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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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## UPCOMING HOLIDAY HOURS & CLOSING INFORMATION

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and click on **About Us**

### Independence Day

Friday, July 4

**CLOSED**



Disability Pride Month is an annual observance that celebrates people with disabilities, commemorates the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and promotes disability culture and visibility.

More than 1 in 4 adults in the United States—over 70 million people—have a disability. Disability Pride Month recognizes the importance of the ADA, which was signed into law on July 26, 1990. It highlights disability culture, history, and community pride. This month calls on everyone to promote inclusion and ensure people with disabilities are accepted exactly as they are, without conditions. Disability Pride is about being accepted on our own terms. It says disability is not something to hide or fix—it's part of who we are. Everyone deserves inclusion, rights, and respect, without having to earn them. For more information, visit:

<https://thearc.org/blog/why-and-how-to-celebrate-disability-pride-month/>



Looking for something fun (and educational) to do this summer? The Wayne Public Library has FREE museum passes to Wayne residents.



Museum Passes are checked out to a current adult library card. The loan period is 3 days, (renewals are not available and holds are not allowed).

To see the full list of the Museum Passes available (and for up-to-date information), go to our website, click on the SERVICES menu option and select MUSEUM PASSES.

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**Wayne Public Library**

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

**July 8**

*Location: Story Time Room*

**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.



## **ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2025: "COLOR OUR WORLD!"**

Wayne residents (age 18 and older) are encouraged to participate in our Adult Summer Reading program! This program runs through Thursday, August 18, at 5:00 PM.

Pick up your reading log in-person by presenting your active Wayne library card at the Reference Desk.

One log per patron.

### **What Do I Have to Do to Participate?**

All you have to do is read a book, magazine, listen to an audiobook or watch a DVD by using items from our collection or from one of our PALS Plus Digital resources!

Each log has 4 tickets. To **enter the prize drawings**, each ticket must be filled out completely with your name, library card number, phone and email address along with the 3 items you have read/listened to/watched. Clip the ticket off your log sheet to enter it in one of the prize boxes at the Reference Desk! (Prizes will also be listed on the Library's website).

Visit our website & online calendar for programs throughout the summer!

Fun crafts, movies, knit & crochet, book groups and more!

Consider joining one of our adult book discussion groups (see pages 3-4).

For information about Libby and Hoopla, see page 8.

**Estate Planning**

Wednesday, July 23 at 11:00 AM

*Location: Room A/B*

*Presenter: Stephen Bandler*



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Group	Date	Time	Title	Author	Availability	Facilitator
<b>Romantic Fiction Group</b>	No meeting in July					Janette Pardo
<b>Page Turners Group</b>	No meeting in July					Janette Pardo
<b>Cozy Mystery Group</b> (In-person Meeting)	Friday July 11	11:00 AM	<i>Poppy Harmon Investigates</i>	Lee Hollis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Print copies <a href="#">hoopla:</a></li> <li>• eBook</li> <li>• eAudiobook</li> </ul>	Karen Wronko
<b>Anime/Manga/Graphic Novel Club</b> (In-person Meeting)	Saturday July 12	11:30 AM	<i>Oracle Code</i>	Marieke Nijkamp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Print copy <a href="#">hoopla:</a></li> <li>• eBook</li> </ul>	Arwen Fitzgerald
<b>Romantasy Group</b> (In-person Meeting)	Monday July 14	7:00 PM	<i>From Blood and Ash</i>	Jennifer L. Armentrout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Print copies <a href="#">Libby:</a></li> <li>• eBook</li> <li><a href="#">Libby &amp; hoopla:</a></li> <li>• eBook</li> <li>• eAudiobook</li> </ul>	Emily Weiss
<b>Evening Group</b> (In-person Meeting)	Tuesday July 15	7:00 PM	<i>The Sweeney Sisters</i>	Lian Dolan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Print copies <a href="#">Libby:</a></li> <li>• eBook</li> <li>• eAudiobook</li> </ul>	Patty Slezak
<b>Non-Fiction Group</b> (Hybrid Meeting)	Wednesday July 16	10:00 AM	<i>Knife</i>	Salman Rushdie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Print copies <a href="#">Libby:</a></li> <li>• eAudiobook</li> </ul>	Nick Bastean
<b>Silent Book Club</b> (In-person Meeting)	Saturday July 19	10:30 AM	See next page for full description			Karin Kweselait
<b>Monday Monthly Book Talk</b> (Virtual Meeting)	Monday July 28	6:15 PM	<i>The Little Red Chairs</i>	Edna O'Brien	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Print copies <a href="#">Libby &amp; hoopla:</a></li> <li>• eBook</li> <li>• eAudiobook</li> </ul>	Eleana Cordova

