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Can't Wait for Spring!

Although Punxsutawney Phil has predicted 6 more weeks of winter, the library won't be a dreary place.

This month the library system is celebrating "Love Your Library Month" and "Blind Date with a Book." We invite you to try out our "dating service" (see page 2). There will be no judging these books by their covers. Each branch has prize drawings and programs, so don't forget to check our calendar and plan your visit to the library.

March is going to be high tech at the library with new services and special events.

Starting March 1, the library is launching a new eBook and

eAudiobook service. The new service provided by 3M has received good reviews from other libraries and their members who give the software a thumbs up for ease of use.

Headquarters Branch will be installing self-checkout stations the week of March 9. The self-checkout stations are part of a larger project, which includes security gates at the library and the implementation of e-commerce. Members will be able to pay fines through the self-checkout stations or through our website using a credit card.

Our library services are also going mobile through new apps that provide a convenient way to find key library information

from an phone or tablet. The app for iPhone will be available through iTunes in March (search for "Warren County Library"). The Android app should be available once it is released through Google Play (date to be determined).

On Saturday, March 21, Warren County Library will be part of the first statewide Makerspace Day. Libraries have been encouraging "maker" activities (crafts, knitting, etc.) for many years—but libraries are now offering many more technology-based activities. A day of fun events that celebrate "making" is being planned at the Northeast and Headquarters Branches.

Wanted: Celebrities

Library Celebrities are featured on a "Read" poster* to show the world (or at least Warren County!) that they love to read and that they use the Warren County Library.

Please fill out a nomination form on our website to nominate a reader you know!

**Selected Library Celebrities will be contacted to be photographed at their local branch with a copy of their favorite book. "Read" posters will be displayed at our branches and will appear in the newsletter.*



Reminder

The Library will be closed:
February 12, 2015
and
February 16, 2015

Congratulations

to Jody Anderson
on her recent promotion
at the Northeast branch!

Blind Date with a Book

Are you up for a "date" with a mysterious stranger? We'd like to fix you up with a blind date—that is a date with a book, of course!

We have carefully selected a variety of books and wrapped them up so you won't know the identity of your blind date until you've gotten it home.

Will it be fiction or non-fiction? Will it be romance, informative, a mystery, sci-fi???

You might be disappointed. But then again ... you may end up with a great read that you wouldn't have chosen for yourself.

Even if your date turns out to be a dud, all is not lost. When you check out your mystery book/date, be sure to ask how to get entered in a drawing for a sweet prize. Stop by any branch and take a chance on a new reading romance.

Headquarters—White Township

Please note: *The February meeting of the Friends of the Warren County Library HQ is cancelled. All are welcome to attend the next meeting on March 12 at 11:00am.*

Planning for Adult Life Prep Club 2/2 6:30 PM

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. Meets the first Monday of every month.

Fury Showtime 2/3 6:00 PM

Starring: Brad Pitt, Shia LaBeouf, Logan Lerman. April, 1945. As the Allies make their final push in the European Theatre, a battle-hardened army sergeant named Wardaddy commands a Sherman tank and his five-man crew on a deadly mission behind enemy lines. Out-numbered and out-gunned, Wardaddy and his men face overwhelming odds in their heroic attempts to strike at the heart of Nazi Germany. Rated R.

The Writers Group of Belvidere 2/4 6:30 PM

Please join us the first Wednesday of every month. All levels of writing experience and all genres are welcome. This is a wonderful opportunity to share your work as a writer and to get feedback. Bring something to read or just come and listen if you like. You must be 18+ to attend. Registration is required.

Knitting with Gerrie 2/3, 10, 17 & 24 3:00 PM

Come one, come all! Whether you are able to share your expertise or would

like to learn to knit, you are welcome to join the group.

Tech Tutor - iPad 2/4 & 25 2:30-3:30 PM

Frustrated with your new tablet or have never gotten it to work? Register for a 30 minute, one-on-one technology session with a librarian. Come with your questions and we'll help you! Registrants must be library card holders.

