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## VIDEO CONFERENCING HELPS FORMER WOODLAND STUDENT WITH CANCER ATTEND SCHOOL

(Warren, NJ) – Woodland School fifth graders sat in groups of four and five on Dec. 7, discussing “A Dog’s Life: The Autobiography of a Stray” by Ann M. Martin as part of a seemingly typical reading lesson.

Not so typical was the video conferencing equipment in a corner of the classroom that allows a former classmate, 10-year-old Peyton Walton, to join in the conversation from her home 200 miles south in Maryland.

“I think the author wants to show what stray dogs have to go through when they are separated from their family,” Peyton says, in response to a question from a fellow student.

Peyton was diagnosed with a rare form of liver cancer in June as she and her family were relocating from New Jersey to Maryland. She had immediate surgery to remove a large tumor, followed by rounds of chemotherapy and radiation in Washington D.C. and New York.

Hoping to “give Peyton a chance to feel like a normal kid,” Woodland fifth grade teacher Colleen Krumm invited her former student to participate in so-called Accountable Talk sessions, a student-centered approach to reading that encourages students to think more deeply about the text and to ask and respond to higher level thinking questions.

“Peyton is a keen observer and very mature for her age,” says Krumm who taught 4th grade last year. Peyton and many of Krumm’s current students were in her class.

The equipment used to connect Peyton to her friends at Woodland is on loan from Cisco, arranged by Stephen Krause, a Woodland parent who works for the technology company.

“Peyton misses a lot of school and the ability to participate in classroom activities virtually continues her growth and progress so that she can make a smoother transition when she returns to school on a regular basis,” Krumm says. “Her mom always tells me that she really enjoys our sessions and talks about them long after they’ve ended.”

Peyton also uses a robot she controls with an app to attend her new school in Maryland.

Her face appears on an iPad screen attached to the rolling base that enables her to see and hear her teacher and classmates and to respond back. It has made her somewhat of a celebrity. She has appeared in print and television media reports, most recently in the Washington Post.

“I really like math and science, so I just like being there and learning what they have to teach me,” she told Washington Post reporter Donna St. George, about using the



robot she calls PAVS for “Peyton’s Awesome Virtual Self.”

Both communities – new and old - have rallied behind Peyton and her family. To date, a GoFundMe fundraiser has generated more than \$20,000 to pay for Peyton’s robot and to offset her medical costs. Friends and family in Warren participated in a “5K Walk for Peyton” in October.

On this particular Monday, dialed in remotely to her former school, Peyton wears her signature knit hat. (This one is striped red/white.) She listens intently as her group discusses the novel, raising her hand when she wishes to contribute. As the lesson comes to a close, her friends gather round to wave goodbye. She smiles and waves back.

“Peyton has been in and out of hospitals,” says Krumm. “She didn’t have much time to get to know her new friends in Maryland and I know she missed her friends here in New Jersey. This technology gives her the opportunity at some normalcy.”



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# 11 STUDENTS AT WATCHUNG HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SELECTED FOR CENTRAL JERSEY REGIONAL CHORUS

Eleven student singers at Watchung Hills Regional High School have earned appointment to the New Jersey School Music Association (NJSMA) Central Jersey Regional Chorus.

Choral music teacher Angela DiIorio Bird said it is significant to have so many students from one school selected for Regional Chorus.

"More than 500 students auditioned for these prestigious choruses," DiIorio Bird said. "This is a tremendous honor for the school. The choruses feature the top singers throughout all of Central New Jersey. The audition process is extensive. Students worked with me twice a week to prepare for their audition."

Rehearsals are held in January. The concert will be held on Saturday, Jan. 30, at Monroe Township High School."

The students selected include:

For the Women's Choir: Kyra Anthony, freshman, Soprano II; Angelina Carrano, freshman, Soprano II; Anchal Dhir, freshman, Soprano II; Allison Horvath, junior, Soprano I; Hannah Melillo, junior, Alto I; and Veronica Mu, junior, Alto II.

