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Mission Statement

The Wayne Public Library is committed to providing outstanding materials, access and services that assist the individuals' quest for knowledge and provides for an informed citizenry in a democratic society. It serves the life-long informational, educational, cultural and recreational needs of the community.

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Hours:

Monday–Thursday: 9:00 AM–9:00 PM
Friday: 9:00 AM–5:30 PM
Saturday: 10:00 AM–5:00 PM
Sunday: 1:00 PM–5:00 PM
Closed Sundays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

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UPCOMING HOLIDAY HOURS & CLOSING INFORMATION

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Saturday, Sept. 5, Sunday, Sept. 6
& Monday, Sept. 7: **CLOSED**
for the Labor Day holiday.

Sunday afternoons are a great day to enjoy live music!

Classical Music Concert
waynepubliclibrary.org



The Mosaic Quartet

Sunday, 2:00 PM
September 20, 2026

Katia Baranova (Violin1), Jaiden Mahone (Violin 2),
Emily Wong (Viola) and Ari Fiekowsky (Cello).



Registration is required for this FREE concert:
waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/17070802

461 Valley Road, Wayne, NJ 973-694-4272 x5401

The Mosaic Quartet is comprised of women from different walks of life who came together in the world of strings. The quartet is fairly new but their friendship spans many years! They enjoy performing music from the Baroque and Classical eras where their instruments really get to shine. Join us as they share this beautiful music!

The Next Wave Jazz Orchestra, led by Caelan Cardello and Jonny Gittings, brings together some of New York's most exciting rising musicians for a vibrant big band concert. The program moves between the music of legends like Miles Davis, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, and Thad Jones and fresh new arrangements and originals, showing how the big band tradition continues to evolve today.

The JAZZ Series
<https://thejazzseries.org>

FREE Concert at 4:00 PM Sunday, Sept. 13

The Next Wave Jazz Orchestra



Attend in-person or via LIVESTREAM



This program is made possible, in part, by a grant administered by the Passaic County Cultural & Heritage Council from funds granted by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts.

Concert Location:
Our Lady of Consolation Church
1799 Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne, NJ

2026 Wayne Public Library
Phone: 973-694-4272 x5401

Upcoming concerts in The JAZZ Series:
Sunday, October 18: *Vanderlei Pereira & Blindfold Test*
Sunday, November 15: *The Jazzwomen!*

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BOARD MEETING

Tuesdays; September 8
 Public portion begins @ 7:00 PM

For programs held online via ZOOM



If using a tablet or smartphone, you will need to download the app; computer users click on the link provided in the invite; landline phone users can dial the number provided.



In-person program

MOBILE ESCAPE ROOM EXPERIENCE

SHERLOCK'S LIBRARY

Help us find the missing Sherlock Holmes!



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2026 • 1:00-2:00 PM

Wayne Public Library • 461 Valley Road, Wayne, NJ

Use your information literacy and deductive reasoning skills — with friends and family — to follow the clues in this thrilling experience.

ALL AGES WELCOME (6+)

Several concurrent rooms • groups of up to 10

Email Nick to join a group after registering:
basteann@waynepubliclibrary.org

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Limited to 50 participants

For Wayne residents and their guests only



waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/16770116
 Sherlock's Library Escape Room Experience



WPL Concert Series 2026
waynepubliclibrary.org



Leonieke's 3 Generations of Jazz
 with special guest Harry Allen

Thursday, 7 PM

September 24, 2026



Leonieke (keyboards)



Nick Scheuble (drums)



Harry Allen (saxophone)



Bill Crow (bass)

Registration is required for this FREE concert:
waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/16658568



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"Stan Getz was once asked his idea of the perfect tenor saxophone soloist. His answer was, 'My technique, Al Cohn's ideas, and Zoot's time.' The fulfillment of that ideal may well be embodied in... Harry Allen."

— Gene Lees



Upcoming concerts in The WPL Concert Series 2026

Thursday, October 15: The Caleb & Allison Rumley Quintet

Thursday, November 12: David Demsey (saxophone) with Tomoko Ohno (piano), Marcus McLaurine (bass) and Nick Scheuble (drums)

Registration is required as space is limited.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the increased interest and attendance in our jazz concert series, we have had standing room only with a wait list for our concerts this year. If you are unable to attend (and have registered), please cancel your registration so others can attend.



