The Chess Grotto

Attention Chess enthusiasts! West Milford Township Library invites you to drop by on Thursday, September 16 between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and/or Thursday, October 14 between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. for some casual play. Get pointers from local chess aficionado Peter Giunta. We’ve created our own cozy Chess Grotto, with two tables set up in a sunny alcove, each with a regulation Archer Chess set. For ages 12 and older. No registration is required; just bring your love of the game. Questions? Email wmtl@wmtl.org or call 973-728-2822.

Morris Museum Astronomical Society Live Event

The library welcomes Morris Museum Astronomical Society (MMAS) Coordinator Joe Molnar and his telescope to share spectacular views of September’s First Quarter moon. Join us on the library front lawn on Wednesday, September 15th from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for this special sky watching program. Depending on sky conditions, we might see Jupiter and other planets! Also, bring your mobile phone and be one of the first to try out the Museum’s new device that enables your phone to snap an impressively detailed photo of the moon. Appropriate for ages ten and older.

The program is free and registration is required. Maximum registration is limited to 25. To register, please visit wmtl.org/events or call 973-728-2822.

Backyard Composting 101

Virginia Lamb, Soil Health and Composting Educator/Consultant, will host an in-person workshop on composting on Saturday, October 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Join us outside on the library front lawn for a demonstration on how to practically implement composting in your own home garden. Lamb will provide a live demonstration, and then take some time to answer your questions. This workshop is geared toward adults and teens.

Space is limited for this free workshop and registration is required. Please register at wmtl.org/events.
Genealogy For the Beginner

Join West Milford Township Library staff on Saturday, October 2 from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. for a workshop on creating your family tree. In this beginner’s genealogy class, we’ll examine some of the basic tools for getting started and discuss some of the problems facing the beginner. Learn which records to access, and how to put your research in order to prevent duplication and confusion.

No prior experience is required. Registration for this free program is limited to 20 people. To register, visit wmtl.org/events or call 973-728-2822.

How to Decode Your Cat

People with cat behavior challenges often have few places to turn. West Milford Township Library is excited to host feline behavior specialist Stephen Quandt for a special webinar on Saturday, October 2, 2021 from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Join us for Decoding the Mysteries of Cats, or Why Cats Do What They Do. Quandt will give a 30-minute presentation and provide 30 minutes of Q&A to help people with their cat behavior problems and questions. Registration is required for this free virtual event. To register, please visit wmtl.org/events, or email wmtl@wmtl.org. You will receive a Zoom link to join the presentation the day before the event.

Gentle Yoga with Michelle — Join us live or virtually!

Let go of stress and find strength, balance and joy in gentle yoga classes with Michelle Brook, 200-hour Registered Yoga Teacher certified by the American Yoga Academy. We have two upcoming classes scheduled: Tuesday, September 21 and Tuesday, October 19.

Both classes meet at the Library in Room 6&7. We now offer the option of attending in person, or virtually, via Zoom. It’s up to you! All participants will receive a Zoom link the day before the class via email.

Please register and complete the required waiver form by visiting www.wmtl.org/events. Questions? Call the Adult Services desk at 973-728-2822 or

Zentangle®

West Milford Township Library welcomes back artist Mimi Topping, certified art teacher and certified Zentangle® teacher, for a second relaxing, creative virtual Zentangle® program for teens and adults on Saturday, September 4 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Zentangle® is a fun, easy-to-learn and relaxing meditative style of drawing that helps increase focus and decrease stress. Anyone can do it!

This virtual program is free and all materials will be provided. You will be notified by email when your Zentangle® packet is ready and you will receive a Zoom link to participate the day before the program. Registration is required, and attendance is limited to 20. Please register at wmtl.org/events or send an email to wmtl@wmtl.org.

Chapters

Chapters is a celebration of reading...and talking! WMTL’s book discussion group for adults meets the third week of every month. To receive a book, please see the Adult Services Desk.

The Children’s Blizzard
by Melanie Benjamin

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 11:00-11:45 a.m.
Thursday, Sept. 16, 7:00-7:45 p.m.

This is a story of courage on the prairie, inspired by the devastating storm that struck the Great Plains in 1888, threatening the lives of hundreds of immigrant homesteaders, especially schoolchildren.

Where the Crawdads Sing
by Delia Owens

Wednesday, Oct 20, 11:00-11:45 a.m.
Thursday, Oct 21, 7:00-7:45 p.m.

Owens tells the story of Kya Clark a.k.a. the Marsh Girl, abandoned in 1952 at age ten by her mother and siblings and left to provide for herself and her drunk and abusive father in North Carolina marsh country. Kya’s tale of survival intertwines with the curious unsolved 1969 murder of a popular young man from the neighboring town.

Coloring Crew Is Back!

Monday, October 4
2:00 – 3:30 p.m. or 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Enjoy coloring, conversation, and company with WMTL’s coloring club for adults. We’ll supply the coloring pages, tools, music, and space; you supply the conversation and company! No need to register for this fun hour of creativity!
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The Board of Trustees meets at 7:00 p.m. on September 14 and October 12.

