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New eBook Service for Library

Warren County Library will be changing how it delivers eBooks to members. The library will switch to 3M as its service provider in January, and will end its relationship with Overdrive at the end of February.

Warren County Library partners with other libraries to purchase a shared collection of eBooks and eAudiobooks. The group voted unanimously to move to 3M for this service after seeing demonstrations from various vendors.

"3M has developed an easy to use product," says Library Director Maureen Wilkinson. "We hope this improvement will encourage more people to try borrowing eBooks from the library."

An additional selling point for the 3M product was the potential to make partnerships with other libraries to share

eBooks. "Partnering with other libraries will give our members access to more content. Our library branches share library materials with each other, and libraries share materials with each other through interlibrary loan. This isn't a new concept for libraries, but 3M is the only vendor that currently has the capability to let us move in this direction with eBooks."

As part of the transition, the library partners are working with 3M to move the holds currently on eBooks to the new software. This will require gathering data from the old software and sending it to 3M to recreate the waiting lists for titles.

The most difficult part of the change will be moving the eBooks we currently own to the new software. In an age of technology, the libraries

will have to send letters to the publishers requesting approval to move the content. "We can't move the content to the new service until we get the approvals and our contract with Overdrive ends. The process is expected to take about 8 weeks," says Wilkinson. "We know this will be a problem for our borrowers, so we have committed to purchasing an "opening day" collection of new items that will be available when the new service is launched." In addition to the opening day purchases, member libraries have agreed that they need to spend more money on the collection.

"We have a renewed commitment to making this service better. Adding more titles and reducing the time people wait for books are key parts of this improvement."

We are honored to present
December's READ Celebrity
Chipper

Chipper is the mascot in the children's room at the Library Headquarters. He enjoys participating in various library programs and can often be found hiding in places around the library dressed in fabulous costumes. Earlier this year he hosted a stuffed animal sleepover where he met several new friends. Chipper looks forward to having another sleepover in 2015, where he may once again share his favorite book, *How Chipmunk Got His Stripes*, by Joseph Bruchac.



Reminder

The Library will be closed:

December 25, 2014

and

January 1, 2015

All locations will
close at 4:30pm:

December 24

and

December 31

Headquarters—White Township

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 in our beautiful new program room. Bring a friend! Registration required. No meeting on 12/19.

Planning for Adult Life Prep Club **December 1 6:30pm**

Is your child in special education? Are they 14 - 21? If so, let us help! Join us as we discuss different aspects of transitioning from high school to adulthood. Learn about what services are out there for adults with special needs, and how to start them on their journey while they are still in school. Please register. We meet the first Monday of every month.

Tech Tutor **General Computer Questions** **December 8 & 22 3:00-4:30pm**

Do you feel overwhelmed by computer technology? Whether you've never touched a computer before, or need to

practice some mouse skills, or just have questions about how to log on to email or get on the internet, our tech tutor can help. Sign up for a 30-minute session with a librarian, who will guide you step by step to help answer your computer questions. A laptop will be provided, or bring your own (please bring your power cord, too). Registration required.

Friends of the Warren County **Library HQ Meeting**

December 11 11:00am - 12:00pm
As the library's support group, the Friends do everything from raising funds to helping sponsor programs. Join them as they discuss their current fundraising plans. All are welcome the second Thursday each month in the Conference Room.

Book Page Ornament **A Pinteresting Idea with Mary Ellen** **December 11 2:00-4:00pm**

Take a break from the holiday rush! Listen to carols and munch a cookie while you make an easy-peasy Book Page Ornament for your tree. All supplies are provided. Bring cookies to share if you want! For adults age 18+. Registration required.

Healthy Holiday Treats **December 13 11:00am-2:00pm**

What's more fun than learning how to make delicious and healthy holiday treats? Why getting to taste them, of course! Join us for an informative and tasty Saturday afternoon when Ms. Christiano-Mistretta teaches us the art of sinful but healthy holiday snacks. Registration is limited to 20, register to reserve your space!

Eric Mintel Quartet in Concert **December 15 6:30-8:00pm**

Need a break from holiday shopping and stress? Come enjoy an evening of cool jazz music by the Eric Mintel Quartet. This is a great event for the whole family! Registration required.

MOVIES

The Hundred Foot Journey December 2 6:00pm

Arthur Christmas December 10 6:30pm

JUST FOR TEENS

VOYA's Teen Poetry Contest **Submit by December 15!**

Do you have the *write* stuff? Submit a poem through the library for a chance to win a national contest. Cash prizes awarded to the top five poets (must be between 12 and 18 years of age).

