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Music on McFarland Concert Series



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LIBRARY HOURS:

MONDAY to
THURSDAY:
9am to 8pm

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9am to 5pm

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Noon to 4pm

CLOSINGS/ DELAYED OPENINGS:

October 4:
Closed for
Applefest

November 25:
Close at 3pm

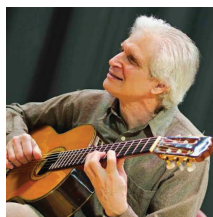
November 26:
Closed for
Thanksgiving

December 4:
Open at Noon

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



Duo Brasileiro

Sun., Oct. 18 at 2:00pm

Experience the rich rhythms and melodies of Brazil as internationally acclaimed guitarist and Portuguese vocalist Richard Boukas joins virtuoso bassist John Arbo for an evening of Brazilian jazz. Featuring inspired interpretations of beloved works by iconic composers including Antônio Carlos Jobim, Luiz Bonfá, Milton Nascimento, Sérgio Santos, and more, the program blends timeless classics with Boukas's original Brazilian compositions.



Shake, Rattle, and Roll

with FOREVER YOUNG

Sun., Nov. 15 at 2:00pm



Join us for an afternoon of nostalgia as Forever Young brings the timeless sounds of the '50s, '60s, and '70s to life with authentic doo-wop harmonies and classic oldies. Their repertoire features favorites by artists such as Dion & the Belmonts, The Duprees, Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis, and Elvis Presley, along with Motown, R&B, and classic rock hits from The Temptations, Sam & Dave, the Spencer Davis Group, the Doobie Brothers, Eric Clapton, and more.



Holiday Favorites with the **WARWICK VALLEY CHORALE**

Sat., Dec. 5 at 2:00pm

Celebrate the season with the Warwick Valley Chorale as they perform a festive selection of holiday favorites. Orange County's longest continually active singing group, the Chorale has delighted audiences for more than eighty years. Featuring singers of all ages from across the region, this beloved community ensemble is sure to fill your heart with holiday spirit.

Harp & Holly

Sun., Dec. 13 at 2:00pm



The harp has long been intertwined with winter celebrations across cultures and centuries, offering a sense of light and hope during the darkest time of year. 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 Sat., Sept. 19 at 10:00am**

The Strange Case of Wilhelm Reich



Thur., Oct. 1 at 6:00pm

Discover the fascinating and controversial life of Wilhelm Reich, one of Sigmund Freud's most promising early protégés. He was expelled by both the Communist Party and the psychoanalytic establishment, forced to flee Nazi Germany, and ultimately imprisoned in the United States. Reich's

dramatic story is as compelling as his theories. Licensed clinical social worker and adjunct instructor at NYU's School of Social Work, Jerry Sanders will explore Reich's groundbreaking contributions to body psychotherapy and energy work, as well as his influence on later New Age movements.

Rock 'n Roll: The Stories You Never Knew

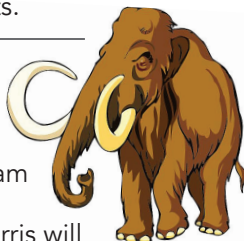
Tues., Oct. 6 at 6:00pm

Discover the surprising stories behind some of rock and roll's biggest stars and songs in this entertaining program of musical trivia and unforgettable hits.

Mastodons of Orange County

Thur., Oct. 15 at 6:00pm

Over the past two years, Cory Harris (SUNY-Orange) has been part of a team recovering a newly discovered set of mastodon remains. In this talk, Dr. Harris will discuss the general context of mastodons in Orange County and describe the recent research project.



Exploring the Creative Path: Appropriation and Originality in the Visual

**Thur., Oct. 22 – 6:00 to 7:00pm;
Q & A until 7:45pm**

Join us for an interactive presentation by artist Jonathan Talbot, whose works

have been exhibited at the Museum of Modern Art and the National Academy in New York, represented the United States in exhibitions sponsored by the State Department and the Smithsonian Institution, and are held in museum collections throughout the U.S. and Europe. In recognition of his distinguished career, Talbot received the prestigious Medici Medal for Career Achievement at the 2021 Florence Biennale.



