



The EXPLORER

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Second Floor: UNDER CONSTRUCTION

You may have noticed that the easy reader section of the Youth Department is being renovated. As of December 10th, the entire second floor of the library will remain closed until mid-January while new carpet is installed and fresh paint is applied.

The focus of phase one of the remodeling project is the early and pre-reader section. New shelving is being added to make browsing easier for small children. All shelves will be labeled

with words and pictures to help create a visual connection between words and their meaning for beginning readers. Other exciting changes include a children's reading garden, interactive puzzles and games, and computers that will be added this summer.

Plans are currently in the works for updating the grade school and jr. high areas later in the year.



The entire second floor is set to re-open on January 19th. While Youth Services is closed, a small children's book corner will take the place of the Friends of the Library Book Sale cart in the lobby area. As a result, the library will not be taking any book donations during the remodel.

Please direct all questions regarding construction and renovation to the library director, Christine Kuhn.

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Register to Vote!

Did you know that you can register to vote at the Westmont Public Library? Registration closes on January 8th, 2008 reopens February 7th, 2008.



Youth Services Grand Re-Opening Celebration

Saturday, January 19th, 2008



You are invited to a celebration! On January 19th at 10am, the

Westmont Library will officially open the newly renovated Youth Services Department. Be a part of the ribbon cutting ceremony, participate in a special musical story time with Macaroni Soup at 10:15am, and enjoy celebration cake.

Be among the first people to catch a glimpse of the new

Easy and Pre-Reader section. You will be able to visit the children's reading garden designed to reinforce early reading skills.

Two of your children's favorite book characters, Clifford and Curious George, will be making special appearances. Bring a camera and have your child's picture taken with them!



Be the lucky winner in our ribbon cutting drawing!

Write a short essay explaining why the library is important to you and submit it to the Main Desk before **January 12th, 2008**. Every person who turns in an essay will be entered into a drawing for a chance to cut the ribbon on the morning of our grand re-opening. Entry forms can be picked up at the Main Desk.

January

- 1 Library Closed All Day
- 15 Library Board Meeting @ 7pm
- 18 Library Closed All Day
- 19 Youth Services Grand Re-Opening @ 10am Musical Storytime @ 10:15am
- 22 Video Game Day, 3-6pm
- 23 Anime/Manga Club @ 7pm
- 24 The Secret of Meditation @ 7pm
- 28 4th Monday Book Group @ 7pm

February

- 5 Storytime @ 10:15am ∨
- 6 Storytime @ 10:15am ⊖
Friends of the Library Meeting @ 7pm
- 7 Storytime @ 10:15am ⊖
Cookie Decorating @ 6:30pm ∨
- 9 Teddy Bear Picnic
11am-1pm ∨
- 11 Gardening Program @ 7pm ∨
- 12 Storytime @ 10:15am ∨
Library Board Meeting @ 7pm
- 13 Storytime @ 10:15am ⊖
- 14 Storytime @ 10:15am ⊖
- 19 Storytime @ 10:15am ∨
- 20 Storytime @ 10:15am ⊖
Greeting Cards @ 6:30pm ∨
- 21 Storytime @ 10:15am ⊖
- 25 4th Monday Book Group @ 7pm ⊖
- 26 Storytime @ 10:15am ∨
Video Game Day, 3-6pm ⊖
- 27 Storytime @ 10:15am ⊖
Anime/Manga @ 7pm ⊖
- 28 Storytime @ 10:15am ⊖
SF/F Book Chat @ 7pm ∨

Adult Winter Programming

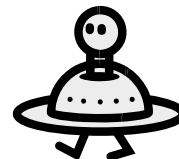
Thursday, January 24th @ 7pm ∨ ⊕
The Secret of Meditation
Join meditation expert Rich Smith as he shares his findings on how to use meditation and self-hypnosis to live better.

Monday, February 11th @ 7pm ∨ ⊕
The Best of the New Plants
Are your fingers itching to start gardening? Come by the library and hear Bill Aldrich, publisher and executive editor of *Chicagoland Gardening Magazine*, as he gets us ready for planting this spring. This program is co-sponsored by the Westmont Park District and the Westmont Garden Club. Anyone in attendance will be entered in a drawing for free tickets to the Chicago Flower and Garden show.



Wednesday, February 20th @ 6:30pm ∨
Greeting Card Workshop
Get ready for a night of creativity and crafts! Join us for card making and take home several of your own homemade cards. Free for Westmont residents only.

Thursday, February 28th @ 7pm ∨
Science Fiction Book Chat
Come hear about the latest in science fiction and fantasy book releases, and talk with others who share your love for this genre.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS FOR SUMMER 2008:

- Frugal Family Financial Series
- Adult and Youth Summer Reading Programs
- *One World, One Westmont* Diversity Program

Adult Winter Read 2008

Warm up to a Good Book

The Adult Winter Reading Program has changed! This year, the dates are from **January 2-February 9, 2008**. To participate, simply visit the Reference Desk and fill out a slip for every book you read between those dates for a chance to win a prize! Two drawings will be held each Sunday and winners will be contacted by phone. Visit the Reference Desk for more information.