For Mixed Choir: Eric Bautista, senior, Tenor I; Nikhil Bhat, junior, Tenor II; Angela Celeste, senior, Soprano II; David Kalwicz, senior, Bass I; and Kira Leinwand, junior, Soprano II.



(above) Eleven student singers at Watchung Hills Regional High School have earned appointment to the New Jersey School Music Association (NJSMA) Central Jersey Regional Chorus. Gathered after participating in the Winter Choral Concert Friday, Dec. 18, at Watchung Hills Regional High School, are Choral Music Teacher Angela DiIorio Bird, front row left, and Central Jersey Regional Chorus members, front row, from left, Kira Leinwand, Angela Celeste, Kyra Anthony, Allison Horvath and Veronica Mu; and back row, from left, Angie Carrano, Anchal Dhir, Eric Bautista, David Kalwicz, Nikhil Bhat, and Hannah Melillo.

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"Our Museum Pass Program has been incredibly successful," said Samantha Gale, SCLSNJ's system programming coordinator. "Due to its popularity, we made the decision to expand the program to include 11 cultural attractions including museums, botanical gardens, sculpture parks and even a zoo! We hope this encourages our patrons to take advantage of exploring the amazing cultural opportunities we have in our area."

SCLSNJ's Museum Pass Program allows free admission to selected museums.

Locations and details are listed below:

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- Morris Museum located in Morristown, NJ. SCLSNJ's pass will admit 2 adults and 3 children.
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Museum located in Far Hills, NJ. SCLSNJ's pass will admit 4 adults.

"The passes that are a part of our Museum Pass Program are constantly being checked out," said Sue Kane, circulation desk supervisor at SCLSNJ's Bridgewater Library branch. "This is a valuable service that our library branches offer to our patrons - and the patrons love it. At the circulation desk, we get to hear first hand from patrons how much they appreciate and enjoy being able to use these passes. We are so glad there are now more passes and more locations to visit."

SCLSNJ's Museum Pass Program came to the system over three years ago, after Lauren Ryan, SCLSNJ's east area manager at the Warren Township Library branch, brought the idea to management. "Years ago, I started a museum pass program at another library, which was one of the first in the state to circulate museum passes," said Ryan. "It was very well received by patrons. When I joined SCLSNJ's team, I knew it would work here, too. The program gives us an opportunity to show patrons that libraries are more than books."

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For more information about SCLSNJ's Museum Pass program and for more information about the museums and zoo included in the program, visit SCLSNJ.org/museumpass.htm or contact your local library branch (location list with contact information is available at SCLSNJ.org/locationlist.html).

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The problem is Cole has many food allergies and sometimes people struggle with tolerance.

Desirée DeNourie resides in Warren with her husband and three sons. Her youngest son, Cole, has several food allergies. The biggest hardship Desirée faces of maintaining an adventurous family is finding food options for her son while away from home. To her dismay, she found there are still people not willing to show compassion, even for a child. Desirée hopes by sharing this story, people can feel empathy for those suffering from food allergies, and be more willing to help them be safe.

According to FARE (Food Allergy Research & Education) there is an estimated 15 million Americans with food allergies. Food allergies increased by 50% between the years 1997-2011. Food allergies can be deadly, and every 3 minutes, someone is rushed to the emergency room because of them. That is more than 200,000 people a year.

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## WARREN TOWNSHIP ARTISTS HIGHLIGHTED IN LIBRARY ART SPACE

In December, the Art Space at SCLSNJ's Warren Township Library branch, located at 42 Mountain Boulevard in Warren Township, had a decidedly local flavor, with paintings by a Warren Township amateur artist on display on the art wall; and glazed pottery by a renowned sculptor who lived and worked in Warren Township exhibited in the display case.

Warren Township resident and amateur painter David Greene started painting three years ago after retiring from his job as a biochemical engineer. His first pieces were oil paintings, but he soon switched to watercolor when the Warrenbrook Senior Center offered a short course in Watercolor Painting.

