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LATINO AMERICANS

500 YEARS OF HISTORY

The Westmont Public Library was selected to receive a *Latino Americans: 500 Years of History* grant to foster discussion about Latino history and culture. The library has also received the six-part documentary

film *Latino Americans*, created for PBS by the WETA public television station. The award-winning series chronicles the history of Latinos in the United States from the 16th century to present day. Learn more about the series at pbs.org/latino-americans. The \$3,000 grant supports the following programs this fall:

FILMS AND DISCUSSIONS

EMPIRE OF DREAMS **Saturday, September 26, 2 – 4 pm** ✓

Enjoy a screening of the episode, “Empire of Dreams,” from the award-winning documentary film *Latino Americans*. This segment traces the lives of Latinos who arrived in the United States between 1880–1942 as they sought refuge from chaos and violence in their home countries.

PERIL AND PROMISE **Saturday, November 14, 2 – 4 pm** ✓

Join us for a viewing of the episode, “Peril and Promise.” This episode examines the changing Latin Diaspora between 1980–2000 as a second wave of immigrants reaches U.S. shores.

Light appetizers will be served. The films will be followed by a conversation led by Xóchitl Bada, Associate Professor in the Latin American and Latino Studies Program at University of Illinois at Chicago. Ages 14+ are welcome.

DANCE AND CULTURE

CHA CHA CHA: LATIN AMERICAN DANCES

Saturday, October 10, 2 – 3 pm

Bring your family and friends for a musical tour through Central and South America, Mexico, and the Caribbean with Nelson and Paola Sosa, professional folklore singers and musicians. Participants will have the opportunity to play an instrument and learn the basic steps of Cumbia, Merengue, Cha Cha Cha, Bachata, and Polka while learning about the countries where the dances originated.



Latino Americans: 500 Years of History has been made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association.



SUMMER READ SPONSORS

The library thanks the following community sponsors of our summer reading program, *Invent Your Summer!* Their generous contributions help make our program possible.

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| Adventure Realm | Lou Malnati's Pizza |
| Brookfield Zoo | Nancy's Pizza of Westmont |
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| Clarendon Hills Bank | Salt Creek Ballet |
| Classic Cinemas | Schaumburg Boomers Baseball |
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| I&M Canal NHC CCA | Westmont Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau |
| Indian Boundary YMCA of Downers Grove | Westmont Park District |

IN THE ART GALLERY

Enjoy work from the following artists this fall in our second floor gallery.

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| September + October | People's Resource Center Art Students Acrylic, Oil, and Watercolor Paintings + Drawings |
| November + December | Mayslake Watercolor Group — Watercolor Paintings |

LANGUAGE STORYTIME (AGES 0 – 6)

Mondays, September 14 – November 16

10:15 – 10:45 am

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

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME (AGES 3½ – 5) ✓

Tuesdays, September 8 – November 17

10:15 – 10:45 am

This registered preschool storytime includes books, songs, and fun educational activities, including the letter of the week. Your child will enjoy spending time with peers while learning social and literacy skills.

Registration is required for only the first session; you will automatically be signed up for all sessions.

LAPSIT STORYTIME (AGES 0 – 2)

Tuesdays, September 8 – November 17

11:15 – 11:45 am

OR Thursdays, September 10 – November 19

1:30 – 2 pm

Lapsit storytime offers you and your baby a chance to learn fingerplays and hear stories in a low-key environment.

The Tuesday morning storytime will be repeated on Thursday afternoon, so you can choose a time that is convenient.

EARLY LITERACY STORYTIME (AGES 0 – 5)

Wednesdays, September 9 – November 18

10:15 – 10:45 am

Enjoy interactive songs, stories, and fingerplays that will help develop skills necessary for reading readiness.



MUSIC + MOVEMENT STORYTIME (AGES 0 – 5)

Thursdays, September 10 – November 12

10:15 – 10:45 am

Get moving and grooving with interactive songs, activities, and a story or two. Children and their caregivers will have fun with shakers, instruments, scarves, and more!

