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Notes from the Board *A season of reflection...*

At this time of year, I find myself reminiscing over wonderful times spent with family and friends, counting my blessings, and looking forward to what the next year has in store. Looking back over 2019, the WDFPL has faced some new and interesting challenges. I'm extremely thankful for the amazing staff and dedicated board members who have faced these challenges head-on to continue to provide the fantastic services and programming that make WDFPL so special and unique. One thing that is exciting is the amount of new card holders we've had during the past year! In this age of technological advancements, it's great to see so many accessing the written word in book form. It's important to remember, however, that the library has services to support your technology needs as well. Please continue to check our website and take advantage of the offerings for the coming season. We have some fantastic events planned for 2020!

Thank you for your continued patronage of the WDFPL. Please let us know of any questions you may have or suggestions for improving services for our community. Our monthly Board of Trustees meetings are open to the public. We welcome your feedback. I'd like to wish you and your loved ones a safe and Happy New Year.

Terri Wallowitch
Board President



The Smithsonian's Water/Ways Exhibition Flows into WDFPL



The Water/Ways NJ Tour Schedule traveled to six NJ communities, all shaped by water in different ways. The last Water/Ways exhibit site will be West Deptford Free Public Library March 2 - April 10, 2020. You could be instrumental in helping our community make the most of The Smithsonian's Water/Ways. Be sure to visit WDFPL's Smithsonian Water/Ways Museum on Main Street exhibit, share your Water/Ways experience with friends and family, and spread the word.

See Page 2 for further information and programs for Water/Ways.

Performing Arts...A Window to Fantasy, Myths & Fairy Tales – WDFPL's 2020 Special Project – April through August



The Library is pleased to announce that the Gloucester County Cultural and Heritage Commission, an agency under the auspices of Rowan College South Jersey, has awarded the WDFPL funds from the NJ Council on the Arts. The grant funding affords the library the opportunity to invite performing artists to present themed performances for all to enjoy. Performances/dates/times for Special Project *Performing Arts...A Window to Fantasy, Myths & Fairy Tales* will be announced via the Library's website, newsletter, local newspaper, and fliers.

WDFPL's GCCHC History Project 2020 – History of N.J. Duck Decoys, Waterfowl, and Salt Marshes

This program, using scholarly and thought provoking presentations, will focus on the following related watershed topics: The history of N.J. duck decoys, historical Native-American usage of wetlands, the history of local turtle nesting, and the history of NJ salt marshes. Audiences will learn the importance of our local NJ watersheds and how we interact with South Jersey nature. Funding has been made possible in part by the Gloucester County Cultural & Heritage Commission of Rowan College of South Jersey.



NJ Makers Day inspires libraries to showcase STEM and maker culture, enhancing life-long learning. WDFPL will host Makers Day on Saturday, March 21, with activities from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. People of all ages can take part in hands-on technological and

craft projects. Watch for a listing of activities posted in the library and on the library's website www.westdeptford.lib.nj.us.

Smithsonian Water/Ways Museum on Main Street



Water/Ways events will give audiences the opportunity to ask questions and interact with the presenters. *What is Your Water Story Workshop* with Megan Buchman on March 7, as part of building a statewide water story archive, invites participants to share and/or listen to meaningful memories and experiences of water in New Jersey. In addition, the program TBD, presented by Nanticoke Leni-Lenape Native Americans, will solicit sharing of land and water experience by the audience to foster cross-cultural understanding.

Water focused programming will continue at the Library after the Water/Ways exhibit has moved on. *Duck Decoys, Water Fowl and NJ Wetlands* is a FY20 History Project grant awarded to the Library by Gloucester County Cultural & Heritage Commission. This will extend the celebration of Water/Ways for all ages throughout the remainder of the year.

For more information about the Water/Ways exhibit and other water-related public programs, visit NJHUMANITIES.ORG. Water/Ways is a Museum on Main Street project organized by the Smithsonian Institution traveling Exhibition Service and brought to you by your state humanities council. Funded by the United States Congress.