The initial program attracted a mix of new and experienced painters and continues to meet once a week. The experienced painters have been very generous and patient in teaching the novices the finer aspects of watercolor painting and the center, with the support of a most generous benefactor, has provided the facility and materials for painting.

At present, Greene is still learning by studying the paintings of others and trying to develop his own style. Although he has experimented with various types of paintings, he generally paints realistic landscapes. His favorite painter is Vincent Van Gogh, but Greene enjoys a wide range of artists and styles.

Greene and his wife Martha are originally from Connecticut and moved to Warren 20 years ago, after having previously lived in Massachusetts and England. They are both regulars at the programs for adults offered by SCLSNJ's Warren Township Library branch.

The display case features works of art created by designer and sculptor Waylande Gregory, who lived and worked at his studio on Mountain Trail

in Warren from 1939 until his death in 1971. Gregory has been praised as "the most outstanding ceramist of the [1925-1950] period." In 1936, he built an impressive fountain entitled "Light Dispelling Darkness" displayed at Edison's Roosevelt Park. In 1937, he began working on a fountain for the grounds of the 1939-1940 New York World's Fair. The celebrated "Fountain of the Atom" was featured in a March 1939 "Life Magazine" photo spread.

He spent more than a year creating the

sculptures that surrounded the fountain at his Warren Township studio. His career peaked in the early 1940s. In later years, Gregory gave up working in clay and started working in metal, hammering out images from flat, malleable sheets of lead copper. SCLSNJ's Warren branch is proud to be exhibiting these unique pieces created by a celebrated local sculptor.

For more information, contact SCLSNJ's Warren Township Library branch at 908-754-7554.



*(above) David Greene stands with his painting of the Coddington House (on the right) at SCLSNJ's Warren Library branch's art space.*



*(above) Pictured are Waylande Gregory's sculptures featured in SCLSNJ's Warren Township Library branch's art space.*



## KYRA SEELEY, MISS SOMERSET COUNTY WILL VISIT WARREN LIBRARY

*(Children of all ages are invited to special storytime and craft event)*

The newly crowned Miss Somerset County, Kyra Seeley, will visit three Somerset County Library System of New Jersey library branches for a special Storytime and Craft event. Seeley will read *The Mitten Tree* by Candace Christiansen and then create crafts with the attending children. Registration is required to attend.

Storytime and Craft with Miss Somerset County will take place on February 13, 11-11:30 a.m., at SCLSNJ's Warren Township Library branch, located at 42 Mountain Blvd. in Warren.

"Throughout my childhood I was encouraged by my family and teachers to help others," said Seeley. "Over the past few years it has been my goal to inspire both children and adults to give back to their communities. It is my hope that through this storytime, I will be able to encourage our youth to help their friend, peer, or community member the next time they have a chance to."

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### **Nobody Owns the Sky: Fascinating Stories of Forgotten Female Aviators, Carol Simon Levin, January 4 – 10:30 am**

Long before Amelia Earhart's famous exploits, female flyers had already proved that aviatrixes (women pilots) were every bit as brave and daring as their male counterparts. Flying in flimsy wood and canvas aeroplanes, Bessie Coleman, Harriet Quimby, Raymonde de Laroche, and Ruth Law, to name a few, awed and thrilled people on the ground – executing acrobatic aerial maneuvers, soloing across the English Channel, setting records, barnstorming and buzzing beneath New York's bridges. In costume, Carol tells their story.

### **Dispelling Myths about Nail and Foot Care, Dr. Kenneth Donovan, DPM, January 11 – 10:30 am**

As much as old wives' tales and myths are fun to laugh at, we believed them as children. But there are other myths that are no laughing matter especially when they involve your foot health. From broken bones to nail fungus, Podiatrist, Dr. Kenneth Donovan has heard it all. Join us for his presentation and screening as he shares myths about foot care and the realities behind them.

