



WESTMONT  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

**THE EXPLORER**

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## YOUR MOST IMPORTANT SCHOOL SUPPLY

With a new school year right around the corner, now is the time to renew or get a new library card! The library can enrich your child's education in ways you might not realize. We offer online practice ACT and SAT tests, **Mango Languages** to help develop language skills, read along storybooks on our interactive kid's database, **Tumble Books**, and more. Learn how to download free ebooks and eaudiobooks to your tablets and mobile devices from our just-launched digital branch at [westmontlibrary.org/digitalbranch](http://westmontlibrary.org/digitalbranch).

The talented staff at WPL are ready and willing to help your child find books for school or pleasure. Study rooms are available for a quiet place to get work done. Browse the library collections and take advantage of our comfortable furniture to read a magazine or a book. Attend a free entertaining or educational event with dozens of classes and workshops to choose from for a variety of ages. The possibilities are endless!

**NOTES ON PROGRAMMING:** Staff ask all parents to be prompt when bringing children to library events. Any late arrivals may find their spot forfeited. Staff may refuse entrance to a library program to any person who is not within the required age range. Dates and programs are subject to change. Please check the library website for updated information. Programs, events and classes are photographed or videotaped for library promotional purposes. Notify library staff if you prefer not to be photographed.

*Individuals requiring accommodation for a disability for any library program should contact the library at least five days before the program.*



## SUMMER READ SPONSORS

The library wishes to thank the following community sponsors of our summer reading program 2014. Without their generous contributions, our program would not be possible.

All Star Chicago Sky	GameWorks
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Enchanted Castle	Trader Joe's of Downers Grove
Friends of the Westmont Public Library	Twin Lakes Golf Course
Fullers Carwash	Wendy's
	Westmont Yard

## IN THE ART GALLERY

This fall, enjoy the work of the following artists in our second floor gallery.

**September: Linda Rugen, Nature photography**

**October: Judy Hall, Oil Paintings**

**November: Kerry Barnett, Mixed media**

Programs with a ✓ require registration.

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*Registration is NOT required for storytimes.*

## BABY + TODDLER STORYTIME

**Wednesdays, September 17 – November 19, 10:15 am**

Children will enjoy songs, stories, and fingerplays surrounded by a caregiver and a group of their peers.

## MUSIC + MOVEMENT STORYTIME (AGES 0 – 6)

**Thursdays, September 18 – November 20, 10:15 am**

Get moving and grooving with interactive songs, musical instruments, and more. Ages 0 – 6 with a caregiver are welcome.

## TODDLER + ME PLAYGROUP

**Wednesdays + Thursdays, following storytime**

This popular baby and tot time includes toys, books, and snacks for kids and their grown-ups. Drop in and socialize with other parents while your toddler plays!

## ANNA STANGE: SONGS + STORIES CONCERT ✓

**Sunday, September 7, 2 – 3 pm**

Youngsters will “read-along” with Anna as they sing stories together based on traditional folk and popular children’s songs. Sponsored by Friends of the Westmont Public Library.

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## PRE-READER STORYTIME

**Tuesdays, September 16 – November 18, 10:15 am**

Children will engage with stories, music, and fingerplays, while learning one of the six early literacy skills from Every Child Ready to Read. Crafts and sensory items will be sent home to reinforce the lessons we will practice.

## LANGUAGE STORYTIME (AGES 0 – 6)

**Mondays, September 22 – November 17, 10:15 am**

Introduce your little one to a foreign language as we read stories and interact in Spanish, Mandarin, or French, depending on the week.

*Co-sponsored by Language Star.*

## HALLOWEEN CRAFT AND STORYTIME ✓

**Sunday, October 5, 2 – 3 pm**

Come for some not-so-spooky stories, make a glittery spider web and a light up ghost, and munch on a spooky snack.

*Registration is required.*

## BOO! BINGO

**Monday, October 13, 1:30 – 2:30 pm**

Preschoolers and their caregivers are invited to drop in and play Halloween themed bingo. Match pumpkins, spiders, and black cats for a chance to win a prize!

## PETE THE CAT CHARACTER VISIT + STORYTIME ✓

**Sunday, November 9, 2 – 3 pm**

Make a Pete the Cat puppet, paint some white shoes, and get a chance to meet Pete himself!