MARCH 2 - APRIL 10 Information – Call 856-845-5593

Saturday, 2/8, 1:00 p.m.	Ken Serfass: <i>Abraham Wolfe, First "Keep" of the Sea Girt Lighthouse</i>
Thursday, 2/13, 7:00 p.m.	Music at Bunker Hill Piano Quintet Rivers: <i>Lakes and Streams</i>
Thursday, 2/20, 7:00 p.m.	Tom Belton: <i>Delaware River: An Immigrant Highway Lecture</i>
Monday, 3/2, 7:00 p.m.	<i>Opening Reception</i>
Saturday, 3/7, 1:00 p.m.	Megan Bucknum, NJCH State Scholar: <i>What is Your Water Story Workshop</i>
Saturday, 3/14, 1:00 p.m.	Spook Handy: <i>Water, environmental, and Pete Seeger songs</i>
Saturday, 3/21, 1:00 p.m.	Adventure Aquarium: <i>Habitat Heroes</i>
Saturday, 3/28, 1:00 p.m.	Maya van Rossum, Delaware River Keeper: <i>Delaware River Story</i>
Saturday, 4/4, 1:00 p.m.	New Jersey Symphony Orchestra String Quartet: <i>"Water" music</i>



George Washington Remembers New Jersey – Gen. Washington, David Emerson of History on the Hoof, reminisces about the "Cockpit of the Revolution" *



A Visit with U. S. Grant – Professional living historian Ken Serfass brought Union army's Ulysses S. Grant to life *



Millville Army Air Field Museum Lecture – Interesting discussion with Norman Gluckman, retired library director, Navy veteran, volunteer at Henry E. Wyble Historic Research and Library & Education Center *

friend and longtime library user Kay Pierson with her book titled *The Hafley Private Maternity Hospital Swedesboro N.J.*

Adult Services Programs

JANUARY - MARCH 2020

First Friday Movie Matinee @ 1:00 p.m.

Featuring classic films...

January – *Dances with Wolves*

February – *Doctor Zhivago*

March – *A Fish Called Wanda*

April – *Out of Africa*

Snack included!

Book-a-Tech

Make an appointment, 856-845-5593, to meet with Technology Coordinator Bobby Dillon for individual computer help.

Tai Chi with Ralph Quinn

Mondays @ 1:30 p.m. • January 13 - April 6

Weekly one-hour sessions for arthritis.

Alice's Ordinary People

Thursday • January 30 • 7:00 p.m.

Film documentary and director's talk with Craig Dudnick.

<http://imaginevideo.org/alices-ordinary-people/>

Bob Stahler, CFP Finance Workshops

Thursdays @ 7:00 p.m. • February 27, March 26

A Book Discussion: *Freedom Lessons* by Eileen Harrison Sanchez

Thursday • March 19 • 2:00 p.m.

Written from the author's own experience, this is a story of how the lives of three people intersect in a rural Louisiana town in 1969.

Please call the library at 856-845-5593 to register for these FREE programs.

Gallery Exhibits

January/February

In and Around the Water: NJ Wildlife Photography of Brett Klaproth

<http://rayhennessy.com/blog>

Ray Hennessey's *Waterfowl Talk* coming soon

March

Water/Ways

Book Discussion

Sponsored by the friends of the West Deptford Free Public Library

Second Monday @ 11:00 a.m.

January 13

The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek
by Kim Michele Richardson

February 10

The Danish Girl by David Ebershoff

March 9

The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict

* WDFPL's 2019 GCCHC History Project "The Military History of New Jersey" – funding made possible in part by the New Jersey Historical Commission/Department of State, and the Gloucester County Cultural & Heritage Commission of Rowan College of South Jersey.



Children's Programs

JANUARY - MARCH 2020

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

REGISTRATION:

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

Kiddos – Preschool Story Time

Ages 3-5

Parent/caregiver must remain in Library.

Register for Monday OR Tuesday:

Mondays • 10:05 - 10:45 a.m.

Tuesdays • 10:05 - 10:45 a.m.

January 2 - April 7

Library Kids' Club

After School Tuesdays

Grades K-4

Parent/caregiver of children 7 and younger must remain in Library.

4:00 - 4:45 p.m.

January 28 - April 7

S.M.I.L.E.

Children read to therapy pets.

Wednesdays • 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

January 22, February 12, 26,

March 11, 25, April 8

Kiddles – Toddler Time

Ages 6-23 mos. with parent/caregiver

Thursdays • 10:05 - 10:30 a.m.

January 30 - April 9

Kidkins – 2s Story Time

Age 2 with parent/caregiver

Thursdays • 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

January 30 - April 9

Unicorn Wishes!
Library Kids Club After School
Tuesdays Grades K-4



Slinky Dogs!
Library Kids
Club After
School
Tuesdays
Grades K-4



Kiddos Preschool Story Time ages 3-5...
Halloween Gathering



Halloween Hoots photo shoot...
Kidkins 2s Story Time –
Thanks Miss Karen Q.



