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Get to Know your Library:

Take a Tour!

Do you know where to find cookbooks, classics, and console games? If not, you might benefit from a tour of the Westmont Library with one of our staff members. To schedule a tour, call: 630-969-5625 x221.

You can also tour the Library in Spanish!

Would you like to take a tour of the library in Spanish? Call 630-969-5625 x303 to make an appointment.

¡Haga una Jira de la Biblioteca en Español!

¿Quisiera que alguien le dé una guía de la biblioteca en español? Llame al 630-969-5625 x303 para hacer una cita.

Enhance Your Job Search at WPL!

By Julia Coen, Reference Librarian

With nearly 10% of the Illinois population out of work, the library is here to help job seekers navigate the path to employment. Try one of our online databases to help hone your job skills. Databases can be accessed on the library's public PCs or you can access them from home with your current and valid library card.

LearningExpressLibrary The *Jobs & Workplace Skills*

section offers tips on job searching, resume building and interview preparation. The *Jobs & Careers* section provides licensing, certification, and aptitude practice tests, as well as online career preparation for a wide variety of occupations, including civil service, CDL, real estate and law enforcement. The *Computer Skills* section offers self-paced, interactive courses for different operating systems and software programs,

including the full Microsoft Office suite. The *College Preparation* section offers complete online practice tests for the ACT, SAT, GRE, LSAT, and MCAT.

Vocations and Careers Collection

This *online collection* provides articles from 400 journals on finding the best career, enrolling in the right institution of learning, searching for a job, and advancing your career.

Winter Reading Program-New and Improved!



This year the whole family can enjoy our Winter Reading Program! From **December 21, 2009– January 31, 2010** adults and children can pick up a WPL BINGO card with various activities and reading challenges. Complete the actions for five boxes in a row horizontally, vertically, or diagonally and turn the finished card in for a prize! Children can pick up BINGO cards at the Youth Help Desk and adults can get their cards at the Adult Help Desk. Only one card may be completed per person. The program is open to Westmont residents that can read on their own. For more information, visit one of the help desks.

Friends of the Library to Create Westmont Cookbook

Calling all cooks, bakers, and chefs! The Friends of the Westmont Public Library are planning a community cookbook fundraiser and we need your favorite recipes. Community chefs and local celebrities will also be asked to contribute. All contributors will be noted with each recipe and in a contributor's index. A template for your submission can be found on our web page. Go to www.westmontlibrary.org and click on the Friends link. You will also find an order form to ensure you get your copy of this limited edition cookbook. The cookbooks will be available in time for Mothers Day 2010. Deadline for recipe submissions is January 15th, 2010.

The Friends of the Westmont Public Library support library programs and services in a variety of ways. In this last year, they have donated more than \$1000 to the Summer Read program and another \$1000 for the Hispanic Cultural events this Fall. They brought musician Jim Gill and author/illustrator Kevin O'Malley to Westmont, and contributed to the drive-up bookdrop. Coming up, the Friends will be supporting our Holly Days programs described in this newsletter and bringing Dave Rudolf to the library for a family musical event. They will lend their support to our Big Read programs in March and April as well as helping purchase new furniture pieces for our youth services area.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Fun with Frosty
Saturday, December 12th, 1-2:30PM
Ages 5-8



Come in from the cold for an afternoon of winter fun! Listen to holiday stories, play winter games, and enjoy delicious snacks! *Sponsored by the Friends of the Westmont Library. In cooperation with Westmont Holly Days.*

Drop-In Handmade Holiday Gifts
Monday, December 14th, 4-6PM
Ages 5-11

Kids can come and pick from a variety of craft options to make and give as gifts. Be prepared to get messy! All materials provided. *This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Westmont Public Library.*

Hedgie @ the Library!
Saturday, January 9th, 1-2:30PM
Ages 3-6

Meet Hedgie the hedgehog and spend the day reading stories, doing crafts, and enjoying yummy treats!

Art4Kidz
Saturday, January 16th, 1-3PM
Ages 7-11

Get creative for a special day all about art! We'll focus on a famous illustrator and the artist who influenced him/her. Each child will make a piece of art to take home.



Science Saturday
Saturday, February 20th, 1-2:30PM
Ages 5-11

Learn cool new science concepts, do experiments, and take home your creations. Learning has never been so fun!