Income Tax Help - NORWESCAP 2/5 & 2/19 10:00 AM

FREE income tax assistance is available for those with uncomplicated returns: including the elderly, people with disabilities, and income eligible people. Call NORWESCAP for appointment 888-387-9830 (Ext. 3502)

Beautiful Valentine's Day Cookies 2/5 2:00 PM

Learn how to decorate Valentine's Day cookies using a wet-on-wet icing technique. Make a unique cookie for that special someone in your life! Please bring a box to bring your cookie home as it will take a little while for it to dry. Class will be taught by Jennifer Wallace, who owns her own company and is a Wilton Instructor at AC Moore. Young adults and adults only. Registration required.

Mahjongg @ the Library! 2/6, 13, 20 & 27 1:00 PM

Learn to play this interesting and challenging game in our beautiful new program room. Bring a friend!

Tech Tutor - General Computer Questions 2/9 & 23 3:00 - 4:00 PM

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 to get on the internet, our tech tutor can help. A laptop will be provided, but you may bring your own. If you bring your own laptop, please remember to also bring a power cord. Register for a 30-minute session with a librarian, who will guide you step by step to help answer your computer questions.

History of Valentine's Day & Sweets too! 2/14 1:00 PM

Do you have a "sweet spot" for Valentine's Day? Did you know that Valentine's Day is named for a Christian martyr and dates back to the 5th century, but has origins in the Roman holiday, Lupercalia? Why are chocolate, hearts and cards such an important part of this holiday? Learn the customs, folk-lore and sentiments behind this much loved day. Registration is limited, reserve your spot today!

Pysanky Egg Decorating 2/28 11:30 AM

Come create your own Pysanky Egg! Ms. Jaci will have you creating a beautiful, multi-patterned Pysanky Egg using a traditional, thousand-year-old craft of the Ukraine. Patterns are drawn on the egg with wax, which then protects the covered areas from the dye that is applied. By repeating this process with different colors of dye, a multi-colored pattern is created. The symbols and colors used are rich in meaning; many pre-date the arrival of Christianity! Registration is required. Please bring rubber gloves, matches, and a pencil. An apron to protect your clothing is optional.

JUST FOR TEENS

Knitting with Gerrie**2/3, 10, 17 & 24 3:00 PM**

Come one, Come all! Whether you are able to share your expertise or would like to learn to knit, you are welcome to join the group.

Teen Create Club:**We <3 Science****2/19 6:00 PM**

In honor of Love Your Library Month, let's experiment on candy hearts, concoct fizzy potions, and learn to write

secret messages. As always, snacks are provided. For grades 5 and up. Please register.

JUST FOR KIDS

Lapsit Story Time and Sing Along**2/3, 10, 17, 24 10:00 AM**

Join us for a short program for babies and toddlers up to age two. We'll sing, bounce, clap, and share a story or two!

2-Year-Old Story Time**2/3, 10, 17 & 24 11:00 AM**

Join us for a short storytime for 2-year-olds accompanied by an adult caregiver. We'll share stories, rhymes, and songs and make a simple craft.

Family Movie Night - *The Boxtrolls***2/11 6:30 PM**

The Boxtrolls is a movie about a community of quirky creatures whose amazing

cavernous home is threatened when the town villain comes up with a plot to get rid of the creatures. Rated PG. Registration required.

Story Time Valentine's Day Party**2/10 1:30 PM**

Come enjoy stories, crafts, games and a treat!!

Valentine Cookies for Kids**2/14 11:00 AM**

It's Valentine's Day! We'll get out the icing and sprinkles. Come decorate a special cookie for your Valentine (or for yourself)! Registration required.

Story Time**2/17 & 24 1:30 PM**

Story time with Miss Gerrie features a variety of fun crafts for children, a special party or two, and, as always, stories, stories, and stories! No registration required - drop in when you can.

Pajama Story Time**2/25 6:30 PM**

Meet in the children's room for a selection of stories suitable for the whole family. Pajamas and teddy bears welcome!

Catherine Dickson Hofman—Blirstown

Knit Wits**2/3, 10, 17, 24 9:00 AM**

The Knit Wits meet on Tuesday mornings to crochet, knit and chat while creating various items to be donated to different community organizations.