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**See page 8 for more information about our digital resources: Libby and hoopla.**





bookclubs

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**Silent Book Club**

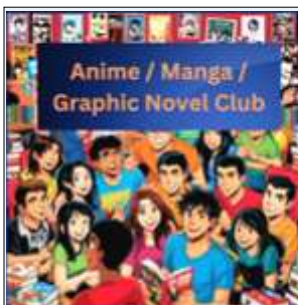
Saturday, July 19 @ 10:30 AM

Location: Room A/B

Have you ever wanted to join a book club, but didn't like the books being chosen? Do you like to read, but feel like you never have the time? Then this is the book club for you, a light discussion before and after a full hour of reading time. Come relax and read and maybe even get a few book suggestions.

If you are planning to listen to an audiobook, please bring headphones!

For more information, contact Karin Kweselaitk at [kweselaitk@waynepubliclibrary.org](mailto:kweselaitk@waynepubliclibrary.org) or call 973-694-4272 x5401

**IN-PERSON PROGRAM**

Join our **Adult Anime, Manga & Graphic Novel Club** where adults can discuss their favorite manga, graphic novels & anime! Members can have fun sharing some of their favorite (or least favorite) bits of media and connecting with others who enjoy similar topics.

The book recommendation for this month is ***The Oracle Code*** by *Marieke Nijkamp*. It is available in hoopla.

During the meeting, the group will watch **DECA-DENCE** together.

Open to all adults, 18+ Saturday, July 12 @ 11:30 AM Location: Room A/B

Registration is requested: <https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/14467420>

For more information, contact Arwen Fitzgerald at: [fitzgeralda@waynepubliclibrary.org](mailto:fitzgeralda@waynepubliclibrary.org)

**IN-PERSON PROGRAM**

The Anime/Manga/Graphic Novel Club  
would like you to join us!

Come try something new or see  
an old favorite in these 1-3 episode  
runs of various anime shows,  
running through August.

Location: Room A/B (July 3, 10, 24, 31)

Location: Story Time Room (July 17)

**Summer Anime Samplers!**

Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- July 3<sup>rd</sup> - One Piece
- July 10<sup>th</sup> - Rurouni Kenshin
- July 17<sup>th</sup> - Yu Yu Hakusho
- July 24<sup>th</sup> - Spy x Family
- July 31<sup>st</sup> - Cowboy Bebop

See you there!

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## Movies and Film Discussion



### Foreign Film Discussion Club

**Cinema Sabaya (Arabic & Hebrew)**

**Wednesday, July 16 @ 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..

**Register on the Library's online calendar to receive the Zoom link for discussion, and to access the link to view the film online.**

<https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/12881900>

For information contact Patty Slezak at: [slezakp@waynepubliclibrary.org](mailto:slezakp@waynepubliclibrary.org) or call 973-694-4272 x5401



### VIRTUAL PROGRAM



### Anime/Manga/Graphic Novel Club's Watch Party Presentation

**Monday, July 28 from 6:30 PM—8:30 PM**

**Location: Room A/B**

***Josee, the Tiger and the Fish*** (Movie for 12+) Runtime: 1 hour 40 minutes

Subtitled in English with Japanese language spoken.

<https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/14658262>

For information contact Arwen Fitzgerald at: [fitzgeralda@waynepubliclibrary.org](mailto:fitzgeralda@waynepubliclibrary.org) or call 973-694-4272 x5401

### IN-PERSON PROGRAM



**Monday @ 2:00 PM**

**Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM**

**Thursdays @ 2:00 PM**



*\* Monday viewing is shown with subtitles.*

**Bridget Jones:  
Mad About the Boy**  
Rated R  
124 Minutes

**\* July 14—2:00 PM**  
Room A/B  
**July 16—6:30 PM**  
Room A  
**July 17—2:00 PM**  
Room A

The license is  
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the Wayne Public  
Library.

No registration  
is required.  
Admission is on  
a first-come,  
first-serve basis.