Game Days @ Your Library
Tuesdays, 1/26, 2/23, 3-6PM
Ages 6 and up

Once a month the library offers hours of video game play on the big screen! Make new friends, munch on snacks, and play games. **Chess tutoring** is offered from 5-6PM for anyone interested in learning to play.

Toddler & Me Playgroup
Every Wednesday, 10:45-11:30AM
January 20th-March 17th

Caregivers and their little ones will move into the meeting room after storytime for play time and yummy snacks.

Family Storytimes
Thursdays, 12/17, 1/21, 2/18 @ 6:30PM

Join us for a night of family fun! Begin the evening with tales that will delight all ages. After storytime, each family works together on a craft to take home. December will feature a local author and medical student!

Storytimes this Fall!

December 1st-10th, 2009
January 19th-March 18th, 2010

Bilingual Storytime
Every Other Monday @ 11:30AM,
12/7, 1/25, 2/8, 2/22

Children who speak any language will benefit from our storytime that stresses both English and Spanish vocabulary.

Pre-Reader Storytime
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.

NOTE ON PROGRAMMING:
 When you are registering yourself or a child for a library program you should pay special attention to the age limits! Activities are created especially for people within the designated age range and may not be safe for younger audiences!
 As attendance at library programs continues to increase, staff may refuse entrance for a library program to any person who is not within the required age range.

Registration Key: Call ahead or register in person No registration required No children under 12

Please note: Individuals requiring accommodation for a disability for any library program should contact the library at least five days before the program.
 Dates and programs are subject to change. Please check the library website for updated information at: www.westmontlibrary.org.

DAVE RUDOLF CONCERT



Monday, January 18th @ 6:30PM
 Bring the family to this captivating Beach Party themed concert with musician and entertainer Dave Rudolf! His interactive concert will delight audiences of all ages and provide a warm, "sunny" relief to the winter blues.

You'll limbo, hula hoop, do a conga line and hear original songs from Dave as well as favorite tunes from artists like Jimmy Buffet and Harry Belafonte!

Dave Rudolf is a Grammy nominated and multiple Parents Choice Award winning artist.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Westmont Public Library.

TEEN SCENE

Join us for **Anime Club**, the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7PM: **1/27 & 2/24** where we watch and discuss anime with other fans of the genre.

Give back to the community and earn service hours by joining **TeenTeam**, a volunteer group of Westmont Jr. and Senior High age students. Pick up an application at the library or download it on our website under "employment."

Look for **cool new changes** to the Teen section of the library during the second floor remodel beginning in December!

Congratulations **Jessica Yamamoto**, winner of the **New Moon** bookmark design contest and recipient of an AMC gift card!



SHOP & SHARE IDENTIFICATION SLIP

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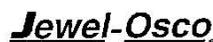
CENTS

GROUP: **Friends of the Westmont Library**

YOUR SHOP & SHARE DAYS: **12/7/2009, 12/8/2009, 12/9/2009**

SIGNATURE _____

PLEASE SIGN THIS SLIP AND TURN IT IN TO YOUR CHECKER WHEN YOU SHOP.
PARTICIPANTS CAN MAKE PURCHASES AT ANY JEWEL-OSCO ON THE DATE ABOVE.
IDENTIFICATION SLIPS ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN FRONT OF ANY JEWEL-OSCO.



SHOP & SHARE

December 7, 8, & 9

Support the Friends of the Westmont Public Library while you shop! Bring this Shop & Share identification slip to any Jewel-Osco during the specified dates and our Friends group will receive 5% cash back from your purchase.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Figure Drawing Studio

Sunday, 12/6, 1/3, & 2/7, 2-4PM

Interested in honing your skills as an artist? Once a month, the library provides various clothed or costumed models during this program, with each session offering new poses and subjects for inspiration. Bring your own supplies for this unique, independent study opportunity.

Writers' Group

Thursdays, 12/3 & 12/17, 1/7 & 1/21, 2/4 & 2/18 @ 7PM

This interactive group is for adults interested in improving their writing skills and venturing into the world of publishing. The first Thursday of the month is a large group session in the meeting room that includes brief presentations, group writing exercises and critiques. The third Thursday consists of small group critique sessions conducted throughout the library in study rooms.

English Conversation Group

Saturdays, 12/12, 1/9 & 1/23, 2/13 & 2/27, 10AM-12PM

This informal and friendly conversation group is for all adult English learners. Join us on the second and fourth Saturdays of every month as we improve our verbal English skills! Please note: There will not be a second meeting in December.

