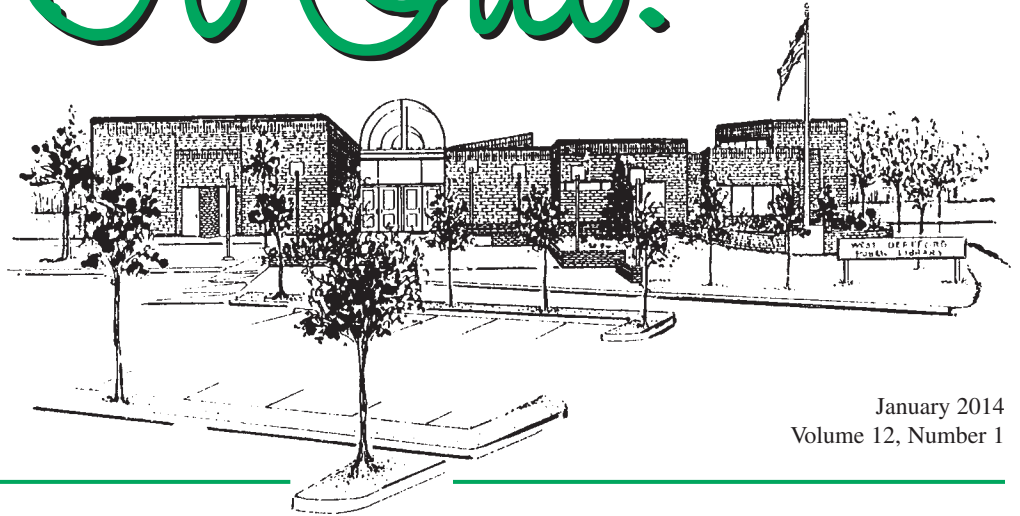


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The WDFPL as a Community Partner in Emergency Response



In 2013 the New Jersey State Library, in association with LibraryLinkNJ, the NJ Library Association and the National Network Libraries of Medicine - Middle Atlantic Region, initiated a Disaster Recovery Summit called 'Ports in a Storm' for libraries throughout New Jersey. The WDFPL is participating in the initiative in order to better serve the West Deptford community when emergencies occur. The following are actions taken by the WDFPL to prepare for Emergency Preparedness and Response:



The Powermate Sx 5500 watt manual start generator was won by the West Deptford Free Public Library in a raffle from the New Jersey State Library. From left: Marie Downes, Library Director; Ed Marlin, custodian; Cheryl Rheiner, Reference Librarian.

- Training Library staff in Emergency Response
- Partnering with the WD Township Emergency Services Response Team
- Partnering with the Southwest Long Term Recovery Group
- Featuring information for Emergency Preparedness and Response on the Library's website
- Offering programs and providing written information for the public on Emergency Preparedness



If the Library is still operational after the event of an emergency, library services will be available to help affected community members in their recovery.



The friends of WDFPL are delighted to unveil the newly renovated and updated Children's Computer Room.



Proud Supporters of the 2013 Children's Summer Reading Program

Applebees –
Apple American Group
The Broadway Theatre at Pitman
Brunswick Lanes
Camden RiverSharks
Cicones Italia Pizzeria
Cowtown Rodeo
Garden State Discovery Museum
International Sports, Skating
and Fun Center
PECO Theatre –
Lights of Liberty 3D Show
Philadelphia Phillies
Ronald McDonald
Reading Program

* A special thanks to the
friends of the
West Deptford Public Library
for their support and
funding of the Youth Services
Summer Programs.



Campbell's Quality "and the Land of the Good Red Tomato" with Jonathan Thorn*

Thursday • January 23 • 7:00 p.m.
Celebrate National Soup Month with Jonathan Thorn and learn how Campbell Soup Company originated in Southern New Jersey.

Tuesday Tea with an Oliver Twist Book Talk

Tuesday • January 28 • 10:30 a.m.
Join us to share insights on *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens. Bring your book along or download the novel to your computer, smartphone or eReader at <http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/730>. Feel free to stay and enjoy the film following the book talk.

Introductory Tai Chi with Ralph Quinn

Thursday • January 30 • 7:00 p.m.
Ralph Quinn demonstrates Tai Chi basics, uncovering a gentle way to increase flexibility and reduce stress.

Blind Date with a Book is back February 1 through February 28

During the month of February, choose a gift-wrapped book from the special display area, take it to the Circulation Desk and check it out. Unwrap it at home and read it. You won't know the title, author or genre until you unwrap it. Tell us briefly how your blind date went on the form enclosed with the book. Bring your form with your name on it to the Circulation Desk and enter a drawing for a \$25.00 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble Booksellers to be held on February 28. Happy reading!

Romance is in the Air with Ed Coles and the Entertainers

Thursday • February 13 • 7:00 p.m.
Stop in the Library and swing during February for this Big Band Bash! Tap your toes, snap your fingers and get "In the Mood" with tunes from the Dorsey Brothers, Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller and more!

