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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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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.

UPCOMING HOLIDAY HOURS & CLOSING INFORMATION

Visit waynepubliclibrary.org and click on **About Us**

Wednesday, December 24

Thursday, December 25

CLOSED (Christmas)

Wednesday, December 31

CLOSE at 4:30 PM
(New Year's Eve)

Thursday, January 1

CLOSED (New Year's Day)



*The Wayne Public Library welcomes you
to help decorate our annual*

Share the Warmth Tree

**Join us in this season of giving
to help those in need keep warm this winter.**

- **Sweaters • Mittens • Gloves • Scarves • Coats •**
- **Hats • Socks • Blankets • Sweatshirts • Pet Items •**

Donations accepted through Sunday, January 5, 2026.

**All donations will then be brought
to a local shelter.**

**All pet items benefit the
Alan Purcell Wayne Animal Shelter.**

**Please donate items for
Boy or Girl, Young and Old!**

*(New is preferred but lightly used
is quite acceptable)*



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**Tuesdays; Public portion
begins @ 7:00 PM**

December 9

**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.

**Wayne Township Christmas Tree Lighting****Thursday, December 4 at 6:30 PM**

at Wayne Township Municipal Building

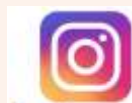
Join us for the lighting of the Christmas Tree and holiday sing-a-longs (provided by *Bach to Rock*).

Santa will arrive by fire truck to greet the children, and will pose for pictures in the Meeting Room of the Library after the tree has been lit!

**Wayne Township Menorah Lighting****Monday, December 15 at 7:00 PM**

at Wayne Township Municipal Building

Join community Rabbis and Mayor Vergano to light the Menorah and enjoy song, dance and refreshments.

**Where can you find the library's information?****Cablevision Channel 77 FIOS Channel 44****YouTube**

Instagram



TAPintoWayne
Your Neighborhood News Online
TAPintoWayne.net

Patch**Wellness Program****Sit, Stand and Be Fit with d.e.b.**

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****December 2****December 16**

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 (information available on the library's online calendar):

<https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/calendar>

OR email Eleana to get your invite to register:
cordovae@waynepubliclibrary.org

VIRTUAL PROGRAM

Digital Assistance

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 @ 2:00 PM: December 1, 8, 15 & 22

Wednesdays @ 2:00 PM: December 10, 17



To register for each session:

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

For more information or any questions about the BYOD program,

contact Nick Bastean at:

basteann@waynepubliclibrary.org

or Karin Kweselait at:

kweselaitk@waynepubliclibrary.org

or call the Reference Desk at:

973-694-4272 ext. 5401.

IN-PERSON PROGRAMS



Lab Event Series



Learn All about Podcasts & Social Media Presence

Tuesday, December 2 from 6:00 PM—8:00 PM

Presented by Francheska Stone, known for her podcast *9-5 Mom*

In this 2-hour session, you will learn:

Build Your Social Media Presence

Quick posting system for Reels/Shorts, easy captions, and how to turn one episode into multiple posts.

Monetize the Smart Way (Beginner Basics)

Sponsors, affiliates, simple offers—and what to do first so you don't burn out.

Register online: <https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/14609825>

For more info, contact Arwen Fitzgerald at: fitzgeralda@waynepubliclibrary.org or by phone at: 973-694-4272 x5401

IN-PERSON PROGRAM



DIGITAL DATABASES

Instantly borrow free digital movies, TV series, music, eBooks, digital audiobooks and graphic novels 24/7 with your library card.



Wayne residents can download 8 items per month! Sign up for FREE with your active PALS Plus Library card and email address.

Visit your device's App Store to download the hoopla app today!



PALS Plus NJ Libby/Overdrive has eBooks, digital audiobooks and Magazines for you to check out for FREE!

Borrow available titles through the Libby app or on the computer. There are never late fees!

Magazines do not count against a user's checkout limit. Subscribe (for free) to receive the latest issues.



LUNCHBOX LEARNING series

This series takes place in Room A/B. 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.

THE JOEL ZELNIK TRIO: "MY BILL EVANS"

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

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

Join us for a heartfelt tribute to jazz legend and pianist, Bill Evans, inspired by the conversations between Joel Zelnik and the seven-time GRAMMY award winner. This program features Evans' iconic works alongside pieces reflecting Joel's admiration and influence. Bill Evans is celebrated as one of jazz's most innovative pianists; his humor, humility, and musicianship continue to inspire.



Please register online:

<https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15348942>

THE MIKE LUIPERSBECK ALL-STAR QUARTET



**TUESDAY
DECEMBER 9, 2025**

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

Get in the holiday spirit with this talented band
performing classic carols and festive favorites!