### IN-PERSON PROGRAM



## Writing Programs

### Author Chats with Janette

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



#### Karen Cino

**Thursday, July 17 @ 11:00 AM**

Karen Cino is a multi-published author who started her career by writing poetry, short stories and articles for her high school newspaper. While in college, she was one of the founding member of WSIA radio station. Later, she worked as an investigator reporter at a local newspaper. Karen loves writing about local places that people can relate to. Her previous books were written and take place in various places across Staten Island; when Karen relocated to the Jersey Shore back in 2015, she changed the locale to the New Jersey Shoreline.



Karen is currently president of the New Jersey Romance Writers and previously served as Vice President and President of the New York City Romance Writers Chapter. Besides being a member of NJRW, she's also a member of the Women's Fiction Writing Association. Currently, Karen is working on a Women's Fiction novel as well as a Cozy Mystery series.

The Zoom link is located on the online calendar at: <https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/14613575>

## VIRTUAL PROGRAM



#### Patrick O'Dowd

**Monday, July 28 @ 7:00 PM**

Patrick O'Dowd's work has appeared in various publications, including *Quagmire* Literary Magazine, *The Write Launch*, and *Sequoia Speaks*, where he served as the fiction editor. Born and raised in Cranford, New Jersey, he studied at Montclair State University and now lives in Wayne, NJ. *A Campus on Fire* is his first novel.



The Zoom link is located on the online calendar at:  
<https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/14500484>

## VIRTUAL PROGRAM



*Half Price*

*Children's*

*Book Sale*

It doesn't get better than this! All picture books, chapter books, middle grade and YA novels are on sale for the month of July. Parents—tell your kids to check their summer reading bag for a coupon to use in the Friends Room!

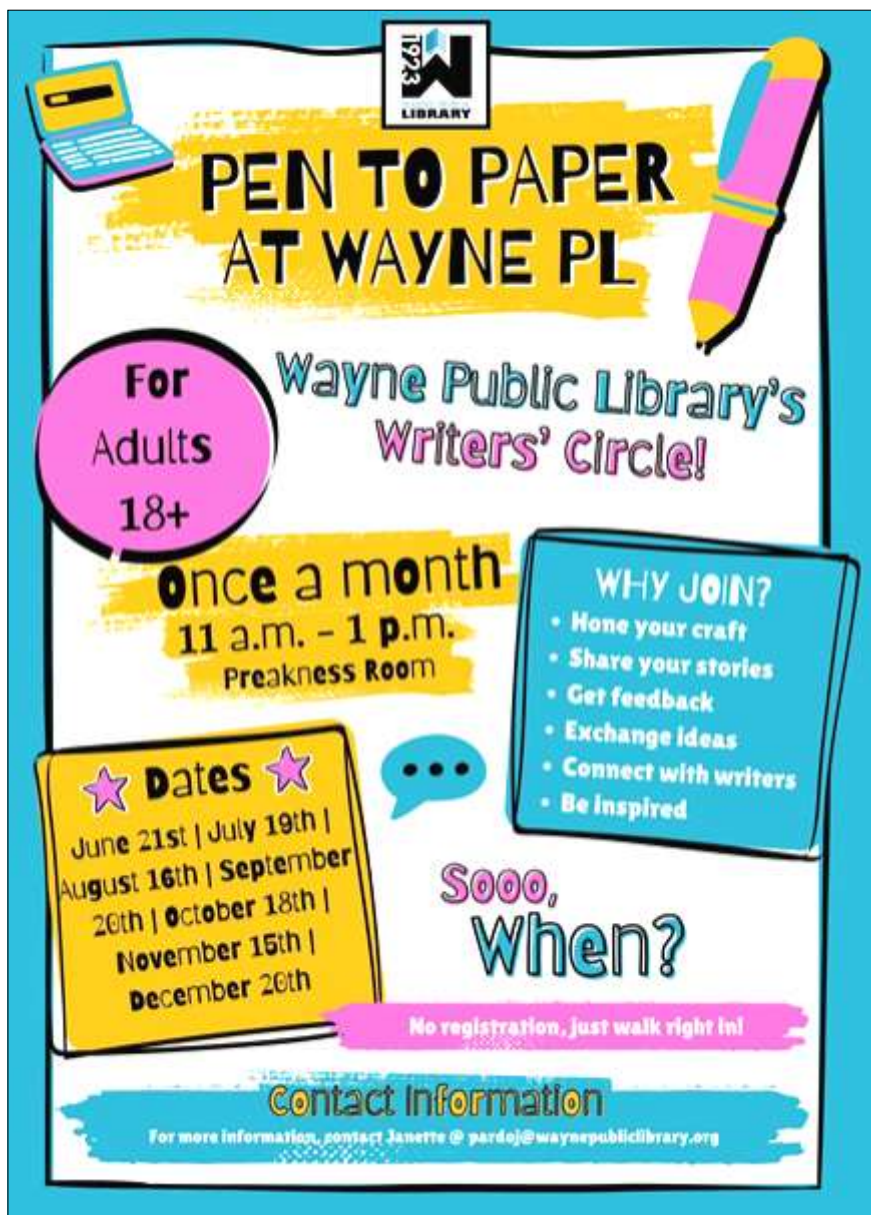
Are your bookshelves sagging? Have the kids outgrown some books? WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS of new and gently used books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks, and puzzle donations. *Please, no textbooks, encyclopedias, dusty/damaged items.*