In-person
programs

For more information, visit our online calendar:
<https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15333385>

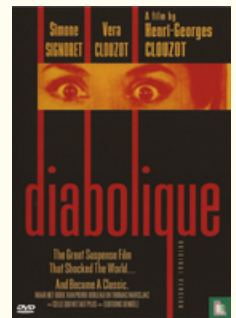
Pressure Rated PG-13 100 Minutes	* Sept. 8—2:00 PM Sept. 9—6:30 PM Sept. 10—2:00 PM	* Tuesday viewing is shown with subtitles.	The license is generously provided by the Friends of the Wayne Public Library.
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Foreign Film Discussion Club

Diabolique (French) Wednesday, September 16 @ 7:00 PM

Participants watch the movie before the meeting to discuss. This film can be streamed (free) via Plex TV and is available on DVD at the Wayne Public Library and two other libraries in PALS Plus.



Virtual
program

The links are listed in the Library's online calendar to connect via ZOOM for discussion, and to access the film online via Plex TV:

<https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15333297>

For information contact Patty Slezak at: slezakp@waynepubliclibrary.org or call 973-694-4272 x5401



Friends Annual membership meeting will be held October 1 at 12:00 PM in Room A/B.

Anyone interested in the library is welcome to attend!

1/2-Price Sale in the Friends Room
Large Paperback Books
September 2026



Wayne Public Library



WE GRATEFULLY ACCEPT YOUR BOOK, MAGAZINE, PUZZLE
and CD/DVD DONATIONS.

Please, no textbooks, encyclopedias, dusty/damaged items.

Persons wishing to donate items may drop them off Monday—Friday from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM at the garage entrance of the Library (off Nellis Dr. across from the tennis courts); ring the door buzzer to contact staff. *Thank you for your support!*

Friends Room at the Wayne Library

CLEARANCE
sale

All DVDs & CDs must go.
 25¢ or 4/\$1



Writers' Workshop with Judy Kentrus

Saturday, September 12 from 2:30 PM—3:30 PM
So you want to write a book...

In-person
program



You've thought about writing a book, but where do you start? Many writers outline their stories, while others are pansters who write as the story develops.

In this one-hour workshop we are going to discuss the "parts" of a basic book. Genre, Character Development –Hero/ine, Setting, Conflict and more. We'll explore a fun exercise together where you will walk away with the beginning of your own book!

Register online: <https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/16716161>

For info, contact Janette Pardo at: pardoj@waynepubliclibrary.org or call 973-694-4272 x5102

Judy Kentrus is an award-winning author with 48 published novels in various romance subgenres: contemporary, romantic suspense, sweet romance, romantic comedies, and historical romantic suspense. Travels across the U.S. have inspired her storylines, including a land-sea tour of enchanting Alaska and a series featuring U.S. Park Rangers that blends adventure and romance.

When she's not writing, she enjoys baking and has earned the title of "Cookie Queen" among family and friends. She shares a new recipe on her website every month, combining her love for cooking with her storytelling. Her delightful novels entertain and tug at your heartstrings, offering a perfect escape into a world of romance.



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High Mountain Meadow Poetry Series

Sunday, September 13, 2026 at 2:00 PM



Nancy Lubarsky

The group features
two poets
and includes
an Open Mic.



David Messineo

Hosted by Paul Nash & Denise Laneve, representing the
North Jersey Literary Community and the Poets of the Palisades.
njls poetry@yahoo.com

Next Date: Sunday, October 4

In-person
program

Nancy Lubarsky, a retired NJ school superintendent, holds a doctorate in English Education. She has been published in various journals including Exit 13, Lips, Tiferet, Poetic, Stillwater Review and Paterson Literary Review. Nancy has received recognition from the Allen Ginsberg Poetry Awards and from the Anna Davidson Rosenberg Poetry Awards, and has been nominated three times for a Pushcart Prize. Nancy is the author of three books: Tattoos (Finishing Line), The Only Proof (Kelsay Press), and her most recent, Truth to the Rumors (Kelsay Press), a finalist for the 2023 Laura Boss Narrative Poetry Award. Her poetry/film collaboration, The Mess (with Sophia Cansalvo) won first place in the 2025 Moving Words Showcase. She was also selected to participate in Poetry X Hunger, where poets combat food insecurity with hands-on experiences and poetic responses. Both projects were sponsored by Arts by the People. Three of her poems appeared in the journal, The Echoes We Make: A Men's Appreciation Anthology, published by Quillkeepers Press. A lifelong New Jerseyan, Nancy lives in Cranford with her husband and dog, Penny.