*Registration is required.*





## LEGO ROBOTICS ✓

**Tuesdays, 9/9, 9/23, 10/7, 10/14, 4 – 5:30 pm**

Have fun playing and learning with LEGO robotics. We will be using our creative skills to design and build robots that can solve simple and complex problems.

*Registration is required for each session.*

## VIDEOGAME DESIGN CLUB ✓

**Thursdays, 9/11, 9/25, 10/9, 10/23, 11/13, 4 – 5:30 pm**

This club will take you through the steps of designing your very own video game using MIT's game design program, **Scratch!**

*Registration is required for each session.*

## MO WILLEMS LEGO STORYTIME (AGES 5 – 9) ✓

**Sunday, September 21, 2 – 3:30 pm**

Help bring the Mo Willems Pigeon series of books to life by using LEGO bricks. We will have a storytime and then work with LEGOs to re-create scenes from the book. Photos of the LEGO creations will be sent to the Mo Willems LEGO contest.

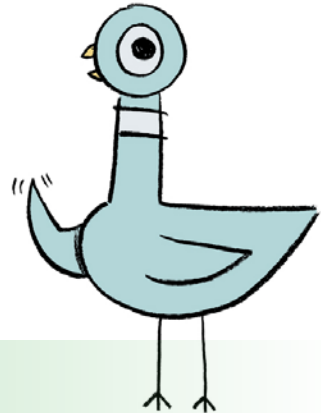
## CRAFT CLUB ✓

**Wednesday, September 24, 6 – 7 pm**

Monster Bookmarks

**Wednesday, October 22, 6 – 7 pm**

Glow-in-the-Dark Chalk



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### 3D DESIGN CLASS ✓

**Thursday, October 2, 4 – 5:30 pm**

Ever wonder how designers create 3D objects for printing or design fantastic objects in movies? Join us to learn how. When we're done we'll show you how to save your design for use in Minecraft.

### BINGO BONANZA ✓

**Monday, October 13, 3 – 4 pm**

Have some fun, show your Halloween and Columbus Day knowledge, and get the chance to yell BINGO in the library. Imagine winning prizes for dropping in and having fun at the library!

### SCIENCE SESSION: IT'S MAGNETIC! ✓

**Saturday, November 1, 2 – 3 pm**

Experiment with magnets and answer the following questions. What types of substances are magnetic? Which breakfast cereal really contains iron? Also learn how to make a magnet float and construct a compass.

### BOARD GAME CREATION CLASS ✓

**Thursday, November 6, 4:30 – 6 pm**

Come learn how to create your own board game. We will provide beginning instruction and materials, you provide the creativity. You get to take home your projects and are encouraged to enter them into the **Young Inventors Challenge** on November 22 at Chicago's Navy Pier.

### BYOL: BRING YOUR OWN LOOM ✓

**Monday, November 17, 7 – 8 pm**

Bring your loom and we will supply the rubber bands for you to create your own one-of-a-kind piece of jewelry or even try making a charm.



## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!** ✓

### **Saturday, October 4, 11am – 1 pm**

Help get the library ready for fall with spooky decorations and chow down on pizza afterwards.

### **Saturday, November 29, 1 – 3pm**

Turn the library into a winter wonderland as we decorate for the cold months to come.

*Registration is required for both dates.*

## **HAIR BRAIDING WORKSHOP** ✓

### **Monday, September 29, 7 – 8:30 pm**

Learn the latest braids from the stylists at **Flux Hair Salon** and make your own dry shampoo to take home with you!

## **ZOMBIE FOR A DAY** ✓

### **Saturday, October 18, 1 – 4 pm**

Ever wondered what you would look like as a zombie? Come to the library and find out! **Circus FX** will use special effects makeup to give teens the face of a zombie just in time to visit the area haunted houses.

## **TEEN ART STUDIO** ✓

### **Monday, November 10, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Join **No Corner Suns Art Studio** to work on your drawing skills. Complete your project with the easy to learn pattern art of zentangles. Patterned designs will be completed with bold, imaginative colors.

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## FAMILY LEGO NIGHTS

**Thursdays, 9/18, 10/16, 11/20, 6:30 – 8 pm**

Looking for something fun, creative, and free to do with the whole family? Head over to the library and make a LEGO creation with library provided materials. After the program, we will display the masterpieces in the youth area for all to enjoy!

