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Summer Read 2012: *Read S'More!*

This summer, the Westmont Public Library is thrilled to offer a summer reading program for Westmont residents of all ages. Look inside this newsletter for a complete listing of programs and special events, many of them with camping themes!

You can sign up for the program in the library beginning June 2nd. For more details, visit our website and click on the "Read S'More" link.

The reading program is designed to keep children reading all

summer and help avoid loss of reading and comprehension skills. The library offers educational programs and fun incentives for kids during the program. A Family Fun Carnival wraps up our summer of reading on Saturday, August 4th.

A participation prize is available for any adult who registers! Additionally, every book adults read earns a raffle ticket for one of six grand prizes! Look for the prize baskets on display beginning June 2.



Exotic Animals Coming Soon!

You won't want to miss this opportunity to see wild animals up close on Sunday, June 3 from 2:00-3:30pm! Meet a Canada Lynx, skunk, rabbit, snake, tortoise, kinkajou, Fennec Fox, alligator, and parrot!

To help kick off our summer reading program, we invited Animals for Awareness to give a special presentation that will focus on safety around animals (domestic and wild) and what makes a good pet. You will hear about the fascinating adaptations and quali-

ties of the nine animals that will be at the library!

Learn interesting facts such as why the Canada lynx has huge webbed paws and why alligators can retract their eyes into the top of their heads. Find out where each of the rescued animals came from and why they are so unique!

To register your family for this event, call 630.969.5625 or go online: www.westmontlibrary.org.



Recycle Your Paper at the Library!



Have you ever wondered what the green and yellow dumpster at the back of the library parking lot is for? It is a paper recycle bin that earns money for the library based on how much we collect!

We appreciate your old catalogs, magazines, newspapers,

and junk mail! You can show your support of the library and your commitment to keeping our planet clean by making us your paper recycling center! You never know, the next book you read could be made from your old catalog!

A special thank you for all of the residents who stop at our paper recycler when they visit the library. We appreciate you!

ONGOING PROGRAMS

YOUTH



Sunday Matinee

Ages 4 and up with a parent
2:00-4:00pm

June 10: *Yogi Bear* (PG)
July 1: *The Parent Trap* (PG)
July 22: *The Sandlot* (PG)
No registration is necessary.



Read with a Teen: Book Buddy Program

Mondays, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25, 7/9, 7/23,
20 minute slots beginning at 1:00pm
Ages 6-10 (Reading independently)

Book Buddies (teens) are paired with elementary-grade readers to help them become better at reading aloud. Young readers will be able sign up for 20 minute time slots with a Book Buddy. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Camper Craft Time (Drop-In)

Wednesdays, 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/11,
7/18, 7/25, 8/1
2:00-4:00pm, Ages 5-11

Our weekly drop-in crafts are always a favorite with grade school children and their parents! The library provides all the materials and an instruction sheet so children can create a craft independently. First come, first served basis for all materials. *No registration is necessary.*

Family LEGO Night

Thursdays, June 21, July 19, August 16
6:30-7:30pm, Ages 3 and up with a parent
Bring your imagination along and we will provide the LEGOs! Work on a LEGO creation with your family and see it displayed in the library. Check out our themes below and come ready to build and play! *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

June: Forest Animals
July: Camping
August: Robots

STORYTIMES

Pre-Reader Storytimes (Ages 4 & 5)

Tuesdays, June 5-July 31, 10:15am
Letter recognition, crafts, stories, and songs make this storytime for preschool age children a great way to build early literacy skills! *No registration is necessary.*

Baby & Toddler Storytimes (Ages 0-3)

Thursdays, June 7-August 2, 10:15am
Get ready for stories, songs, and interactive play! Young children and a caregiver will enjoy this special weekly time together while nurturing a love of reading. *No registration is necessary.*

Toddler & Me Playgroup

*Thursdays, 10:45-11:30am
Ages 0-3 with a caregiver
Bring your young children to a morning playtime in the library meeting room. Interact with other moms and caregivers while the kids play and eat snacks. *No registration is necessary.*
*Playgroup takes place only on storytime days.