Adult Services - Winter 2014

Shakespeare and Literary Herbs with Lorraine Kiefer, Triple Oaks Nursery

Thursday • February 20 • 7:00 p.m.
Lorraine Kiefer, *Triple Oaks Nursery*, will highlight nature's role in Shakespearian literature. Visit www.tripleoaks.com for gardening insights and more.

Dance the Merengue with Diane Alcavage, Dances by Diane

Thursday, February 27, 7:00 p.m.
Merengue music found mainstream exposure in other areas of Latin America in the 1970s and 80s with its peak in the 1990s. Move your feet to Latin beats and enjoy working out at your Library. Partners are not necessary, ladies can lead, and hard-soled shoes are recommended. Visit www.DancesByDiane.com.

Women's Land Army with Jenny Carleo*

Thursday • March 13 • 7:00 p.m.
Enjoy learning more at your Library during National Women's History Month. Women's Land Army in New Jersey will provide an overview with presenter Jenny Carleo. Visit <http://www.loc.gov/pictures/resource/cph.3g10239/>



Share Your Skills eReader Workshop

Thursday • March 27 • 6:30 p.m.
Device users are invited to come with their eReader devices/chargers or laptops to share their knowledge, and new users and observers are always welcome. We will learn how to borrow library books using OverDrive.

Schedules are subject to change. Call the Library to confirm event information and to register – 856-845-5593.

* These programs are made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey Historical Commission, a division of the Department of the State, and the Gloucester County Cultural and Heritage Commission at Gloucester County College.

Notes from the Board

2013 has been a wonderful year at the Library and it has been great to see all of you here enjoying one of the best facilities in the County. Our programs are still popular with our customers and our materials are continually updated for your enjoyment. Have you ever thought about your favorite part of coming to the Library? Would it be the book titles? How about the programs? Is it the displays or is it just the ability to come in, relax and enjoy whatever newspaper, magazine or latest novel we have on the shelves? Whatever it is, let us know. Also, if there is something that you would like to see at the Library, tell us. We would love to know what you think.

As a Board, we are committed to making sure that your tax dollars are returned to you in the best ways possible. We offer a unique experience that meets the needs of many. Make sure you utilize your investments. Come on in! You don't know what you are missing!

As we enter the New Year, let 2014 be the year that you make the resolution to spend more time with us and enjoy all the amenities that are available to you. The West Deptford Free Public Library is the best and we want you to come on over and stay awhile.

Happy New Year!
April Maska, *Board President*

Gallery Exhibits

January/February
Second Time Around Art Class
March
Youth Art Month



Book Discussion

Sponsored by the *friends* of the West Deptford Public Library
Thursdays @ 7:30 p.m.

January 2
Me Before You by Jojo Moyes

February 6
Dreams From My Father
by Barack Obama

March 6
Auntie Mame by Patrick Dennis



Children's Programs - Winter 2014

January 27 through March 20

Children's Programs are open to West Deptford Library members and West Deptford residents.

REGISTRATION

- according to child's age at time of sign-up • required for all programs and events
- begins January 20 • call 856-845-5593 or stop in.



Kidkins – Preschool Story Time

Ages 3-5 who have not entered kindergarten.
Parent/caregiver must remain in the Library.
Choose to register for one of the following classes:
Mondays • 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
Tuesdays • 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.
January 27 - March 18

Kidkins – Wednesday Evening Story Time

Ages 3-5 who have not entered kindergarten.
Parent/caregiver must remain in the Library.
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.
January 29, February 5, 19, March 5, and 19.



FURever As Friends (FAF) "Silent Mentors in Literacy Education" (SMILE)

Children read to trained therapy dogs.
Wednesdays • 6:30 p.m.
February 12, 26, and March 12

Kiddles – 2s Story Time

Ages 24-36 months with parent/caregiver.
Thursdays • 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.
January 30 - March 20

Yiddie Biddie Kiddies – Toddler Time

Ages 13-24 months with parent/caregiver.
Thursdays • 10:05 - 10:30 a.m.
January 30 - March 20

After School Tuesdays Library Kids' Club

Grades K- 4
Parent/caregiver of children ages 7 and younger must remain in the Library.
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
January 28 - March 18

Teen Programs - Winter 2014

Learn Scratch Programming Language

Tuesdays: January 7, 14, 21, and 28 • 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
With Scratch, you can program your own interactive stories, games, and animations - and share your creations with others in the online community. Scratch helps young people learn to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively - essential skills for life in the 21st century. Scratch is a project of the Lifelong Kindergarten Group at the MIT Media Lab. It is provided free of charge.

For Parents

Scratch is a programming language and an online community where teens and tweens can program and share interactive media such as stories, games, and animation with people from all over the world. As students create with Scratch, they learn to think creatively, work collaboratively, and reason systematically. Scratch is designed and maintained by the Lifelong Kindergarten group at the MIT Media Lab.