As of September 1, 2026, **David Messineo** is among the ten longest-serving poetry editors and literary magazine publishers still active in the United States of America. He started in these fields as a poetry editor with Images in December 1979, and as a literary magazine publisher and founder of Alternative Motifs in September 1981. Since December 1987, David has been the founding and ongoing editor/publisher of Sensations Magazine, which celebrates its 40th year of operation in 2027. With Sensations Magazine, he has been a three-time award recipient in the national American Literary Magazine Awards, including First Place Awards in 1994 and 1996. In 2009, David received a New Jersey State Jefferson Award for Public Service from the Governor's Office for his work on Sensations Magazine; and in 2011, he received from the Advocates for New Jersey History the William M. Dwyer Award for Journalism in New Jersey History, for his Rediscovering America in Poetry Research Series within Sensations Magazine, and his three separate Lafayette Township Heritage Research Series publications.



In-person
programs

LUNCHBOX LEARNING Series

Doors open at 12:00 PM; program begins @ 12:30 PM.

All are welcome. (Groups: Please call in advance).

For information, contact Reference Staff at: 973-694-4272 x5401

Bill Wisch presents

"What Makes Magic...Magic?"

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Doors open at 12:00 PM; the program starts at 12:30 PM
Meeting Room A/B

Featuring the highest quality
sleight of hand magic, plus
unique and interesting
"behind-the curtain"
information from Bill Wisch's
full-time career.



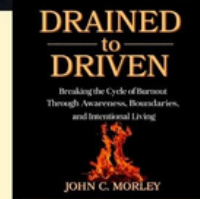
REGISTER ON THE LIBRARY'S ONLINE CALENDAR:

<https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/16821529>

INSPIRING TALK WITH JOHN C. MORLEY

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

Doors open at 12:00 PM; the program starts at 12:30 PM
Meeting Room A/B



This interactive session with local author, John C. Morley combines an inspiring talk with guided reflection, practical exercises, and meaningful discussion based on themes from **Drained to Driven: Breaking the Cycle of Burnout Through Awareness, Boundaries, and Intentional Living.**

Participants will explore topics including:

- Burnout and emotional exhaustion
- Awareness and self-reflection
- Intentional living and boundaries
- Recognizing unhealthy patterns
- Stress, pressure, and balance
- Small changes that create meaningful growth



REGISTER ON THE LIBRARY'S ONLINE CALENDAR:

<https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/16821528>

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**For
Adults
18+**

Wayne Public Library's
Writers' Circle!

Once a month
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Preakness Room

WHY JOIN?

- Hone your craft
- Share your stories
- Get feedback
- Exchange ideas
- Connect with writers
- Be inspired

**In-person
program**

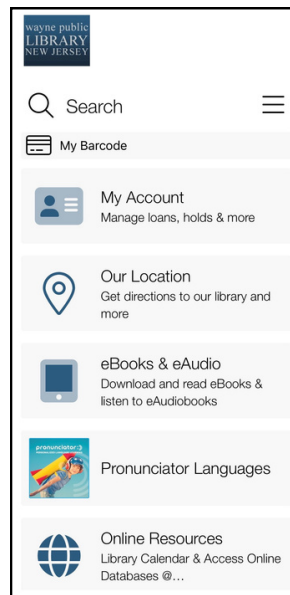
Sooo,
When?

NOVEMBER 21st

No registration, just walk right in!

Contact Information

For more information, contact Janette @ pardej@waynepubliclibrary.org



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WaynePublicLibraryNJ

Access the PALSPlus library

catalog, place holds,

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borrow eBooks,

digital audiobooks,

magazines and more...

The app allows you to carry a digital version of your library card that can be used at the library.

