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THE EXPLORER

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THE LIBRARY YEAR IN REVIEW

Every year, public libraries in Illinois collect and report data to the Secretary of State to provide a snapshot of the services and programs we provide. Some highlights for the Westmont Public Library from May 2015 to April 2016 include:

- We were open 351 days out of the year.
- We offered more than 500 programs, and had 11,122 people attend those programs.
- Patrons checked out 321,408 items.
- We had 203,995 people walk through our doors.

Thank you Westmont. We are looking forward to another successful year!

MAIN FLOOR RENOVATIONS

Renovation projects are being planned for our main floor, including updating the bathrooms and creating a new collaborative work area for patrons. The renovation is scheduled to begin this winter. We'll keep you posted on the progress as we work to improve the facility for the community.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

We are developing a new Strategic Plan and need your help to identify community needs and establish priorities for the future direction of the library. **Fill out a survey online or pick one up in the library through Monday, September 5** and be entered in a drawing to win your choice of a Kindle or \$75 Amazon gift card.

We are also looking for individuals to participate in a short focus group to help us determine how to best serve the Westmont community. To sign up, email the Director at jcoen@westmontlibrary.org with your name and email or phone number.

**Friends of the
Library Meeting**
**Tuesday, November 1
7 pm**
Everyone is
welcome!

BACK TO SCHOOL WITH A LIBRARY CARD

September is the beginning of an exciting new school year and it's also National Library Card Signup Month! Start the school year off right and get a library card for everyone in your family. It's easy! Simply bring in proof of Westmont residency, like a utility bill, lease agreement, or Illinois driver's license.

FAMILY (ALL AGES)

T-REXPLORERS

Saturday, September 10, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

Get a glimpse of a paleontological dig with a T-Rex "Ranger." This experienced dinosaur fossil hunter will take you on a hands-on "mini-expedition" with authentic dinosaur fossils from different species.

CREATE A FAMILY TREE

Sunday, September 11, 2 – 3 pm

Celebrate Grandparents Day at the library! Grandparents and their grandchildren will enjoy time together creating a family tree to take home.

FAMILY FORT NIGHT

Friday, October 21, 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Join us after hours at the library for Family Fort Night. Bring your own blankets or sheets, pillows, and a flashlight to build your family fort. Enjoy a s'mores snack, a "campfire" sing-a-long, and then crawl into your fort to read.

THE FUN BALLOON SHOW GUY

Tuesday, October 25, 7 – 8 pm

Enjoy light comedy and awe-inspiring balloon art with Dale's Art of Inflation Show. This all-age show blends comedy, audience participation, balloon twisting, and silliness for a really fun time.

HOLLY DAY ORNAMENTS

Saturday, November 19, 2 – 3:30 pm

Take part in the Westmont Holly Days celebrations by creating a mini-winter landscape ornament to be displayed on the library's tree in Veteran's Memorial Park. *While supplies last.*

IN THE ART GALLERY

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

September & October Roxanne Engstrom — Photographs/Cultural Images
November Christine Ploense — Watercolor Paintings

DROP-IN PROGRAMS

LANGUAGE STORYTIME (Ages 0 – 6)

Mondays, Sept. 12 – Oct. 10 and Oct. 31 – Dec. 5
10:15 – 10:45 am

Introduce your little one to a foreign language as we read stories and enjoy songs in French or Spanish.

French storytime is the first and third Monday of the month, and when there is a fifth Monday. Spanish storytime is the second and fourth Monday.

STORYTIME! (Ages 0 – 6)

Tuesdays, Sept. 6 – Oct. 11 and Nov. 1 – Dec. 6
10:15 – 10:45 am

Join us for storytimes filled with music, movement, and stories for children and their caregivers.

DISCOVERY PLAYTIME (Ages 18 months – 5 years)

Formerly known as Messy Sensory Play

Tuesdays, Sept. 6 & 20, Oct. 4 & 18, and Nov. 1, 15, & 29
1 – 2:30 pm

Drop-in for some messy fun as your child discovers the world! A variety of sensory, artistic, and educational play stations — such as playdough, colored rice, shredded paper, or water play — will be set up each week. Dress your child in old clothes for this playtime!