The band features John Morano (sax), Bob McHugh (piano),
Ron Naspo (bass), and Mike Luipersbeck (drums).

Please register online:

<https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/14024244>

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IN-PERSON PROGRAMS



Get in the holiday spirit with...

hoopla

Stream music FREE via hoopla!
(see page 3 for more details).

Celebrate all your holidays with music!



Wayne Township presents
**WAYNE
FARMERS
MARKET**

Winter Season: December-April
1st and 3rd Saturdays
10:00 AM-2:00 PM
In the Wayne Township
Community Center
1 Pike Drive, Wayne NJ
Rain or Shine



**Check out the library app:
WaynePublicLibraryNJ**

Access the PALSPlus library catalog,
place holds, renew materials, 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>



Movies and Film Discussion



hoopla

tubi

Foreign Film Discussion Club

The Gilded Cage (French & Portuguese)

Wednesday, December 17 @ 7:00 PM

Participants watch the movie before the meeting to discuss.
This film can be streamed (free) via hoopla, and is available on DVD
at the Wayne Public Library and one library in PALS Plus.

*The links to connect via ZOOM for discussion, and to access the film
online via hoopla or tubi are listed in the Library's online calendar:*

<https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/13499480>

[Please note: the title for the film in tubi is "Fun in Paris"]

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



VIRTUAL PROGRAM



*Tuesdays @ 2:00 PM

(shown with subtitles)

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM

Thursdays @ 2:00 PM



** Tuesday viewing
is shown with subtitles.*

<p>Downton Abbey: the Grand Finale</p> <p>Rated PG</p> <p>143 Minutes</p>	<p>* Dec. 16—2:00 PM</p> <p>Dec. 17—6:30 PM</p> <p>Dec. 18—2:00 PM</p>	<p>The license is generously provided by the Friends of the Wayne Public Library.</p>	<p>No registration is required.</p> <p>Admission is on a first-come, first-serve basis.</p>
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IN-PERSON PROGRAM



Each BingePass gives you 7-days of unlimited access to one of multiple
streaming collections with only ONE borrow!



*It just wouldn't be Christmas without one (or a dozen)
Hallmark Christmas movies! With the Hallmark BingePass,
stream all month long to get into the spirit of the holidays!*

See page 3 for more details about hoopla.

Writing Programs

Write to Lead: Transform Your Life Lessons Into Leadership A Writing Workshop Saturday, December 6th at 2:30 PM



Local author, Miriam Simon

This dynamic workshop is for leaders, changemakers, and everyday trailblazers ready to turn their personal stories into powerful leadership tools. Whether you're dreaming of a memoir, a manifesto, or a message that moves people, Write to Lead will guide you to mine your lived experiences, find your authentic voice, and craft narratives that inspire action. It's time to claim your story, not just to tell it, but to lead with it.

Miriam Simon is a trailblazing leadership coach, author, and speaker who blends over 25 years of corporate leadership with deep personal insight to guide others toward success. As the author of her latest leadership book "Tattoos & Pearls", she marries street-smart resilience with corporate strategy, showing the world how to thrive authentically in high-pressure environments. A Certified Hudson Coach, Forbes Coaches Council Member, and Corporate Achiever Award recipient, Miriam's expertise spans Human Resources, leadership development, and employee relations.



Space is limited. Please register for this event on the library calendar.
<https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/14530138>

IN-PERSON PROGRAM



High Mountain Meadow Poetry Series

Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 2:00 PM



Joel Allegretti

The group features
two poets
and includes
an Open Mic.



Karen Lee Ramos



Hosted by Paul Nash & Denise Laneve representing the North Jersey Literary Community and the Poets of the Palisades.

For more information about the poets:

<https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15333189>

IN-PERSON PROGRAM



For more information, contact Janette Pardo at:

pardoj@waynepubliclibrary.org

No registration needed!

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*The Wayne Public Library
wishes you health, happiness
and peace in 2026.*



Writing Programs continued

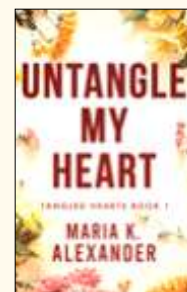
Author Chats with Janette

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



Maria K. Alexander Monday, December 15 @ 7:00 PM

Maria K. Alexander is an award-winning contemporary romance author. She writes about strong women who are fearless in pursuit of their ambitions. Her stories have strong connections to family and friendship, both important parts of her life. When not writing, she loves to read, bake, crochet, play pickleball, bike, visit the beach, and watch romantic comedies. She has two adult children and lives in New Jersey with her husband. Maria juggles a full-time job while dreaming of writing full time by the Jersey Shore.