Adult Artists**2/4, 11, 18 & 25 10:00 AM**

Let the artist in you emerge! Come join other budding artists and learn techniques in water color, pastel and other mediums.

Knitters Niche Knitting Club**2/5, 19, 26 4:00 PM**

Like to knit? Don't know how, but want to learn the basics? Join us 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.

1st Friday Writer's Group**2/6 7:00 PM**

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

PM Literature Club**2/11 7:00 PM**

Join the group for interesting reads and lively discussions.

Movie: *The Song***2/14 12:30 PM**

When singer-songwriter Jed King is suddenly thrust into a life of stardom and a world of temptation, his life and marriage begin to fall apart. PG-13, 116 minutes.

Scrapbooking**2/19 11:30 AM**

Join a local scrapbooking group!

Adult Jeopardy**2/19 7:00 PM**

Come test your trivia knowledge on a wide variety of topics. Registration required. Ages 18 and up.

Beginner's Computer Class**Word - Part 1****2/20 10:00 AM**

In this hands-on workshop 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, copy and paste and explore the icons on the word ribbon. Mouse skills necessary. Registration required.

Movie: *The Interview***2/21 12:30 PM**

Amateur TV hosts land an interview with a North Korean dictator and are recruited to assassinate him. R, 112 minutes.

AM Literature Group**2/23 10:00 AM**

Book lovers are invited to attend this book discussion group that meets on the third Monday of the month.

Toni Chaplin**Watercolor Workshop****2/27 9:30 AM**

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

Movie: *My Old Lady***2/28 12:30 PM**

Mathias Gold inherits a sumptuous Parisian apartment that comes with two stubborn live-in tenants and a complex labyrinth of secrets. PG-13, 108 minutes.

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JUST FOR TEENS

Justice League: Throne of Atlantis 2/3 4:00 PM

Aquaman is forced to choose between the Justice League and Atlantis, when Atlantean warriors wage war to conquer the surface world. PG-13, 72 minutes.

Young Adult Book Club 2/26 2:45 PM

Discuss the latest club selection while enjoying an after-school snack. Registration required.

Fandom Friday 2/27 3:00 PM

A fandom is a community of enthusiasts for various tv shows, movies, and books. We'll celebrate a different fandom once a month with themed crafts and games. Come chat about the fandoms you love with fellow fans. Snacks provided. Registration required. Ages 11+

JUST FOR KIDS

Story Hour 2/5, 19 & 26 10:00 AM 2/4, 11, 18 & 25 2:00 PM

Come listen to books read by your favorite story teller, Miss Wendy. Ages 3-5 (brothers and sisters are welcome, too!) Stories, crafts, and songs.

Bookworms 2/4, 11, 18 & 25 3:30 PM

4th graders meet to read and enjoy an after school snack.

Read To A Pet 2/7 11:00 AM

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.

Movie: Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day 2/10 4:00 PM

Follow the exploits of eleven-year-old Alexander as he experiences the most terrible and horrible day that begins with gum stuck in his hair, followed by one calamity after another. But when he tells his upbeat family about his day, he finds little sympathy and wonders if bad things only happen to him. PG, 81 minutes.

Kids Crafts 2/13 4:00 PM

Join the fun as the Library presents another great craft. Ages 5-12. Sign up necessary.

Movie: Boxtrolls 2/17 4:00 PM

A community of quirky, mischievous creatures have lovingly raised an orphaned human boy named Eggs in the amazing cavernous home they've built beneath the streets of Cheesebridge. When the

town's villain plots to get rid of the Boxtrolls, Eggs ventures above ground, where he teams up with fabulously feisty Winnie to devise a daring plan to save Eggs' family. PG, 97 minutes.

Lego Club 2/23 4:00 PM

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.

Movie: Big Hero 2/24 4:00 PM

Robotics prodigy Hiro Hamada learns to harness his genius, thanks to his brilliant brother and their like-minded friends. When devastating events catapult them into the midst of a dangerous plot, a robot named Baymax helps transform them into a band of high-tech heroes. PG, 90 minutes.