REGISTERED PROGRAMS

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME (Ages 3 ½ – 6) ✓

Tuesdays, Sept. 6 – Oct. 11 and Nov. 1 – Dec. 6
11:15 – 11:45 am

Thursdays, Sept. 8 – Oct. 13 and Nov. 3 – Dec. 8
3:30 – 4 pm

Through books, songs, and fun educational activities, your child will enjoy spending time with other preschoolers while learning social and literacy skills to prepare them for school.

LAPSIT STORYTIME (Ages 0 – 24 months) ✓

Wednesdays, Sept. 7 – Oct. 12 and Nov. 2 – Dec. 7 OR
Thursdays, Sept. 8 – Oct. 13 and Nov. 3 – Dec. 8
10:15 – 11 am

Lapsit storytime offers our youngest patrons a chance to learn fingerplays and hear stories in a low-key environment with their caregivers.

TODDLER STORYTIME (Ages 2 – 3) ✓

Wednesdays, Sept. 7 – Oct. 12 and Nov. 2 – Dec. 7 OR
Thursdays, Sept. 8 – Oct. 13 and Nov. 3 – Dec. 8
11:15 am – noon

In each lively toddler session, children and their caregivers will enjoy songs, action rhymes, stories, and playtime that will help develop reading readiness skills.

PARACHUTE PLAY (Ages 3 years – Kindergarten) ✓

Saturday, September 24, 3 – 3:30 pm

Join us for an energetic half hour of fun and imaginative play with our colorful 12-foot lightweight parachute. You never know what's going to pop up!

PROGRAMMING NOTES

Youth Programs

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. Our storytimes are designed for children to attend with a caregiver.

All Programs

Staff kindly 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. Please notify library staff if you prefer to not be photographed.

R.E.A.D. WITH A THERAPY PET (Grades K – 3) ✓**Mondays, Sept. 26, Oct. 24, and Nov. 28**
7 – 8 pm

Meet with a trained therapy pet and their handler for 15-minute reading sessions. Sign up over the phone or in person at the library.

Co-sponsored by the Hinsdale Humane Society.

Learn about
**Smoky the War
Dog — the world's first
official therapy dog.**

Wednesday, Nov. 9
7 – 8 pm

For ages 10 and up!
See p. 14 for more
information.

READERS' THEATER ✓
(Grades 2 – 8)**Monday, October 10**
Rehearsal: 3:30 – 6 pm Performance: 7 – 8 pm

Learn the basics of Readers' Theater and put what you learned to practice in a live evening performance. Each person who attends will be assigned a role to learn and then perform the production for family and friends. Our theme will be Gods and Goddesses. A pizza dinner will be provided.

Please note that although Readers' Theater does not require memorization, there is a significant amount of reading, as well as reading in public. Please keep this in mind when registering for this event.

**MY VOTE** (Grades K – 5)**Tuesday, November 1 – Tuesday, November 8**
Available during all business hours

Drop by the library and voice your opinions! Fill out a ballot in our voting "booth" on important matters — White Sox or Cubs; deep dish pizza, Italian beef, or hot dogs; cats or dogs; and more! The victors will be announced Wednesday, November 9.

**GRADES 1 – 2****STORY AND GAME DESIGN** ✓**Thursday, September 8, 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

Do you want to learn how to program your own interactive stories and games? Join us as we put our problem-solving skills to the test to create one-of-a-kind projects using ScratchJr.

HIP HOP DANCE ✓**Monday, September 19, 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

Students will develop their own sense of style and build confidence as they learn the basics of hip hop dance, which includes elements of poppin', locking, and breaking, as well as freestyle movement. Presented by Expressions Dance Studio.

GLITTER SLIME MONSTERS ✓**Monday, October 3, 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

Who says monsters have to be scary? Join us as we make slimy, glittery monster pals to keep you company when it's spooky out.

POCKET PILLOWS ✓ **Monday, October 17 OR Wednesday, October 19**
4:15 – 5:15 pm

Make a pillow with a special pocket for the Tooth Fairy, notes from a friend, or whatever you want. Sewing machine and materials provided.