Regular Monthly Teen Programs

Pizza and a Paperback

Tuesdays: January 21, February 11, and March 11 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Come to the Library to discuss what you are reading and enjoy a slice of pizza.

Write On: Our Writers' Workshop

Tuesdays: January 14, February 18, and March 18 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
If you write fan fiction, draw your own manga characters, or just like reading original stories, come check us out.

Tuesday Night @ the Movies

January 28, February 25, and March 25 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Call the Library for more information. Of course snacks will be served.

Special Tuesday Night Programs

Aroma Therapy

January 7 • 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
We will be making scented soaps.

Candy Making

February 4 • 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Make & eat chocolate covered pretzels with jimmies.

Jewelry Making

March 3 • 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Make and take bracelets, earrings, and necklaces using different beads and medium.



Events For Everyone - Winter 2014

Open to the general public – registration requested.
Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of every program.

Celebrate Black History Month: Freedom Stories

Sunday • February 2 • 3:00 p.m.
Gifted storyteller **TAHIRA** shares tales of freedom fighters in this dramatic performance. She offers a compelling look at the women who took extraordinary risks for freedom. TAHIRA also includes freedom songs such as *John the Rabbit*, which contained coded messages used by enslaved Africans to devise a plan of escape.



Celebrate Women's History Month: Nobody Owns the Sky: Fascinating Stories of Forgotten Female Aviators

Sunday • March 2 • 3:00 p.m.
Carol Simon Levin, as Elinor Smith Sullivan, brings the colorful stories of female aviators to life.

Long before Amelia Earhart's famous exploits, female flyers had already proven that aviatrixes were every bit as brave and daring as their male counterparts. Flying in flimsy wood and canvas aero planes, they awed and thrilled people on the ground.



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CHECK OUT OUR Teen Web Page

Publish your drawings or writings on the teen area of the Library's web page.
Send your creations to carolmurphy@westdeptford.lib.nj.us.



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Programs for children, teens and adults

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Quiet study room

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HOURS

Monday - Thursday	10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday (Oct. - May)	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday (June - Sept.)	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Sunday (Oct. - May)	1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday (June - Sept.)	Closed

West Deptford Historical Association

The West Deptford Historical Association had a great 2013 and we are looking forward to another unique year as we enter 2014. Our fall activities were once again appreciated by residents where our Scarecrows on Parade helped celebrate the early autumn season. We ended our year with our Christmas Lights Bus Tour and our Winter Wreath Event on RiverWinds Drive. What a great way to celebrate the winter season.



Christmas Lights Bus Tour

The New Year will feature new displays that bring out the history of the township. Our first display of 2014 will be artifacts found on a Greenfields property in the township. This display will be in our showcase from January to March. Make plans to stop by and see how one property in West Deptford carries a rich history of early families.

The Historical Association continues to add to our collections monthly. It is always fascinating to see the history come together as township families share their roots of when they first came to West Deptford. Stop by our meetings and show us what your family has to share.

The goal of the Historical Association is to bring the past to the present and to offer family activities to bring our residents together and enjoy what West Deptford has to offer. We look forward to seeing you at our events or at our meetings. Our meetings are at the Library every other month on the second Monday. For more information, please contact April Maska at 845-1205, Noreen Mikulski at 848-0396 or call the Information Desk at the Library at 845-5593.

Your past is part of our history that is waiting to be retold and treasured.

friends in Action



The friends of WDPL were present at the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony of the Children's Computer Room Renovation.

A sunny day brings light, enthusiasm and the joy of sharing.

The *friends* have undertaken a very special Library project specifically for our youngsters under age 12. It is the **Children's Computer Center!** This refurbished space now has a new countertop and kid-sized chairs, five new computers and a printer, fresh paint and an original mural painted by a local artist, Patti Brown.

A genuine "thank you" is appreciated by everyone. The staff here at the WDFPL is the greatest and they should be told that regularly. The *friends* hosted an annual appreciation tea for all our personnel; we enjoyed delicious teas and scrumptious homemade goodies amidst fine china, lovely table linens and bright flowers. Be sure to see the photos on the Library Facebook page.

Each spring the staff selects a "Volunteer of the Year" for public honor. This individual is recognized at a breakfast hosted by the *friends* here in the Library and has his/her photograph and name on a plaque which is displayed at the Circulation Desk for the year. At the close of the honoree's year of fame, he/she is presented with a personal plaque to take home.

Have you noticed the new posters hanging in various locations around the Library? They depict just a few of the varied activities and projects undertaken by the *friends* of the Library. A few benches outside, the rolling book baskets, the raffle baskets, the honey and book sales all came into being because of the *friends*. We very much want to continue these efforts into the future.

The dictionary defines a friend as: an ally, a supporter, one who is held in the highest esteem. Spring is a time of growth, rebirth and renewal. The April newsletter will include an envelope for you, our Library patrons, to renew your financial support for the projects undertaken by the *friends*. We always need more *friends*. Won't you join us?