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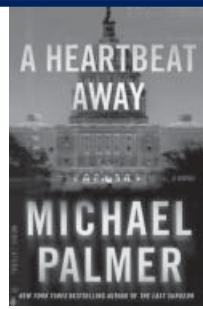
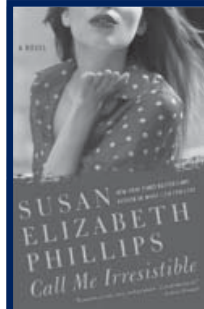
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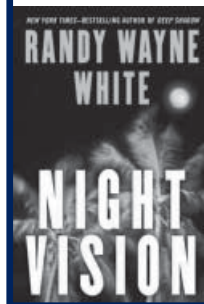
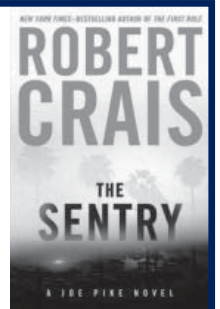
## Did You Know?

Students and parents can utilize online college test preparation for FREE! The Library subscribes to e-Prep, a series of online, video-based test prep courses for teens studying to take the ACT or SAT. e-Prep courses are student-adaptable and give young people access to expert instructors in a test simulated environment. These courses are available in the Library or you may gain access from home with your library card. The link for e-Prep can be found on our website under the Reference & Research tab.

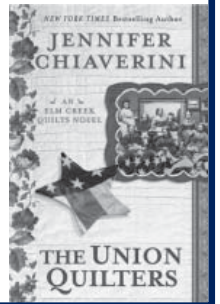
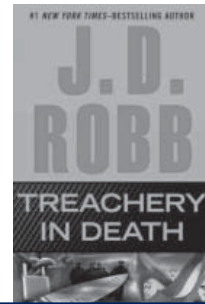
## Future Favorites for Fiction Lovers



**A Heartbeat Away** by Michael Palmer  
A deadly, highly contagious virus, is released into the building where the President is giving the state of the union address. Outside the quarantined area, the Director of Homeland Security, the "Designated Survivor" has to deal with terrorists and find a cure before time runs out.



**Have you tried NovelList yet?**  
Are you looking for new titles, read-alikes, or the latest from your favorite author? If you cannot make it into the library to ask a reader's advisor, check out NovelList, an excellent online resource for all ages! Access NovelList by visiting the WPL website and clicking on the "Reference & Research" link.



## A Christmas Concert with Bel Sonore Ensemble

Hear the beautiful music of the Bel Sonore Chamber Ensemble fill the Library on **Sunday, December 12th at 3PM.**

Bel Sonore is a woodwind trio composed of a flute, oboe, and bassoon with the addition of a soprano singer. Bel Sonore performs a repertoire ranging from the Baroque

music of Telemann and Bach to the jazz standards of Duke Ellington.

The woodwind trio plus voice has performed at countless social functions as well as recitals at such venues as CAMI Hall and Brooklyn Museum in New York, and Chicago's Harold Washington Library Concert Series.



Register for the concert online or by calling 630-969-5625.

## Macaroni Soup in Concert



For a night of family fun, come to the Library and enjoy an interactive

concert with Macaroni Soup on **Monday, January 17th at 6:30PM.**

Miss Carole and Alvin will entertain young children and their parents with silly songs, dancing, and even a few games!

Carole Peterson has been delighting audiences in the Chicagoland area for over twenty years and has

four award winning CDs under her belt. Her musical partner, Alvin McGovern, brings his guitar talent to the stage making this concert an unforgettable event!

Register today to reserve spots for your family by calling 630-969-5625 or register online.

# YOUTH PROGRAMS

## 🎮 Video Game Tournament

Saturday, January 15th, 12-3PM

Ages 7-14

Sign up for your chance to win one of three gift certificates to Gamestop by participating in our video game tournament. Show your skill at playing "Super Smash Brothers Brawl," enjoy snacks, and hang out with friends.

## 🎨♥ Very Hungry Caterpillar Craft

Saturday, January 29th, 1-2:30PM

Ages 3-6

Little ones will hear the favorite tale of the *Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle and learn how they can make healthy food choices. A craft and healthy snack will complete this afternoon of fun!

## 📖 Family Storytime

Thursday, February 17th, 6:30PM

All ages with a parent

The family fun begins with tales that will delight all ages. After storytime, each family works together on a craft to take home.