TODDLER + ME PLAYGROUP (AGES 0 – 5)

Wednesdays, September 9 – November 18

AND Thursdays, September 10 – November 12

10:45 – 11:45 am

Stay after storytime to socialize and play with your child in our newly designed playspace.

MAKE YOUR OWN PUPPETS (AGES 3 – 6) ✓

Saturday, September 19, 2 – 3 pm

Puppets are a great way to develop a child's language and storytelling skills. We will provide instructions and materials for you and your child to make a variety of puppets to take home.

PROGRAMMING NOTES

Appropriate age levels for program participation are established by our staff of professionals. We ask that children meet the age requirements to ensure a rewarding experience for all.

Staff ask all participants to arrive promptly for our programs. Late arrivals may have their spot forfeited.

Program participants may be photographed or videotaped for library promotional purposes. Notify library staff if you prefer to not be photographed.



VIDEOGAME DESIGN CLUB ✓ *

Thursdays, 9/10, 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/12
4:15 – 5:15 pm OR 5:15 – 6:15 pm

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

SCIENCE EXPLORATION ✓

Monday, September 28 + Monday, November 16, 4 – 5 pm

Come to the library to tap into your inner Einstein as we explore different science topics in each program.

MAKE YOUR OWN FRANKEN-CHIA ✓

Monday, October 12 (Columbus Day school holiday), **2 – 3 pm**

It's alive! Paint your own personalized Frankenstein, then fill your pot and plant the seeds. Enjoy watching "Frank's" hair grow.

DECORATE THE TABLE ✓

Wednesday, November 4, 4 – 5 pm

Help decorate the Thanksgiving table by making autumn-themed candle holders using tissue paper, glue, and your imagination.

3D DESIGN CLASS ✓

Tuesday, November 24, 4 – 5:30 pm

Ever wonder how designers create 3D objects for printing or design fantastic objects in movies? Join us to learn how to design your own 3D objects using a program called Tinkercad.

LEGO ROBOTICS ✓ *

Monday, 11/30 – Wednesday, 12/2, 4 – 5:30 pm

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

*** Registration is required for only the first day; you will automatically be signed up for all sessions.**



POP ART SELFIES ✓

Saturday, September 12, noon – 1 pm

Do you want to take your selfies to the next level? Join us in using photo editing software to turn your self-portraits into a work of pop art.

COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT ✓

Wednesday, October 14, 7 – 8:30 pm

Join the My College Planning Team as they discuss how to perform an effective college search, select a major, find scholarship opportunities, and prepare for the ACT/SAT. Designed for parents and high school students, this seminar will teach you how to be fully engaged in the college search and selection process.

MINI-MARSHMALLOW WARS ✓

Saturday, October 17, 2 – 3 pm

Why shoot the breeze when you can shoot mini-marshmallows instead? Build a personalized PVC marshmallow shooter and test it out afterwards to see whose shooter will rule them all.

ARE YOU READY? PRACTICE ACT TEST ✓

Saturday, November 7, 9:30 am – 1 pm

Exposure, practice, and preparation can help reduce stress and may increase ACT scores. Take this opportunity to improve test-taking skills in a practice environment. A representative of the Sylvan Learning Center will proctor this ACT practice test.

UGLY SWEATERS FOR TEENS ✓

Saturday, November 21, 2 – 3:30 pm

Create your own, one-of-a-kind, ugly sweater for school or holiday parties. You supply the sweater and we will supply holiday themed items galore for you to add to make it special!

FAMILY LEGO NIGHTS

Thursdays, September 17 + October 15
6:30 – 7:30 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!

