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The Lino-cuts of Kathryn Bradford Dyer

at Westmont Public Library



Experience the work of a master, Kathryn Bradford Dyer, maker and printer of lino-cuts (wood cuts).

Walk through a gallery of lino-cuts by an artist whose oils and watercolors are in the permanent collections of the New York

Metropolitan Museum, the Art Institute of Chicago and many other museums of fine art. Her lino-cut prints are being shown for the first time here at WPL.

As part of the exhibit, young people will have the opportunity to make and print a unique piece of art.

The exhibit opens on Sunday, September 16 at 1:00pm and will run through October 16th.

For more on the life and art of Kathryn Bradford Dyer, visit: <http://kathryndyerart.com/>.

Mark your Calendar: Fall Craft Days

Get your creative juices flowing when you attend one of our fall craft classes! Events are for people of all skill levels and can be enjoyed by a variety of ages.

Creative Craft Club meets on the first Monday of the month and is open to adults who want to try a variety of different artistic and creative projects. See page 5 for dates and times.

Make a Mini Lampshade with

craft teacher Jean Cieithami. All materials are provided and best of all, it is free! See page 5 for dates and times.

Halloween Drop-in Craft will be full of ghoulish fun for kids and parents as we make fun crafts to display during the fall season. See page 2 for dates and times.



Future Fiction: Fall Book Releases

Angels at the Table
by Debbie Macomber

The Black Box
by Michael Connelly

The Bone Bed
by Patricia Cornwell

The Bridge by Karen Kingsbury

The Casual Vacancy
by J. K. Rowling

Collateral by Ellen Hopkins

Dying to Read
by Lorena McCourtney

The Giving Quilt
by Jennifer Chiaverini

Lost Night by Jayne Castle

Low Pressure by Sandra Brown

A Perfect Hope by Nora Roberts

The Uncommon Appeal of Clouds by Alexander McCall

Smith

-2- Preschool Programs (Ages 0-6)



Parent Workshop & Kid's Storytime Sunday, September 9, 2:00-3:00pm

Parents are invited to see a demonstration of hands-on learning activities that you can do with your children using household items. While parents are in the workshop, children can participate in a storytime. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Autumn Art Class (Ages 3-6) Sunday, October 7, 2:00-3:00pm

Try out basic art concepts, practice new skills, and have lots of fun! Wear clothes you can get messy! *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Halloween Craft Day (Ages 3 and up) Sunday, October 21, 2:00-3:00pm

Calling all ghosts and goblins to drop-in at the library for an afternoon of spooky crafts! *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Thanksgiving Tales & Treats (Ages 3 and up)

Monday, November 19, 6:30-8:00pm
Bring your little pilgrims and Indians to this event that includes stories, music, and a special craft project they will be able to use on Thanksgiving. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

STORYTIMES

Pre-Reader Storytime (Ages 4 & 5)
Tuesdays, Sept. 11-Nov. 27, 10:15am
Letter recognition, crafts, stories, and songs make this storytime a great way to build early literacy skills! *No registration is necessary.*

Baby & Toddler Storytime (Ages 0-3)
Wednesdays & Thursdays
Sept. 12-Nov. 29, 10:15am
Get ready for stories, songs, and interactive play! Children and a caregiver will enjoy this special time together while nurturing a love of reading. *No registration is necessary.*

Toddler & Me Playgroup
*Wednesdays & Thursdays
10:45-11:30am
Interact with other moms and caregivers while the kids play and eat snacks. *No registration is necessary.*
*Playgroup takes place on storytime days.

Bilingual Storytime (Ages 0-5)
Mondays, 10:15am
9/10, 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/12, 11/26
This storytime is conducted in Spanish and English with an emphasis on basic vocabulary and phrasing. *No registration is necessary.*

YOUTH

Family Programs

Family LEGO Night

Third Thursdays, 6:30-7:30pm
Ages 3 and up with a caregiver
Bring your imagination along and we will provide the LEGOs! Check out our themes below and come ready to build and play!
To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.

September 20: Superheroes
October 18: Cartoons
November 15: Pets

Macaroni Soup Concert Saturday, September 8, 10:30-11:30am

All Ages with a caregiver
Come see this live show and hear some of our favorite songs from storytime! Miss Carole will show preschoolers and their parents why her music gets everyone wiggling and giggling, hopping and stomping, and singing along!