Franklin—Franklin Township

Love at the Library Patron Drawing February 1 - 28

Love is in the air, and Cupid has picked out a special bag of items for a lucky winner! Romance, love stories, or romantic music – book, CD or DVD – every five items checked out will earn you an entry to win what Cupid has in store!

Guess the Couples Contest February 1 – 28

Timeless couples and dynamic duos – do you know them? Test your knowledge

and guess these famous pairs from screen, literature, history, and TV. There are prizes!

Knifty Knitters 2/3, 10 & 24 1:30 PM

Whether you have been knitting all your life or are just starting out, this group welcomes you! Special group projects include chemo hats, baby clothes, blankets, adult lap robes and more to be donated to local charities. Or if you have a project of your own to work on feel free

to bring it along. Stuck on a stitch? There is always someone to help!

Creative Crochet 2/5 6:00 PM

Don't have time to join us during the day? Come to our special night group and crochet away! Group projects are welcome-- we are always open to suggestions!

No-Knit Scarf Adult Craft**2/7 1:00 PM**

Need something to keep you warm on those frigid winter days? Join Debby and Linda for a fun-filled afternoon and go home wrapped in a beautiful scarf you can be proud of - and you made yourself! Please bring your own yarn - 2 skeins of Lion Brand Homespun are recommended; that way, you can pick colors that are right for you. For adults; registration required.

Franklin Friends**2/17 1:00 PM**

New members are always welcome! The Franklin Friends meet on the third Tuesday of the month. They work hard to provide family programming throughout

the year and donate funds for purchasing the Classic DVD collection.

Knitters of the Round Table**2/17 1:30 PM**

Come join the Round Table! Share in the camaraderie, pattern ideas and the love of knitting! Can't quite get the hand of that new stitch? Always wanted to learn to knit but were afraid of trying? No worries - we'll be happy to teach you. Teens are most welcome!

Page Turners**2/17 1:30 PM**

Excited about books? Love to read and share your thoughts? Enjoy good conversation and friendship with the Page Turners! New members are always welcome

to join. This month, the club is excited to review *The Things They Carried* (novel/short stories) by Tim O'Brien.

Evening Readers**2/18 6:30 PM**

Informal and informative! Our friendly discussions will open your mind to new thoughts about your favorite titles and authors! This month our club will discuss *What the Dead Know*, by Laura Lippman.

JUST FOR TEENS**Blind Date with a YA Book****February 1 - 28**

Go on a blind date with one of our YA books - who knows? You may love it! Enter to win a prize with each book checked out. Write a review and earn an extra drawing slip!

Guess the Couples Contest**February 1 - 28**

Timeless couples - do you know them? Test your knowledge and guess these famous duos from screen, literature, history, and TV. There are prizes!

St. Valentine's Day Craft**2/14 1:00 PM**

Come celebrate St. Valentine's Day with Miss Lydia and make tie-dye heart-shaped decorations to hang in your window! Take home some decorated sugar cookies to end the holiday on a sweet note, too! Sign-up required

DIY Wrapped Earbuds**2/21 1:00 PM**

Got your ear buds in a twist? Wrapping your ear buds with colorful string is a creative way to decorate and keep them from tangling! Please bring in a pair or

two of your favorite ear buds for this fun craft! This event is for ages 7-15. Please sign up online or at the library.

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

JUST FOR KIDS**Guess the Couples Contest****February 1 - 28**

Here's a fun challenge just for kids. Try to guess the names of the couples we have chosen and you may win a prize!

Two's Fun**2/3, 10, 17 & 24 3:00 PM**

Have fun being two -- with a special story time just for you! Come and join Miss Anne on Tuesday afternoons for great stories, poems, and songs. This half hour is just filled with wiggles, giggles and fun! An adult caregiver should remain with the child throughout the program. Please sign up for this event.

Story Time**2/4, 6, 11, 18, 20, 25 & 27 1:00 PM**

Children ages 3-5 love to hear a story and make a craft. Join us for stories, songs, and lots of fun. Please sign up for this event.