Chair Yoga with Judy Zangara

Fri., Oct. 16, 23, 30 and Nov. 6 at 11:30am

Judy returns for four weeks of gentle yoga suitable for all fitness levels.

Please register for individual classes.

Birds of Prey

Thur., Nov. 5 at 6:00pm

During this presentation, guests will meet several live birds while learning about:

- Differences between raptor species such as hawks, eagles, owls, falcons, and vultures
- Unique adaptations of these birds
- Wildlife conservation
- Falconry, its history and modern role
- Stories about each bird present



Cinema Studies – All That Jazz: The Magic of Movie Musicals

Thur., Nov. 12 at 6:00pm

All That Jazz follows choreographer/director Joe Gideon, a driven perfectionist juggling a stage musical, a Hollywood film, and a chaotic personal life. Written

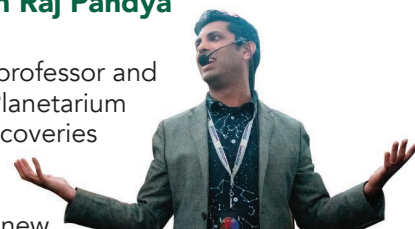
and directed by the legendary Bob Fosse, the film is widely regarded as one of cinema's greatest musical dramas. Patrons are encouraged to watch *All That Jazz* before attending the lecture in order to fully appreciate the film's themes, visual style, and Bob Fosse's semi-autobiographical storytelling. Copies of the film will be available at the Library. Presented by Jeff Hughes.

Topics in Astronomy with Raj Pandya

Mon., Nov. 16 at 6:00pm

SUNY New Paltz astronomy professor and director of the John R. Kirk Planetarium will highlight several new discoveries and current research in astronomy and astrophysics.

Topics include asteroids, the new Vera Rubin Observatory, extrasolar planets, supernovae, and more. Weather permitting, we may be able to stargaze using a telescope after the presentation!



Piece by Piece: Puzzle Competition Holiday Edition

Thur., Dec. 3 at 6:00pm

Teams of up to four will race against the clock to complete identical holiday-themed puzzles, putting their teamwork, strategy, and puzzle-solving skills to the test. Enjoy holiday tunes and warm up with complimentary hot chocolate as you compete for seasonal bragging rights.

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





WARWICK CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 11, 2026 • 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! 80 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.

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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
- **Free face-painting** by Pixie Pop
- **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

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.

The Creative CORNER

Painting Class with Rebecca Jennings

Sat., Oct. 24 at 11:00am

Celebrate the season with a fun Halloween-themed acrylic painting class with Rebecca Jennings! Create a festive spooky masterpiece while learning basic acrylic painting techniques. All materials are provided, making this class perfect for both beginners and experienced painters.



Seasonal Tablescaping Thur., Oct. 29 at 6:00pm

Discover how to design beautiful, seasonally inspired table settings that bring any occasion to life. From autumn's cozy warmth to spring's fresh blooms, learn creative tips to make your table festive and inviting all year long.



Kimekomi Ornaments

Thur., Nov. 19 at 6:00pm

Join us for a fun evening creating beautiful ornaments! Kimekomi

involves tucking small pieces of fabric into pre-cut grooves on a molded base – no sewing required.

This program requires a \$5 deposit upon registration at the Help Desk, which will be refunded upon attendance or if you cancel your registration by November 18.

Holiday Centerpieces Thur., Dec. 10 at 6:00pm

Create your own beautiful holiday centerpiece using fresh evergreens and natural accents!

Learn hands-on techniques for preparing your materials and arranging them into a festive, one-of-a-kind display. **Please bring pruners and gloves** – everything else will be provided.

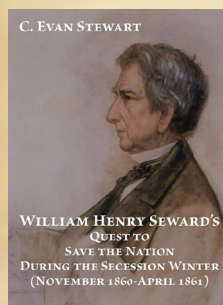
This program requires a \$5 deposit at the time of in-person registration, which will be refunded upon attendance or if you cancel your registration by December 9.