- . Contest submissions may be poems of up to thirty lines on any topic.
 - . Poems are to be typed. Include poet's name, age, town, and state.
 - . Send as a document to ya@warrenlib.org or drop off at any branch.
- One submission per teen, please!

Hobbit Scavenger Hunt & Party **December 17 5:00-8:00pm**

Adventure awaits! Whether you're a Hobbit fan or just enjoy a good scavenger hunt, you'll love our Hobbit movie-release party. Follow clues that will lead you to the treasure before a rival army, fend off the dragon, and then settle down for a well-earned meal. Come in costume and celebrate the release of the last hobbit movie with us! Please register.

Teen Holiday Party **December 18 6:00pm**

Tis the season for a holiday party! Join Kelly for some delicious treats and to

decorate holiday glasses and play games. Show up in an ugly sweater and get a special treat! For grades 5 and up. Please register.

How to Talk to a Robot **December 29 1:30pm**

Learn how to program a robot and then guide the robot through a maze, avoiding traps along the way. Participants do not keep the robots at the end of the program. For kids in grade 6 and up. Registration required.

JUST FOR KIDS

Story Time **Tuesdays 1:30pm** **Fridays 10:30am**

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

Lapsit Story Time & Sing Along **Tuesdays 10:00am**

Join in the fun 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**

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

JUST FOR KIDS

Homework Help**Thursdays 4:00-5:00pm**

Students in kindergarten through high school are invited to drop in for free help with homework assignments with a certified K-12 mathematics teacher.

Family Craft**Do You Want to Make a Snowman?****December 6 11:30am**

There may or may not be snow on the ground, but we can still make a snowman and he'll last all winter without melting! Young children will require adult assistance. Registration required.

Family Movie**Frozen****December 6 12:30pm**

After the craft, stay to watch this favorite animated movie on our big screen.

Christmas Party**December 16 1:30pm**

Santa will be making a special visit to our Library. The day will be filled with games, face painting, and holiday music. Parents can take pictures of their child with Santa. Juice, cookies, and fruit will be served. We will end our day with a Christmas story.

Holiday Pajama Story Time**December 17 6:30pm**

Meet in the children's room where we'll share a selection of holiday stories for children of all ages. Pajamas and teddy bears are welcome!

How to Talk to a Robot**An Intro to Programming Robots****December 29 1:30-4:00pm**

Learn how to program a robot and then

guide the robot through a maze, avoiding traps along the way. Participants do not keep the robots at the end of the program. For kids in grade 6 and up. Registration required.

Wanted: Lego Blocks!

Do you have unwanted, no longer played with Lego blocks taking up space in your closet or attic? Donate them to us for a future program that promises to be lots of fun! Please see Lina or Kelly.

Catherine Dickson Hofman—Blairstown

Holiday Reading Celebration

During December the Library Elves will be hiding prize announcements in our Check-In computers to let patrons know if the book they just returned was one of their prize winning choices. The Elves will be picking one special title from the Easy, Juvenile, Young Adult, and Adult sections. The more books you read and return, the better your chances are to win! If you return your books in the book drop, don't worry, the Library will let you know if you returned one of the lucky winning titles.

Knit Wits!**Tuesdays 9:00am**

The Knit Wits meet to crochet, knit and chat while creating various items to be donated to different community organizations. (No meeting December 30)

Adult Artists**Wednesdays 10:00am**

Let the artist in you emerge! Come join other budding artists and learn techniques in water color, pastels and other mediums. (No meeting December 31)

Knitters Niche**Thursdays 4:00pm**

Like to knit? Want to learn the basics? Or share your expertise with the nee-dles? Join the knitting club and knit with

a community. All ages are encouraged and welcome to attend. (No meeting December 25)

Toni Chaplin Watercolor Class**December 5 9:30am**

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

1st Friday Writers**December 5 7:00pm**

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

Evening Literature Group**December 10 7:00pm**

Evening book discussion group. This month's selection is *The Key to Rebecca* by Ken Follett.

Gazebo Concert Series**Village Saxophone Quartet****December 12 7:00pm**

Enjoy many holiday selections performed by the Village Saxophone Quartet. (Concert will be held indoors.)

Morning Literature Group**December 15 10:00am**

Join us for a lively discussion by fellow book lovers! *Fly Away Home* by Jennifer Weiner is this month's topic.

Adult Jeopardy**December 18 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.

Computer Class for the Very Beginner – Internet**December 19 10:00am**

Learn how to search the internet and visit many interesting sites during this hands-on class. Mouse skills necessary. Registration required.

Gazebo Concert Series**Pennsylvania String Ensemble****December 19 7:00pm**

Come enjoy the music of the season! (Concert will be held indoors.)

Please check our web page for December movies and show times!

