



# WMPL Newsletter

May | June 2021

## Our MISSION

**To provide excellent, proactive service to fulfill the informational, educational and recreational needs of the community. The library will:**

- Celebrate the joy of learning, reading, the arts, local culture and history.
- Create a comfortable, welcoming atmosphere that supports intellectual freedom.
- Sustain a future-focus in response to technological change.

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### ADULT LIBRARY HOURS

Monday ..... 10:00 - 8:30  
Tu, W, Th, Fri ..... 9:00 - 8:30

### CHILDREN'S LIBRARY HOURS

Monday ..... 10:00 - 7:30  
Tu, W, Th ..... 9:00 - 7:30  
Friday ..... 9:00 - 4:30

### COTTAGE HOURS

Wednesday ..... 10:00 - 1:00  
Thursday ..... 12:00 - 4:00

### LIBRARY CLOSED

Memorial Weekend  
May 29, 30, 31

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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### DIRECTOR

Tracy Van Dyne

## Meet TRACY VAN DYNE Library Director



Tracy Van Dyne was officially introduced as the new Director of the Westbury Memorial Public Library at its October 15, 2020, meeting of the Library Board of Trustees. Along with her love of the neighborhood & the community, Tracy brings with her 25 years of experience working in the library world. Her last position was Interim Director of the Great Neck Library.

One of her goals is to bring the Library forward technologically. She will focus on strengthening the infrastructure of the Library by enhancing the IT Department, and getting an outside wireless access point that will allow staff to hold outside programs, and for patrons to access the internet even when the Library is closed.

Tracy is looking forward to meeting the patrons! She shares, "Even during the constraints of the pandemic the Library has been averaging about 70 people a day and curbside pick-up is still very busy. Our patrons have been absolutely wonderful. They feel safe and comfortable."

As the world increasingly moves to virtual and online realities, Tracy has faith that as long as the Library serves as a valued community center and a hub for instruction, career counseling and computer training (in addition to many other valuable services) it will continue to enjoy public support and patronage. With that in mind, Tracy intends to help bring the best of all of those things to the Westbury Community!

## We're VIRTUAL

### LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS

**THURSDAY, MAY 20 AND  
JUNE 17, 7:00 PM, VIA ZOOM**

The Westbury Library Board of Trustees would like to invite the public to attend our upcoming board meetings. Meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each month starting at 7:00 pm. The meeting can be joined at the following Link: <https://zoom.us/j/97661902610> or by calling the following phone number on the evenings of the meetings after 6:45 pm: **1-646-558-8656, meeting ID 976 6190 2610.**

### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL!



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and click on the event in the calendar. Please check our website for additional programs.

# Adult PROGRAMS

## SPECIAL INTEREST

### WRITERS' WORKSHOP

*Fridays, May 7, 21 and June 4, 18,  
10:00 – 11:30 am*

Have you always wanted to be a writer but never had the opportunity to develop your skills and talent? Join our four session virtual Writers' Workshop and begin to explore poetry, memoir and nonfiction writing. Classes will include some engaging activities as well as instruction. Class size is limited to 10 participants in order to have time to share and critique your writing. Presented by Anne Wolf, a creative writing instructor.

### JOURNALING DISCUSSION GROUP

*Fridays, May 7, 14, 21, 28 and June 4, 11, 18,  
7:00 pm*

Learn the different reasons for journaling and how it can relax, de-stress and help you put your thoughts on paper in a style that is your own. If already journaling, we will discuss how it can be instrumental in teaching skills of discipline, scheduling and organizing. Each session will include discussion so that participants can share obstacles and progress. Author and writing coach Linda J. Williams is the presenter; she will share her expertise.

### SECRETS OF THE NEW YORK CITY SUBWAYS

*Wednesday, May 12, 7:00 pm*

Learn the history and artwork of the New York City Subways. Enjoy works by the Guastavino Brothers in the City Hall station, and Grand Central Terminal and the Municipal Building. This is a fun lecture and PowerPoint presentation presented by Oscar Israelowitz, scholar, author and master storyteller.



