

The Library  
will be closed on  
**January 1, 2014**  
and  
**January 20, 2014**

# Warren County Library



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## Looking back...

2013 has been a memorable year for the Warren County Library system. After 40 years in a location that had been considered temporary, our Headquarters Branch moved to a wonderful new facility. Headquarters had been experiencing declining use; lack of parking, few places to sit, old fixtures, and overcrowding discouraged many people from using the Branch. Now many of our former members are frequenting the new location, and we have attracted many first-time members. New memberships have increased 93%, and checkout of library material is up 28% since the new location opened in April.

- ✓ Our four library branches were visited 346,417 times during the year 2013—an average of 4.8 times by Township residents (if you didn't visit us that often, you are missing some great things).
- ✓ Staff answered 11,349 reference questions over the course of 2013.
- ✓ Our Internet Computers were used 38,409 times for a total of 42,707 hours in 2013.
- ✓ 64,000 items travelled between our branches in 2013 to fill your requests (about the same as moving the entire collection of our Northeast Branch).
- ✓ The library held 1,488 programs in 2013 (an average of

4.75 each day we are open) which were attended by 20,390 people.

✓ Library volunteers worked a total of 6,000 hours in 2013—an average of 29 hours each week in each branch (the equivalent of a part-time position in each location).

✓ Your library card gives you access to 287,724 books, dvds, etc. with a value of over 8 million dollars.

✓ You can use your kindle, smart phone or computer to access our collection of 6,000 eBooks and 64 eMagazines.

Looking ahead, we are working to offer even more programs, materials, and access to new technologies. Happy 2014!

**Headquarters**  
2 Shotwell Drive  
Belvidere  
908-475-6322  
M-Th. 9:00am - 8:30pm  
Fri. 9:00am - 6:00pm  
Sat. 10:00am - 3:00pm

**Catherine Dickson  
Hofman Branch**  
4 Lambert Road  
Blairstown  
908-362-8335  
M-Th. 9:00am - 8:00pm  
Fri. 9:00am - 6:00pm  
Sat. 10:00am - 3:00pm

**Franklin Branch**  
1502 Route 57  
Washington  
908-689-7922  
M-Th. 9:00am - 8:00pm  
Fri. 9:00am - 6:00pm  
Sat. 10:00am - 3:00pm

**Northeast Branch**  
40 Route 46 West  
Hackettstown  
908-813-3858  
M-Th. 9:00am - 8:00pm  
Fri. 9:00am - 6:00pm  
Sat. 10:00am - 3:00pm

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[www.warrenlib.org](http://www.warrenlib.org)

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## Read! Celebrity



We are honored to present  
January's  
Library Celebrity  
**Carol Konya**

Carol is a frequenter of the Catherine Dickson Hofman Branch, where she has served on the board of trustees as president and is currently vice president. Carol loves to read fiction, including murder mysteries and best seller items, and biographies. She also enjoys golf and world travel. Carol attends the library's auctions and concerts and also brings her grandchildren to children's programs.



**Warren County  
Library Commission**  
Regular and Reorganization  
Meeting will be held  
on Thursday,  
January 9 at 5:30pm  
at Library Headquarters  
2 Shotwell Drive  
Belvidere, NJ 07823

## Headquarters—White Township

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Kindle Fire 101

**January 11 11:00-1:00pm**

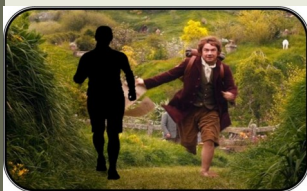
**January 13 11:00-1:00pm**

Ready to use your Kindle for kindling? Don't get the matches just yet! Bring any version of the Kindle Fire and learn how to download library ebooks and audiobooks right onto your Kindle. You must bring your library card and amazon.com account login and password. Space is very limited, so registration is required!

#### Eat More, Weigh Less! Yes, it's Possible

**January 13 6:30-8:00pm**

If you struggle with your weight, then join us to learn how to ditch the diet mentality forever and get back into those skinny jeans without the guilt, counting calories, or deprivation! Learn to eat clean to stay slim and healthy. Registration required.



