.

A Bounty of Verse: Sharing Poems, Sharing Thanks with the Circle of Voices

Wed., Nov. 12 at 6:30pm

November and December give us every reason to celebrate – with food, friends, and gratitude for the poetry mentors who have inspired us. Join Circle of Voices for a special evening featuring guest poetry enthusiast and renowned harpist Ann Carter-Cox.



Brain Health through Music, Movement & SPECS

Thur., Nov. 13 -11:30am to 12:30pm

Join the fun in this interactive music and movement group designed to boost brain health for seniors! Led by NYS Licensed Creative Arts Therapist Melinda M. Burgard, SPECS focuses on **S**ocializing, **P**hysical Health, **E**motional Expression, **C**ognitive Learning, and **S**pirituality – each an evidence-based path to aging well. With more than 30 years of experience in brain health and the arts, Melinda brings creativity, expertise, and the latest research to this session.



WARWICK CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 12, 2025 • 11:00am-4:00pm

Warwick Middle School Gym at 225 West Street

Free & open to the public; on-site parking; handicap accessible



Book lovers young and young at heart are invited once again to join us for a celebration of children's literature! 70+ authors and illustrators of books for children will meet and talk with readers, sell and autograph their works. The Festival is free and open to the general public. If possible, please bring your own bag to carry home your new books.

*This event is planned by Albert Wisner Public Library staff, and its expenses are underwritten by children's literacy champions **Glenn P. and Susan D. Dickes**. A portion of the Festival's proceeds benefits the Albert Wisner Public Library Foundation.*



More things to look forward to:

- **Free Children's Concert** by the Uncle Brothers at noon
- **Craft Table** for children to make a memento
- **Therapy Dogs** eager to listen to children read their new books aloud
- **Food Trucks!** Grab a bite to eat

For full details about the Festival, including a description of each author's featured book, visit: warwickchildrensbookfestival.org

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250 Years of JANE AUSTEN

Join us at the Library as we honor the wit, romance, and enduring legacy of Jane Austen on her 250th birthday (December 16.)



A Most Agreeable Assembly: An Afternoon of Regency Dance

Sun., Nov. 16 at 1:30pm

Ever dream of dancing like you're in *Pride & Prejudice*? Join us for "A Most Agreeable Assembly" – an enchanting afternoon of Regency and English country dancing! No experience nor partner needed! Under the guidance of dance master Niel V. De Marino, you'll learn the graceful steps and lively group dances that lit up ballrooms and garden parties centuries ago.

Jane Austen "Spills the Tea"

Wed., Dec. 3 at 6:00pm



Join retired educator and historian Lena Yasutake for a hands-on demonstration of Regency-era tea-making. Using her collection of antique and reproduction tools, Yasutake – a retired educator – will explore the role of tea, etiquette, and gossip in Jane Austen's novels and personal letters. Space is limited; ages 18+.



Monday Afternoon at the Movies presents: EMMA

Mon., Dec. 15 at 1:00pm

(2020) Starring Anya Taylor-Joy, Johnny Flynn, and Bill Nighy. Handsome, clever, and rich, Emma is a restless queen bee without rivals in her sleepy little town. In this glittering satire of social class and the pain of growing up.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE:

**Supporting Families in a Changing World
A Two-Part Community Conversation
with Warwick Family Central**

PART 1 – Families Today: What They Need & What We Can Do

Wed., Oct. 8 - Time: 5:30 to 7:30pm

Join local experts for a guided discussion on the influences shaping family life, and share your voice in identifying ways to support children and caregivers in our community.

PART 2 – Together for Families: Building a Better Tomorrow

Wed., Nov. 19 - 5:30 to 7:30 pm

This follow-up session brings residents together to turn insights into action – collaborating on ideas, forming action teams, and identifying next steps to help families thrive. All are welcome – parents, students, educators, caregivers, neighbors, and concerned citizens. Learn more and sign up for childcare through the Library's website.



Puzzle Competition

Thur., Nov. 20 at 6:00pm

Get ready for an exhilarating challenge at our puzzle competition with 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+.