TECH TAKE APART ✓**Wednesday, November 9, 3:30 – 4:30 pm**

Ever wonder what is inside different everyday objects? Join us as we deconstruct assorted items that can be found around the house.

MAGIZOOLOGY 101: FANTASTIC BEASTS ✓**Monday, November 21, 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

Try your hand at magizooology as we search for and study fantastic beasts from the world of Harry Potter.

GRADES 3 – 5**CODE NAME NECKLACES** ✓**Wednesday, September 7, 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

How do computers interpret code to create programs? Learn about the basics of coding while making your own binary code name necklace!

VIDEO GAME DESIGN ✓**Thursday, September 22, 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

Combine your love of toys and video games to create a unique video game of your own. We will use the hands-on game builder, Bloxels.

3D DESIGN (Grades 4 & 5) ✓**Wednesday, October 5, 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

Discover how you can use CAD software to design a 3D object, then print it with our 3D printer. No design experience necessary.

NO SEW T-SHIRT SCARVES ✓**Thursday, October 20, 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

Keep warm this winter in a one-of-a-kind t-shirt scarf you make yourself. Supplies provided.

SEW IT: CREEPY CRITTERS ✓**Friday, November 4, 10:30 am – noon OR 1 – 2:30 pm**

Make your own creepy critter pal by using the sewing machine and learning some hand stitching. Sewing machines and materials provided.

FANTASTIC BEASTS WAND MAKING ✓**Wednesday, November 16, 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

Get ready for the movie premiere of *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* by drawing your own fantastic beast and making a wand that you can take home with you.

TEENS (GRADES 6 – 12)**WATER BOTTLE DECALS** ✓**Tuesday, September 13, 3:30 – 5 pm**

Learn how to design a custom water bottle decal using our vinyl cutter. When you're done, your reusable water bottle will be uniquely your own!

BEHIND THE SCENES: COLLEGE ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID ✓**Wednesday, September 21, 7 – 8:30 pm**

Find out how admissions officers and scholarship committees make their decisions. Discover creative, little known ways to pay for college and how to reduce the cost. This presentation by My College Planning Team is intended for parents of high school students.

PAINTING CIRCLE ✓**Tuesday, September 27, 4 – 5 pm**

Explore your creative side! Join us as we paint with watercolors and enjoy sparkling grape juice. No prior painting experience needed. Materials provided.

ACT PRACTICE TEST ✓**Saturday, October 8, 9:30 am – 1:30 pm**

Exposure, practice, and preparation can help reduce the stress and may increase ACT scores. A Sylvan Learning Center representative will proctor this practice test.

3D DESIGN: MINI JACK-O-LANTERNS ✓**Thursday, October 13, 7 – 8 pm**

Create a mini 3D jack-o-lantern to print it on our new 3D printer. For the finishing touch, we'll make it glow with an LED tea light.

POETRY SLAM ✓**Tuesday, October 18, 6 – 7 pm**

Show us what you've got and perform your poem or spoken-word piece. Performances should be limited to four minutes. All performers will be entered in a raffle for a chance to win a prize.

SPOOKY FLOWER CROWNS ✓**Tuesday, October 25, 4 – 5 pm**

Make a statement this fall with a spooky flower crown you make yourself. We will fill ours with spiders, vampire teeth, and autumn leaves!

GUITARS 101 ✓**Saturday, November 12, 2 – 3 pm**

Learn guitar basics with the folks from Uncle Jon's Music Shop. Guitars will be provided.

CODING CLUB ✓**Tuesday, November 15 and Wednesday, November 16, 6 – 8 pm**

Are you interested in creating video games or general programming? Join us as we give you the basics to get started and help you write your first program.

GET CONNECTED**WiFi Hotspots**

Bring the internet with you, whether you're travelling across the country or camping in your backyard. Adult Westmont cardholders can check out hotspots for three weeks.

**Device Chargers for iOS and Android**

Low battery? Revive your phone or tablet with our device chargers, available for in-library checkout to cardholders.