<https://www.yourlibraryapp.com/WaynePublicLibraryNJ>

Virtual
programs

Author Chats with Janette

Assistant Director Janette Pardo hosts chats with local authors. Q&A follows.
For more information, email Janette: pardoj@waynepubliclibrary.org

Lori Robbins

Tuesday, September 22 @ 2:00 PM

Lori Robbins is the Amazon bestselling author of the On Pointe and Master Class mystery series. She is an Agatha Award nominee and the recipient of three Silver Falchions, the Indie Award for Best Mystery, and a silver medal in the Daphne du Maurier Award for Mystery and Suspense. Short stories include "Leading Ladies," which received Honorable Mention in the 2022 Best American Mystery and Suspense anthology.

A former dancer, Lori performed with a number of modern dance and classical ballet companies, including Ballet Hispanico and the St. Louis Ballet, but it was her commercial work, for Pavlova Perfume and Macy's, that paid the bills. After ten very lean years onstage she became an English teacher and now writes full-time. Her experiences as a dancer, teacher, and mother of six have made her an expert in the homicidal tendencies everyday life inspires.

The Zoom link is located on the online calendar at:
<https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15946887>



Elizabeth John

Tuesday, September 29 @ 2:00 PM

Elizabeth John is the award-winning author of tender romances with a touch of intrigue. Her *Waves of Forever* series delivers sweet, small-town romantic suspense filled with heartfelt emotion and just the right hint of mystery. After retiring from a rewarding career as an elementary school teacher, Elizabeth now lives her dream of writing full time. A lifelong animal lover, she shares her New Jersey home with two rescue dogs—each with a quirky personality—and one very tolerant cat. When she's not writing, Elizabeth enjoys knitting, gardening, researching family ancestry, or relaxing at the beach with a good book. She is a member of Liberty States Fiction Writers, New Jersey Romance Writers, and Sisters in Crime.

The Zoom link is located on the online calendar at:
<https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15946978>



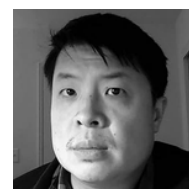
David Yuen

Monday, October 5 @ 7:00 PM

Born and raised in NJ as a second generation Chinese American, **David Yuen** received a B.A. from Rutgers University and has been writing poetry along with other writing styles for over twenty years. His works have appeared in other publications including *Poetry East* and *Romantics Quarterly*.

David's previous books include *Grasp* and *This Too Shall Pass*, which are both collections of poems, prose, and essays.

The Zoom link is located on the online calendar at:
<https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/17173522>





Group	Date	Time	Title	Author	Location	Facilitator
Romantic Fiction Group	Wednesday September 2	10:30 AM	<i>Lies and Weddings</i>	Kevin Kwan	Hybrid	Janette Pardo
Page Turners Group	Wednesday September 9	10:30 AM	More or Less Maddy	Lisa Genova	Hybrid	Janette Pardo
Anime/Manga & Graphic Novel Club	Saturday September 12	11:30 AM	<i>Red and the Wolves</i>	Cherry Zong	In-person	Arwen Fitzgerald
Romantasy Group	Monday September 14	7:00 PM	<i>The Wolf King</i>	Lauren Palphreyman	In-person	Emily Weiss
Non-Fiction Group	Wednesday September 16	10:00 AM	<i>The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning</i>	Margareta Magnusson	Hybrid	Nick Bastean
Cozy Mystery Group	Friday September 18	11:30 AM	<i>The Spellman Files</i>	Lisa Lutz	In-person	Karen Wronko
Monday Monthly Book Talk	Monday September 21	6:15 PM	<i>The Foundling</i>	Ann Leary	Virtual	Eleana Cordova
Evening Group	Tuesday September 22	7:00 PM	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>	Harper Lee	In-person	Patty Slezak
Short Story Book Group	Wednesday September 23	7:00 PM	<i>Blue Circle</i>	Jess Gibbons	Copies available at the Reference Desk	Janette Pardo
Silent Book Club	Saturday September 26	10:30 AM	Read or listen to a book of your own choice. There will be a light discussion at the beginning and then a full hour of personal reading time.		In-person	Karin Kweselait

For more information, contact the facilitator by email:

- **Arwen Fitzgerald:** fitzgeralda@waynepubliclibrary.org
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- **Emily Weiss:** weisse@waynepubliclibrary.org
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- **Nick Bastean:** basteann@waynepubliclibrary.org
- **Patty Slezak:** slezakp@waynepubliclibrary.org

Bring Your Own Device

Apple, Android, Windows and Kindle Oh My!

If you have a smartphone, tablet, laptop or e-reader and need some help, this is the place for you.