#### Hobbit Photobooth

**January 18 11:00am**

*New date due to snow!* How would you look with a Dwarf beard and (faux) axe in hand? Or maybe you've fancied yourself more of a wizened wizard? Come find out at the Hobbit Photobooth! We'll use our cool new green screen and professional camera to take pictures. Props provided, but feel free to dress in your finest Middle Earth garb. Naturally, elevenses will be served! For all ages. Please register for the event.

#### Downton Abbey - Life at the Edwardian Manor

**January 25 12:00pm**

Take an inside peek at the critically-acclaimed series, *Downton Abbey*. Ms. Judith Krall-Russo explores the Edwardian era, a time of great disparity between the haves and the have-nots of British Society. Learn the culture and history behind this popular series while enjoying a spot of tea and British crumpets. Please register.



#### Felt Flower Scarf

**January 27 2:30pm**

Hey baby, it's cold outside! Warm up stylishly with a Felt Flower

Scarf—a Pinteresting Idea! Please bring 1/2 yd. of 72" felt or felted wool, matching thread, and scissors. Visit us at [www.pinterest.com/wclibhq/](http://www.pinterest.com/wclibhq/)

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

#### Story Time

**Tuesdays 1:30pm**

**Fridays 10:30am**

Stories, crafts, and fun for children age 3 and older. Registration not necessary.

#### Lapsit Story Time & Sing Along

**Tuesdays 10:00am**

Join in the fun in a short program for babies and toddlers with a caregiver. We'll sing, bounce, clap, and share a story or two!

#### 2 Year Old Story Time

**Tuesdays 11:00am**

A half-hour story time for 2-year-olds and an adult caregiver. We'll share stories and rhymes and make a simple craft project.

#### Snow Globe Craft

**January 4 11:00am**

For kids age 5 and up. Sign up at [www.warrenlib.org](http://www.warrenlib.org).



#### Stuffed Animal Sleepover

**January 22 6:30pm**

Chipper is hosting his very first sleepover and he is inviting your favorite stuffed friends to join him. The evening will start with pajama story time and a snack, and then (after you go home) Chipper and his new friends will have fun in the library! Come back the next day at 10:00am to hear one last story and to pick up your friend! You'll hear about all the fun they had, and see some pictures! Chipper is looking forward to meeting lots of new friends, so be sure to mark your calendar. All stuffed friends will need to be signed in upon arrival. Please register.

### TEEN PROGRAM

#### Mario Party

**January 9 4:00-5:00pm**

Battle your friends in Mario Party and Mario Kart on our 14-foot screen! For grades 4-8; registration required.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### Knitting with Gerrie

**Tuesdays 3:00pm**

Come one, come all! Not just knitting - we welcome all needle arts. Come join the group.

#### Mahjongg @ the Library

**Fridays 1:00-3:00pm**

Learn to play this interesting and challenging game. Bring a friend! Registration is now required.

#### Headquarter's Literary Club

**January 16 2:00pm**

Join us to discuss *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* by Agatha Christie. Hercule Poirot has retired, but agrees to investigate when wealthy Roger Ackroyd is found stabbed to death.

### MOVIES

#### Show Time

**Fast & Furious 6 (PG-13)**

**January 7 6:00pm**

The weather outside may be frightful, but this block buster movie will be delightful. Please register.

#### Family Movie Night

**Despicable Me 2 (PG)**

**January 8 6:00pm**

In *Despicable Me 2*, Gru is recruited by the Anti-Villain League to deal with a new super criminal. Please register.

### COMING NEXT MONTH...

#### Take Your Child to the Library Day

**February 1**

We'll celebrate all day long by having "Fun with Elephant and Piggie." Join us for stories and activities related to the series by Mo Willems. Check the library calendar for further details.

#### Dorothy Leeds Presents Good Lessons from Bad Women

**February 22 1:00-2:30pm**

In this spirited one-woman romp through history, we meet Dorothy, a good girl who wants to be a bad girl. She resolves this conflict with help from Eleanor Roosevelt and seven naughty, bawdy, often hilarious, bad women who guide her from rebellion to self-acceptance with the subtle lessons they impart. Deep inside some very wicked women, some good is lurking. Registration required.

## Catherine Dickson Hofman Branch—Blairstown

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

#### Story Hour

**Wednesdays 2:00pm**

**Thursdays 10:00am**

Stories, songs, and crafts - brothers and sisters are also welcome.