LOCAL HISTORY

WILLIAM HENRY SEWARD'S QUEST TO SAVE THE NATION

Sun., Nov. 1 at 2:00pm



During the election cycle of 1860 and into the early administration of Abraham Lincoln, senior statesman William Henry Seward was intensely active in trying to find compromises and political solutions that would repair the breach between the North and the South.

Author C. Evan Stewart will present material from his book, *William Henry Seward's Quest to Save the Nation During the Secession Winter*.

This snapshot of a crucial few months in American history illuminates the statecraft skills and dedication of the Town of Warwick's "Most Famous Man."



Words Unbound: Voices in Poetry & Prose

BOOK DISCUSSION – *The Greatest Sentence Ever Written* by Walter Isaacson

Mon., Oct. 26 at 6:30pm

Join staff member Tracy Allen for a discussion of Walter Isaacson's exploration of one of history's most influential sentences from the Declaration of Independence:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal...Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

Isaacson examines the passage word by word, revealing the radical ideas behind these enduring words and their lasting influence on the American Dream, our shared ideals, and the pursuit of common ground in a divided world. Books are available at the Library and various local cafés.



CIRCLE OF VOICES POETRY GROUP –

Annual "Poetry Potluck"

Wed., Nov. 18 at 6:30pm

As the holiday season begins, November and December offer a time to gather in gratitude, celebrate friendship, and reflect on the poets who have enriched our lives. Join Circle of Voices for a special evening with guest poetry lover and acclaimed harpist **Ann Carter-Cox**.

Members are encouraged to bring one or two favorite poems to read aloud – whether it's a longtime favorite, a recent discovery, or a poem you'd enjoy exploring together.



City of the Dead: THE WARWICK CEMETERY

Sat., Oct. 17 at 3:00pm

What stories lie behind the gates of our local cemetery?

Join Warwick Cemetery Association's Ken Mitchell for a fascinating look at the history, traditions, and day-to-day workings of the cemetery.

Whether you're a history buff, a longtime resident, or simply curious about how a cemetery operates, this program offers a unique glimpse behind the gates.



DROP IN FAMILY CHESS

We'll provide the chess sets, you drop in to play with family and friends.

For ages 5-17; children under 12 must be accompanied by caregiver.

**Mondays, Oct. 19 – Nov. 16,
5:00 – 7:00pm**

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED.



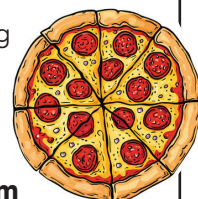
**EVENTS FOR Children
Ages 9 - 12**

Registration for Creativity Club programs opens Sat., Sept. 19, 8:00am online.

Pizza Bombs!

Join us for a fun twist on pizza by making pizza bombs! You'll get to pick out your own ingredients and take home your yummy creations. Two time slots, sign up for one only please.

**Tues., Oct. 13, Slot 1: 5:30 – 6:15pm
Slot 2: 6:30 – 7:15pm**



Spy Camp

Learn how to be a spy! Create your spy name and then crack codes, send secret messages, navigate laser fields and become a master of disguise.

Tues. Oct. 20, 5:30 – 6:30pm



Paper Pumpkin Craft

Make festive paper pumpkins to decorate your home.

Tues. Oct. 27, 5:30 – 6:30pm



Let's Make Applesauce

It's apple season so let's make some delicious applesauce! We will use local apples donated by Pennings Farm. Two time slots; sign up for one only, please.

**Tues. Nov. 3, Slot 1: 5:30 – 6:15pm
Slot 2: 6:30 – 7:15pm**



Back by popular demand!

Join us for an action-packed **Minute To Win It** game night where you'll compete in hilarious 60-second challenges using everyday objects.

Tues. Nov. 10, 5:30 – 6:30pm



THANKFUL Wall Art

No need to buy one from the craft store. Make your own decorative fall-themed board to hang up at home.

Tues. Nov. 17, 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

Program registration starts Saturday, September 19th, except for Teen Dungeons & Dragons and Teen Advisory Board, which is ongoing. Ages 13 - 18

TEEN DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Join the adventure! Registration is now open. Please register for the first couple of programs. After that, the campaign will have begun.