### CONTAINER GARDEN DESIGN Outdoor Program

*Monday, May 24, 7:00 pm*

The magic behind focal-point planters is the inclusion of three key plant ingredients in your pot, they are: a **"thriller,"** a tall plant usually with a strong statement of form and color, a **"filler,"** plants that fill the space hiding the soil and a



**"spiller"** that trails over the edge of the pot. Bring a 10 inch pot with potting soil and Paul Levine, The Plant Man, will help you create a lovely container garden to display anywhere on your patio. **This class will meet in the courtyard and is limited to 12 participants. Walk-ins will not be admitted. Please adhere to social distancing guidelines. Patrons must wear a mask at all times.**

### MEET THE AUTHORS

*Friday, June 25, 6:00 pm*

Join us as authors come together to share their writing journeys, publishing experiences and highlights from their books. Presenting authors: Dr. Arthur Dobrin, Trinel Lyn, Netanya Lewis, Beverlyn Fray and Trace Francis. Linda J. Williams, book coach, will also be available for those who are working on their manuscript or have a desire to begin. Q & A session will follow to get information on those burning questions you may have about writing.

### COMPUTER KINDERGARTEN Outdoor Program

*Thursday, May 20 and June 17, 11:00 am*

The Westbury Library will be hosting a series of outdoor, socially distanced computer classes in our courtyard. Internet and computer basics will be covered. There will be a question and answer period at the end of each class. **Walk-ins will not be admitted. Please adhere to social distancing guidelines. Patrons must wear a mask at all times.**

## ARTS & CRAFTS

### DETAILING WATERCOLORS 101

*Tuesdays, May 11, 7:00 pm*

Watercolor techniques will be demonstrated such as mixing and blending colors in small scale. These techniques can be used to create realistic or abstract art including landscapes, portraits, or surreal worlds. While the instructor's focus is abstraction, the techniques can be used for any style and participants are welcome to work on their own paintings throughout the class. Presented by Meagan Meehan, Westbury Arts member/instructor.



# Adult PROGRAMS (CONTINUED)



## COOKING

### CINCO DE MAYO COOKING

**Monday, May 3, 7:00 pm**

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a festive, complete menu prepared by Chef Rob! Watch him demonstrate Strawberry-Basil Agua Fresca, Holy Guacamole, Spaghetti Squash Burrito Bowl and a Shrimp Fajitas sheet pan dinner. Note: the fajitas can be made with shrimp, chicken, beef, pork or all vegetables. Recipes will be available. **This program will be via the Westbury Library's Facebook page.**

### SUMMER COOKING WITH CHEF ROB

**Wednesday, June 16, 7:00 pm**

Swing into Summer 2021 with a fresh and light menu using ingredients we wait all year for! Chef Rob will prepare a Spring Fusilli with Asparagus and Cherry Tomatoes, an Asian Chicken Orzo Salad and a delicious Blueberry Cheesecake Galette. Recipes will be available. **This program will be via the Westbury Library's Facebook page.**

## TAKE AND MAKE WOOD PROJECT

**Wednesday, June 9, 7:00 pm**

Make a Long Island mini wood sign – show your love for your hometown! Four-piece wood sign includes wood Long Island cutout, wood hearts and script Home. Choose colors and paint all wood pieces, when dry we will put it all together with glue. Highlight your hometown, current town and even future town with painted wood hearts. Presented by Party Art Studios.

## BOOK DISCUSSION

### THE VANISHING HALF BY BRIT BENNETT

**A Long Island Reads Book Pick**

**Wednesday, May 5, 7:00 pm**

Looking well beyond the issues of race, Brit Bennett provokes with this stunning tale about love, identity and belonging; about twin sisters, inseparable in childhood, but who ultimately choose to live in two very different worlds, one black and one white. Discussion leader: Kathleen Gaskin, Patron Services Librarian.



### WIN BY HARLAN COBEN

**Wednesday, June 2, 7:00 pm**

A brilliant thriller about a man, Win, whose quest to enact vigilante justice takes him down a dangerous path, exposing secrets hiding behind the facade of an ordinary family. Discussion leader: Kathleen Gaskin, Patron Services Librarian.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE WESTBURYS

### THE TACTICS OF LONG ISLAND SUFFRAGIST "GENERAL" ROSALIE GARDINER JONES

**Sunday, May 16, 2:30 pm**

Rosalie Jones was a maverick in the Suffragette Movement. She made news when she toured Long Island in her yellow suffrage wagon in the Spring of 1912. This presentation will discuss Jones' novel tactics, the influence of the British suffrage movement on her, and how her challenges to the status quo unnerved establishment suffrage leaders. Presented by historian, Jane Mathews Swersey.