Un grupo informal y amistoso de conversación para todos que están aprendiendo inglés. Venga para reunirse con nosotros en la Biblioteca Publica de Westmont cada segundo y cuarto sábado del mes, desde las 10:00am hasta las 12:00pm. Nota: No habrá una segunda reunión en diciembre. No es necesario registrarse y es gratis.

Digital Photography 101

Tuesday, December 1st @ 7PM

Are you mystified by new technology-especially when it comes to cameras? Come hear professional photographer Jennifer Shilt lead us through the basics of selecting a digital camera, common features and how to use them, downloading photos, and image editing.



Super Couponing

Thursday, December 10th @ 7PM

Imagine getting grocery deals on almost everything you buy! Change the way you shop forever by attending this fun, fast paced workshop, with a half-hour Q&A afterward. It involves audience-participation, activities, and door prizes.

A Holiday Concert with the Western Lights Chorus

Sunday, December 20th @ 3PM



Enjoy classic holiday songs sung in four-part a cappella harmony. Bring your family to the Westmont Public Library for a free musical experience sure to delight both young and old! *This program is sponsored in part by the Friends of the Westmont Public Library. In cooperation with Westmont Holly Days*

Clinical Nutrition

Tuesday, January 12th @ 7PM

Did you know that the average American consumes 150 pounds of sugar and 10 pounds of chemical additives per year? Have you ever wondered just how your daily diet affects your energy level, overall vitality, and longevity? Join us as Intern Rachel Marynowski, 4th year naturopathic medical student, walks us through a delicious presentation on Clinical Nutrition.



***Needle Felting: Easter Egg Design**

Tuesday, February 16th @ 7PM

***NO ONE UNDER 18 DUE TO USE OF DANGEROUS NEEDLES!**

Join us for an introduction to dry needle felting as we each make an Easter egg and learn how to do future pieces. Beginners are welcome to try this new skill, but please be aware that the barbed needle used in this craft can puncture your skin. We recommend that attendees be up to date with their tetanus shots.

COMING SOON...

- **Basic Computer Classes for Adults**
- **Big Read 2010!**

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Library Closings:

Thursday, December 24th, 2009
Friday, December 25th, 2009
Thursday, December 31st, 2009
Friday, January 1st, 2010



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The Friends of the Westmont Public Library is a non-profit organization that supports the library by raising money to help subsidize the cost of programs and special events. If you are interested in becoming a Friend of the Library, please email: friends@westmontlibrary.org or call (630)969-5625.

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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SECOND FLOOR REMODEL TO CONTINUE THIS WINTER

After being put on hold due to the roof replacement project, the youth floor will finally begin the final stages of the remodeling process on December 10th, 2009. The finishing touches will be in place in early 2010.

The Juvenile (J) fiction and non-fiction collections will be moving in order to open up more space and create "reading nooks" for young readers. Study rooms will have new

laminated tabletops installed and all chairs currently in the youth department will be reupholstered and refinished to give a fresh feel to the space without the expense of all new chairs! The Youth Help Desk will be replaced and relocated, and the Teen area will see exciting changes as well.

Two years ago the second floor received all new carpeting and paint. We also created the

"Children's Reading Garden" which included new forward facing shelving for picture books and the bright green wall at the entrance to the space. After focusing on making the Reading Garden a special space, "We are now focusing our dollars and efforts on making the rest of the second floor a special place," explained Library Director, Christine Kuhn.

The BIG READ 2010

Planning for **The Big Read 2010** is underway! There are several ways you can stay in the loop and keep up with the latest **Big Read** news!

Follow the Twitter site and get updates including the title for this year! Go to: twitter.com/bigread2010 to join.

If you prefer a blog format, you can also visit www.thebigread.org for more detailed information on upcoming programs and events.

You can always visit our website: www.westmontlibrary.org to see what events are being held at the Westmont Library.

THANK YOU!

September's **Hispanic Cultural Fiesta** would not have been such a success without the generous support and financial contributions of the following organizations:

- Chipotle
- Friends of the Westmont Library
- L&F Pizza
- Puerto Rico Tourism Company
- Recorded Books
- Son del Viento de Chicago
- Taco Express
- Taylor Rental/Party Plus
- Viking Travel Agency
- Weston Travel Agency