GET CREATIVE**Sewing Machines & Vinyl Cutter**

Did you know you can check out our sewing machines or vinyl cutter to work on your own projects at the library? Sign up for a Makery orientation to learn how. *See the schedule on the next page.*

**3D Printer**

Calling tinkerers, designers, engineers, and curious folk of all ages! We're offering 3d printing service to Westmont cardholders. Bring your model, we'll help you with the rest. (There is a small cost for this service.)

THE MAKERY

Visit westmontlibrary.org/makery to learn more about our tools and software, find inspiration, and access how-to guides.

Look for this icon to find Makery programs for youth and teens, too!

HEMMIN' AND HAWIN': HOW TO HEM PANTS ✓ **Thursday, September 8, 7 – 8:30 pm OR
Monday, October 10, 11 am – 12:30 pm**

Receive brief training on how to safely use our sewing machines, and then jump into a lesson on how to hem pants! Save yourself the time and cost of taking them somewhere and learn how to do it yourself. All materials provided.

VHS TO DVD ORIENTATION ✓ **Tuesday, October 11 OR Tuesday, November 29, 7 – 7:30 pm**

After a brief introduction to tools and policies, you'll be able to check out the VHS to DVD kit for in-library use and learn how you can use your computer to digitize your videos!

VINYL CUTTER ORIENTATION: MAKE A HALLOWEEN TEE ✓ **Thursday, October 20, 7 – 8:30 pm**

Learn how to safely use our Silhouette Cameo vinyl cutter. Once we are finished with the orientation, we will be creating Halloween themed t-shirts! Please bring a plain t-shirt.

3D PRINTER ORIENTATION ✓ **Tuesday, October 25 OR Thursday, November 17, 7 – 8 pm**

Want to make custom jewelry, game pieces, and cool gadgets you can't find anywhere else? We'll show you how, using the 3D printer and free modeling software for use at the library or from home.

SCREEN PRINTED TEES ✓ **Wednesday, November 2, 6 – 8 pm**

Create a unique screen printed t-shirt to take home. We'll design stencils on the computer, then work in pairs to print our designs using basic screen printing techniques. Please bring a plain t-shirt.

RESUME WORKSHOP ✓**Monday, September 12, 6 – 8 pm**

Receive expert help with your resume from Bob Schlacks who has worked in AT&T's human resources department. See samples of actual resumes, discuss items to include on your resume, and review your resume one-on-one.

AFRICA: STORIES AND IMAGES ✓**Tuesday, September 13, 7 – 8 pm**

Hear stories of laughter, love, challenge, and hope from Westmont resident, Roxanne Engstrom, a humanitarian and professional cultural photographer who has traveled and lived in Africa. She will share images and answer questions. Roxanne will also provide East African tea for you to enjoy.

COCO CHANEL ✓**Tuesday, September 20, 7 – 7:45 pm**

Chicago-area historian, actor, and lecturer Annette Baldwin brings Coco Chanel, one of the 20th Century's most influential designers, to life in this historical characterization as she shares the story of her rise to fame and her fashion theories and innovations.

DO IT YOURSELF: PHOTO RESTORATION ✓**Thursday, September 22, 7 – 8 pm**

Join one of our librarians as we show you how to preserve and restore your old photographs at the library.

JEWELRY REPURPOSING WORKSHOP ✓**Wednesday, September 28, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

In this hands-on class, Sandy Squillo, jewelry maker and owner of Wired on Waverly, will teach you how to repurpose beads from your old jewelry and design a beautiful new piece. All supplies will be provided to make a jewelry piece you can wear home!

MEDICARE MADE EASY ✓**Thursday, September 29, 1 – 2:30 pm**

Learn about eligibility, enrollment, and the benefits of Medicare and Medicare Supplements in this program led by Diane Adduci, community educator and licensed insurance representative. Questions are welcome!

CHICAGO MAFIA HISTORY ✓**Wednesday, October 5, 7 – 8 pm**

Gain insights into some of the most feared men who ran Chicago with an iron fist from various eras of organized crime. Presented by Tim Wilsey, Chicago-based historian and musician.

APPY HOUR: WOODGRAIN NEAPOLITAN PIZZERIA ✓**Wednesday, October 12, 7 – 8:30 pm**

Join us for appetizers and apps! Learn about the trendiest and best free apps available with your library card in a relaxing environment. Appetizers are courtesy of Woodgrain. Drinks will be available for purchase.