Staff members are available to answer your questions and make you more comfortable when using your device.



Online registration is encouraged for each session. Walk-ins will be assisted if time is available.

Mondays: Sept. 14, 21 & 28

Wednesdays: Sept. 2, 16, 23 & 30

All sessions begin at 2:00 PM

To register for each session:

<https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/>
and (Search 'BYOD')

For more info or any questions, contact:

Nick Basteann at: basteann@waynepubliclibrary.org
or Karin Kweselait at:

kweselaitk@waynepubliclibrary.org

or call the Reference Desk at: 973-694-4272 ext. 5401



WHAT'S THE CLOUD? DEMYSTIFYING SMARTPHONE JARGON

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Ever been told "just download the app" or "it's saved in the cloud" and felt completely lost? You're not alone.

The Wayne Public Library hosts this **one-hour** presentation to help you better understand the **everyday language of smartphones and tablets**. Space is limited so register today to secure your spot!

WHAT TO EXPECT

This session will be part presentation - covering common jargon - and part question and answer. Space is limited: so please register now!

DATE & TIME

Date: Tuesday, September 22nd, 2026
Time: 2:00-3:00pm
Where: Wayne Public Library
461 Valley Road
Wayne, NJ 07470



QUESTIONS?

Call: 973-694-4272 ext. 5404
Email: basteann@waynepubliclibrary.org
Register: <https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/17341277>



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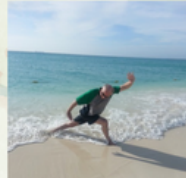
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Transform with Tai Chi & Advanced Qigong



with Gary McCabe

**8-week class series on Mondays
from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

September 14 through November 9, 2026
(no class on October 12)

This series is a deeper dive into the self-healing power of both arts. Partner work is required for part of this class. Wear comfortable clothing for movement.

PLEASE NOTE: You will be registering once for the entire class series.
Attendees are expected to attend the majority of the classes
as the knowledge taught in this class is cumulative.
Please be considerate of those on the wait list.

**Please register online; scan the QR code
or access through the Library's calendar**

<https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/16658550>



For more information,
contact Patty Slezak @ 973-694-4272 5401.

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In-person
programs



Chair & Chi Class Series with Sheila Scarpulla

**8-week class series on Fridays
from 1:30 PM-2:30 PM**

September 18, 2026 through November 13, 2026
(there is no class on October 30)

Discover the restorative power of Qigong and Tai Chi from the comfort of a chair.
Chair & Chi combines gentle fluid movement, mindful breathing, and meditation to boost
your energy and ease stress—no standing required. This class is specifically designed
for those with mobility issues. Wear comfortable clothing for movement.

PLEASE NOTE: You will be registering once for the entire class series.
Attendees are expected to attend the majority of the classes
as the knowledge taught in this class is cumulative.
Please be considerate of those on the wait list.

Register online; scan the QR code or access through the Library's calendar.
<https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/16922855>



For more info, contact Patty Slezak @ 973-694-4272 5401.

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Sit, Stand and Be Fit with d.e.b.

Virtual
program

Zoom in to do a variety of stretches, strengthening
exercises, and cardio dancing with certified fitness
professional Debra Hanoka, MPH ACE, CPT.

Tuesdays from 5:15 PM – 6:00 PM
Sept. 1 & Sept. 29

A chair is used for seated and standing exercises and
support. This class is designed to increase muscle
strength, range of movement and improve activities
for daily living. Class can be modified
depending on fitness levels. Age should not be a
barrier to improve your health!

Equipment: A sturdy chair is needed. Light weights &
resistance bands can be used but are optional.

Register via Zoom in advance IF not already registered
(info available on the library's online calendar):

<https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/calendar> OR
email Eleana to get your invite to register:
cordovae@waynepubliclibrary.org



IN-PERSON Sit, Stand and Be Fit with d.e.b.

In-person
program

Thursday, Sept. 17 from 6:15 PM – 7:00 PM

Join us for a special IN-PERSON class
with certified fitness professional
Debra Hanoka, MPH ACE, CPT.

We'll do a variety of stretches, strengthening
exercises, and movement.

PLEASE BRING: hand weights and water.

A chair is used for seated and standing exercises
and support. This class is designed to increase
muscle strength, range of movement and improve
activities for daily living. Class can be modified
depending on fitness levels. Age should not be a
barrier to improve your health!