Catherine Dickson Hofman (continued)

JUST FOR TEENS

Fandom Friday

December 5 3:00pm

A fandom is a community of enthusiasts for various tv shows, movies, & books. We'll celebrate a different fandom

each month with themed crafts and games. Come chat about the fandoms you love with fellow fans. Snacks provided. Registration required. Ages 11+

Young Adult Book Club

December 18 2:45pm

Come to the library and enjoy some great snacks and discuss this month's selection, Ages 12 -15. Registration required.

JUST FOR KIDS

Story Hour

Wednesdays 2:00pm

Thursdays 10:00am

Join us for stories, songs, and crafts. Brothers and sisters are welcome. (No Story Hour December 25)

Kid's Crafts

December 12 4:00pm

Join the fun and make a craft. Ages 5-12. Registration required.

Lapsit Story Time

& Sing-Along for Tots

December 22 10:00am

This interactive story time for very young children and a caregiver lasts about 20 minutes. The program makes use of rhyme and repetition to build language and literacy skills. For children ages 12-36 months with an adult, who will also participate.

Touch the Music – Nutcracker

December 6 1:00pm

Touch the Music offers real orchestral instruments to children ages 2 to 10 to touch, feel, and play. This unique experience sets up a foundation of lifelong excitement and enjoyment of music making. Your child will fall in love with playing an instrument. Registration required.

Snacktivity

English Muffin Holiday Pizzas

December 13 noon

Create a special holiday snack when we use English muffins, sauce, cheese, pepperoni, olives, and more to make holiday pizza. Choose from Santa, Rudolph, or a Snowman. Ages 6-13. Parent/guardian please accompany younger children, they may need your help. Registration required.

Sciensational Workshops for Kids

December 29 & 30

9:00am–4:00pm

It's a Robotfish with big, puffy cheeks! You will build it and take it home. Watch it as it moves in our miniature pool. Learn about gears, circuits, and motors as you build your Blowfish Robocraft during this 2-day workshop. When you're finished building, see how fast your Blowfish Robocraft is, as you enter our Sciensational races. You will also get to design and build other robots that can perform many tasks. Build a car for speed and go on our obstacle course. A lot of fun and education mixed together. \$85 fee due at registration. Ages 6-11.

Read to a Pet

December 6 11:00am

Reserve a spot to read to a pet for 10 minutes—they love to listen to stories! 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.

Lego Club

December 15 4:00pm

Join the fun and create your own Lego design. If you also build up your appetite, there'll be snacks. Ages 8 and up. Registration required.

Magical Winter Wonderland

Magic Show

December 9 4:00pm

A magic show all about Winter! The perfect show to warm up your winter.

PJ Story Time

December 15 7:00pm

Wear your pajamas and bring your pillow, blanket, or favorite buddy and join us for stories and a craft. All preschool aged children are invited to join us for fun activities and a bedtime snack.

Franklin—Franklin Township

Knifty Knitters

December 2, 9, 23 & 30

1:30-3:00pm

For the seasoned knitter or the beginner, join us for the socialization and satisfaction of producing one of our many volunteer projects. This group knits chemo hats, baby booties, hats, sweaters, car seat covers, blankets, and adult lap robes. All items are donated to local hospitals. Have a project of your own? Bring it along! If you are stuck on a stitch, there is always someone to help.

Creative Crochet

December 4 6:00pm

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

Crochet Corner

December 11 & 18 1:30pm

Crochet for all levels of experience - we all do our own thing. If you want to learn the art of crochet, bring some 4-ply yarn and a K-size hook, and we will teach you!

Marbled Ornaments

December 6 1:00pm

With a few drops of nail polish and a bowl of water, we will turn a clear glass ball ornament into a work of art. Personalize your tree with your own creations! This artistic craft is open to adults only. Registration required.

Mobile Gold Fundraiser

December 13 10:00am

Bring unwanted, old or broken jewelry to turn into cash! Mobile Gold is licensed, bonded, and scales are registered. This fundraiser is sponsored by the Franklin Friends.

Knitters of the Round Table**December 16 1:30pm**

Bring your own project to work on! Don't know how to knit? We'll be happy to teach you. Need a new project? We have patterns and ideas!

Page Turners**December 16 1:30pm**

If you'd like to share your reading experience and enjoy good conversation, you'll want to join the Page Turners! Please bring in your favorite book for this month's discussion.

Evening Readers**December 17 6:30pm**

Come join this informal book club for friendly, informative discussions on a wide variety of books. For December, read a holiday book of your choice and we will exchange homemade cookies. New members are always welcome!

JUST FOR TEENS**Magic Color Scratch Ornament****December 13 1:00pm**

Get creative with scratching Christmas ornaments to decorate your tree! Join Miss Lydia for this fun holiday craft. Registration required; for ages 7-12.