#### Read to a Pet

**January 4 11:00am**

Sign up to read to a pet for 10 minutes. They love to listen to stories! Call the library to reserve your 10 minute spot. Pet visits are made possible by Creature Comfort - pet therapy for children - building connections through animal visitation, one cold nose at a time. Registration required.

#### Kid's Crafts

**January 17 4:00pm**

Join the fun and make a craft. Ages 5-12. Sign up is necessary.

#### Preschool Crafts

**January 24 2:00pm**

Preschoolers are invited to create their own special craft for the season. Registration required. Ages 2-5.

#### Lego Club

**January 27 4:00pm**

Do you like building with Legos? Come join the club! Use the Library's Legos and your own creativity. Just in case you build an appetite, too, snacks will be served. Registration is required. Ages 8 & up.

#### PJ Story Time

**January 27 6:30pm**

Wear your pajamas and bring your pillow, blanket, or favorite buddy and join us for stories, songs and finger play. All pre-

school aged children are invited to join us for fun activities and a bedtime snack.

### TEEN PROGRAMS

#### Anime Club

**January 10 & 24 4:00pm**

All things Anime! Ages 12 and up. Registration suggested.

#### Snack & Read Book Club

**January 16 2:45pm**

Come to the library and enjoy some great snacks and discuss the latest book that the group has read, as well as many other topics that may come up. Ages 12 -15. Sign up necessary.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Writers

**January 3 7:00pm**

Bring your writing, any genre, for friendly, frank critique ... or come just to visit. We love newcomers.

#### Evening Literature Group

**January 8 7:00pm**

Join the group for some interesting reads and lively discussions.



#### Adult Jeopardy

**January 16 7:00pm**

Come test your trivia knowledge of a wide variety of topics when the Library presents its own version of Jeopardy. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

#### Morning Literature Group

**January 27 10:00am**

Join us for a lively discussion by fellow book lovers!

#### Knit Wits!

**Tuesdays 9:00am**

The Knit Wits meet to crochet, knit and chat while creating

various items to be donated to community organizations.

#### Adult Artists

**Wednesdays 10:00am**

Let the artist in you emerge! Join other budding artists and learn techniques in water color, pastels, and other mediums.

#### Knitter's Niche

**Thursdays 4:00pm**

Like to knit? Want to learn the basics? Or share your expertise with the needles? Join the knitting club and knit with a community. All ages are encouraged and welcome to attend. Limited needles and amounts of yarn can be provided, or bring your own project to work on.

### MOVIES

- 1/7 4:00pm  
*Despicable Me 2* (PG)
- 1/11 12:30pm  
*Fast and Furious 6* (PG-13)
- 1/23 5:30pm  
*Captain Phillips* (PG-13)
- 1/28 4:00pm  
*Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2* (PG)

### COMING NEXT MONTH...

#### Sherlock Day

**February 21 3:00-5:00pm**

In honor of 221B Baker St., February 21 is Sherlock Day! Celebrate with snacks, crafts, and a fan-selected episode. Ages 13+; registration required.

#### Microsoft Word for the

**Very Beginner—Part II**

**February 21 10:00am**

This workshop continues where Microsoft Word for Beginners—Part I left off. Elements of the Word ribbon will be explored, such as bullets & numbering, spell check, page borders, tables, columns and more. Mouse skills are a must and registration is required.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Raising Your Level of Deserve

**January 6 7:00pm**

We are made up of energy which creates feelings/emotions. Feelings held for a time within us tend to attract that which we desire. Life is a feeling experience and through this seminar attendees will learn how to direct their feelings to achieve goals and acquire things they deserve.



#### Microsoft Word for the Very Beginner—Part I

**January 17 10:00am**

This casual class will explore the basic uses of Microsoft Word. We'll learn how to create, edit and save documents. We'll add pictures; change the style, size and color of the font, and much more. We'll go over cut and paste and learn how to attach and send a Word document in email. Mouse skills are necessary and registration is required.

#### NY NJ Trail Conference Presentation

**January 18 10:30am**

The NY NJ Trail Conference will be on hand to discuss all of the great trails that are available in our area.

#### Toni Chaplin Watercolor Class

**January 24 & 31**

**9:30am**

Join Toni Chaplin for another popular watercolor class. Registration required. \$20 fee (checks preferred).

## Northeast Branch—Independence Township

### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

#### Stories & Crafts

**Wednesdays 10:30am**

Join Ms. Christina for a themed story time and make a craft, too! For ages 3 and up.

