



The EXPLORER

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Early Literacy Programs Take Off

Have you seen the changes taking place in the Youth Department? We are very proud of our new and improved Children's Reading Garden and we look forward to updating the look of the rest of the space in the near future.

One big change that was made in Youth Services was a staff change! Lynn Thomas, former preschool teacher and long time Westmont resident, was promoted to a newly created position, Early Literacy Coordinator.

You or your children may have met "Miss Lynn" in one of her popular pre-reader storytimes, been to one

of the crafts or other special events she has run, or just seen her around the building. Feel free to find her and ask her about the programs and events we offer for young children and their parents.

Lynn Thomas will also begin a quarterly program series for parents on tips and valuable information regarding early literacy.

In addition to the three weekly storytimes we offer each season, we will be adding a monthly Family Storytime for the parents and children who cannot make it to the morning sessions.

We continue to offer fun, educational



Lynn Thomas, the new Early Literacy Coordinator.

events for young children in the form of musical storytimes and themed activity days. Check the Youth Events calendar inside this newsletter for specific dates and times.

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September

- 1 Building closed all day
- 2 Adult Video Games, 6-9pm ⊖
- 3 Musical Storytime @ 10:30am ∨
- 7 Open Art Studio, 2-4pm ∨
- 9 Guys Read (gr. 4-6) @ 7pm ⊖
- 10 Guys Read (gr. 7-8) @ 7pm ⊖
- 11 Planning for Retirement @ 7pm ∨
- 13 Science Saturday, 1-3pm ∨
- 16 Board Meeting @ 7pm (Being held at Westmont Police Station) ⊖
Early Lit. Workshop @ 7pm ∨
- 17 Early Lit. Workshop @ 7pm ∨
- 18 Early Lit. Workshop @ 7pm ∨
- 22 4th Monday Book Group @ 7pm ⊖
- 23 Storytime @ 10:15am ∨
Video Games @ 3pm ⊖
- 24 Storytime @ 10:15am ⊖
Anime Club @ 7pm ⊖
- 25 Storytime @ 10:15am ⊖
- 29 Make-Up Tips @ 7pm ∨
- 30 Storytime @ 10:15am ∨

Workshops Help Parents Teach Reading Skills

The Westmont Public Library is excited to offer a new series of programs designed for parents of pre-reading children. These workshops will give information and guidance on helping children become successful readers and learners.

Based on the Public Library Association's *Every Child Ready to Read* project, workshops will

be divided into three separate groups to help focus advice and information. "Early Talkers" include newborns through age two. "Talkers" are children ages two and three, and "Pre-Readers" are ages four and five. For more information on *Every Child Ready to Read* and a parent's role in early literacy, visit: www.ala.org/everychild.

Workshops this Fall:

Tuesday, Sept. 16th @ 7pm: *Pre-Readers*

Wednesday, Sept. 17th @ 7pm: *Early Talkers*

Thursday, Sept. 18th @ 7pm: *Talkers*

A special sleepy storytime will be offered on each night for children ages 3-8 for the duration of the workshop. Pajamas are welcome!

October

- 1 Storytime @ 10:15am ⊖
- 2 Storytime @ 10:15am ⊖
- 5 Open Art Studio, 2-4pm v
- 7 Storytime @ 10:15am v
Roleplaying @ 5:15pm v ⊕
- 8 Storytime @ 10:15am ⊖
Guys Read (grades 4-6)
@ 7pm ⊖
- 9 Storytime @ 10:15am ⊖
Wreath Craft @ 6:30pm v
- 11 Science Saturday, 1-3pm v
- 14 Storytime @ 10:15am v
Guys Read (grades 7-8)
@ 7pm ⊖
- 15 Storytime @ 10:15am ⊖
Cell Phone Bling @ 7pm v
- 16 Storytime @ 10:15am ⊖
Family Storytime @ 6:30pm v
- 18 Princess Party @ 1pm v
- 21 Storytime @ 10:15am v
Board Meeting @ 7pm ⊖
- 22 Storytime @ 10:15am ⊖
Anime Club @ 7pm ⊖
- 23 Storytime @ 10:15am ⊖
Grimm's Grimmest
@ 7pm v ⊕
- 27 4th Monday Book Group
@ 7pm ⊖
- 28 Storytime @ 10:15am v
Video Games @ 3pm ⊖
- 29 Storytime @ 10:15am ⊖
Crime Scene @ 7pm v ⊕
- 30 Storytime @ 10:15am ⊖

Three library board seats will be open for the April 2009 Consolidated General Election. If you are interested in running for a trustee position, please contact Christine Kuhn at 630.969.5625 or email her: christinekuhn@westmontlibrary.org.