## 🔬 Science Saturday

Saturday, February 19th, 1-2:30PM

Ages 5-9

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

## ⊖ Toddler & Me Playgroup

\*Thursdays, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 1/20, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 2/17, 2/24, 10:45AM, Ages 0-4

Bring your young children to a special morning playtime in the library meeting room. Interact with other moms and caregivers while the kids play and eat snacks.

\*Playgroup takes place only on storytime days.

### NOTE ON PROGRAMMING:

Staff ask all parents to be prompt when bringing children to library events. Any late arrivals may find their spot forfeited. No child will be admitted to a program more than 15 minutes after the event's start time.

# TEEN PROGRAMS

## ⊖ Teen Decoration Day

Join TeenTeam volunteers as we decorate the library for winter on Saturday, December 4th from 10AM-12PM.

## ⊖ Teen Tuesdays

Tuesdays, 12/14, 1/11, 2/8 @ 7PM

Bring your friends or come meet new ones as we hang out and make crafts, chow down on snacks, and watch movies!

If you were too busy to volunteer at WPL this fall, you can still get involved for the winter season! All Westmont teens ages 12 and up are welcome to join our TeenTeam volunteers.

A variety of opportunities are available to help earn service hours, or just to make a difference in your community! Come into the library and fill out a volunteer application or follow the instructions on our website under the "employment" tab.

## Winter Storytimes

December 1st-16th &  
January 17th-February 28th

### ⊖ Bilingual Storytime

Every 2nd & 4th Monday @ 11:30AM

### ⊖ Pre-Readers Storytimes

Tuesdays @10:15AM

Ages 4-5

### ⊖ Afternoon Storytimes

Tuesdays @ 4:00PM

Ages 0-6

### ⊖ Talkers Storytimes

Wednesdays @10:15AM

Ages 2-3

### ⊖ Early Talkers Storytimes

Thursdays @10:15AM

Ages 0-2

# Winter Read with the Chicago Wolves Hockey Team

**WHO:** Grade school age children who read on their own are welcome to participate in our five week reading challenge sponsored by the Chicago Wolves Hockey Team!

**WHAT:** This reading program offers children a chance to read ten books during a five week period and earn a cool Chicago Wolves prize! Finishers will be given a choice of several fun logo items like mini hockey sticks, baseball caps, autographed posters, and more! Prizes are first come, first serve. Some quantities are limited.

**WHEN:** The program begins Monday, December 13th and continues for five weeks until January 17th. All prizes must be

picked up on or before Monday, January 17th.

**WHERE:** Come to the Library anytime beginning December 13th and pick up your reading log sheet!

**WHY:** This reading program is designed to encourage children to keep their minds active and healthy by reading over the winter months.

**HOW:** This reading program is made possible by the generous support and contributions of the Chicago Wolves Hockey Team. Special thanks to this organization for making our Winter Reading Program possible!

Registration Key: 📖 Registration is required

⊖ No children under 16

⊖ No registration required

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Staff may refuse entrance for a library program to any person who is not within the required age range.

Dates and programs are subject to change. Please check the library website for updated information at: [www.westmontlibrary.org](http://www.westmontlibrary.org).

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

# ADULT PROGRAMS

## ⊖ Spanish Conversation Group

Mondays, 12/6, 1/3, 2/7 @ 7PM

Do you have a basic knowledge of the Spanish language but would like to learn practical phrasing and brush up on your conversation skills? Then this is the group for you! Led by a native speaker, this informal group meets once a month.

## ⊖⊕ Writers' Group

Thursdays, 12/9, 1/13 & 1/27, 2/10 & 2/24 @ 7PM

This interactive group meets on the second and fourth Thursday of the month and is for adults interested in improving their writing skills and venturing into the world of publishing.

## ⊖ English Conversation Group

Saturdays, 12/11, 1/8 & 1/22, 2/12 & 2/26, 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!

## 📖⊕♥ Preventing and Living with Diabetes

Thursday, January 6th @ 7PM

Join diabetes specialist and registered dietitian Dana Strohmaier as we learn how to live a healthier lifestyle while coping with diabetes, as well as tips to eliminating risk factors and preventing diabetes later in life. Come learn how to enjoy food while keeping blood sugars in excellent control.

## 📖⊕ Working with an Editor

Thursday, January 20th @ 7PM

Learn how editors decide what to publish and if your original work could make the cut! An acquisitions editor from the Westmont based, non-profit, non-fiction company Intervarsity Press will lead the group in a valuable discussion for all writers who would like to publish their work.

