Rest in peace, friends...
WMTL would like to acknowledge the profound loss felt by the passing of Douglas Ott, who for two decades served not only on the Library Board of Trustees but also as a Friend of the West Milford Township Library. We have benefitted greatly from his quiet but determined leadership, and would like to thank him and his family for all their support. Mr. Ott’s passing, along with the recent passing of Katherine Stromberg, Vice President of the Friends of the West Milford Township Library, remind us of the importance of appreciating those you care for, especially during this holiday season. Both families have asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Friends of the West Milford Township Library, which can be done at the Friends website through this link: https://www.paypal.me/FriendsWMTL?locale.x=en_US.

Music of Duke Ellington & Billy Strayhorn
Sunday, January 12
2:00-3:30 p.m.
Blending music and history, jazz duo Vinnie Cutro on trumpet and Mitch Schechter on piano celebrate the music of two great American Jazz composers in a 90-minute performance of The Music of Duke Ellington & Billy Strayhorn.

During the past 40 years, Vinnie has performed with noted jazz greats such as Horace Silver, Buddy Rich and Lionel Hampton. He has traveled extensively throughout the world appearing at jazz festivals across the globe.

Mitch Schechter’s performance experience ranges from concerts, recitals and recordings to hotel, restaurant, and club work. He has been composing and recording his own music throughout his career. As pianist, Mitch has performed and recorded with mandolin and clarinet virtuoso Andy Statman.

Registration is required and is limited to 75. Please register online at www.wmtl.org/events, by calling 973-728-2822, or emailing wmtl@wmtl.org.

Golden-Winged Warbler and the Young Forest
Thursday, January 9
7:00-9:00 p.m.
The golden-winged warbler (Vermivora chrysoptera; GWWA) is an endangered species in NJ, petitioned for federal listing in the US, listed as threatened in Canada, and is in steep decline in the Appalachian Mountains region over the last 50 years. Habitat loss, on both the breeding and non-breeding grounds, has been identified as one of the main threats contributing to the decline of the GWWA population. The GWWA is an excellent example of wildlife needing diverse patches of forest in different age classes within a larger forested landscape. It is an area-sensitive forest bird that requires forest disturbances large enough to regenerate a forest and has served as the poster child for approximately 40 other bird species of conservation concern throughout its range.

NJ Audubon Stewardship Director John Parke will be discussing what wildlife biologists and land managers are doing to actively manage forests to create the necessary components critical for these species, as well as conservation habitat program funding that is available to forest landowners and farmers.

Registration is required for this free program sponsored by the WMTL Friends. Please register online at www.wmtl.org/events, by calling 973-728-2822, or emailing wmtl@wmtl.org.
Coloring Crew
Monday, January 6
Monday, February 3
2:00-3:00 p.m. or 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Enjoy coloring, conversation, and company with WMTL’s coloring club for adults. We’ll supply the coloring pages, tools, treats, music, and space; you supply the conversation and company! No need to register for this fun hour of creativity!

Chapters
Chapters is a celebration of reading and … talking! WMTL’s book discussion group for adults meets the third week of every month. To register for a morning or an evening discussion, please call 973-728-2822, email wmtl@wmtl.org, or visit the Adult/Teen Services desk.

Before We Were Yours
Wednesday, January 15, 11:00-11:45 a.m.
Thursday, January 16, 7:00-7:45 p.m.
The lives of two families, generations apart collide in Lisa Wingate’s bestselling historical fiction novel. Follow 12-year-old Rill from a 1930s Mississippi River shantyboat to the present-day halls of the South Carolina Senate where long-buried secrets are revealed, families are broken, and new connections are created.

An American Marriage
Wednesday, February 12, 11:00-11:45 a.m.
Thursday, February 13, 7:00-7:45 p.m.
Soon after newlyweds Celestial and Roy begin their lives together, Roy stands accused of a violent crime. The repercussions are long-lasting and transform their marriage, their families, and their future together. In this 2018 Oprah's Book Club selection, author Tayari Jones explores themes of love, loyalty, race and justice.