## CREATING COSTUMES ✓

**Saturday, October 11, 2 – 3:30 pm**

Come learn how to make expert level costumes from basic items you have around your house. Three costumes will be given away to lucky attendees!

## HOLLY DAYS COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE (AGES 16+)

**Saturday, November 15, 10 am – 4 pm**

Give a precious gift this holiday season at this community sponsored blood drive. Donors should eat a meal, drink water, and bring a picture ID to give blood. Call 877 543 3768 to make an appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

*Sixteen-year-olds may donate with a completed LifeSource parental permission slip; those who are 17 or older do not need a permission slip.*

## INTERNATIONAL GAME DAY

**Saturday, November 15, 1 – 3 pm**

Participate in a TimeLine Tournament hosted by **Fair Game** beginning at 1 pm for ages 7 and up. Open gaming will happen in the lobby all day featuring games from the library collection that are available to check out.





## 4TH MONDAY BOOK GROUP

**Mondays, 9/22, 10/27, 11/24, 7 – 9 pm**

Share your thoughts and opinions on popular titles! This group meets monthly in the library meeting room. Books are available for checkout one month in advance.

**September:** *Teacher Man* by Frank McCourt

**October:** *Shotgun Lovesongs* by Nickolas Butler

**November:** *The Wives of Los Alamos* by TaraShea Nesbit

## UNREAL WORLD BOOK CLUB

**Tuesdays, 9/2, 10/7, 11/4, 7 – 9 pm**

Come talk about books set in imaginative times and places. We meet monthly at Mai Thai at 697 N Cass Ave, Westmont, IL.

**September:** *Maze Runner* by James Dashner

**October:** *When She Woke* by Hillary Jordan

**November:** *Zoo City* by Lauren Beukes

## NONFICTION BOOK CLUB

**Saturdays, 9/6, 10/4, 11/1, 10:30 am – 12 pm**

Join this monthly book group that has lively discussions about current topics and issues. We'll explore biographies, memoirs, psychology, politics and more.

**September:** *Wheelmen: Lance Armstrong, the Tour de France, and the Greatest Sports Conspiracy Ever* by Reed Albergotti and Vanessa O'Connel

**October:** *On Gold Mountain* by Lisa See

**November:** *The Professor and the Madman : a tale of murder, insanity, and the making of the Oxford English Dictionary* by Simon Winchester



## COMPUTER CLASSES

### COMPUTER BASICS ✓

**Tuesday, October 14, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

This class provides beginner level instruction on computer use and common applications.

### EXCEL BASICS ✓

**Monday, October 20, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Learn basic formatting and editing in Excel along with keyboard shortcuts, formulas, and charts.

### EMAIL BASICS ✓

**Tuesday, November 11, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Confidently use email to communicate after taking this introductory course that uses Yahoo Mail as an example.

## DISCOVER DIGITAL CONTENT @ WPL

**Saturdays, 9/20, 10/18, 11/22, 1 – 3 pm**

Stop in the library lobby for a lesson on accessing free digital content available with your Westmont library card.

*September 20: ebooks*

*October 18: emagazines*

*November 22: eaudiobooks and streaming movies*

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## KNIT CLIQUE

**Tuesdays, 9/2, 10/7, 11/4, 6:30 – 8 pm**

Beginners and experienced crafters alike are invited to attend this casual group. Bring along your skills and projects and enjoy the needle arts with us!

## TEAM TRIVIA NIGHTS AT SWEET & SAVORY SPOT

**Wednesdays, 9/3, 9/17, 10/1, 10/15, 10/29, 11/12, 7 – 9 pm**

Bring your friends out for a pub quiz challenge run by WPL librarians. Grab a bite to eat and flex your knowledge skills while competing for cool prizes.

*Location: Sweet & Savory Spot, 31 N Cass Ave.*

## ZUMBA ✓

**Mondays, 9/8, 10/6, 11/3, 7 – 8 pm**

Zumba combines high energy music with unique moves for a fun workout! Wear comfortable, form-fitting clothing and athletic shoes.

## WRITERS GROUP

**Thursdays, 9/11, 9/25, 10/9, 10/23, 11/13, 7 – 8:30 pm**

This interactive group is for adults interested in getting feedback from their peers on original writing.

## ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

**Saturdays, 9/13, 9/27, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8, 11/22  
10 am – 12 pm**

This informal and friendly conversation group is for all adult English learners. Join us as we improve our verbal English skills.