Teen Scene

Looking for something to do during the cold weather? The library has programs designed just for teens to help ease the winter boredom. Come by and check out the following programs.

- **Beaded Hemp Jewelry** ∨
Wednesday, March 19th @ 6:30pm

The library provides all the materials and we show you how to make hemp bracelets and necklaces. Beads and styles for both guys and girls!

- **Anime/Manga Nights** ⊖
Wednesday Jan. 23, Feb. 27, March 26 & April 23
If you like to draw or view Manga or Anime, don't miss this monthly club.

Need help finding information for papers and reports? The library can help! Visit us online at westmontlibrary.org and click on "Reference Resources." You'll find links to encyclopedias, dictionaries, archived magazines and much more.

Registration Key: ∨ Call ahead or register in person ⊖ No registration required

⊕ Children under 13 not admitted

♿ Please note: Individuals requiring accommodation for a disability for any library program should contact the library at least five days before the program.

Youth Winter Programming

Musical Storytime √
March 25th @ 10:15am,
Ages 6 and under

Join us for stories, songs, dance, and play as we experience one of our most popular programs.

Cookie Decorating √
Thursday, February 7th
@ 6:30pm, Ages 8-14

Decorate and take home tasty cookies from Travelers Cafe!

Teddy Bear Picnic √
Saturday, February 9th
From 11am-1pm,
Ages 4-8

Bring along your favorite stuffed animal and a brown bag lunch. We will play games together and have a special visit from Corduroy!



Children take turns decorating a pumpkin at the Fall Festival in October. The library gave away 40 pumpkins!

Pirate Day √
Saturday, April 12th
From 1-2:30pm
Ages 8-12

Arrr-en't you coming to Pirate Day at the library? Join your fellow buccaneers for an afternoon of fun as we practice talking like pirates, searching for treasure and more! You can dress up like a pirate if you want to!

Video Games Days ⊖
Jan. 22 from 3-6pm
Feb. 26 from 3-6pm
Mar. 25 from 3-6pm
Apr. 22 from 3-6pm

Don't miss out on our monthly game days! We have your favorite video games like *Dance Dance Revolution* and *MarioKart*. Bring a friend and enjoy an afternoon of snacks and gaming.

March

- 4 Storytime @ 10:15am √
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Friends Members Pre-Sale from 6-8pm
- 7 Book Sale from 10am-3pm
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Storytimes this winter!

February 5-March 20 & April 1-May 13

Tuesdays @ 10:15am:
Pre-Reading Storytime √
 Children ages three and up get ready to read.

Wednesdays @ 10:15am: *Books and Songs for Toddlers* ⊖
 Ages three and under learn about social and interactive play.

Thursdays @ 10:15am: *Stories and More for Preschoolers* ⊖
 Ages three and up practice listening skills.

Thank You!

The Westmont Library wishes to acknowledge the businesses that generously donated to the 1st Annual Pizza Tasting for Teens.

Congratulations to 1st Place Winner: Nancy's Pizzeria
 Pizza Hut
 Domino's Pizza
 Connie's Pizza



Discover TumbleBooks!

Log on to TumbleBooks and dig into a new world of animated books, ebooks, and interactive stories for young children. This resource is valuable for all ages! Children can practice learning a new language, reading along with classic ebooks, or listening to online audio books. Go to the link for reference resources on the library's website at: www.westmontlibrary.org to access this site.



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Monday-Thursday 10am-9pm
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For more information about the Westmont Public Library, please contact us at:
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Friends Book Sale

The Friends of the Westmont Public Library will hold their annual Book Sale on March 8th and 9th, 2008 from 10am to 3pm. If you already belong to the Friends you are invited to a special preview sale on Thursday the 7th from 6-8pm. To attend the presale without a Friends membership, the entrance fee is \$10. Sunday the 9th, all books are free from 1pm to 3pm.

The book sale consists mainly of withdrawn library books from all departments and book donations that were not added to the collection. Can't make it to the book sale? Stop by the Friends' year-round book sale cart in the lobby of the library and browse the selection.

To find out more about the Friends of the Library or to inquire about membership, please call 630-969-5625.



Are you getting your newsletter?

Have you received the last few issues of *The Explorer* at your home? All Westmont residents should have the latest issue delivered to their homes. If you live in Westmont and have not been receiving your newsletter, contact us at :
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Westmont Resident

The BIG READ is back!

This March, the fourth annual **BIG READ** begins! This year the book *Dream When You're Feeling Blue* by Elizabeth Berg has been chosen. Programs begin in the month of March and will focus on World War II. Look for the **Big Read** program booklet to arrive in the library sometime in February.

4th Monday Book Discussions January-April

This Book Discussion Group meets the 4th Monday of every month at 7pm in the library's meeting room.

January 28th: *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen

February 25th: *Slaughterhouse Five* by Kurt Vonnegut

March 26th: *Broken for You* by Stephanie Kallos

April 28th: *The Caliph's House* by Tahir Shah