**Calendar of Events (V = Virtual) (H = Hybrid*)**

- **September 4:** Zentangle 2:00-3:00 PM V
- **September 9:** Looking Beyond the Closed Door V 1:00-2:30 PM
- **September 13:** The Kootz in Concert 7:00 PM
- **September 14:** Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- **September 15:** Stitches 1:00-3:00 PM
- **September 15:** Chapters Book Club 11:00-11:45 AM
- **September 16:** Chapters Book Club 7:00-7:45 PM
- **September 15:** Live Astronomy Program 7:30-9:00 PM
- **September 16:** Chess Grotto 3:00-5:00 PM
- **September 21:** Gentle Yoga with Michelle 6:30-7:45 PM H
- **October 2:** Backyard Composting 10:00-11:00 AM
- **October 2:** Genealogy For the Beginner 2:00-4:30 PM
- **October 2:** Decoding the Mysteries of Cats 2:00-3:00 PM V
- **October 4:** Coloring Crew 2:00 – 3:30 PM
- **October 4:** Coloring Crew 6:00 – 7:30 PM
- **October 9:** ALF & Plant Exchange 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
- **October 10:** Bill Ervolino 1:30-3:30 PM
- **October 12:** Library Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- **October 12:** Exploring Your Inner Committee Suit 11:00 AM-12:30 PM V
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* "Hybrid" refers to a program that is offered simultaneously in person and virtually. For more information call the Adult Services desk at 973-728-2822 or visit www.wmtl.org.

**BOOK SALE**

- **Friday, September 24:** 10 AM – 6 PM
- **Saturday, September 25:** 10 AM – 6 PM
- **Sunday, September 26:** 11 AM – 2 PM

At the Wallisch Homestead
65 Lincoln Ave
West Milford, NJ

**LIVE MUSIC!**

- **Monday, September 13**
  - 7:00 pm: The Kootz
  - Under the tent behind the ‘old library’ at 1490 Union Valley Road.
  - No registration required.
  - Please carpool as parking is limited.

**COMEDY!**

- **Sunday, October 10**
  - 1:00-3:30 pm: Bill Ervolino “The Importance of Stories”
  - Room 6&7—Second floor.
  - Registration is required and limited to 50 participants for this free live program.
  - Attendance is limited to 50.
  - Please register at wmtl.org/events, call 973-728-2822, or email wmtl@wmtl.org.

**BOOK COLLECTION**

- **Thursday, September 2:** 5 – 8 PM
- **Friday, September 3:** 5 – 8 PM
- **Saturday, September 4:** 10 AM - 1 PM
- **Thursday, September 9:** 5 – 8 PM
- **Friday, September 10:** 5 – 8 PM
- **Saturday, September 11:** 10 AM - 1 PM
- **Thursday, September 16:** 5 – 8 PM
- **Friday, September 17:** 5 – 8 PM

**Friends Book Sale!**

**DO NOT LEAVE BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY**
September: Looking Beyond the Closed Door with Soul Collage®

Philosopher J. Krishnamurti said, “In oneself lies the whole world and if you know how to look and learn, the door is there and the key is in your hand. Nobody on earth can give you either the key or the door to open, except yourself.”

Explore your inner wisdom, while enjoying a little time just for yourself on Thursday, September 9, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

October: Exploring Your Inner Committee Suit in SoulCollage®

According to author and SoulCollage® Facilitator Anne Marie Bennett, “Since we each have so many inner voices, every day there are all kinds of ‘committee meetings’ going on inside our heads. The beauty of SoulCollage® is that it helps us to identify, embrace, and pay attention to these inner voices.”

This workshop will introduce the concept of the SoulCollage® Committee Suit, a group of cards that represent aspects of our own personality and life experiences.

SoulCollage® Workshops

West Milford Township Library is pleased to welcome back Pat Decker, Certified SoulCollage® Facilitator and Board-Certified Art Therapist, for two fun and relaxing SoulCollage® workshops.

What is a SoulCollage® workshop? It’s an accessible and simple process to create a deck of collaged cards. You’ll have fun leafing through pictures from old magazines and catalogs, until an image “grabs” you, then cut out your chosen images and move them around on a chosen background until it feels right. Following simple directions, the individual SoulCollage® cards “speak” back to the one who made them and offer access to the card maker’s own inner wisdom.

Registration is required and is limited to eight participants. Please register online at www.wmtl.org/events. We will email you to let you know when your SoulCollage® kit is ready for pickup, along with some introductory reading material. You will receive a Zoom link to join the workshop the day before the event.

In the Second Floor Gallery

Through September, enjoy the lovely works of local artist Patricia Treta. Treta studied under Master Pastelist Elizabeth Mowry in Provence, France, and her pastel works have been exhibited at the Ringwood Manor Art Association, the Ridgewood Art Institute, and the Woodstock School.

The library, in partnership with the Township of West Milford, invites local artists to apply to exhibit their work in our second floor gallery. Artist applications are accepted year-round. For details, visit www.wmtl.org/exhibits.

Stitches

Just learning how to knit? Need some help with a project you’re working on? Join West Milford resident and volunteer Donna D’elia for Stitches, an informal group for adults at West Milford Township Library.

Drop by on either or both of these dates: Wednesday, September 15, 1:00-3:00 p.m. Saturday, September 25, 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Feel free to bring your own knitting and crochet projects for a little guidance. We will meet in Quiet Study Room B, first floor.