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.





## Writing Programs continued



**PEN TO PAPER  
AT WAYNE PL**

Wayne Public Library's  
**Writers' Circle!**

**For Adults 18+**

**Once a month**  
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
Preakness Room

**WHY JOIN?**

- Hone your craft
- Share your stories
- Get feedback
- Exchange ideas
- Connect with writers
- Be inspired

**Dates**

June 21st | July 19th |  
August 16th | September  
20th | October 18th |  
November 15th |  
December 20th

**Sooo, When?**

No registration, just walk right in!

**Contact Information**  
For more information, contact Janette @ [parde@waynepubliclibrary.org](mailto:parde@waynepubliclibrary.org)

## 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**

**July 1**

**July 15**

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](mailto:cordovae@waynepubliclibrary.org)

**VIRTUAL PROGRAM**



**WPL Adult Programs  
are on YouTube Page!**



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Check out the many programs produced by the library for all ages on our YouTube page!



## 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 & Wednesdays at 2:00 PM***

***See the online calendar for dates & locations.***



### 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](mailto:basteann@waynepubliclibrary.org)

or Karin Kweselait at:

[kweselaitk@waynepubliclibrary.org](mailto:kweselaitk@waynepubliclibrary.org)

or call the Reference Desk at:

973-694-4272 ext. 5401.

## IN-PERSON PROGRAMS



## 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.

### Cybercrime Series: Government Imposter Scams

*presented by AARP New Jersey*

**Tuesday, July 15 @ 12:30 PM**

Location: Room A/B



The goal of the workshop is to increase awareness and promote safe online habits among participants. Learn how to recognize and avoid scams where fraudsters pose as government agencies.

Register online at: <https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/14290256>

For more information, contact Karen Wronko at: [wronkok@waynepubliclibrary.org](mailto:wronkok@waynepubliclibrary.org) or 973-694-4272 x5401

## IN-PERSON PROGRAM

Wayne Township presents

# WAYNE FARMERS MARKET



*Every Saturday 9:00 AM—2:00 PM*

*Rain or Shine!*

*Dog friendly!*

*475 Valley Road, Wayne, NJ*



## Games

### ROLLS & REALMS



**Rolls & Realms:** *Storytelling Game Nights*

**Adults:** Every Monday from 6:00 PM—8:30 PM

*Location:* Room A/B (July 7, July 14, July 21) and the ESL Room (July 28)

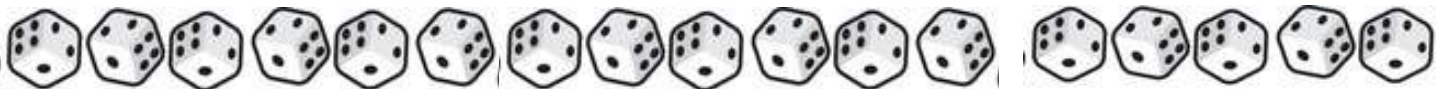
Come and embark on a storytelling adventure with us! D&D and a few other roleplaying style games will be available for participants to join. Whether you are brand-new or a long-time fan we can help you jump into the amazing and creative worlds of tabletop roleplaying games. Create your character, roll 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](mailto:fitzgeralda@waynepubliclibrary.org)

For more information: <https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/13918054>

## IN-PERSON PROGRAM



Where can you find the library's information?

**Cablevision Channel 77**

**FIOS Channel 44**



### Make Your Move! Board and Card Game Events!

*Adults, Teens and Families Welcome!*

**Mondays, July 7 & July 21**

6:30 PM—8:15 PM in the Preakness Room

**Thursdays, July 10, July 17, July 24 & July 31**

6:30 PM—8:15 PM in the ESL room

**Fridays, July 11, July 18 & July 25**

2:30 PM—4:00 PM in the ESL Room

Learn how to play a new game, discover a new favorite and share the fun!