The Zoom link is located on the online calendar at: <https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15572482>

VIRTUAL PROGRAM



Suzanne Trauth Tuesday, January 6 @ 2:00 PM

Suzanne Trauth is the author of the suspense novel *The First to Die*, the Dodie O'Dell mystery series—*Show Time*, *Time Out*, *Running out of Time*, *Just in Time*, *No More Time*, and *Killing Time*—and *What Remains of Love*, an historical romance (Firebird, American Book Fest, Chanticleer book awards), as well as plays and non-fiction books. In her previous career, she spent many years as a university professor of theatre. When she is not writing, she coaches actors. She lives in Woodland Park, New Jersey.



The Zoom link is located on the online calendar at: <https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15572493>

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GIFT CERTIFICATES: Perfect for the readers (or soon-to-be readers) in your life, from age 3 to 103! The Friends Room offers gift certificates in values from \$1 to \$10.

TIP: Check our shelves for gift-quality books for all your holiday exchanges.



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

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

Thank you for your support! 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!





Group	Date	Time	Title	Author	Availability	Facilitator
Romantic Fiction Group (Hybrid Meeting)	Wednesday Dec. 3	10:30 AM	<i>Sugar and Salt</i>	Susan Wiggs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print copies hoopla: • eBook • eAudiobook 	Janette Pardo
Romantasy Group (In-person Meeting)	Monday Dec. 8	7:00 PM	<i>The Bear and the Nightingale</i>	Katherine Arden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print copies Libby: • eBook • eAudiobook 	Emily Weiss
Evening Group (In-person Meeting)	Tuesday Dec. 9	7:00 PM	<i>The Wonderful Wizard of Oz</i>	L. Frank Baum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print copies Libby: • eBook • eAudiobook 	Patty Slezak
Page Turners Group (Hybrid Meeting)	Wednesday Dec. 10	10:30 AM	<i>Long Island</i>	Colm Tóibín	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print copies Libby: • eBook • eAudiobook 	Janette Pardo
Silent Book Club (In-person Meeting)	Saturday Dec. 13	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. A great way to read, relax and even get a few book suggestions!			Karin Kweselait
Monday Monthly Book Talk (Virtual Meeting)	Monday Dec. 15	6:15 PM	<i>The Secret Diaries of Charles Ignatius Sancho</i>	Paterson Joseph	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print copies Libby: • eBook hoopla: • eAudiobook 	Eleana Cordova
Non-Fiction Group (Hybrid Meeting)	Wednesday Dec. 17	10:00 AM	<i>The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World</i>	Robin Wall Kimmerer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Print copies Libby: • eBook • eAudiobook 	Nick Bastean
Anime/Manga/Graphic Novel Club	No Meeting in December					Arwen Fitzgerald
Cozy Mystery Group	No Meeting in December					Karen Wronko

For more information, contact the facilitator by email:

Arwen Fitzgerald: fitzgeralda@waynepubliclibrary.org

Nick Bastean: bastean@waynepubliclibrary.org

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Patty Slezak: slezakp@waynepubliclibrary.org

See page 3 for more information about our digital resources: Libby and hoopla.

Craft Corner



Crafts in the Stacks: Adult craft hour in the library

Friday, December 19 @ 1:30 PM [craft project to be announced]

Registration opens on Monday, December 1 at 10:00 AM

To register (or have questions), call the Reference Desk: 973-694-4272 x5401

or email Karin Kwesela: kweselaik@waynepubliclibrary.org

Register online at: <https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/14368966>

IN-PERSON PROGRAM



2026 Vision Board Workshop
Monday, December 15 @ 7:00 PM

Create a visual representation of your goals and dreams for 2026.

Led by Kara DeJesus

For more info, contact Emily Weiss at:

973-694-4272 x5401

Register online at:

<https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15183760>

Registration opens on Monday, December 1 at 7:00 PM

IN-PERSON PROGRAM



Winter Ball Jar Luminaries

Monday, December 22 @ 7:00 PM

Join Lynn Schwartz to make a fun and festive luminary jar!

For more info, contact Emily Weiss at:

973-694-4272 x5401

Register online at:

<https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/15183546>

Registration opens on Monday, December 8 at 7:00 PM



IN-PERSON PROGRAM



Keep You in Stitches
Knit & Crochet Group

Thursdays from 6:00 PM—8:00 PM

December 11 & January 8 (Room A/B)

IN-PERSON PROGRAM



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

December 1 and December 22

Location: Room B

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

No registration necessary!



IN-PERSON PROGRAM



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

Game Programs

Make Your Move! Board and Card Game Events!