Wednesdays, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

• Sept. 2 – Oct. 7 • Oct. 21 – Nov. 11

Teen Advisory Board

Join the Teen Advisory Board and earn volunteer hours! Make suggestions for teen programs and work on making the YA section of the Library your own!

Wednesdays, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Song Swap Society

Share your favorite tunes or anything that sparks your creativity! You could also show off some music you've created yourself.

Tues., Sept. 29, 5:00pm – 7:00pm



SUPER SMASHBROS. TOURNAMENT

Get ready to have a blast and test your skills against friends in a **Super Smash Bros. Tournament!**

Sat., Oct. 3, 3:30pm – 4:45pm



Show off your voice and become a star for the night! Sing your heart out at AWPL's karaoke night!

Tues., Dec. 1, 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Cheesy Showdown: The Ultimate Grilled Cheese Competition

Get ready to make your mark in a grilled cheese competition that's sure to be remembered!

Wed., Dec. 2, 5:30pm – 7:30pm



POP CULTURE JEOPARDY!

Let's test your knowledge of popular culture with a classic game of **Jeopardy!**

Wed., Dec. 9, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Monthly Book Groups



Looking for your next great read – and great conversation? Join a book club or start your own! Stop by the Help Desk to learn more and discover resources to get your group started.

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 passes and to reserve one, 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.

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN Storytime & Parade

(For Families)

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

Saturday, Oct. 24, 11:00am – 12:00pm

Register beginning Saturday, October 10.





Children's Programs

Registration begins **SATURDAY, SEPT. 19, 8:00 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.

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**

Playing Together, Connecting Together

Learn the profound importance of creating meaningful connections, fostering attunement, and nurturing attachment. Through the gentle art of infant massage discover the transformative power of positive touch. Led by Melissa Realí, M.S. (Playing Together Being Together) and Samantha Scalpone (certified infant massage teacher).

0 – 12 Months

**Sat., Sept. 12 – Oct. 3,
11:00am – 12:00pm**

*Registering for the first week will
put you in all 4 classes.*

Sensory Playtime

Improve problem solving, language development and motor skills while digging into tubs of different materials. Sign up for one Sensory Playtime/week only, please.

2 – 5 years w/caregiver

**Tues., Oct. 13 – Nov. 17
10:30 – 11:00am**

Messy Sensory Playtime

Sensory Playtime but with materials that ooze, squash or squish!

Sign up for one Sensory Playtime/
week only, please.

2 – 5 years w/caregiver

**Tues., Oct. 13 – Nov. 17,
11:45 – 12:15pm**



P.A.R.C.

Visit our P.A.R.C. – Play and Reading Community. Join us for an informal community playdate. Teachers, Melissa Realí, M.S. (Playing Together Being Together) and Heather Franklin, (Screen Strong) and Children's Room staff will be available to guide children and support parents in this screen free space.

For families with children

**Wed., Oct. 14, 21, 28, and Nov. 4,
18 and Dec. 2, 2:00 – 3:00pm**

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. 14 – Nov. 18,
10:00 – 10:30am**



Cooking Together

Hear a story then prepare a related recipe together.

3 - 5 years w/caregiver

**Wed., Oct. 14 – Nov. 18,
11:00am – 11:45am**



Toddler Time

Stories, songs & a craft.

18 - 35 months w/caregiver

2 Sessions, sign up for one only,
please.

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

• **Fri., Oct. 16 – Nov. 20,
10:00 – 10:30am**

Preschool Music with Mr. Tepper

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

3 - 5 years w/caregiver

**Mon., Oct. 19 – Nov. 16,
10:00 – 10:45am**

Preschool Story Time

Stories, songs & a craft.

3 - 5 years, on their own.