Location: Woodgrain Neapolitan Pizzeria, 19 W. Ogden Ave., Westmont

AFTER-HOURS CONCERT: ANTHONY ABBATACOLA ✓**Friday, October 14, 7 – 8 pm**

Enjoy the music of vocalist Anthony Abbatacola as he performs an eclectic set of traditional, pop, jazz, R&B, and folk music as he puts his own spin on classics and reworks contemporary tunes

THE BEATLES' PERFORMING YEARS: 1957-1966 ✓**Wednesday, October 19, 7 – 8 pm**

Trace the origins of The Beatles, from their days as The Quarry Men through the decision to cease touring in 1966 with pop culture historian, author, and area resident Robert Rodriguez. View a mini-documentary and hear a recording made the day John and Paul were introduced. Program includes a Q&A session.

LIGHTS OUT, EVERYBODY: MYSTERY AND HORROR DURING THE GOLDEN AGE OF RADIO ✓**Wednesday, October 26, 7 – 8 pm**

Steve Darnall, the host of *Those Were the Days* on WDCB (90.9 FM) shares sound clips from some of radio's best known mystery and horror programs including *Escape*, *Inner Sanctum*, and *Lights Out*.

ESCAPE THE ROOM ✓**Saturday, October 29, noon – 5 pm**

Collaborate with your friends to solve all the puzzles and escape the room in this timed program. Sign up as a group (maximum of six people) for a 45-minute session.

SPOOK-TACULAR COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, October 29, 11 am – 4 pm

Starve a vampire this Halloween and donate blood! The donation process takes less than an hour. Walk-ins are welcome. Ages 17 and up (16 years old with parental consent).

*Visit LifeSource.org to make appointments or call 877-543-3768.
In partnership with Westmont Park District.*

MADAM PRESIDENT: THE SECRET PRESIDENCY OF EDITH WILSON

Thursday, November 3, 7 – 8:30 pm

William Hazelgrove, a national-bestselling author who has been featured on NPR's *All Things Considered*, will share the captivating story of the woman who became the acting U.S. president, months before women even had the right to vote!

SMOKY THE WAR DOG (Ages 10+)

Wednesday, November 9, 7 – 8 pm

Listen to the amazing story of Smoky, a WWII hero and the world's first official therapy dog on record as told by Adrian Brigham, movie and music producer.

Best suited for ages 10 and up.

INTERNATIONAL GAMES DAY

Saturday, November 19, 1 – 3 pm

International Games Day @ your library is an annual celebration of games, play, and libraries! Celebrate by playing some of the board games in the library's collection or bring your favorite from home.

INTERNET SECURITY

Tuesday, November 22, 7 – 8:30 pm

We seem to hear about a new threat to our computers or online presence almost daily. Join one of the library's IT professionals to learn internet security tips to stay safe online when you shop, surf, or socialize.

TEAM TRIVIA

Mondays, Sept. 12 & 26, Oct. 10 & 24, and Nov. 7 & 21, 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: Neat Kitchen + Bar, 246 N Cass Ave, Westmont

4TH MONDAY BOOK GROUP

Mondays, Sept. 26, Oct. 24, and Nov. 28, 7 – 9 pm

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

See westmontlibrary.org/bookclubs for upcoming titles.

KNIT CLIQUE

Tuesdays, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, and Nov. 1, 6:30 – 8 pm

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

UNREAL WORLD BOOK CLUB

Tuesdays, Sept. 6, Oct. 4, and Nov. 1, 7 – 9 pm

Come talk about books and films set in imaginative times and places.

See westmontlibrary.org/bookclubs for upcoming titles.

Location: Maura's Mediterranean Cuisine, 31 N Cass Ave, Westmont

WRITER'S GROUP

Thursdays, Sept. 8 & 22, Oct. 13 & 27, and Nov. 10 & 24, 7 – 9 pm

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

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Saturdays, Sept. 10 & 24, Oct. 8 & 22, and Nov. 12 & 26, 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.



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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, September 4
Monday, September 5
Wednesday, Nov. 23 (5pm closing)
Thursday, November 24

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