Adult Fall Programming

Open Art Studio v **Sunday, September 7th, October 5th, & November 2nd, 2-4pm**

Bring your own supplies to this independent study opportunity and we will provide the space and models.



Adult Game Nights v ⊕ **•Tuesday, September 2nd, 6-9pm: Adult Video Game Night**

Play your favorite video games on the big screen with other adults. Light refreshments will be provided.

•Tuesday, October 7th & December 2nd @ 5:15pm: Roleplaying Games

Plunge into the world of tabletop roleplaying games! Each session will be a stand-alone adventure with all characters provided. Beginners and experienced gamers over the age of 15 are welcome to join.

Planning for Retirement v **Thursday, September 11th @ 7pm**

An associate from Smith Barney will give a presentation with valuable information on planning and saving for your retirement.

Holiday Wreath Craft v **Thursday, October 9th @ 6:30pm**



Create your own beautiful fall or winter themed door and candle wreath. Donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of materials.

Grimm's Grimmest v ⊕ **Thursday, October 23rd @ 7pm**

Hear the unedited versions of popular fairy tales created by the Brothers Grimm. Join us for a dark and twisted evening just in time for Halloween!



Crime Scene at the Library v ⊕ **Wednesday, October 29th @ 7pm**

Join author Linda Mickey and a panel of experts as they examine evidence found at a crime scene and answer frequently asked questions about forensics.

Author Visit with Denise Swanson v **Thursday, November 6th @ 7pm**



Bestselling author, Denise Swanson, shares her writing experiences, offering advice and encouragement to aspiring authors.

Movie & Discussion v ⊕ **Monday, November 17th @ 6:30pm**

In the Family is a short film about the effects of breast cancer. A brief discussion will be held following the movie. Light appetizers will be served.

Coming this Winter: **Harpist Laura Ann Fako** performs a holiday concert.

International Cheese Tasting given by El Chef! He will teach us all his secrets for serving, handling, and storing the many types of cheese.

Dates and programs are subject to change. Please check the library website for updated information at: www.westmontlibrary.org.

Registration Key: v Call ahead or register in person ⊖ No registration required ⊕ Children under 12 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 Fall Programming

Musical Storytime v
Wednesday, Sept. 3rd @
10:30am, Ages 6 and
under

A popular musical event sure to entertain your little one!

Family Storytimes v
Thursday, October 16th
& November 20th @
6:30pm

Join us for a night of family reading with books, crafts, and music.

A Princess Party v
Saturday, October 18th
1-2:30pm, Ages 5-8

All princesses in the land of Westmont are invited to spend the afternoon doing crafts, playing games, and having loads of royal fun!



Green Gift Giving v
Monday, November
10th, 6:30-8:30pm
All ages welcome!*

Reuse materials from the recycling bin to make gifts, wrapping paper, and gift boxes just in time for the holidays.



A Train Party v
Saturday, November
15th, 1-2:30pm
Ages 5-8

All aboard the library train! Join us for games and crafts guaranteed to entertain train lovers!

Science Saturdays v
1-3pm, Ages 7-11 on
9/13, 10/11, 11/8

Stop by the library and learn new concepts with our science kits!



Guys Read @
9/9, 10/14, 11/11, 12/9
@ 7pm, Grades 4-6

Don't miss an evening of books, games, snacks and more at this "no girls allowed" event.

Video Games @ your
Library @
3-6pm on

9/23, 10/28, 11/25



On the 4th Tuesday of every month from 3-6pm the meeting room is transformed into a video gamers paradise!

*Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by a parent at all times.