Circle of Voices, North: Poetry Circle
Monday, February 17
6:45-7:45 p.m.
Join poet Laurie Byro and Circle of Voices, North for an evening of lively discussion featuring the sonnets of William Shakespeare.

Please register by calling 973-728-2822, emailing wmtl@wmtl.org, or visiting the Adult/Teen Services desk. Poems to be discussed are available at the Adult/Teen Services desk. All are invited to bring a favorite poem by the featured poet to share at the evening’s discussion.

Diabetes Support Group
Tuesday, January 7
Tuesday, February 4
6:30-7:45 p.m.
Take charge of your health and find encouragement with the diabetes support group led by resident and volunteer Chris Heye. Let’s share stories and feel empowered to meet the everyday challenges of managing diabetes. No need to register, just drop in!

Investor Protection
Tuesday, February 4
2:00-3:00 p.m.
Learn about safe investing, types of investment products, and how to protect yourself from Ponzi schemes and scams with Arlene Ferris-Waks, Director of Investor Outreach for the New Jersey Bureau of Securities.

The New Jersey Bureau of Securities is charged with protecting investors from investment fraud, and regulating the securities industry in New Jersey. Through its Investor Education Initiative, the Bureau also helps New Jersey residents become informed investors and promotes financial literacy. Prior to supervising the Investor Education Outreach and Complaints units, Ms. Ferris-Waks supervised the Bureau’s Examinations unit. In 2015, she received the New Jersey Attorney General’s award for excellence in public outreach.

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**On the Big Screen!**

Enjoy an afternoon at the movies with WMTL! Seating is limited and is available on a first come, first served basis.

**Wednesdays @ 2:00 p.m.**
- January 8 Robot & Frank
- January 15 Sunset Boulevard
- January 22 Her Majesty-Mrs. Brown
- January 29 The Wiz
- February 5 Marianne & Leonard: Words of Love
- February 12 Hitch
- February 19 Get On Up
- February 26 El Norte

**Saturdays @ 2:00 p.m.**
- January 4 Men in Black: International
- January 11 Once Upon a Time in Hollywood [Starts at 1 pm]
- January 18 Downton Abbey
- January 25 No movie today
- February 1 Judy
- February 8 The Peanut Butter Falcon
- February 15 The Weekend
- February 22 The Lion King (2019)
- February 29 Blinded by the Light

**Gentle Yoga with Michelle**

Tuesday, January 21
Tuesday, February 25
6:30-7:45 p.m.

Let go of stress and find strength, balance, and joy with gentle yoga classes led by Michelle Brook, 200 hour Registered Yoga Teacher certified by the American Yoga Academy. Bring your mat or a thick towel, and other props if you have them. There will be mats available to borrow.

Registration and completion of the required waiver form is required. Registration is limited to 20 per class. Please register online at www.wmtl.org/events or by visiting the Adult Services desk. A $5.00 per class donation to the WMTL Friends will be collected at the start of each class.

**Caregiver’s Corner**

Thursday, January 16, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
Thursday, February 13, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Please join WMTL and Pat Decker, Certified SoulCollage® facilitator, for workshops specially designed to give caregivers a time out for themselves to relax, reflect and enjoy the company of others in a small group. Attendees will get an introduction to SoulCollage®, a fun, easy-to-learn process to make a personal set of cards which expresses your truest self. No art experience is necessary – if you can cut and paste, you can do it! All materials will be provided.

Registration is required and is limited to 8 participants per workshop. Please register online at www.wmtl.org/events, by calling the Adult Services desk at 973-728-2822, or emailing wmtl@wmtl.org.

**Cholesterol Diet Connection**

Thursday, February 6
7:00 p.m.

Genetic makeup and other factors beyond our control can contribute to high cholesterol, but our diet also plays an important role. Join ShopRite Registered Dietitian Megan to learn how better food choices can help to manage your cholesterol and protect your heart!

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Thurs 10:00-8:00
Fri 10:00-6:00
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