MATT WILHELM'S BMX BIKE SHOW ✓

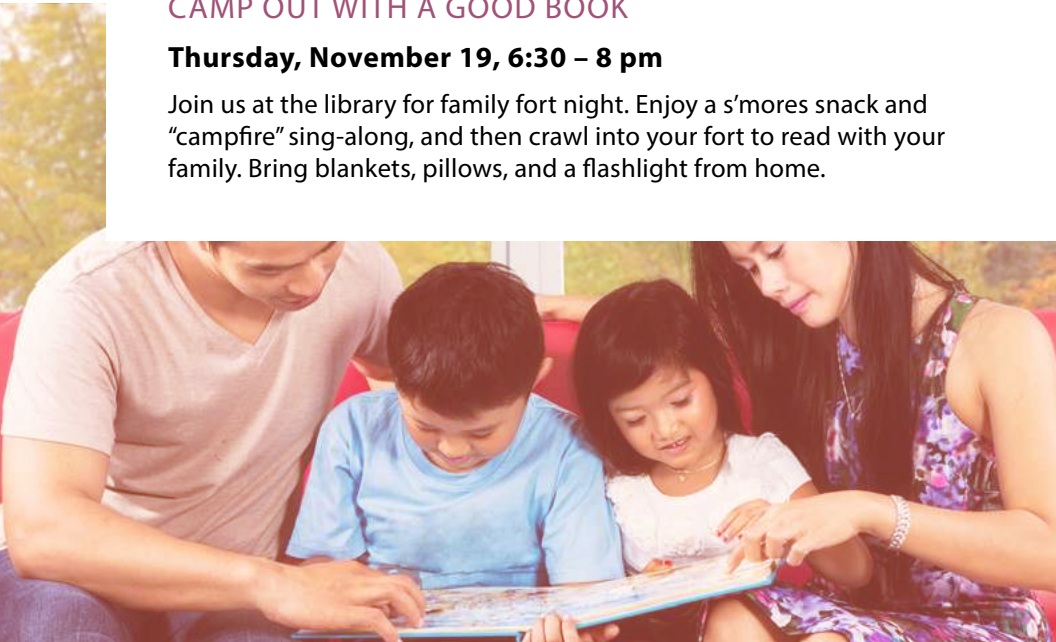
Sunday, September 20, 2 – 3 pm

BMX bike performer Matt Wilhelm brings his message of perseverance and bike safety to the library parking lot. Matt's BMX skills won him three X Games medals, two national championships, and a silver medal from the World Championships. He has also appeared on "America's Got Talent" and is known as the world's fastest spinner on a BMX bike. Join us for this amazing show!

FAMILY READING NIGHT: ✓ CAMP OUT WITH A GOOD BOOK

Thursday, November 19, 6:30 – 8 pm

Join us at the library for family fort night. Enjoy a s'mores snack and "campfire" sing-along, and then crawl into your fort to read with your family. Bring blankets, pillows, and a flashlight from home.





4TH MONDAY BOOK GROUP

Mondays, 9/28, 10/26, 11/23, 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 *Once We Were Brothers* by Ronald Balson

October *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion

November *A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler

UNREAL WORLD BOOK CLUB

Tuesdays, 9/1, 10/6, 11/2, 7 – 9 pm

Come talk about books set in imaginative times and places. We meet monthly at Standard Market Grill, 333 Ogden Ave, Westmont.

September *The Ghost Bride* by Yangsze Choo

October *Station Eleven* by Emily St John Mandel

November *The Book of Phoenix* by Nnedi Okorafor

NONFICTION BOOK GROUP

Saturdays, 9/5, 10/3, 11/7, 10:30 am – noon

Immerse yourself in fascinating lives, true crime, espionage, scandal, corruption, heroism, and heartache in this book group. Join us as we explore the world – one book at a time!