Limited seats. Email Eleana to get your invite to
register: cordovae@waynepubliclibrary.org

Tai Chi/Qigong with Alex

Fridays from 10:00 AM- 11:30 AM
September 11, 25, October 2, 16 & 23

Alex Perkel is a certified Tai Chi and QiGong instructor with extensive training, including studies at the renowned Shaolin Monastery in China and has participated in the U.S. Open Martial Arts Competition. This program welcomes beginners, seniors, and all levels.

- Qigong Healing Forms • Tai Chi Forms (Yang, Chen, and Wushu styles) • Tai Chi Weapons Training

Registration is will open September 1, 2026 at 9:30 AM; register for each individual class.

Register online at: <https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/17419957>

Contact Karen Wronko for more information: 973-694-4272 x5411 or email: wronkok@waynepubliclibrary.org

In-person
program



Crochet for beginners with "The Crochet Shorts Series"

Wednesdays from 5:45 PM - 6:5 PM

The class will begin promptly at 5:45 PM so please arrive 5 minutes prior.

September 9: Class 1: The Slip Knot & The Foundation chain.

September 16: Class 2: The Single Crochet Stitch

September 23: Class 3: The Double Crochet Stitch

September 30: The Half Double Crochet Stitch

October 7: Finishing

In-person
program



Contact Karen for supplies needed.

Class size is limited to 6 people.

Registration is required and begins Sept. 2:

<https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/17111505>

Keep You in Stitches Knit & Crochet Group

In-person
program

Thursdays from 6:00 PM—8:00 PM

September 3 & October 1

WPL's Knitting Group on Zoom Mondays from 11:30 AM—12:30 PM

The Monday Knitting group participants work on knitting projects and share tips and information with each other as well as socialize. Knitting level is intermediate to more experienced knitters.

This group is virtual and meets weekly via Zoom meetings.

Virtual
program



Open Knit, Crochet, Needlework Group

Meets twice a month on Mondays
from 12:30 PM—2:30 PM

In-person
program

Sept. 14 & Sept. 28

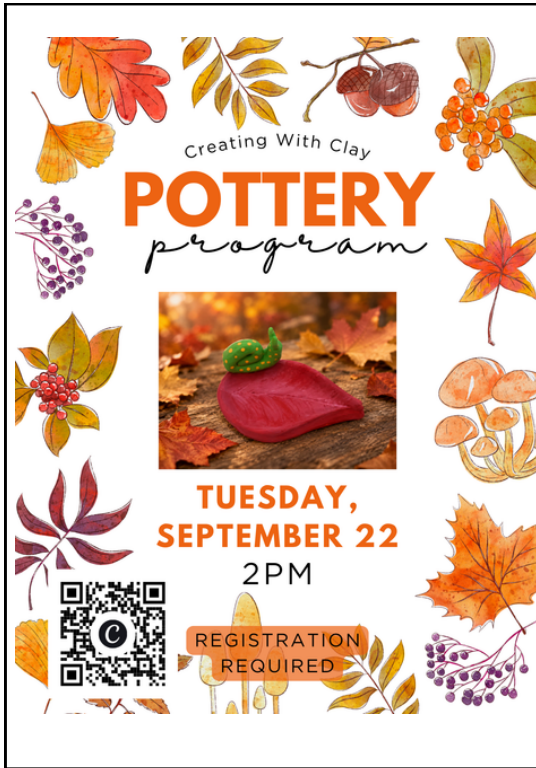
This is not an instructor led class—
it is open time to work on your needlework
projects at the library.

No registration necessary!

For information about any of the knit,
crochet and needlework groups or programs
listed here,

contact Karen Wronko at:

973-694-4272 x5411 or by email:
wronkok@waynepubliclibrary.org



Creating With Clay
POTTERY
program

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
2PM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Craft program
presented by
Emily Weiss

To register (or with questions), call Emily at:
973-694-4272 x5408

or email Emily at:
weisse@waynepubliclibrary.org

You can also register using the QR Code provided or register on the Library's online calendar.