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November

- 2 Open Art Studio, 2-4pm v
- 4 Storytime @ 10:15am v
- 5 Storytime @ 10:15am ⊖
- 6 Storytime @ 10:15am ⊖
 Author Visit @ 7pm v
- 8 Science Saturday, 1-3pm v
- 10 Green Gifts @ 7pm v
- 11 Storytime @ 10:15am v
 Guys Read (gr. 4-6) @ 7pm ⊖
- 12 Storytime @ 10:15am ⊖
 Guys Read (gr. 7-8) @ 7pm ⊖
- 13 Storytime @ 10:15am ⊖
 Taco Tasting @ 7pm v
- 15 Train Party @ 1pm v
- 17 Movie & Discussion
 @ 6:30pm v ⊕
- 18 Board Meeting @ 7pm ⊖
- 19 Anime Club @ 7pm ⊖
- 20 Family Storytime @ 6:30pm v
- 24 4th Monday Book Group
 @ 7pm ⊖
- 25 Video Games @ 3pm ⊖
- 26 Building Closed @ 5pm
- 27 Building Closed all day

Teen Scene

Make-Up Tips: A Fresh Fall Look and
Holiday Sparkle v

Monday, September 29th @ 7pm



For tips, tricks, and tools of the trade, make-up artist, Theresa Barry, takes us through the steps for a fresh look.

Cell Phone Bling v
Wednesday, October 15th, 7pm

Stop by the library and use our craft supplies to make your cell phone one of a kind!

Taco Tasting for Teens v
Thursday, November 13th @ 7pm

Do you love tacos? Then come to the library and enjoy tasting some Mexican cuisine from local eateries and vote for your favorite!



Guys Read: Book Fight Club @
9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 12/10 @ 7pm
Grades 7-8

Hang out at the library and defend your favorite books. Snacks and games will be provided.

Storytimes this Fall!

September 23 -
November 13, 2008

Pre-Reader Storytime v

Tuesdays @ 10:15am:

Four- and five-year-olds explore with books, crafts, and songs.

Early Talkers Storytime ⊖

Wednesdays @ 10:15am:

Ages 0-2 enjoy books, action songs, and other musical activities.

Talkers Storytime ⊖

Thursdays @ 10:15am:

Two- and three-year-olds learn with books, flannel boards, and music.

Registration Key: v Call ahead or register in person ⊖ No registration required ⊕ Children under 12 not admitted

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Library Hours:

Monday-Thursday	10am-9pm
Friday-Saturday	10am-5pm
Sunday	1pm-5pm

For more information about the Westmont Public Library, please contact us at:
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Our Green Library

by Christine Kuhn, Director

The library continues to take steps towards building a better future for those who come after us. Two recent changes are doing just that!

In place of plastic bags at the check out desk, the library now offers a reusable tote bag for only \$1. Patrons may also check out a canvas bag that gets returned like any other library item.

You may have noticed the large yellow and green

recycling container in the library parking lot. Abitibi-Bowater will pay the library for every ton of paper we recycle.

We invite residents to use this container for their paper recyclable materials including newspapers, magazines, shredded paper, and water damaged paperbacks. Please refrain from using the bin for cardboard or plastic.

Have a safe and happy autumn!

Summer Read Donator List

- Bailey's Restaurant
- Bakers Square
- Baskin Robbins
- Brunswick Zone
- Cardinal Fitness
- Carsplus Repairs
- Cheryl's Total Look
- Classic Cinemas
- Deluxe Inn
- Dunkin' Donuts
- First DuPage Bank
- Fuller's Car Wash of Westmont
- Great American Bagel
- Holiday Inn Elmhurst
- Kuts N Such Hair Design
- Major Restaurant
- Napleton Westmont Porsche
- OakBrook Toyota
- Salon Rivaz
- Smart Bodies
- Trader Joe's

4th Monday Book Discussions

September-November

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

September 22nd: *Vanishing Acts* by Jodi Picoult

October 27th: TBA-Visit www.westmontlibrary.org for updated information

November 24th: TBA-Visit www.westmontlibrary.org for updated information



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**The Library will be closed:
August 30th & September 1st
for Labor Day
and
November 26th (close at 5pm) &
November 27th for Thanksgiving.**

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