Lunch with a Librarian**2/14 11:00 AM**

Join Miss Ande for a Saturday lunch hour story time and craft! Please bring your own lunch to enjoy—we have some fun stories and games! This event is for children ages 3-7 accompanied by an adult caregiver. Registration is required; you may sign up online or at the front desk.



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Next Meeting of the
Warren County
Library Commission
February 26, 2015 at 5:30 pm
Conference Room/2nd Floor
Headquarters Branch
2 Shotwell Drive
Belvidere, NJ

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Northeast

Mahjongg
2/2, 9 & 23 10:00 AM
Join a great group of people and play Mahjongg. Games from beginner to advanced.

Yarn-Over-Time
2/2, 9 & 23 6:00 PM
Crochet and knitting group for after work and evening crafters. All ages and experience levels are welcome. Join us to get acquainted and share ideas and techniques.

Friends Meeting
2/2 6:00 PM
Become an advocate for your library by joining a group of volunteers to discuss fund-raising and programming for the library. Bring your ideas!

Homework Help Club
2/4, 11, 18 & 25 3:30 PM
Amelia Wetzell, local certified teacher, will help with homework. Registration required.

Radical Rocketeers
2/7 10:00 AM
Great individual or family activity. After a short business meeting we build rockets. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required.

Valentine's Day Craft
2/7 1:00 PM
Join Miss Lindsay and Miss Christina W. to create a Valen-

Adult Craft
2/3 12:30 PM
Join us to make a Valentine craft. Registration is required.

Sunrise Seniors
2/10 9:30 AM
Start your morning with coffee and friendly conversation. Lucy Hurley from Home Instead will speak about Senior Fraud. Registration required.

Bookworms
2/18 1:30 PM
Join our afternoon book club to discuss *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neal Hurston.

Book Friends
2/18 6:30 PM
Join our cafe style book club to

discuss *The School of Essential Ingredients* by Erica Bauermeister.

Crafty Ladies
2/5, 19 & 26 1:30 PM
If you like to knit and crochet, or would like to learn, join us!

Schmidt & Noble Acoustic Duo
2/28 1:30 PM
Enjoy original and traditional music by local artists, Harry Noble and Matt Schmidt. Tickets are \$1.00 each and are fully refundable at the door. Funding has been made possible, in part, by the Warren County Cultural Commission and the Friends of the Northeast Branch of the Warren County Library.

JUST FOR TEENS

tine mason jar with pixie sticks and conversation hearts candy. For ages 8-17. Register online, as space is limited.

Origami
2/11 6:30 PM
Join a creative group led by Instructor Cylvia Ultz. For age 12+. Registration required.

Gamers Club
2/14 11:00AM - 1:00PM
This meeting is for Nintendo lovers! Play Mario Party 8, Super Smash Brawl, and more. Registration required.

Tween Book Club
2/18 6:30 PM
Join Miss Christina and discuss *The Case of the Kidnapped Candy* by James Preller and then there is a craft. For ages 8-14. Registration required.

Chat & Chew
2/23 6:30 PM
Teens, join Ms. Kelly and discuss books, movies and music! Snacks are provided. Bring your friends! Register online or at the branch.

JUST FOR KIDS

Homework Help Club
2/4, 11, 18 & 25 3:30 PM
A local certified teacher will help kids with difficult homework. Registration required.

Infant Story Time
2/6, 13, 20 & 27 10:30 AM
Bring your baby and listen to stories, sing songs and more. For infants under the age of 2.

Valentine's Day Kid Craft
2/7 11:30 AM
We will make a tasty treat and

Valentine love bugs! This craft is for kids 3-8. Registration is required.

PJ Story Time
2/25 6:30 PM
Wear a comfy set of pajamas and get cozy while listening to stories. Please register.

Stories & Crafts
2/4, 11, 18 & 25 10:30 AM
Come listen to stories, sing songs, and make a themed craft each week!

Stories & Music
2/5, 19 & 26 10:30 AM
Come listen to stories, sing songs, and color too! For kids ages 2 and up.

Lego Club
2/10 6:30 PM
Super Science Programs is back! Kids ages 7-12 come have fun with Legos! Registration required.