## DATABASES AVAILABLE



**Need a peer reviewed article? Resume help? Legal forms? Searching your ancestry? Why not give one of our databases a try? Many subjects available.**

**You can search from home with your library card or come to the Library and use one of our computers.**

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COLLEGE AND CAREERS	MAGAZINES
COOKING	NEWSPAPERS
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HOME AND GARDEN	TUTOR

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# Adult PROGRAMS (CONTINUED)



## HEALTH & FITNESS

### FINDING PEACE THROUGH MEDITATION

*Tuesdays, May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15, 10:00 - 11:00 am*

Join us to learn the basics of meditation and calm and focus your mind through your breathing. Learn how to beat feelings of stress by meditating and start to experience a deep and authentic inner peace. Enjoy this six-week series with Stephany Taylor from Kadampa Meditation Center of Long Island.

### CHAIR YOGA WITH JOLIE BOSNJAK

*Wednesdays, May 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 10:30 am*

Want to get in shape but feel regular Yoga is too strenuous for you? Improving flexibility, easing stiffness, creating both spatial awareness and a happy mental state are a few of the benefits that chair Yoga can provide our bodies. Jolie Bosnjak will present.

### STROKE PREVENTION

*Wednesday, May 12, 1:00 pm*

May is Stroke Awareness Month. Get the facts to prevent, beat, treat and learn about the signs and symptoms. This program is hosted by Great Neck Library. Presented by Maura A. Calio, MA, RN, Community Health Educator, from St. Francis Hospital, DeMatteis Center.

### PILATES WITH MARYELLEN

*Thursdays, May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, 6:00 pm*

Need some help improving your posture, increasing your flexibility, or developing your core strength? Using principles based on the Pilates Method, instructor Maryellen Petassi will guide participants of any age through techniques that will help improve balance, stability, posture, coordination and muscle tone by isolating and working various muscle groups through range of motion exercises. Please wear comfortable clothing and have a mat. Maryellen Petassi is a certified personal trainer and a registered Pilate's instructor.

## ONGOING PROGRAMMING

### FREE CAREER COUNSELING

Want to review your resume? Need prep for an interview? One-on-one Career Counseling is available by appointment only by calling the Computer and Career Center at 516-379-3274, ext. 504. All sessions will take place over the telephone. If you require resume assistance you must forward your resume as a Microsoft Word document to bspinelli@freeportlibrary.info prior to the appointment. You will be called at the time of your scheduled appointment. We are thankful to the Freeport Library for offering this service to our community.

### THE COTTAGE - THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE WESTBURYS

*For more information contact Susan Kovarik, curator at 516-333-0176 x 1107 or email: [susankovarik@westburylibrary.org](mailto:susankovarik@westburylibrary.org)*

Susan can be reached Wednesdays from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm and Thursdays from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

### ESL - LEARN ENGLISH

Literacy Nassau offers virtual ESL (English as a Second Language) classes throughout the year. Visit the Literacy Nassau website to make an appointment. <https://www.literacynassau.org/appointment>

### SERVICE TO THE HOMEBOUND

Reference Librarian, Ron Schachter provides home delivery of Library materials to patrons in the Westbury or Carle Place school districts who are unable to visit the Library because of physical limitations. For further information contact Ron at 516-333-0176 x 1403 or email: [ronalschachter@westburylibrary.org](mailto:ronalschachter@westburylibrary.org)

### HEALTH INSURANCE ENROLLMENT WITH FIDELIS CARE

Fidelis Care offers quality, affordable health insurance for qualifying children and adults of all ages through Qualified Health Plans and the New York State sponsored Child Health Plus, Essential Plan and Medicaid programs. Contact Luz Mery Guecha-Lutz at 347-597-2324 for more information.

# Children's EVENTS

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Westbury Kids

## BOOKSHELF IN A BAG

Do you miss browsing our shelves? Recreate the experience in a bag! Click on the Request Books icon on the Children's Homepage and we will curate a bag of books for you to take home. You might discover new books, magazines, music etc. from the comfort of your own couch!



## WESTBURY LIBRARY YOUTH SERVICES EMAIL LIST

Stay up to date with the Children's and Teen departments! Subscribe to the Youth Services Mailing List to receive periodic information about our services, programs & collections!

## STORYTIME LIVE!

**Tuesdays at 3:30pm**

Join us every week for storytime on YouTube Live!

## STEAM-TO-GO

Learn the concepts of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math with a hands-on activity. Pick up a kit at the Library that includes an entire project in a bag! While supplies last.



## CIRCLE TIME

New videos are posted to Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube every Friday! Recommended for children ages 6 months to 4 years old.

## PLANT TOGETHER

**Registration and pickup begins Monday, May 3 at 9:30am**

Decorate a flower pot with your favorite grown-up! Please register in advance, supplies are limited. Kits available for pickup upon registration - must be picked up within one week. Unclaimed kits will be given to the next child on the waiting list.