**Mon., Oct. 19 – Nov. 16,
11:00 – 11:45am**

Playing Together, Being Together

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

6 - 23 months, with/caregiver

**Mon., Oct. 19 – Nov. 16,
11:15am – 11:45am**

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., Oct. 22 – Nov. 19,
10:30 – 11:00am**

• **Fri., Oct. 23 – Nov. 20,
10:30 – 11:00am**





5th ANNUAL
Winter Solstice
CELEBRATION
(Families with children)

Celebrate the arrival of winter with
our annual Solstice storytime,
crafts and a parade.

Light refreshments will be served.

Mon., Dec. 21, 5:00 – 6:00pm.
Register beginning Mon. Dec. 7.

EVENTS FOR Families

Read To The Cats & Dogs

Our favorite four-legged friends are back this fall and ready to listen! Practice your reading skills by sharing a favorite book with one of our friendly therapy dogs or feline friends. Not reading yet? No problem – a caregiver can read to you and your furry audience! For children.

Read to the Cats – Thurs., Sept. 24, 4:30 – 6:00pm

Read to the Dogs – Tues., Wed. & Thurs., Oct. 13 – Nov. 19, 4:30 – 5:30pm

Register for a 15-minute reading slot at the Children's Room desk one week before each session.



LEGO Sundays

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

Sundays, Oct. 18 – Nov. 15, 1:00 – 2:00pm.
NO REGISTRATION NEEDED.

Boxitext's PLAY TIME



Join us for open play and reading centered around creativity with boxes. 3 – 8 years w/caregiver
Wed., Nov. 11, 1:30 – 2:30pm

Hooray For Holidays!

Join us for these holiday themed special events:

- **Waffle Cone Trees**
Wed., Dec. 2, 11:00 – 11:45am, 3-5 years
- **Snow Globes**
Thurs., Dec. 3, 5:30 – 6:30pm, 8-10 years
- **Seasonal Pencil Cases**
Tues., Dec. 8, 5:00 – 6:00pm, 9-12 years
- **Festive Mozzarella Bites Tree**
Tues., Dec. 15, 5:00 – 6:00pm, 5-8 years
- **Bear Snores On Storytime**
Sat. Dec. 19, 11:00 – 11:30am, 5-7 years

Register for each week separately beginning Tues., Nov. 18.



Kurt Gallagher Kids' Concert

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

Sat., Nov. 21, 11:00am – 12:00pm
Register beginning Sat. Nov. 7.

Multicultural Holiday Storytime

Join us for stories, songs and some holiday refreshments. Families with children.

Sat., Dec. 5, 11:00am – 12:00pm
Register beginning Nov. 21.

Mr. Tepper's Family Concert

Join Mr. Tepper for an educational hour of musical fun. For families with children.

Mon., Dec. 7, 11:00am – 12:00pm



EVENTS FOR School Age Children



BRAINBOW – Book Launch Party

Let's celebrate local author Maya Henderson's newest graphic novel, BRAINBOW. Crafts, giveaways, refreshments, raffles and fun! Books available to purchase to be signed by the author. **Maya will also be at the WCBF on Oct. 11!** 8 – 12 years
Sat., Sept. 26, 1:00 – 2:00pm



Rebellion 1776 Book Talk & Treats

Read the book, then let's talk about it. Treats will be served. All participants will receive a free, new book. 10 – 12 years

Wed., Oct. 28, 5:30 – 6:15pm
Register beginning Wed., Sept. 30

Galaxy Sensory Bottles

Create your own galaxy inspired sensory bottle. 9 – 12 years
Sat., Nov. 14, 1:00 – 2:00pm

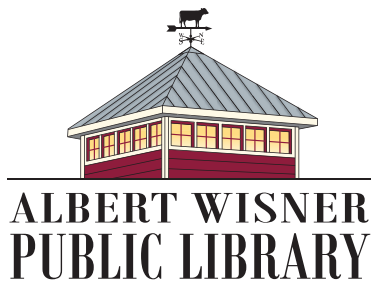


2nd Annual Balloons Over Broadway

Hear the true story of Tony Sarg, the puppeteer who created the giant balloons for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Create a "balloon" and be a part of our 2nd annual parade around the Library. 5 – 10 years

Wed., Nov. 18, 6:00 – 7:00pm
Register beginning Wed., Nov. 4.





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