September *Lives in Ruins: Archaeologists and the Seductive Lure of Human Rubble* by Marilyn Johnson

October *Smoke Gets In Your Eyes* by Caitlin Doughty

November *Deep South: Four Seasons on Back Roads*
by Paul Theroux

KNIT CLIQUE

Tuesdays, 9/1, 10/6, and 11/3, 6:30 – 8 pm

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

TEAM TRIVIA NIGHTS AT SWEET & SAVORY SPOT

**Wednesdays, 9/2, 9/16, 9/30, 10/14, 10/28, 11/11
7 – 9 pm**

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

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

WRITERS GROUP

Thursdays, 9/10, 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/12, 7 – 8:30 pm

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

MEDITATION AND MINDFULNESS GROUP

Fridays, 9/25, 10/30, 11/20, 11 am – noon

Join Michael Ribet, long-time meditator, for an engaging meditation series. Michael will demonstrate natural and effective meditation techniques while providing useful directions for deepening and stabilizing our practices to gain inner bliss and peace. All skill levels welcome.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Saturdays, 9/12, 9/26, 10/10, 10/24, 11/14, 11/28, 10 am – noon

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.



TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

UNDERSTANDING INTERNET SECURITY ✓ WITH CRYPTOGRAPHY

Wednesday, September 9, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

In this beginner's guide to encryption and cryptography, taught by one of our library staff, learn about ciphers, HTTPS, certificates, Internet data security, and encryption vulnerabilities such as heartbleed.

INTRODUCTION TO LYNDA.COM ✓

Saturday, September 12, 2:30 – 4 pm

Learn a variety of advanced computer skills at your own pace with our new online learning resource, lynda.com. This course will include a demonstration on getting started, as well as hands-on practice. Participants should bring their Westmont Public Library card to access the online database.

WORDPRESS FOR BEGINNERS ✓

Wednesday, September 30, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Want to create a blog but don't know where to start? This hands-on course will introduce you to WordPress.org, the most popular free open source blogging platform that's lots of fun to use! Led by a library staff member, you will learn basic configuration and usage.

ACCESSING CONSUMER REPORTS ONLINE ✓

Wednesday, November 18, 6 – 7:30 pm

Ever come to the library for an issue of *Consumer Reports* only to find it's already checked out? You can find information from *Consumer Reports* anytime through the library's database subscription. Join us to learn how to access the resource online with your Westmont Public Library card.



PEOPLE'S RESOURCE CENTER ART GALLERY RECEPTION

Wednesday, September 16, 6 – 8 pm

Enjoy an evening of art and meet local artists! All of the work on display is created by students involved in the People's Resource Center Art Program. Light appetizers will be served.

Co-sponsored by People's Resource Center.

WEST SUBURBAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE

Friday, September 18, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Listen to the lovely music of a string quartet and a harp + flute duet from the West Suburban Symphony Orchestra. This informal performance will include a question-and-answer session to learn more about instruments and how ensemble members make music together. Light refreshments will be served.

TURNING 65? UNDERSTANDING MEDICARE ✓ AND SOCIAL SECURITY

Tuesday, September 22, 7 – 8:30 pm

Gain a better understanding of Medicare and Social Security with the help of Deneen Thom from Insurance Benefit Services in Glen Ellyn. Deneen will answer questions about issues affecting you and your loved ones as you approach the age of 65.

PARANORMAL 104: INVESTIGATOR FOR A DAY ✓

Thursday, September 24, 7 – 8 pm

A team of paranormal research investigators from TnT Paranormal Investigators LLC will take you through a virtual tour of some of the most haunted locations in America, local haunted gems, and other places they have investigated.



DIY RECYCLED SWEATER FLOWER ACCESSORIES ✓

Tuesday, September 29, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Use recycled sweaters to make flower pins, brooches, and accessories in this DIY workshop. Pick from several flower styles and complete two to three pieces with provided materials. No sewing experience is needed! The class will be taught by Tammy Deck, fiber artist and owner of Westmont's TLD Design Center & Gallery.

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES: A DISCUSSION ✓

Saturday, October 3, 2 – 4 pm

Join us for a panel discussion on job training and employment opportunities for young adults with disabilities in honor of the 25th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Light refreshments will be served. Representatives from the following organizations will join us: SASSED (The School Association for Special Education in DuPage County), SEASPAR (South East Association for Special Parks and Recreation), AutonomyWorks (an organization employing people with Autism Spectrum Disorders), and Little Friends (private, non-profit organization serving children and adults with autism and other developmental disabilities).

