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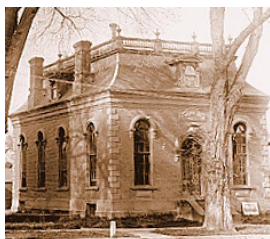
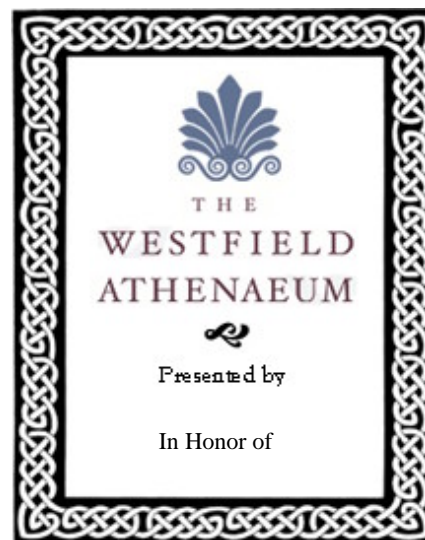
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Milton B. Whitney Library Edwin Smith Historical Museum Jasper Rand Art Museum

Remembering Others with a Donation and a Memorial Bookplate

Would you like to mark the memory of a loved one or honor someone close to you and assist the Athenaeum in purchasing more materials for children and adults. A \$50 contribution to the **Piszczek Memorial Book Fund** will place a bookplate in a new book in the Athenaeum's circulating collection. This generous book fund was created by Anne Piszczek's family in honor of Anne's 48 years of service to the Westfield Athenaeum and is already being added to by other patrons to honor family and friends on important occasions. A list of fund donors is posted on our website.

If you are interested in making a contribution, please call Candy Pennington at (413) 568-0638.



Founders Day Celebration ~ January 19

We will be celebrating the 139th Anniversary of the opening of the Westfield Athenaeum on Friday, January 19 in the main lobby. There will be a treasure hunt in the adult library and a coloring contest in the Boys and Girls Library; a prize will be given. Please stop by for fun and refreshments during our Founders Day Celebration

News from the Friends

► The Friends of the Westfield Athenaeum has a new book bag which will soon be for sale at the main desk for \$20.

► The Annual Friends Used Book Sale will occur April 12-14, so if you have any books in good condition please drop them off. (Please no text books or damaged books) You can also drop off DVDs, CDs, cassettes, and VHS tapes as you de-clutter your life. All funds will be used for programs at the Athenaeum.

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The Edwin Smith Historical Museum

is open from 10-3 on Thursdays and Saturdays.
Come learn about Westfield's fascinating past.

Book Club Discussions

Saving the World by Julia Alvarez on January 25th, and The Mayor of Lexington Avenue by John Sheehan on February 22nd. Meetings are held at 1 p.m. in the Whitney Study. Books are available at the circulation desk

Forum Book Discussions

Far from the Madding Crowd by Thomas Hardy on January 16th and The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon on February 20th. Meetings are held in the Reed Room at 7 p.m. Books are available at the circulation desk

Our color copiers print excellent copies for 20 ¢ and will even enlarge materials to poster size.

With the celebration of Founders Day on January 19, the Athenaeum is celebrating the hard work and dedication of our forbears, whose leadership, vision and dedication led to the creation of the landmark building we know today. Here is a brief timeline of the past 139 years, leading up to this year's celebration:

- 1864 - Incorporation of the Athenaeum
- 1868 - Opened at the original location (26 Main St.)
- 1899 - Moved from Main St. to the Fowler-Gillett homestead.
- 1927 - Addition of the Jasper Rand Art Museum, the Lang Auditorium and the Edwin Smith Historical Museum opened, with gifts from the Rand and Smith families.
- 1966 - Addition of the Reference Room, part of the mezzanine, Technical Services Room and part of the B&G Library.
- 1972- Athenaeum Bookmobile service started, with 30 stops per week.
- 1973 - North-Side branch opened in the high school.
- 1990 - Edwin Smith Museum & branch library closed due to budget cuts.
- 1996 - Outreach program for homebound residents begins
- 1998 - Public computers with Internet access added
- 2003 - Edwin Smith Museum re-opened
- 2007 - 139 years old *Please join us in celebrating these milestones.*

Movies at the Athenaeum

A big thank you to the generous donor who has given a large donation to increase our DVD collection. As we go into the grey cold months of winter, she wanted to lift people's spirits with more laughter.