### **Warrenbrook Book Club, "A Walk in the Woods," January 12 – 1:30 – 3:00 pm**

Join the Warrenbrook Book Club to discuss this New York Times Bestseller. Back in America after twenty years in Britain, author, Bill Bryson decided to reacquaint himself with his native country by walking the 2,100 mile Appalachian Trail, which stretches from Georgia to Maine. It offers an astonishing landscape of silent forests and sparkling lakes and to a writer with the comic genius of Bill Bryson, it also provides endless opportunities to witness the majestic silliness of his fellow human beings. But *A Walk in the Woods* is more than just a laugh out-loud hike. Bryson's acute eye is a wise witness to this beautiful but fragile trail, and as he tells its fascinating history, he makes a moving plea for the conservation of America's last great wilderness. This book is an adventure, a comedy and a celebration. New members welcome.

### **"Unused Medication Drop-Off Opportunity" with Officer Thomas Wallace, Somerset County Sheriff's Department,**

January 13 – 9:30 -10:30 am

Officer Wallace will be at the center to collect any unused or expired medications. Please take advantage of the safe way to dispose of your medications. Center staff cannot accept unused medication without the Sheriff's Officer being present.

### **Winter Fun - Warren Middle School E2 students, January 20, 10:45 am**

under the direction of Dr. Susan L. Cooper, Ed.D., students will be sharing winter traditions and winter experiences of all ages during their interactive program.

### **Clay Wall Pocket Project, Art 4 All, Barbara Gerson, January 25 – 10:30 am**

Join us as we make a clay pocket that can be hung on the wall and used for a dried flower arrangement or other decorative item. Advance registration is required by Wednesday, January 20th. Class size is limited to 20 students.

LUNCH and LEARN OPPORTUNITY

### **The Art of Quilling: Snowflake Project, Art 4 All, Barbara Gerson,**

January 25 – Lunch at 11:45am and  
Project begins at 1:00 pm

Quilling, also called paper filigree, involves rolling and combining strips of paper into highly detailed designs. Before actually making the snowflake, quilling basics will be described and "briefly" practiced. Lunch reservations are required by Thursday, January 21st.

Choice of meat-based, vegetarian or box lunch is available. Advance program registration is required by Wednesday, January 20th. Class size is limited to 15 students.

## MEET AUTHOR OF SOME CONSTRUCTION FUN

In the two pictures with children wearing construction hats, the program "Meet Author Corey Rosen Schwartz for Some Construction Fun" was held on December 2nd. Corey Rosen Schwartz is the author of *"What About Moose?"*, a story that follows Fox and friends as they build a tree house. Bossy Moose comes in and completely takes charge. But when Moose gets himself stuck, his friends work as a team to rescue him. After the author read the story, attending children tried some building challenges for themselves.