Register by calling the Help Desk at 845.986.1047, option 4.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOKSTORE

*Looking for your next great read –
and a great deal?*

Head downstairs to the **Library's Friends and Bookends Used Book Store**, where every item is just \$1 or less! You'll find an ever-changing selection of fiction, nonfiction, children's books, cookbooks, and more. Whether you're browsing for yourself or the whole family, it's the perfect place to uncover hidden gems and old favorites. New titles arrive regularly, so there's always something fresh to discover. The bookstore is open every day during Library hours. Come explore – you never know what you might find!

Friends & Bookends Holiday Book Sale

Sat., Nov. 22 and Sun., Nov. 23

Find the perfect gift (for a loved one – or yourself!) at our Holiday Used Book Sale! Browse shelves of gently loved books at bargain prices and stock up on festive reads while supporting the Library.



Defensive Driving Class

Sat., Nov. 22 • 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 beginning September 20 at 10:00am; 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 November 10 if space permits.

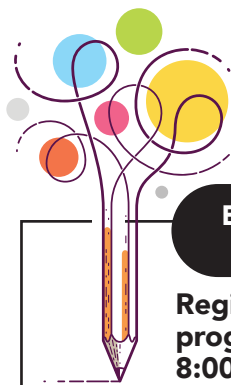
*Check-in will begin at 9:45am;
please bring a bagged lunch.*

LOCAL HISTORY

WARWICK HOMECOMING: Visiting in 1902

Sun., Nov. 9 at 2:00pm

A lovely "virtual visit" to the Village of Warwick and area was written by Marian Holbert Reynolds for her sister in 1902, including photographs. That handwritten book is in the collection of the Warwick Historical Society and has recently been digitized by the Library. Staff members will present the story the book tells and some background information.



Creativity Lab

**EVENTS FOR Children
Ages 9 - 12**

**Registration for Creativity Lab
programs opens Sat, Sept. 20,
8:00 AM online.**

Apple Pie Bites

Ready to get your bake on? Join us to make your own flaky, delicious apple pie bites using apples donated by Pennings Farm Market. No baking experience necessary!

Tues. Oct. 14, 5:30 - 6:30pm



Halloween Canvases with Tissue Paper Art

Get into the spooky spirit making canvas art with tissue paper and stencils. Design something eerie, cute, or creepy that you can take home to show off.

Tues. Oct. 21, 5:30 - 6:30pm



Chopped!

Think you have what it takes to be the ultimate kitchen champion? Using mystery ingredients, work with your team to create something unique and delicious. Ms. Judy and Mayor Newhard will be here to judge your creations!

Tues. Oct. 28, 5:30 - 6:30pm



Dog Man



Join us for a tail-wagging good time while we play a few rounds of BINGO featuring everyone's favorite crime-fighting canine!

Tues. Nov. 4, 5:30 - 6:30pm

Slime Party!

Ready for a super squishy, stretchy, and fun Slime Party? You'll get to experiment with different textures and ingredients to create a perfectly slimy masterpiece to take home.

Tues. Nov. 11, 5:30 - 6:30pm



Minute to Win It!

Join us for an action-packed Minute to Win It game night where you'll compete in hilarious 60-second challenges using everyday objects. End the night with snacks and prizes.

Tues. Nov. 18, 5:30 - 6:30pm



Teen Programs

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

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

EVENTS FOR Teens

TEEN **DUNGEONS & DRAGONS** (Grades 8-12)

Wed., Oct. 8 - Nov. 19, 5:30 - 7:30pm

Join the adventure! *Registration required.*

Teen Advisory Board

Tues., Sept. 30, 5:30 - 6:30pm &

Tues., Oct. 7, 5:30 - 6:30pm

Join Teen Advisory Board and earn volunteer hours! Make suggestions for teen programs and work on creating programs for the Library! For the fall program sessions, we will be preparing for the Children's Book Festival!



String Theory: Guitar for Teens

Sat., Oct. 4, 3:30 - 4:30pm

Unleash your inner rock star with basic guitar skills like finger exercises, chord structure, scales and music theory.



Pumpkin Decorating

Tues., Oct. 14, 5:00 - 6:00pm

It's almost Halloween!