We have purchased a movie license which will allow us to show commercially-available films to the public on the second Saturday of each month, beginning with January 13th at 1:00 p.m.

We also have acquired 2 new DVD/VHS players with built-in monitors- one for the adult section and one for the Boys & Girls Library, so patrons may view library-owned films in the library.

Boys and Girls Library

Wed. Jan. 10th ~ Music Together Demo 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

Join other families for a free demo of the Music Together Program. Children ages birth to age 7 are welcome. Sign-up by calling or coming into the library beginning Tuesday, December 26th. Any questions, call Kerri Klee at 572-1175.

Storytime Plus - Mon & Tues Mornings - 4 weeks, starting the week of January 22nd.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Preschoolers age 3 - 5 are invited to a very special story time, with songs, finger-play, and a craft. Storytime Plus is a four week program that runs Mondays - January 22, 29; February 5 & 12 or Tuesdays - January 23, 30; February 6 & 13. Choose the sequence that works for you. Registration is required, and begins January 9th. If Westfield schools are delayed or closed due to the weather, this program will be cancelled for the day.



Little One's Library Time - Wednesday Mornings - 4 Weeks, Starting January 24th

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Little One's Library Time is a story time open to children 6 - 35 months old. It includes a story, songs, finger-plays and fun! Registration is required for the entire program, and begins Tuesday, January 9th. The program runs for four weeks. Bring your laps and your little ones! If Westfield schools are delayed or closed due to the weather, this program will be cancelled for the day.

Two's Too! - Thursday Mornings - 4 Weeks, Starting Jan 25th.

9:30 AM - 10:15 AM

Two year olds with their grown up are invited to join us for a four week theme related program. Enjoy songs, activities, a story and a craft! The program is limited to 8 child/adult pairs. Participants must be age appropriate, accompanied by an adult and registered (Registration begins Tuesday, January 9th). Two's, Too! will meet January 25th, February 1st, 8th and 15th. If Westfield schools are delayed or closed due to the weather, this program is cancelled for the day.



TEEN CORNER

The Teen Area is morphing into a more comfortable and usable space. New furniture and PCs will join slat-wall shelving and a new bulletin board to display the artwork of local teens and important news and events. 20 new magazine titles and numerous new teen books will line the shelves, giving teens more resources to learn and play in the world around them.

"READING TREASURES" CLASSIC BOOK CLUB FOR FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADERS

The Westfield Athenaeum in collaboration with the Westfield Woman's Club is sponsoring its third session of the Junior Book Club for area fourth and fifth graders. The focus of this series is enrichment, exposure and enjoyment of great literature for children. Each Wednesday in February the book club will be held at the Westfield Woman's Club, 28 Court Street, at 4:00. Any fourth or fifth grader can register either in person or by phone (562-6158) at the Boys and Girls Library at 6 Elm Street in Westfield during the month of January for the February session. The book and information packet will be provided by the library. If you have any questions, please call us-562-6158.

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The Westfield Athenaeum is pleased to announce that Ann Gervais, Dick Patterson and Marybeth Ogulewicz-Sacco have joined our board of Directors. We look forward to their direction and support.

THANK YOU

And, thank you to our outgoing Directors Don Blair, Hal Beattie, and Ray Zenkert who have given so much of their time and energy to the Athenaeum.

Jasper Rand Art Exhibits

January will feature watercolors by In Sun Russell. She is a graduate of Honk Ik University in Seoul, Korea and Santa Monica College in Santa Monica, California. She has received many awards for her artwork and has exhibited at many local facilities such as, Forbes Library, Piedmont Art Show and WNEC Campus Center Gallery.

February will feature still life in oil by Corinne Chandless from Haydenville, MA. She paints large to medium sized, highly detailed, realistic still life. She also shows limited edition giclees (computer art).

January & February 2007

January 1st	Library Closed- Happy New Year
January 19th	Founders Day Celebration
January 15th	Library Closed- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
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Friends Annual Book Sale**

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