Brunch Bunch (Grades K-2)

Wednesdays, June 6-August 1,
10:15-11:00am
Join us for tales of adventure and daring deeds. Listen to a story and enjoy a late breakfast! After the story everyone will have a chance to talk about the book and make a craft. *No registration is necessary.*



Board Games Now Available!

Looking for something to do? Come spend a rainy night at the library with your friends or family and use one of our many board games! We have a wide variety to choose from and you can play at one of the tables or in a study room. Simply visit the Youth Desk and show your library card to get the game of your choice. Stop by today and discover a new game or enjoy an old favorite!



NOTES 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. 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.*

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

PRESENTATIONS & MORE

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Pamper your Piggies

Wednesday, June 13, 6:30-8:00pm

Ages 8-12

Have the best looking piggies on the block! Make your own foot scrub and take it home in a fancy jar. You will also decorate and take home a pair of flip flops. Finish off your home pedicure with a coat of new polish that will go home with you. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Chocolate Challenge

Saturday, June 16, 1:00-2:30pm

Ages 8-12

Get ready for another afternoon of games, challenges, and gross fun all involving chocolate and related to the summer read theme, Read S'more! *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Great American Backyard Campout

Saturday, June 23, 2:00-3:00pm

Ages 6-10 with a parent

Come celebrate the great outdoors! Plan to spend the night camping in your backyard, but come to the library first. We will decorate a nature journal to keep track of your outdoor experiences, make trail mix, and other fun activities! *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Delicious Wild Food Delicacies

Saturday, June 30, 2:00-3:00pm

Ages 6-11

Learn about freaky, funky, favorite foods eaten by people as well as many other animals including snakes, spiders, turtles, worms, bats, birds, and more! Stories and songs included! Meet live animals that are the real stars of the show! *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Friday Game Night

Friday, July 27, 6:30-8:00pm

All Ages with a Caregiver

Bring the family to a unique evening of retro indoor and outdoor games! Kids will learn about and experience old fashioned games enjoyed by their parents and grandparents. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Family Storytime: Back to School

Tuesday, August 14, 6:30-8:00pm

Ages 4 and up with a parent

Help your child get excited for school with this family event that includes stories, music, and a special craft project they will be able to use during the fall. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

HTFBOOK

TEENS

Thai String Dolls

Monday, June 18, 2:00-3:00pm

Ages 12-18

Create the latest craft craze- Thai String Dolls! After making the 3" doll, you will be able to give it personality and style using a variety of craft items. Whether your style is more Lola the Librarian, a Ninja, or a monster with a heart, we will have the supplies and pictures to duplicate or create a new one all on your own. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

All Wrapped Up Bracelet Craft

Monday, July 9, 2:00-3:00pm

Ages 12-18

Let your inner creativity come out! Make a bracelet that shows your unique style using leather, beads, and other jewelry supplies. All of your friends will be impressed with your artistic ability! *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Spa Night Without the Splurge

Thursday, August 2, 7:00-8:00pm

Ages 12-18

Want the benefits of going to the spa without the cost? Join us to learn how to make beauty treatments for your face, hair and body with ingredients found at home. The evening includes making a treatment to take home in a decorated container as well as recipes for many more to make at home. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

TeenTeam: Volunteers Needed this Summer!

We are looking for teen volunteers to help with our summer reading program! Teens entering grades 7-12 may sign up to help with our youth programs, work at the summer read desk, or as a book buddy listening to younger children read.

TeenTeam volunteers are required to work a minimum of 10 hours throughout the summer. Our TeenTeam volunteer coordinator may assign additional hours to those who make themselves available.

Pick up an application for teen volunteer service at the library or download it on our website under the *Teen* tab. Everyone who volunteers will get a free t-shirt!

PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

Terry Andrew Concert

Sunday, June 24, 2:00-3:00pm

This audience-interactive concert with pianist Terry Andrew features a variety of musical styles including the great jazz standards, blues, latin, dixieland, and rock-and-roll. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Evening with the Fab Four: The Beatles in the Seventies

Tuesday, July 10, 7:00-8:30pm

This presentation depicts the bitter break-up and subsequent efforts by all four ex-bandmates to establish their individual identities while laboring under the giant shadow of their collective past. Rare interviews, concert and promo clips, as well as film and comedy sketches are included in the documentary. A Q & A session will follow the film. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

eBay 101-Selling Basics

Tuesday, July 31, 7:00-8:30pm

Ready to make money selling your "stuff" on eBay? Plan to attend this fun & informative program by instructor Jack Waddick. Sit back and let Jack walk you through the keys to successful eBay selling. This lively session will include real time demos and plenty of time for your questions. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

The Lore and Lure of Spices Monday, August 20, 7:00-8:30pm

Throughout time, man's destiny has been shaped by the search for the elusive spices coveted by nobility and royalty. The history of the spice trade reveals fascinating tales of piracy, adventures and wars battled to control the spice trade. Patty and Tom Erd from The Spice House have spent their lives as spice merchants in pursuit of the highest quality spices from locations all over the globe. They will share interesting historical facts, anecdotes and entertaining tales! All attendees will bring home a bag of spices from their shop! *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

COMPUTER CLASSES

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 630.969.5625 ext. 5.

Beginner Classes

For those with little or no previous computer knowledge.

Intro to Computers

Wednesday, June 6, 6:30-8:30pm

Learn about the main parts of a computer, common devices, storage, and software.

Internet Basics

Wednesday, June 20, 6:30-8:30pm

Find out about web pages, hyperlinks, searching online and printing from a website.

Email for Beginners

Wednesday, August 15, 6:30-8:30pm

Use email to confidently communicate after taking this introductory course that uses Yahoo Mail as an example.

Excel 2010 for Beginners

Wednesday, July 11, 6:30-8:30pm

Learn basic formatting and editing in Excel along with keyboard shortcuts, formulas, and charts.

Microsoft Word 2010 for Beginners

Wednesday, August 22, 6:30-8:30pm

Practice creating and saving documents, moving text, plus several useful keyboard shortcuts.

Intermediate Classes

For those with previous computer experience.

If you are not familiar with computer applications and programs, try a beginner class first.

Intermediate Computers

Tuesday, June 12, 6:30-8:30pm

Intermediate Internet

Tuesday, June 26, 6:30-8:30pm

Intermediate Excel 2010

Wednesday, July 18, 6:30-8:30pm

Excel Graphs & Charts

Wednesday, July 25, 6:30-8:30pm

Intermediate Microsoft Word 2010

Tuesday, August 28, 6:30-8:30pm

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ONGOING PROGRAMS

ADULTS

NEW! Creative Craft Club

Mondays: 6/4, 7/2, 8/6, 1:00-3:00pm
Join local seniors as we explore various craft projects together! Westmont resident, Fran Meyer, will lead this group which meets once a month. Beginning crafters are welcome! Donations are appreciated to help cover material costs. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

4th Monday Book Group

Mondays: 6/25, 7/23, 8/27, 7:00pm
Join in the discussion of popular titles and share your thoughts and opinions! This group is led by a different member each month. Books are available for checkout at the Main Desk one month in advance. *No registration is necessary.*

NEW! Afternoon Film Screenings

Mondays from 1:00-3:00pm
June 11: *Iron Lady, PG-13*
July 16: *The Vow, PG-13*
August 13: *Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows, PG-13*
To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.