Come decorate a pumpkin. Make something scary, silly, or totally bananas (it will still be a pumpkin).



SUPER SMASH BROS. TOURNAMENT For TEENS Only

Sat., Nov. 1, 3:00 - 4:30pm

Compete and have fun with friends in a Super Smash Bros. Tournament. Come play, compete, win!

MYSTERY ESCAPE ROOM

Sat., Dec. 6,
2:00 - 4:00pm

Solve the puzzle, escape the room, in this mystery themed escape room.

Board Games

Mondays, 6:00pm to 7:45pm
AND 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

Monthly Book Groups

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



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

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



The Library's Museum Pass Collection provides access to a variety of incredible destinations at no cost to our cardholders.

Here's just a sampling:

- Museum of Modern Art
- Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum
- New-York Historical Society and Museum
- Brooklyn Botanic Garden
- Dia: Beacon
- Westchester Children's Museum
- 9/11 Memorial Museum

For a complete list of available passes visit albertwisnerlibrary.org and click on the Museum Pass icon on the home page.

The Library's Museum Pass Program is funded by a generous contribution to the AWPL Foundation by Glenn P. and Susan D. Dickes.



CARING CRAFTERS

Thursdays, 1:00 to 3:00pm

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

STITCHES

Meets every Wednesdays at 5:00pm

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.



Children's Programs

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

Registration begins **SEPTEMBER 20, 8:00am, online.**

IMPORTANT - For multi-week programs please register for every week that you are available to attend, not just the first week.

EVENTS FOR **Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers**

Preschool Story Time

Stories, songs & a craft.
3 - 5 years, on their own.

**Mon., Oct. 20 – Nov. 17,
11:00 – 11:45am**



Sensory Playtime

Improve problem solving, language development and motor skills while digging into tubs of different materials.
2-5 years w/caregiver.

**Tues., Oct. 14 – Nov. 18,
11:00 – 11:30am**

Classic Stories For Preschoolers

Hear some classic picture books then make a story related craft.
4-5 years, on their own.

**Tues., Oct. 14 – Nov. 18,
1:00 – 1:30pm**

Preschool Music With Mr. Tepper

Music, medi"play"tion + bubbles = fun!
3 - 5 years w/caregiver.

**Wed., Oct. 15, 22, 29
and Nov. 5, 10:00 – 10:45am**



Mother Goose

Baby's first library class. We will share board books, songs, and enjoy some sensory play together. Birth -12 months w/caregiver. (Please make arrangements for siblings so this can be a special time for you and your baby.)

**Wed., Oct. 15 – Nov. 19,
10:00 – 10:30am**



Cooking Together

Hear a story then prepare a related recipe together.
3 - 5 years w/caregiver.

**Wed., Oct. 15 – Nov. 19,
11:00am - 12:00pm**



Toddler Time

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

- **Thur., Oct. 16 – Nov. 20,
10:00 – 10:30am,
no class on Nov. 6**
- **Fri., Oct. 17 – Nov. 21,
10:00 – 10:30am,
no class on Nov. 7**

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.

- **Thur., Oct. 16 – Nov. 20,
10:30 – 11:00am,
no class on Nov. 6**
- **Fri., Oct. 17 – Nov. 21,
10:30 – 11:00 am,
no class on Nov. 7**



Playing Together, Being Together

Stimulate social-emotional growth through play, exploration and reading.
6 - 23 months, with/caregiver.

**Thur., Oct. 16 – Nov. 20,
11:15am – 11:45am,
no class on Nov. 13**

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 Real and Heather Franklin, will be available to guide children, read to children, and support parents in this screen free space.
For families with children ages 0 – 5 years.

**Thur., Dec. 4 and
Dec. 11,
11:00am – 12:00pm**

Register for each session separately starting Nov. 20.



ANNUAL HALLOWEEN Storytime & Parade

(For Families)

Stories, songs and
trick-or-treating in the Library!
Please come in costume.

**Saturday, Oct. 25,
11:00 - 12:00pm**

Register beginning
Saturday,
October 11.