Free time, puzzle time... Kiddles
Tykes & Toddlers Story Time

'Tweens & Teens Programs

JANUARY - MARCH 2020

Tuesdays • 5:30 p.m. • Ages 10 - 18

January

- 14 **Check & Mates** – Chess and board games
- 21 **FEEDback** – snack & chat
- 28 **Movie Night** – *Shazam!*

February

- 4 **Creative Craft** – Think Valentine's Day
- 11 **Check & Mates** – Chess and board games
- 18 **FEEDback** – snack & chat
- 25 **Movie Night** – *Super-Man: Far from Home*

March

- 3 **Creative Craft** – Think St. Patty's Day
- 10 **Check & Mates** – Chess and board games
- 17 **FEEDback** – snack & chat
- 24 **Movie Night** – *Avengers: Endgame*
- 31 **Let's repurpose leftover craft materials**



Dozer loves when
'tweens & teens read to him...
S.M.I.L.E., FURever As Friends
read to therapy pets

For further information:
check out

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Teen Services or contact the
Young Adult Coordinator @

856-845-5559.

A Big Thanks To Miss Patti

for overseeing the
'Tween & Teen 2019
Autumn Programs!



Hallows Eve Party – face painting, snacks and fun!



Autumn Pine Cone Flowers –
Craft Night



FEEDback, acorn & pilgrim hat treats...
watch out, Miss Patti might sneak a snack!

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SERVICES

AARP Income Tax Assistance
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Gallery/displays • Mobility scooter
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Programs for children, teens and adults
Public meeting room
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Training in computer and Internet use
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COLLECTION

Over 85,000 materials
Audio books on compact discs
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Electronic subscription databases
Large print books • Magazines and newspapers
Materials for the physically challenged
Museum passes • Music on compact discs
Play-a-ways • Puzzles and puppets
Reference sources

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	Closed

HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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Maddie, Giana, Grace...
captivated by the
Wedding Gown Display

Happy New Year! All of us with the West Deptford Historical Association wish all of you a fantastic and healthy 2020.

The Historical Association had a great 2019. Our fantastic Wedding Gown Display was well received. Our collection grows every year and the gowns are beautiful, and a great way to relive that special day in a woman's life. We then had a large display on the history of West Deptford Schools. The timeline from the township's Small Start with Schools showed the advancement the schools have made throughout the years. We also participated in the West Deptford Family Fun Day and enjoyed visiting with all of you. We ended the year with our popular Christmas Bus Lights Tour and participation in the Toys for Tots Toy Drive sponsored by Mattie Electric and the Mattie Family.

The New Year will have us showcasing more historical artifacts of our great township and show how far we have come since the inception of West Deptford in 1871.

As always, if you have something you wish to donate to the Historical Association, give us a call. We pride ourselves on taking care of all the history of West Deptford. We are rich in traditions and always enjoy sharing your artifacts with our residents. We are also available to give presentations at your local groups and organizations.

If you need further information, please call the Library at 845-5593, April Maska 845-1205 or Noreen Mikulski 848-0396.

Your memories and history are our future!

friends of the WDFPL

The first months of the New Year are typically cold and blustery. What better time than to gather a basket of library books and hunker at home in a sunny corner with a great story! If you could use a bit of guidance in choosing reading materials, be certain to talk with our library staff. They are very well versed in what is current and popular, what you might enjoy next if you loved a particular title or author, or something completely different from your usual fare.

January 8th is Bubble Bath Day! After all the hubbub of the holidays, you most likely need some serious me time. Today, draw a hot bath, add your favorite bubbles, sit back, and relax for a few minutes with a good book. You've earned it!

Even though February is the shortest month of the year, there are still plenty of reasons to celebrate. February is National Library Lovers' Month. This is the perfect time to visit our library, speak with our staff and make a more personal connection with those whom you don't yet know well. Bringing along a tasty treat, either to enjoy in the *friends* café section, or to share with library staff is always welcome.

February 10th is Teddy Bear Day. Perhaps your youngster would like to bring a favorite Teddy to the library for a visit and a shared read.

March 22nd is National Water Day. This is the perfect time to visit the Smithsonian's Water/Ways exhibit, March 2 - April 10, at our library.

All the efforts of our library are supported by the *friends* organization.

miriam reichenbach –
President, *friends* of the WDFPL



volunteers...a gift to the community