Crafts in the Stacks:
Zentangles

Friday, September 11 @ 1:30 PM
Meeting Room A/B
OR
Tuesday, September 15 @ 6:30 PM
Story Time Room

Registration is required and can be done online through the library calendar. You can only register for ONE session. Registration opens Monday, August 31 at 10:00 AM. Any questions call the Reference Desk 973-694-4272 ext. 5401.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



WAYNE FARMERS MARKET

EVERY SATURDAY
9AM-2PM
475 VALLEY ROAD,
WAYNE NJ 07470

MAY 2ND - NOVEMBER 21ST

DOG-FRIENDLY
RAIN OR SHINE



Fall Migration Bird Walks
at Laurelwood Arboretum, Wayne

Join us at the arboretum for morning bird walks as we welcome back the sights and sounds of NJ's fall migrants! On our bird walks, we'll follow three easy steps - listen, observe, identify - as we stroll along the beautiful woodland trails to spot colorful migrants and our year-round residents.

Dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes, and bring binoculars.

Meet at the Sensory Garden at 8:30 AM
located near the Vale Road parking lot.

September 5, 20 & 26
October 12 & 24
November 1

Heavy Rain Cancells

Friends of Laurelwood Arboretum
Connecting People with Nature

Knippenberg Center for Education
725 Pines Lake Drive West, Wayne, NJ 07470
laurelwoodarboretum.org



FREE GUIDED WALKING and CART TOURS

Learn all about Laurelwood Arboretum's gardens and sculptures from our knowledgeable tour guides!

Meet at the entrance patio of the Knippenberg Center for Education
First come, first served.

10:30 AM

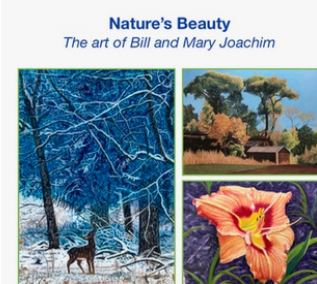
FALL SCHEDULE

September 12 & 26
October 3 & 17

Private Tours available for a fee.
Contact: tours@laurelwoodarboretum.org

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Nature's Beauty
The art of Bill and Mary Joachim



Opening Reception
Sunday | September 13, 2026 | 2:30 PM
Knippenberg Center for Education

Exhibition will run September 2 - 29, 2026

Bill and Mary Joachim are Pennsylvania-based artists whose work reflects their love of people, plants and animals. Bill paints in pastel and acrylic, while Mary discovered pastel painting in retirement after a lifelong passion for photography.

The Center is open Tuesday - Sunday | 12 Noon till 4 PM

ESL CONVERSATION CAFÉ

Join us for casual conversation, games and more!
Saturdays from 1:00 PM—2:00 PM

In-person
program



For more info, reach out to Karin & Arwen at:
WPLESL461@gmail.com

Registration is encouraged at:
<https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/calendar>



Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteer tutors to help out with our ESL program, especially tutors interested in helping advance students and those available during evening hours (though any help is appreciated!)

If interested or looking for more information, reach out to Karin & Arwen at: WPLESL461@gmail.com

Casual Spanish 45-minute Conversation Classes for Adults

Zoom in for a casual and virtual gathering, while picking up common vocabulary and phrases in Spanish!
Mondays from 5:00 PM —5:45 PM (twice/month)

Sept. 14 **Sept. 28**

We'll focus on pronunciation and practicality. During the class, the screen is shared; as phrases come up, they are typed out. Afterwards, Eleana emails what was written for your review.

Register directly via Zoom (link in calendar listing):
<https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/calendar>
OR email Eleana to register:
cordovae@waynepubliclibrary.org



Virtual
program



Students

For all those that have applied or that do apply to the ESL program, please be patient with us as we work on placing you with an appropriate class and tutor. We are working as quickly to find the best matches possible. It may take some time until you are able to be placed. For more information reach out to Karin & Arwen at wplesl461@gmail.com.

While waiting to be placed please checkout the Conversation Café which is held on Saturdays at 1:00. A relaxed atmosphere with conversation, games and more!

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Register online with your active library card from any of the PALS Plus Libraries.
Go to www.waynepubliclibrary.org and click on the **SEARCH** menu option, then click on **Access Online Databases**.

TEAM UP!