*(above) Danica Lee is shown building with toothpicks and marshmallows.*



*(above) the author interacting with the children as they explore building.*



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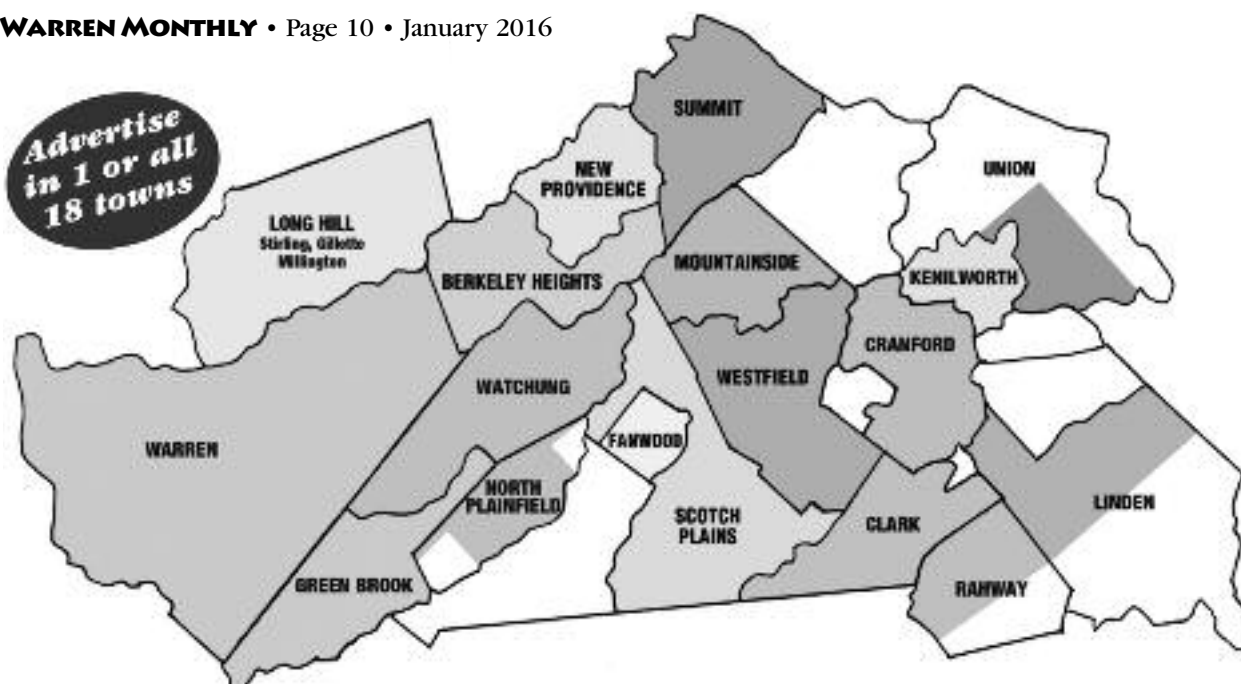
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The library system now has over 30 staff members who have been sworn in as Notaries Public. As Notaries Public, the appointed SCLSNJ staff members serve as impartial witnesses in performing a variety of official fraud-deterrent acts related to the signing of important documents.

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## PERSONAL ITEMS AND CLOTHING REQUESTED

The Somerset County Department of Human Services is seeking donations of personal and clothing items to be included in packages that will be distributed Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2016, when Somerset County will conduct its annual "Point-in-Time" survey of homeless individuals and families in Somerset County.

Requested personal items include shampoo, conditioner, soap, body wash, deodorant, lotion, and feminine hygiene products, as well as new blankets and towels. Clothing items include new hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, a, underwear, sweatshirts/pants and T-shirts. Other items include bottled water and juice boxes, as well as individually wrapped snacks: granola bars, crackers, nuts and trail mix.

"I want to thank the public for their generosity in the past," said Freeholder Brian D. Levine, human services liaison. "Given the difficult economy, individuals and families that are already vulnerable are finding it even more difficult to make ends meet, and any donations

would be greatly appreciated."

Donations can be dropped off weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday, Jan. 22, at the Somerset County Community Development Office, located on the fourth floor of the Human Services Building at 27 Warren St. in Somerville.

Free parking is available in the parking deck at 27 Warren St., on the third and fourth floors only. Additional free parking is available about two blocks away in the Bernie Field Parking Deck on East High Street, adjacent to the county administration building. You can exit the parking deck from the rear and cross Main Street. Metered parking also is available on Main Street.

"Point-in-Time" volunteers will interview the homeless as part of Project Homeless Connect. Social service organizations will be on hand to screen clients for relevant services and distribute donated items.

The survey is part of a statewide effort to obtain an accurate snapshot of New Jersey's homeless population in response to a directive

from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The data is also used by county and local non-profit agencies when applying for grants to assist the homeless population.

Collecting baseline data is essential to understanding the causes of homelessness and designing effective responses. Somerset County is required to report the number of people who are homeless at particular intervals in order to apply for HUD Continuum-of-Care funding, which is a discretionary grant that provides housing and supportive services to people with special needs. Data collection at regular intervals also helps track progress toward reducing homelessness.

For more information, contact Jeremy Hirsch, Somerset County Community Development Office, at (908) 541-5756 or [hirsch@co.somerset.nj.us](mailto:hirsch@co.somerset.nj.us).



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