*Co-sponsored by Literacy DuPage.*



## WPL PUZZLE ROOM ✓

**Saturdays, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 1 – 4 pm**

Enjoy crossword puzzles and brain teasers? Are you a fan of the Room Escape genre? You'll love the challenge of our puzzle room! Solve all the puzzles within 20 minutes to win. Up to 6 people can participate, so bring your friends. Spots are limited, so book yours in advance.

## PEOPLE'S RESOURCE CENTER IN WESTMONT ✓

**Saturday, September 6, 2 – 3 pm**

At this program you will learn more about PRC and how they connect people facing tough times with food, education, tutoring, jobs, technology, art, and a caring community in order to create a future of hope and opportunity.

## ADVENTURES IN TRAVEL: CANADIAN ROCKIES ✓

**Wednesday, September 10, 7 – 8:30 pm**

The **Friends of the Westmont Public Library**, in cooperation with the **Downers Grove Friends of the Library**, will host light refreshments at 7 pm followed by a travel lecture beginning at 7:30pm. The tour features the Canadian Rockies touching on mountains, lakes, glaciers, and national parks.

## CREATING CUSTOM PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS ✓

**Monday, September 15, 7 – 8 pm**

Learn to create custom products for your body that you will feel safe using. Participants will make their own bath salts and receive recipes for other products to make at home.

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## AUTUMN CENTERPIECE CRAFT ✓

**Wednesday, September 17, 7 – 8 pm**

Make a beautiful fall themed centerpiece with Westmont resident, Paul Elias. Paul will share tips on decorating, bow tying, and how to make your seasonal decorations unique.

*Sponsored by Friends of the Westmont Public Library.*

## LAURA INGALLS WILDER: PRAIRIE SCHOOLTEACHER ✓

**Sunday, September 28, 2 – 3 pm**

What was it like to be a teacher in a one room schoolhouse in the 1880s? Laura Keyes will delight us with her performance as Laura Ingalls, from the “Little House on the Prairie” series.

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## HOT DEGREES + CERTIFICATES ✓

**Tuesday, September 30, 7 – 8 pm**

Join adult admissions representative Angela Nackovic to learn which degrees and certificates at College of DuPage are wanted by today’s employers. Upgrade your existing job skills and learn about new and existing programs that will take you to the next level.

## DID YOU EVER THINK OF WRITING A MEMOIR? ✓

**Sunday, October 12, 2 – 3:30 pm**

Everyone has a story to tell. Join published author William Hazelgrove as he takes you through the steps of successfully writing and publishing a memoir.

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## HEALTHCARE + YOUR RETIREMENT ✓

**Wednesday, October 15, 7 – 8 pm**

Discuss rising healthcare costs and retirement savings at this informative presentation. Participants will get an introduction to Medicare coverage, how to estimate long-term care costs, and available options for supplemental coverage.

## THE CIVIL WAR SOLDIER + WAR ARTIFACTS ✓

**Sunday, October 19, 2 – 3:30 pm**

David Overeem will provide a glimpse of life as a soldier and present actual Civil War artifacts, including soldier's gear and weaponry. Learn about how soldiers endured hardships on the battlefield and were exposed to disease and lack of food.

## INTRODUCTION TO UKULELE ✓

**Tuesday, October 28, 7 – 8 pm**

Interested in learning to play the ukulele? Join Jon Kostal of **Uncle Jon's Music** as he discusses a brief history of the instrument, different types of ukuleles, and how you can get started right away. Audience members will have a chance to test different ukuleles and ask Jon questions.

## DISCOVER YOUR PAST: CEMETERIES ✓

**Wednesday, October 29, 7 – 8:30 pm**

Genealogist Jeff Bockman will discuss how cemetery records can reveal what really lies below the ground. View photographs of unique tombstones and monuments along with samples of cemetery and funeral home records and obituaries.

## WALK LIVE INDOOR CLASS ✓

**Wednesday, November 12, 7 – 8 pm**

Come take a walk with Westmont resident, Kathy Kubik, as we torch calories by doing this low impact, high intensity fitness program. Exciting, motivating music along with four basic steps make this walk fun and suitable for all fitness levels!

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**Library Hours**

Monday – Thursday	10 am – 9 pm
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Wednesday, November 26 (5pm closing)  
Thursday, November 27

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