## DECORATE A BIRDHOUSE

**Registration begins Monday, May 3 at 9:30am**  
**Program Dates: Wednesday, May 5 or Thursday, May 6 at 4pm\***

Paint a birdhouse for your winged friends! Come dressed for a mess. This is a 45 minute outdoor program - weather permitting. \*Registration is required, one session per child. **Walk-ins will not be admitted to the program. Please adhere to social distancing guidelines. Patrons 2 years of age and older must be wearing a mask at all times.**



## BUSY BEEHIVE

**Registration and pickup begins Monday, May 10 at 9:30am**

Calling all busy bees! Using the supplied materials, follow along with an instructional video provided by p[ART]y Studio and paint a beehive. Please register in advance, space is limited. Kits available for pickup upon registration - must be picked up within one week. Unclaimed kits will be given to the next child on the waiting list.



## OUTDOOR STORYTIME

**Thursday, May 13 and June 17 at 4pm**

Bring your own blanket and join us for storytime under the sun!

This is an outdoor program - weather permitting. First come, first served. Space is limited.

**Please adhere to social distancing guidelines. Patrons 2 years of age and older must be wearing a mask at all times.**



## TOTS NIGHT IN

**Registration begins Monday, May 10 at 9:30am**  
**Program Date: Thursday, May 13 at 7pm**

Travel back in time to the land of dinosaurs in this family preschool program! Activities include music, movement, fine and gross motor development and storytelling. Recommended for children 18 months to 5 years old. Please register in advance. A link will be emailed to you the morning of the event with a list of suggested materials.



## FAMILY SPRINGTIME CAKE POPS

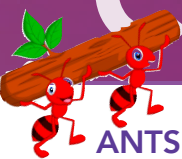
**Registration begins Monday, May 17 at 9:30am • Pickup begins Tuesday, May 18**

What better way to enjoy Spring than with cake pops! Follow along to an instructional video at your convenience to make this tasty treat. The Baking Coach will provide all of the ingredients. May contain allergens. One kit per family. Please register in advance, supplies are limited. Kits must be picked up by Wednesday, May 19. Unclaimed kits will be given to the next family on the waiting list.



Visit our website to register for programs & more! [westburylibrary.org/childrens](https://westburylibrary.org/childrens)  
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<https://westburylibrary.org/biblioteca-de-ninos/>

# Children's EVENTS (CONTINUED)



## ANTS GO MARCHING STORY FOREST

**Beginning Monday, May 24 to Friday, May 28**

The ants go marching and so can you! Walk through our story forest and see how many activities you can find. Stop by the library first to pick up your marching kit. While supplies last.

## COSMIC FRISBEES

**Registration and pickup begins Monday, May 24 at 9:30am**

Color your own frisbee and then see how far it can fly! Please register in advance, supplies are limited. Kits available for pickup upon registration - must be picked up within one week. Unclaimed kits will be given to the next family on the waiting list.

## theCoderSchool: INTRO TO CODING

**Registration begins Monday, May 17 at 9:30am  
Program Dates: Tuesdays, May 25  
or June 1 at 7pm**

Kids teach kids! Learn how to code from Peyton Elie, winner of the Congressional App Challenge. Create some awesome new and classic games using Scratch, a cool drag n' drop language! Students will not only create a functioning game from scratch, they'll practice the fundamental coding concepts required in any coding language. Students will require access to a laptop or desktop with audio and video. No ipads or phones. Recommended for children in 4th to 8th grade. Please register in advance. One session per child. A link to the program will be emailed to you the morning of the event.

## STAY AND PLAYHOORAY

**Registration begins Monday, May 24 at 9:30am  
Program Date: Wednesday, June 2 at 7:00pm**

Get ready to sing, dance, and play with your child! Recommended for children 6 months to 5 years old. Please register in advance. A link to the program will be emailed to you the morning of the event with suggested materials.

## CUPCAKE ART

**Registration and pickup begins  
Monday, June 7 at 9:30am**

Using the supplied materials, follow along with an instructional video provided by p[ART]y Studio and paint a frosted cupcake! Please register in advance,



space is limited. Kits available for pickup upon registration - must be picked up within one week. Unclaimed kits will be given to the next child on the waiting list.

## FAMILY APPLE PIE POPS

**Registration begins Monday, June 14 at 9:30am  
Pickup begins Tuesday, June 15**

Bake and enjoy delicious homemade apple pie pops! You will need to provide a stick of butter. The Baking Coach will supply the remainder of the ingredients and an instructional video to follow along at your convenience. May contain allergens. One kit per family. Please register in advance, supplies are limited. Kits available for pickup beginning Tuesday, June 15 - must be picked up within one week. Unclaimed kits will be given to the next family on the waiting list.