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The Westmont Library is a partner of ADA25 Chicago, a group of organizations commemorating progress while working to expand access, inclusion, and opportunity for people with disabilities.

REDUCE YOUR ENERGY CONSUMPTION ✓

Sunday, October 4, 11 am – noon

DuPage County recently unveiled their Cool DuPage Campaign, an opportunity to join together to reduce energy consumption. Join Erin Kennedy of SCARCE to learn simple, easy changes you can make to reduce your energy consumption and help you save money.



UNDERSTANDING GMOS ✓

Monday, October 5, 7 – 8:30 pm

Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) were introduced into the U.S. food supply in the mid-90s. Chris Pedersen, health advocacy supervisor for NOW Foods Inc., will discuss how GMO foods are made and how they could affect our health.

THINK LIKE A MYSTERY WRITER ✓

Tuesday, October 13, 7 – 8 pm

This presentation is geared towards aspiring mystery authors and will cover the four pillars of fiction: plot, character, setting, and point of view. Learn how to develop motive and suspicion from Barbara Gregorich, a published author of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry.

LUNCH + LEARN: MANGO LANGUAGES ✓

Saturday, October 17, 12:30 – 1:30 pm

Enjoy a free lunch courtesy of the library while you learn about Mango Languages, an online learning resource for Westmont Library cardholders. Join us for a presentation by our library experts followed by a hands-on practice session where we will show you how to create an account and get started learning a new language.

INTRODUCTION TO ESSENTIAL OILS WORKSHOP ✓

Monday, October 19, 7 – 8:30 pm

Dawn Duffy of Healing Hands will share information on how to use essential oils to support overall wellness. Participants will also make a refreshing essential oil bath salt to take home.

MEDITATION FOR OPTIMAL WELL BEING ✓

Saturday, October 24, 2 – 3 pm

People have been practicing meditation for centuries and new benefits continue to be discovered. Join Michael Ribet, who has been meditating regularly for over 40 years for this inspiring program. Beginners welcome.



OPCIONES DE SEGURO MEDICO PRESENTACIÓN

domingo 25 de octubre, 2 – 3 pm

Presentadores del departamento de salud estarán disponibles para discutir cuales son sus opciones de seguros de medicos, responder preguntas y ayudar en la solicitud de seguro. Bebidas y galletas serán servidos.

MEDICAL INSURANCE OPTIONS PRESENTATION ✓

Tuesday, October 27, 7 – 8 pm

A representative from the Dupage County Health Department will discuss your medical options and answer questions. Light refreshments will be served.

NaNoWriMo: WRITE-IN! ✓

Thursday, November 5, 6 – 9 pm

Set up shop at the library and get a head start on your novel for National Novel Writing Month. We will provide you with a quiet space and goodies as well as laptops to use in the building for those who need one.

STITCH YOUR MITTS: CREATE YOUR OWN RECYCLED SWEATER MITTENS ✓

Tuesday, November 10, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Make your own pair of cozy woolen mittens using recycled sweaters. Participants will learn about “fulling” wool sweaters, pattern layout, cutting, and hand sewing a “whip” stitch. Taught by Tammy L Deck, fiber artist and owner of Westmont’s TLD Design Center & Gallery. Teens 14+ and first time sewers are welcome.

Each participant should bring one 100% wool sweater for recycling. Check Goodwill or consignment stores if you don’t already have one.

DOWNTON ABBEY TEA AND DISCUSSION ✓

Friday, November 13, 2 – 4 pm

Join us for an afternoon of tea and treats, Downtown Abbey trivia, and discussion about the aristocratic Crawley family as we eagerly await the sixth and final season of this award-winning TV series in early 2016.



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Library Hours

Monday – Thursday 10 am – 9 pm
Friday + Saturday 10 am – 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm – 5 pm

Library Closings

Sunday, Sept. 6
Monday, Sept. 7
Wednesday, Nov. 25 (5 pm closing)
Thursday, Nov. 26

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