#### Music & Stories

**Thursdays 10:30am**

Join us for stories, singing, and coloring - lots of fun for kids 2 and up!

#### Infant Story Time

**Fridays 10:30am**

This interactive story time is for infants and adults. Join us for about 20 minutes of stories, finger plays, songs, dancing, and more. For infants up to age 2.

#### Lego Club

**January 14 6:30pm**

Super Science Programs will host Lego Club for kids ages 7-12. Please register.

#### PJ Story Time

**January 23 10:30am**

Wear your comfy pj's and bring a stuffed friend or blanket. All ages are welcome to listen to bedtime stories!

#### Kid's Craft

**January 25 11:30am**

It's the year of the Horse, come celebrate Chinese New Year and make a fun craft!



### TEEN PROGRAMS

#### Young Crafter's Guild

**January 27 4:30pm**

Bring an existing project or come get ideas for cool crafts.

#### Teen Rock & Read

**January 27 6:30pm**

Come talk about books, music, movies & video games! Bring your friends.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### Mahjongg

**Mondays at 10:00am**

Games for beginner and veteran players. Join a great group of people and make new friends. Please register.

#### Crafty Ladies

**Thursdays 1:30pm**

If you like to knit or crochet - or would like to learn - join our group. You'll have a great time with our wonderful ladies while making beautiful items.

#### Friends Meeting

**January 6 6:00pm**

Join a great group of volunteers.

#### Origami Club

**January 8 6:30pm**

Learn the art of Origami from Cylvia Ultz. Please register.

#### Sunrise Seniors

**January 14 9:30am**

Join a great group of people for conversation and coffee. Dr. Arthur Strock will do a presentation on dreams.

#### Bookworms

**January 15 1:30pm**

This month's book is *The Round House*, by Louise Erdrich.

#### Book Friends

**January 15 6:30pm**

Join our café style book club for *Gone Girl*, by Gillian Flynn.

#### Adult Craft

**January 21 12:30pm**

Join our monthly adult craft club. Submit craft ideas to Christina by January 10!

## Franklin Branch—Franklin Township

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Snowflake Bookmark Craft

**January 4 1:00pm**

No two snowflakes are alike - so create your own personalized bookmark using one of nature's most fascinating designs. Join Miss Christina for this unique craft. Space is limited, so registration is required.



#### Pajama Story Time

**January 8 6:00pm**

Bring your favorite bedtime pal, wear comfy pj's, and snuggle up for stories with Miss Ande, followed with a penguin craft! For ages 3-7. Registration is required; seating is limited.



#### Teen Craft

**January 18**

**1:00pm**

Learn a new way to use recyclables! Join Miss Ande and create your own bling with soda tab bracelets! Registration required.



### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

#### Two's Fun

**Every Tuesday 10:30am**

Two year-olds and an adult caregiver join Miss Anne for a half hour filled with wiggles, giggles and fun! Please register.

#### Story Time & Craft

**Wednesdays 1:00pm**

**Fridays 11:00am**

Children ages 3 to 5 love to hear a story and make a craft. Join us for lots of fun! Please register.

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### Creative Crochet

**January 2 6:00pm**

Come join our merry group! Work on your own project or try something new - we are very versatile!

#### Crochet Corner

**January 9, 16, 23, 30 1:30pm**

Come one, come all! Beginner or advanced, all are welcome! If you want to learn crochet, bring 4-ply yarn and a K-size hook, and we will teach you!

#### Knifty Knitters

**January 7, 14, 28 1:30pm**

Seasoned knitters and beginners join us for socialization and the satisfaction of producing one of our many volunteer projects. Have a project of your own? Bring it along.

**Teens are welcome at all knitting or crochet groups**

#### Knitters of the Round Table

**January 21 1:30pm**

Bring your project to work on! We'll be happy to teach you to knit or help you with patterns and ideas!

#### Franklin Friends

**January 21 11:00am**

New members are always welcome!

#### Evening Readers

**January 15 6:30pm**

Join this informal book club for friendly, informative discussions on a variety of books. This month the book is your choice!

#### Page Turners

**January 21 1:30pm**

If you'd like to share your reading experience and enjoy good conversation, join the Page Turners! The January discussion will be open to a book of your choice!