## FULL STEAM AHEAD

**Registration begins Monday, June 21 at 9:30am  
Program Date: Wednesday, June 23 at 7pm**

Join A Time for Kids in this fun and fast paced STEAM activity program. Activities include music, movement, storytelling and a cool science experiment! Recommended for children in Pre-K to 2nd grade. Please register in advance. A link to the program will be emailed to you the morning of the event with suggested materials.

## KIDS BOOK CLUB

**Registration begins Monday, June 7 at 9:30am  
Program Dates: Wednesdays, June 30,  
July 7, 14, 21 & 28 at 5pm**

Follow along with Ms. Stephanie as she reads aloud from *Hello, Universe* by Erin Entrada Kelly. Each week we will be reading and discussing chapters from the book. Copies will be available for contactless pickup and on Libby. For children in 3rd to 6th grade. Please register in advance. A link to the program will be emailed to you the morning of the event.

## SUMMER READING 2021

**Registration begins  
Tuesday, July 6 to Friday, August 13**

The theme for this year's Summer Reading Challenge is Tails and Tales! Stop by the Library to pick up your weekly minutes log and a wild surprise. Participants will be entered into a raffle at the end of the program.



# Teen PROGRAMS

## ACTS OF KINDNESS FOR PEOPLE AND PETS: COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

*Thursday, May 6th and Friday, May 7th*

Teens will view a short video that features six mini projects for people and pets in need. They will take a short quiz and answer 10 questions from the video. Teens will receive 2 hours of community service for virtually attending. Take part in this program on your own on May 6th or 7th. Link to video will be sent prior to the program. Registration is required.

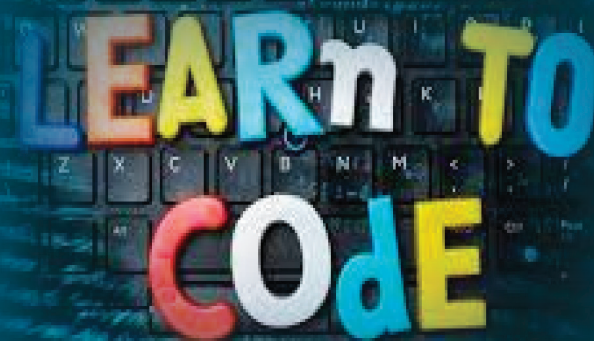


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## TAKE AND MAKE CRAFT: CERAMIC BIRDHOUSE

*Tuesday, June 1st – Wednesday, June 30th*

Hey nature lovers - create a sweet little birdhouse with this adorable craft kit. Your bird friends will thank you. Register online and your craft kit will be reserved for pick-up starting June 1st. First come, first served, while supplies last.



# SUMMER READING CLUB 2021

**TAILS**

**AND**

**TALES**

Teens entering grades 7 - 12 are encouraged to join us for a summer of exciting programs. Teens can read their way through our summer reading club and enter to win prizes. Registration is required for all programs and begins June 21st. All programs are FREE and open to Westbury and Carle Place residents.

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# LIMITED REOPENING!

In order to maintain a safe environment



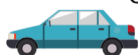
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Please adhere to social distancing markers.



The Library is NOT available for: seating, study/quiet rooms, notary services, tutoring



Curbside pickup and document services will continue to be available Monday - Friday



All items must be returned in the bookdrop. Please DO NOT bring them into the buildings.

Items will continue to be quarantined for 3 days before being removed from a patron's account.



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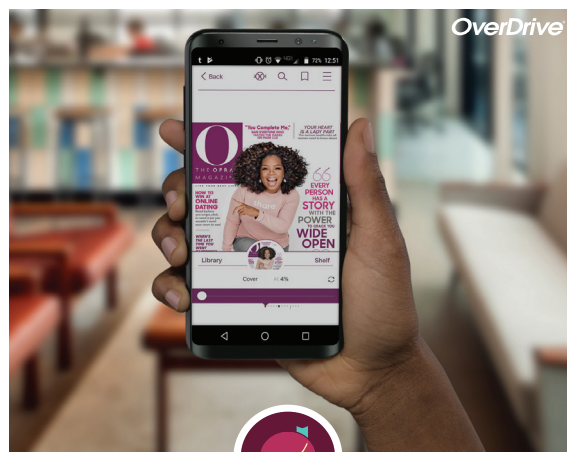


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