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



## 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](http://www.waynepubliclibrary.org) and click on the **SEARCH** menu option, then click on **Access Online Databases**.



## 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](mailto:wplesl461@gmail.com)



## 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 to Karin and Arwen at: [wplesl461@gmail.com](mailto: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)**



**July 14 July 28**

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](mailto:cordovae@waynepubliclibrary.org)

### VIRTUAL PROGRAM



### 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](mailto:wplesl461@gmail.com)

Registration is encouraged at: <https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/calendar>

### IN-PERSON PROGRAM



## Craft Corner

### Open Knit, Crochet, Needlework Group

Meets twice a month on Mondays  
from 12:30 PM—2:30 PM

July 7 and July 21

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**



### Keep You in Stitches Knit & Crochet Group

Thursdays from 6:00 PM—8:00 PM

July 10 & August 7 (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



*Color Our World — a Summer Reading Program*

### Learn to Crochet: "The Crochet Short Series"

Wednesdays from 6:30 PM—7:00 PM

A weekly class beginning July 2 through August 6

Location: ESL Room

Class Size is limited. Please register on the library calendar to attend and to see what materials to bring.  
Registration is for the entire series: <https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/14764158>

Questions? Contact Karen W. at [wronkok@waynepubliclibrary.org](mailto:wronkok@waynepubliclibrary.org) or call 973-694-4272 Ext. 5401

### IN-PERSON PROGRAM



### Crafts in the Stacks: Adult craft hour in the library

Friday, July 25 @ 1:30 PM Location: Room A/B

#### Summer Signs

Registration open on Monday, July 7, 2025.

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

or email Karin Kweselaik: [kweselaik@waynepubliclibrary.org](mailto:kweselaik@waynepubliclibrary.org)

Register online at: <https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/14086398>



### IN-PERSON PROGRAM







## 12 New Memoirs @ WPL

### ***Behind the Red Velvet Curtain: An American Ballerina in Russia***

by Elizabeth Shockman

In 2012 Joy Womack made history when she became the first American ballerina to sign a contract with the Bolshoi Ballet Theater in Moscow, Russia. As Joy's career took off and she made a name for herself in the Russian ballet world, she had to face a hard choice. Were the growing dangers of a professional lifestyle descending into corruption worth the realization of her life's dream?

### ***Better: A Memoir About Wanting to Die*** by Arianna Rebolini

A tour through the seductive darkness of death and a life-affirming memoir.

### ***Boat Baby: A Memoir*** Vicky Nguyen

Vicky Nguyen tells the story of her family's daring escape from communist Vietnam and her unlikely journey from refugee to reporter.

### ***Care and Feeding: A Memoir*** by Laurie Woolever

A candid, funny, and occasionally devastating memoir of a woman making her way through the food world, navigating addiction, a cultural reckoning, and an unexpected tragedy.

### ***Cellar Rat: My Life in the Restaurant Underbelly*** by Hannah Selinger

What happens when a career you love doesn't love you back?

### ***A Change of Habit: Leaving Behind My Husband, Career and Everything I Owned to Become a Nun*** by Sister Monica Clare

The soulful, hilarious memoir of a chronic people pleaser who surprised everyone in her life by abandoning an unfulfilling career and marriage to join a convent—and learned how much we stand to gain when we fully embrace our authentic selves.

### ***Connecting Dots: A Blind Life*** by Joshua A. Miele

In this extraordinary memoir, a scientist who became blind at a young age shares how he navigates the world around him, and how his contributions led to cutting-edge work in accessibility.

### ***Firstborn: A Memoir*** by Lauren Christensen

A memoir of losing a child before she can be born, which the author began writing the day she came home from the hospital—an intimate story about our most searing losses and brightest hopes.

### ***Heartbreaker: A Memoir*** by Mike Campbell

Part rags-to-riches story and part raucous, seat-of-the-pants adventure, this memoir recounts Mike Campbell's life and times as lead guitarist of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers.

### ***If You Were My Daughter: A Memoir of Healing an Unmothered Heart*** by Marianne Richmond

A memoir about overcoming a mother's emotional neglect and finding the courage to reclaim the story of your life.

### ***Say Everything: A Memoir*** by Lone Skye

Gen X icon Lone Skye bares all in an achingly vulnerable coming-of-age memoir about chasing fame, desire, and true love in the shadow of her famous, absent father.