Sock Snow Friends**December 20 1:00pm**

Make snowmen out of socks! Celebrate winter with a craft, snacks, and a showing of *Frozen*. Please 2 white and 2 colored socks for the craft. Registration required; for ages 7-15.

Teens are always welcome at any of the Franklin knitting or crochet groups.

JUST FOR KIDS**Two's Fun****Tuesdays 3:00pm**

Story time for 2-year-olds. Join Miss Anne for great stories, poems and songs. It's a half hour filled with wiggles, giggles and fun! An adult caregiver should remain with the child throughout the program. Please sign up.

Story Time and Craft**Wednesdays 1:00pm**

Fridays 1:30pm
Children ages 3 to 5 love to hear a story and make a craft. Join us for stories, songs, crafts, and lots of fun! Please sign up.

Lunch with the Librarian**December 13 11:00am**

Lunch time is so much fun when you sit down with a good book and a librarian! Join Miss Ande for a Saturday lunch with fun stories and crafts. Don't forget to bring your lunch! Registration required; for ages 3 – 7.

Northeast—Independence Township**SILENT AUCTION BEGINS****November 15 10:00am**

Stop in to bid on our Silent Auction merchandise crafted by our very own Crafty Ladies and Yarn-Over-Time crafters!

End of Auction Party**December 13 noon - ish**

Celebrate the end of our Silent Auction!

Mahjongg**Mondays 10:00am**

Games for beginner and veteran players. Join a great group of people and make new friends. Register online or at branch.

Yarn-Over-Time**Mondays 6:00pm**

Join this new crochet/knitting group for after work and evening crafters. All ages and experience levels welcome, including beginners. Share ideas and techniques while working on your creations!

Crafty Ladies**Thursdays 1:30pm**

If you like to knit or crochet - or would

like to learn - join our group. You will have a great time with our wonderful ladies while making beautiful items.

Friends Meeting**December 1 6:00pm**

Join our Friends of the Library Fundraising group. Bring your ideas and your enthusiasm!

Eric Mintel Jazz Quartet**December 8 6:30pm**

Eric and his quartet compose orchestral and choral music incorporating jazz and classical music as well. All ages are welcome! Tickets are \$1.00, fully refundable at the door. *Funding has been made possible in part by the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission and the Friends of the Northeast Branch.*

Origami Club**December 10 6:30pm**

Join a creative group of people led by Instructor Cylvia Ultz, who will demonstrate the art of Origami to anyone ages 12 and up.

Adult Craft Club – Holiday Wreath**December 16 12:30pm**

Join our monthly adult craft club and make a holiday wreath! Space is limited, please register online or at the branch. A *\$5.00 fee will be collected for materials.*

Bookworms**December 17 1:30pm**

Join our afternoon book club. The book selection for December is *Roots of the Olive Tree* by C. Miller Santz.

Book Friends**December 17 6:30pm**

Our café style book club selection for December is reader's choice of a recipe mystery. We will have a holiday party and each bring a dish from the book to share and enjoy!



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Northeast (continued)

JUST FOR TEENS

Tween Craft
December 2 1:00pm
Join Miss Lindsay and Miss Christina W. and make snowflakes and edible crafts too! Register online or at the branch.

Teen Craft
December 15 4:30pm
Join Kelly for a cool craft. Registration required.

Rock & Read
December 15 6:30pm
Come talk about books, music, movies & video games! Bring your friends and have snacks too! Register online or at the branch.

Tween Book Club
December 17 6:30pm
Join Miss Christina W. in a new book club specifically for tweens (ages 8-14). We will discuss *Winter of the Ice King* by Mary Pope Osborne at the meeting, followed by a craft.

JUST FOR KIDS

Stories & Craft
Wednesdays 10:30am
Listen to stories, sing, dance, and make a craft, too! For kids 3 and up.

Stories & Music
Thursdays 10:30am
Join us for stories, singing, and coloring - lots of fun for kids 2 and up!

Infant Story Time
Fridays 10:30am
Have fun in this interactive story time for infants and adults. Come join us for about 20 minutes of stories, finger plays, songs, dancing, and more. For infants up to age 2.

Radical Rocketeers
December 6 10am-noon
Join the rocket club and learn about rockets! All are welcome.

Kids Craft
December 6 11:00am
Kids 5 and up can make a snowman lantern out of a milk jug! Space is limited, please register online or at the branch.

Lego Club
December 9 11:00am
Super Science Programs hosts a Lego Club for kids 7-12! Space is limited, please register online or at the branch.

May all your holidays be merry and bright!
Best wishes from all of us at the Warren County Library!

Catherine Dickson Hofman Branch

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