Knit Clique

Tuesdays: 6/5, 7/3, 8/7, 6:30-8:30pm
Grab your yarn and needles and we'll sit, knit, and compare projects. If you have never knitted before, there is room for you too! We will teach you the basics! *No registration is necessary.*

Writers' Group

Thursdays: 6/14, 6/28, 7/12, 7/26, 8/9, 8/23, 7:00pm
This interactive group meets on the second and fourth Thursday of the month and is for adults interested in venturing into the world of publishing. Members bring in original writing for feedback from the group. Writers of all genres are welcome! *No registration is necessary.*

English Conversation Group

Saturdays: 6/9, 6/23, 7/14, 7/28, 8/11, 8/25, 10:00am-12:00pm
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! Co-sponsored by Literacy DuPage. *No registration is necessary.*

SUMMER FITNESS CAMP

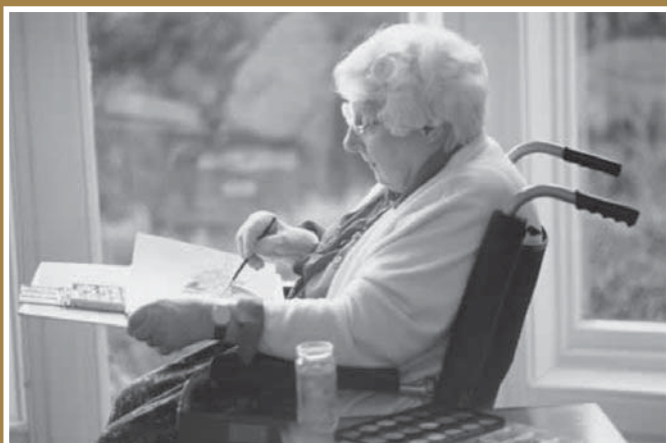


Belly Dancing Class

Monday, June 18, 7:00-8:00pm
An instructor from Westmont's Expression Dance Studio will teach this strength-building and exciting dance form. Designed for women of all ages, body types, and sizes, this class will teach you the basic moves and steps to build strength and endurance! Wear comfortable clothing and soft flexible shoes! *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Zumba Class

Monday, July 16, 7:00-8:00pm
Zumba combines high energy and motivating music with unique moves and combinations based on the principle that a workout should be fun and easy to do! Zumba is a fusion of Latin and International music based on meringue, salsa, reggaeton, bellydance, hiphop and more! Wear comfortable, form-fitting clothing and athletic shoes. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*



Connecting to Those with Memory Loss
Wednesday, August 8, 7:00-8:00pm
Do you love someone who is challenged by Alzheimer's or dementia? Do you put off visiting due to difficulties with a social connection? This presentation explores the use of art as a visit activity. Art and creativity can act as a bridge for interpersonal communication. When done in dyads or small groups, it connects people in ways that verbal conversation alone cannot. Come learn simple activities that facilitate a social bond, stimulate memories, and enhance emotional well-being. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*



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

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Director's Column

by Christine Kuhn

Let's Hear It for this year's volunteers!

Noreen Altier, Virginia Cizek, Erin Gullotto, Marie James, Marilyn Miklos, Nancy Mariani, Michelle Martin, Pam Quednau, LiaRubino, Kelly Smythe, Dolores Spring, Mary Stangley, and Annette Strickland.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Marilyn Miklos at 630.969.5625 ext 8.

Hoo-Rah for Teen Team!

Amanda Abraham, Sam Asa, Molly Awalt, Anna Barclay, Daniel Bernard, Amogh Bhoopalam, Kelly Boyd, Cortney Brent, Trevor Brown, Austin Browne, Rachel Chen, Kevin Chiang, Karina Cruz, Melanie, Paige Doioi, Yuan Dong, Natalie Espinoza, Emily Ewin, Adam Fleck, Mag Fredericks, Morgan Golias,

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Want to join Teen Team? Contact Jack Schultz at 630.969.5625 ext 5.

Future Favorites: New Book Releases

Beautiful Sacrifice by Elizabeth Lowell
Dream New Dreams: Reimagining My Life After Loss by Jai Pausch
The Far Side of the Sky by Daniel Kalla
Hellbox by Bill Pronzini
Judgment Call by J A Jance
Kill You Twice by Chelsea Cain
Line of Fire by Stephen White

Overseas by Beatriz Williams
A Place in the Country by Elizabeth Adler
The Paris Directive by Gerald Jay
The Stone Cutter by Camilla Lackberg
The St. Zita Society by Ruth Rendell
Tiger's Claw by Dale Brown
Wife 22 by Melanie Gideon