CO-OP
TABLETOP GAME CLUB

JOIN FORCES IN CHALLENGING ADVENTURE!
ONE TEAM, ONE GOAL, ONE VICTORY



In-person program

COME JOIN US! FROM 2:00 PM TO 4:00 PM
IN THE BREAKFAST ROOM

Saturday, August 1 st	Saturday, October 17 th
Saturday, August 29 th	Saturday, November 14 th
Saturday, September 19 th	Saturday, December 12 th

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WAYNE, NJ 07470

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

QUESTIONS? ASK NICK!
basteann@waynepubliclibrary.org
(973) 694-4272 ext. 5404

In-person
programs




Evening Beginning Mahjong



Curious about Mahjong but don't know where to start? Can't make the daytime sessions?

Stop by the Wayne Public Library for **Evening Beginning Mahjong**, a four-session learning cohort designed for first-time players!

led by a library staff member, this small-group series will introduce the basics of the classic tile game. This program is intended for **absolute beginners**—experienced players may not find this class engaging.

Space is limited, so register to reserve your spot today!
Registration opens Thursday, August 20th at 9:00AM!

When:	Thursday, September 10th Thursday, September 17th Thursday, September 24th Thursday, October 1st
Time:	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Where:	Wayne Public Library 461 Valley Road Wayne, NJ
Phone:	973-694-4272 ext. 5404
Email:	basteann@waynepubliclibrary.org
Registration link:	https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/17339700



Scan Me
To Register!

Want to play D&D or another Table-Top RPG?

Join us at the Wayne Public Library for



ROLLS & REALMS



September Dates:

Adults on EVERY Monday,
from 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Teens on EVERY Thursday,
from 3:30 - 5:00 pm



SCAN ME

Please register with the QR code.
Walk-ins are also welcome.

In-person programs



MAKE YOUR MOVE



BOARD AND CARD GAME EVENTS

Learn how to play a new game, discover a new favorite, and share the fun!

September's Featured Games:



Stardew Valley & Kabuto Sumo

**Monday:
September 14th & 28th
from 6:30 - 8:15 PM**



KABUTO SUMO

Stop by the Wayne Public Library to learn and play our **featured game** or explore our expanding game collection!
Wayne Public Library, 461 Valley Road, Wayne, NJ
Children under 10 must be accompanied by an individual aged 14 or older.



7 Nonfiction Books to Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month



Badass Bonita: Break the Silence, Become a Revolution, Unearth Your Inner Guerrera by Kim Guerra

The author tells a story of coming into her own power, and guides readers through the process of finding their own. Rejecting what she was taught as a girl, she learned to use her voice—and the more she listened to that inner niña, the more she unearthed her inner guerrera. Vowing never to be calladita again, she now teaches Latine women to find their voices.

The Ballad of Roy Benavidez: The Life and Times of America's Most Famous Hispanic War Hero by William Sturkey

An unwavering patriot alternately celebrated and snubbed by the country he loved, Benavidez embodied many of the contradictions inherent in twentieth-century Latino life. This book places that experience firmly at the heart of the American story.

Citizenship: Notes on an American Myth by Daisy Hernández

Braiding memoir, history, and cultural criticism, the author exposes the truths and lies of how we define ourselves as a country and a people. Turning to her own family's stories—her mother arrived from Colombia, while her father was a political refugee from Castro's Cuba—Hernández shows how the very idea of citizenship is a myth, one of the stories we tell ourselves about the American soul and psyche.

Dreaming of Home: How We Turn Fear into Pride, Power, and Real Change by Cristina Jiménez

A coming-of-age story for both a young woman finding her true self and a social movement of immigrant youth trailblazers who inspired the world and changed the lives of millions.

El Paso: Five Families and One Hundred Years of Blood, Migration, Race, and Memory by Jazmine Ulloa

El Paso has been called the "Ellis Island" of America's southern border, a mountain pass cum border town cum bifurcated metropolis where past meets future, and disadvantage meets opportunity, or so the promise goes.

Tattoos and Pearls: Combining Street Wisdom with Corporate Strategy by Miriam Simon

A groundbreaking leadership book for professionals who want to rise without erasing their identity.

Tías and Primas: On Knowing and Loving the Women Who Raise Us by Prisca Dorcas Mojica Rodriguez

Born into a large, close-knit family in Nicaragua, the author grew up surrounded by strong, kind, funny, sensitive, resilient, judgmental, messy, beautiful women. Whether blood relatives or chosen family, these tías and primas fundamentally shaped her view of the world—and so did the labels that were used to talk about them, from the tía loca, to the pretty prima, to the divorced tía.