## 📖⊕♥ Coupons 101: Plan, Click, Save!

Wednesday, January 26th @ 6:30PM

Sick of ever-rising food bills? Discouraged about saving any REAL money with coupons? *Coupons 101*, with popular blogger Rachel Singer Gordon (AKA Mashup Mom), takes the guesswork out of the process, showing you strategies to maximize your savings at grocery and drug stores across Chicagoland.

## 📖⊕ Strategies for Generating Retirement Income

Thursday, February 3rd @ 7PM

This workshop is for retirees and adult children of aging parents with concerns about depleting retirement income sources. The speaker will lay out the issues involved with planning for a long life and offer potential solutions that may alleviate the concern about running out of money.

## 📖 Behind the Scenes at WPL

Saturday, February 12th, 1PM & 2:30PM

Tour the Library and see what goes on behind the scenes! We'll end in the meeting room with light refreshments and a question and answer session.



# COMPUTER CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Computer classes are offered for a variety of skill levels. There is a non-refundable \$5 fee per person, per class which is due at the Main Desk upon registration. Online registration is not available for computer classes. Please direct further questions to the Adult Help Desk at extension 5.

## Beginner Classes

For those with little or no previous computer knowledge.

### *Intro to Computers*

Wednesday, December 1st, 6:30-8:30PM

### *Email for Beginners*

Wednesday, January 5th, 6:30-8:30PM

### *Internet Basics*

Wednesday, January 12th, 6:30-8:30PM

### *Microsoft Word 2010 for Beginners*

Wednesday, February 2nd, 6:30-8:30PM

### *Excel 2010 for Beginners*

Wednesday, February 16th, 6:30-8:30PM

## Intermediate Classes

For those with some previous computer experience.

### *Intermediate Computers*

Wednesday, December 8th, 6:30-8:30PM

### *Intermediate Internet*

Wednesday, January 19th, 6:30-8:30PM

### *Intermediate Excel 2010*

Wednesday, February 23rd, 6:30-8:30PM

## Advanced Classes

For users who are comfortable with computer use and terminology. Sessions will cover the editing and manipulation of photos and graphics.

### *Basics of Adobe Photoshop*

Monday, February 7th, 6:30PM

### *Advanced Editing in Adobe Photoshop*

Monday, February 14th, 6:30PM

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**Library Closings:**

December 24th, 2010  
 December 25th, 2010  
 December 26th, 2010  
 December 31st, 2010  
 January 1st, 2011

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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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 630.969.6490 fax  
 westmontlibrary@westmontlibrary.org

Don't forget!  
 Program registration is online at:  
 www.westmontlibrary.org

## Director's Column

By Christine Kuhn, Library Director

Delivery Service is the backbone of cooperative library services. It stretches the tax dollar by sharing books, DVDs, and other items between libraries. If you visit another library and check something out, you can return it to the Westmont Public Library and we will send it back for you. If you want an item sent to you from another library, you can request it and it is sent to Westmont so that you may check it out.

Without delivery services our patrons will need to do the driving themselves or use a consumer delivery service, such as the US Postal Service, to return items to distant

libraries. The current cost of the in-state service is less than 30 cents per item. In the last 9 months Westmont patrons received more than 20,000 items from other libraries, and State funding paid for it. Next year the cost will most likely come from local dollars, either by reducing programs and services elsewhere in the budget, or passing the cost along to the requesting patron.

In October, all Regional Library Systems in Illinois received a portion of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 funding, which will support SWAN and delivery service solidly through January 2011, and possibly

longer depending on future payments. All other System services and staff have been cut or spun off into member-funded entities.

Library systems are still owed \$3.7 million from the State of Illinois for FY2010 (July 2009–June 2010). The Illinois State Library has advised all systems to plan for the probability that the entire balance of the FY2010 funding may not arrive by December 31, 2010. Systems have not received any state funds for FY2011 (July 2010–June 2011) and may not receive payments in the future. (Written in part by Su Bochenski, MLS Director)

### 4th Monday Book Group

Join us on the fourth Monday of every month at 7:00PM as we discuss popular titles. Books are available for checkout at the Main Desk one month in advance.

**December 2010**  
*No meeting*

**January 24, 2011**  
*The Book Thief*, by Markus Zusak

**February 28, 2011**  
*Lady's Maid*, by Margaret Forster

### Big Read 2011: *Zeitoun* by David Eggers

Spring marks the beginning of another exciting year for the Big Read! This cooperative effort of 10 area libraries is in its seventh year and promises to be full of educational and entertaining programs. NEW this year- kids are invited to read the book, *A Place Where Hurricanes Happen*, by Renee Watson and enjoy their own unique programs and events. Look for program guides in the Library in February.