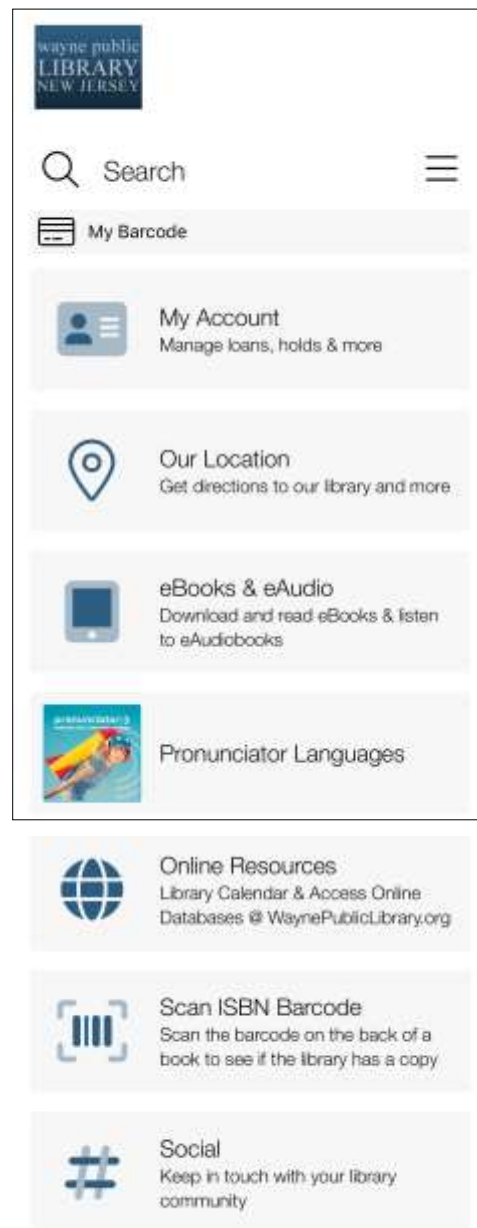
### ***Unshrunk: A Story of Psychiatric Resistance*** by Laura Delano

The powerful memoir of one woman's experience with psychiatric diagnoses and medications, and her journey to discover herself outside the mental health industry.



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*Coming in August!*

## Make-A-Will Event

**Friday, August 1, 2025 Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (by appointment)**

*Location:* Meeting Room A/B

We are delighted to announce that the Passaic County Surrogate Judge Zoila Cassanova, Esq. in partnership with Northeast New Jersey Legal Services will be hosting a free Last Will and Testament event for qualifying\* Passaic County Seniors (age 60 and over) and Veterans (regardless of age) this is your opportunity to prepare a standard Will for FREE!



To participate, you will need to register at: [www.PassaicCountySurrogate.org](http://www.PassaicCountySurrogate.org)

**or call: Christopher Mariano at 973-881-4760 Ext: 1220**

**\*This event is for qualifying Passaic County Residents Only. Pre-registration is required.**

**NOTE:** A Last Will and Testament will be drafted at no cost to qualifying seniors and veterans in the most economic need. Legal advice will be provided for all other seniors and veterans. \*

## Author Chats with Janette

For more information, email Janette: [pardoj@waynepubliclibrary.org](mailto:pardoj@waynepubliclibrary.org)



## Neal Lipschutz

**Monday, August 4 @ 7:00 PM**

Neal Lipschutz is a long-time journalist. He is a former deputy editor-in-chief of The Wall Street Journal. He also previously served as the Journal's ethics and standards editor as well as the top editor at Dow Jones Newswires. In addition to his journalism work, his short fiction has appeared in a number of publications. *No Write Way to Die* is his first novel and the initial installment in a series of mysteries.



The Zoom link is located on the online calendar at: <https://waynepubliclibrary.libcal.com/event/14474087>

## VIRTUAL PROGRAM



## Resuming in September



## 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*).  
Contact the Reference Staff at: 973-694-4272 x5401.

September 17:

## *The Jane Stuart Trio*

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FREE Concerts at 4:00 PM  
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September 21  
**Johnathan Blake** 3



October 26  
**The Altin Sencalar Unleashed Sextet**  
*featuring the Pisi-Tone All Stars*



November 16  
**The Sarah Hanahan Quartet**



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**Concert Location:**  
 Our Lady of Consolation Church,  
 1799 Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne, NJ

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