Adults, Teens and Families Welcome!

Monday, December 1 at 6:30 PM

Join us for an exciting Make Your Move! Board & Card Game Events at the library, where fun and friendly competition come together! Perfect for teens, young adults, and families, this event offers a chance to dive into a wide range of board and card games suited for ages 6 and up. Whether you're a seasoned player or just discovering the world of tabletop games, there's something for everyone.



Please note: children under age 10 must be accompanied by an individual aged 14 or older.

For more info, contact Nick Bastean or Arwen Fitzgerald at: 973-694-4272 x5401.

IN-PERSON PROGRAM



ROLLS & REALMS



Rolls & Realms: Storytelling Game Nights

Adults: Every Monday in December at 6:00 PM

Come and embark on a storytelling adventure with us! D&D and a few other roleplaying style games will be available for participants to join. Whether you are brand-new or a long-time fan we can help you jump into the amazing and creative worlds of tabletop roleplaying games. Create your character, roll some dice, and venture forth in this series of collaborative storytelling sessions.

Calling for Game Masters! Anyone interested in becoming a DM or Game Master please email: fitzgeralda@waynepubliclibrary.org

For more information: <https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/13946834>

IN-PERSON PROGRAM



Classic Game Club

Friday, December 19 at 11:00 AM

Looking for a reason to get out, meet new people, and share a few laughs?
Join the Classic Game Club!

This program is a friendly monthly gathering where games are just the beginning. Come for the strategy and nostalgia—stay for the conversation and fun.

Drop on in—no registration required!

Questions: Contact Nick Bastean at 973-694-4272 x5404 or email: basteann@waynepubliclibrary.org



IN-PERSON PROGRAM



Language Programs



Pronunciator is a fun and **free** way to learn any of 315 languages with Personalized Courses, movies, chat, and more.

Learn online, either on your desktop computer or mobile device!

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**.

ESL CONVERSATION CAFÉ

Join us for casual conversation, games and more!

Saturdays from 1:00 PM—2:00 PM

Location: ESL Room



For more info, reach out to Karin & Arwen at:
wplesl461@gmail.com

Registration is encouraged at:

<https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/calendar>

IN-PERSON 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 as possible to find you the best match.

It may take some time until you are able to be placed. While you are waiting, please check out the **ESL Conversation Café** which is held on Saturdays at 1:00 PM—a relaxed atmosphere with conversation, games and more!

For more information, contact Karin and Arwen at:
wplesl461@gmail.com.



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)



December 8 December 15

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





12 New Holiday Novels @ WPL

Christmas at the Women's Hotel by Daniel M. Lavery

A delightful and heartwarming novella about one especially lively Christmastime at the Biedermeier.

The Christmas Express by Isla Gordon

A heart-warming, feel-good festive romance about six estranged friends and lovers who find themselves reunited on a four-day train ride during the most magical time of year.

Christmas People by Iva-Marie Palmer

The Seven Year Slip meets Hallmark with a dash of sass and a sprinkle of sexiness in this sparkling Christmas rom com...with a speculative twist!

Eight Heartbreaks of Hanukkah by Jean Meltzer

Can these exes rekindle their love this Hanukkah?

Grace and Henry's Holiday Movie Marathon by Matthew Norman

A sentimental advertising creative and a blunt, no-nonsense bar owner find a second chance at love while binge-watching iconic holiday movies in this poignant and heartwarming romance.

He Sees You When You're Sleeping by Alta Hensley

Why choose between naughty or nice in this steamy, suspenseful Christmas-themed stalker romance that's perfect for dark romance readers seeking a spicy, festive read.

Holiday Ever After by Hannah Grace

Clara Davenport wants to solve Fraser Falls's biggest problem. According to Jack Kelly, Clara is Fraser Falls's biggest problem.

Holly and Nick Hate Christmas by Betsy St. Amant

When a Christmas-hating woman's brother sets her up with a fellow Grinch and it backfires, she decides to out-Christmas her date by kicking off a festive battle of wills.

I'll Be Home for Christmas by Jenny Bayliss

A charming, British wintertime tale following one dejected woman's trip home to her eccentric great-aunts, her wayward mother . . . and her first love.

A Mannequin for Christmas by Timothy Janovsky

A Christmas romance for Barbie fans who wished Ken and Allan got their own love story.

A Sea View Christmas by Julie Klassen

The holiday stirs up excitement as fondly remembered guests come to stay and acquaintances grow into more. . . .

You Make it Feel Like Christmas by Sophie Sullivan

All bets are off when a single-minded photographer and a professional hockey player are forced to spend a week together on his sister's Christmas tree farm.