EVENTS FOR Families



Read To The Cats (For children)

Our new feline friends will be back this Fall to hear you read a book. If you can't yet read, a caregiver can read to you and the cats.

Thurs., Sept. 25, 4:30 – 6:00pm

Register for a 15-minute reading slot beginning 9/20 at the Children's Room desk.

Read To The Dogs (For children)

Our favorite therapy dogs - minus 1, plus 1 - will be back this Fall to hear you read a book. If you can't yet read, a caregiver can read to you and the dog.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays,

Oct. 14 – Nov. 20, 4:30 – 5:30pm

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



LEGO Sundays (For children)

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

Sundays, Oct. 19 - Nov. 16, 1:00 - 2:00pm.

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED.

PLAY-DOH Playdate

We'll provide the dough. You come and play!

Sat., Nov. 1, 1:00 – 2:00pm

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED.



Kurt Gallagher Kids' Concert

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

Sat., Nov. 15, 11:00am – 12:00pm.

Register beginning Sat. Nov. 1

Children's FALL Art Show

(Ages 5 - 12)

Pick up a canvas in the Children's Room and draw, color or paint a picture inspired by our 2025 summer reading theme, *Color Our World*.

Your work will be displayed in the Children's Room

- **Wed., Sept. 24, 5:30pm** – Start picking up canvases in the Children's Room.
- **Friday, Oct. 17, 5:00pm** – Finished artwork is due back to the Children's Room.

Wed. Oct. 22, 6:00 – 7:00pm

Art Show Opening and Artist's Reception



Hooray For Holidays!

Join us for these holiday themed special events:

- **Elf Movie Pajama Party**
Tues., Dec. 2, 5:30 – 7:30pm, 9-12 years,
- **Cotton Ball Snowmen**
Wed., Dec. 3, 10:00 – 11:00am, 3-5 years,
- **Wiggly Snowman Ornament/Gift Tag**
Mon., Dec. 8, 5:30 – 6:30pm, 6-12 years,
- **Candy Cottage Creations**
Tues., Dec. 9, 5:30 – 6:30pm, 7-12 years,
Register for each week separately beginning Tues., Nov. 18.



Winter Solstice Family Storytime and Parade

(Families with children)

Celebrate the arrival of winter with our annual Solstice Storytime and parade. Light refreshments will be served.

Thurs., Dec. 18, 5:00 – 6:00pm.

Register beginning Thurs. Dec. 4.

Multicultural Holiday Storytime

(Families with children) Join Miss Teresa and Mr. Matt Spicehandler for stories, songs and some holiday refreshments.

Sat., Dec. 20, 11:00am – 12:00pm

Register beginning Dec. 6

EVENTS FOR School Age Children

Balloons Over Broadway

(5 – 7 years. Younger children welcome to join in the parade part of this program.)

Hear the true story of Tony Sarg, the puppeteer who created the giant, whimsical balloons for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Create a "balloon" and be a part of our parade around the Library. **Wed., Nov. 19, 6:00 – 7:00pm**



Pixie Pop Storytimes

Our favorite clown, Pixie Pop, will be here to read some classic children's stories, make some balloon hats and paint some faces!

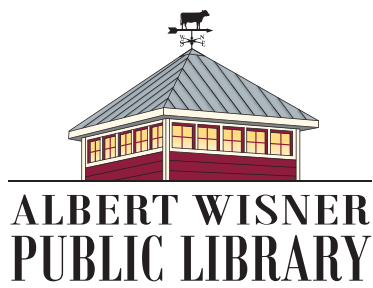
- **Sat., Nov. 8, 11:00am – 12:00pm.**
Register beginning Sat. Oct. 25.
- **Sat., Dec. 6, 11:00am – 12:00pm.**
Register beginning Sat. Nov. 22.



Drop-In Family Chess

(For children; children under 12 with caregiver) We'll provide the chess sets, you drop-in to play with family and friends.

Mondays, Oct. 20 – Nov. 17, 5:00 – 7:00pm



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Upcoming Board Meeting Dates:

**October 28 | November 18*
December 16***

***Date adjustments
necessitated by holidays.**



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