Sponsored by Friends of WPL



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.*

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Grade School Programs (Ages 7-11)

Game Design Club

Tuesdays, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 3:30-5:00pm

Create your own video game using MIT's game design program, Scratch. This club will meet for four weeks and will take you through the steps of designing your first Scratch video game. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Mark of Athena Book Release Party

Saturday, September 29, 1:30-3:30pm
Join us for games to show your skills, mythology trivia, and a snack feast fit for the gods. Two *Heroes of Olympus* water bottles will be given away! *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Reader's Theatre

Thursday, October 4, 4:00-8:00pm
Come show your theatrical side! Spend the afternoon reading over (no memorization!) the scripts we are using, eat dinner at the library, and then astound your family and friends with your performance at 7pm. The performance is open to the public. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

TEENS

Henna Art Workshop

Wednesday, September 5, 7:00-8:00pm
Experience the ever popular trend of Henna Body Art. Learn the basics from a Henna artist and then create beautiful designs by yourself! A signed permission slip is required for participation. Please pick up a slip or print one from our website.

Hunger Games Movie

Saturday, September 15, 1:30-3:30pm
Watch Katniss, Peeta, and Gale fight for survival. Refreshments won't drop from the ceiling by parachute but we will be serving popcorn and drinks.

Zombiepaloosa

Sunday, October 14, 2:00-4:00pm
Want to be a zombie? Bring clothes that can be cut up to create your own unique zombie costume. Add some scary make up, learn the steps to "Thriller", make green slime. Brain food will be provided.

Children's Mystery Workshop

Saturday, October 20, 1:00-3:00pm
Our event starts with a short play, presented by professional actors. After the play children work in teams to solve a mystery by deciphering riddles, puzzles and coded messages. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Create Your Own Graphic Novel

Saturday, October 27, 2:00-3:30pm
Are you into graphic novels? Do you like to draw? Do you have ideas for a story? WPL has a program for you! You will get to write your own story as a group and then illustrate it! Everyone leaves with their very own individualized book. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

National Gaming Day with Fair Game

Saturday, November 10, 1:00-4:00pm
Sick of Monopoly and Candyland? Let the people of the Fair Game store show you some great new games to play. Join the Westmont Library and Fair Game as we try some of the best designer games on the block. *No registration is required.*

Science Saturday

Saturday, November 17, 1:00-2:30pm
Come and experience a color explosion as we do hands-on experiments using and mixing colors! *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Twilight Farewell/Good Riddance Party

Tuesday, November 13, 6:30-8:30pm
Celebrate the release of *Breaking Dawn Part 2* and the series that introduced us to sparkly vampires, overly warm wolf-boys, and a heroine caught in one of the strangest inter-species love triangles in popular literature. Play games, eat snacks, and reminisce about the best and worst moments of the Twilight Saga and movie adaptations.

NEW! Babysitter's Club

4:00-5:00pm, Ages 10 and up
Be the best babysitter on the block! Join us once a month for this FREE program.
9/17: Fun with Food! Learn about snacks that are as fun to make as they are to eat.
10/15: Games to end the Grumbles! Get ideas about fun games for kids of all ages.
11/19: Go Bonkers with Books! We will have great book ideas and suggestion as well as fun ways to present them to the children.

All programs require registration. Call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org to save your spot!

COMPUTER CLASSES



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Computer classes are offered for a variety of skill levels. A non-refundable \$5 fee per person, per class is due at the Main Desk upon registration. Online registration is not available. Please direct further questions to the Adult Help Desk at 630.969.5625 ext. 5.

Computer Basics I

Monday, September 10, 6:30-8:30pm

Tuesday, October 23, 6:30-8:30pm

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

Computer Basics II

Tuesday, September 11, 6:30-8:30pm

This class provides further instruction on using basic computer programs and applications.

Internet Basics I

Monday, October 1, 6:30-8:30pm

Wednesday, November 7, 6:30-8:30pm

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

Internet Basics II

Tuesday, October 2, 6:30-8:30pm

Learn slightly more advanced search strategies and how to use menu bars and tools.

PowerPoint Basics I

Wednesday, October 17, 6:30-8:30pm

Discover how to create presentations, work with existing slideshows, format slides, and inserting text and images.

PowerPoint Basics II

Wednesday, October 24, 6:30-8:30pm

Further instruction on using PowerPoint is provided including, how to animate objects, use slide transitions as well as how to print and present a slideshow.

Microsoft Word 2010 Basics I

Monday, October 8, 6:30-8:30pm

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

Microsoft Word 2010 Basics II

Tuesday, October 9, 6:30-8:30pm

Building on the skills learned in Microsoft Word 2010 Basics I, you will learn more shortcuts, how to use templates, and much more.

Excel 2010 Basics I

Thursday, November 1, 6:30-8:30pm

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

Excel 2010 Basics II

Thursday, November 8, 6:30-8:30pm

Get more practice working in Excel and using various tools within the program.

Excel Graphs & Charts

Tuesday, November 27, 6:30-8:30pm

Learn how to visually represent data within spreadsheets.

Email Basics

Wednesday, September 26, 6:30-8:30pm

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

ADULTS

SUGGESTED BY YOU!



Facebook for Beginners
Wednesday, October 10,
7:00-8:30pm

Join us for a hands-on exploration of Facebook and its basic features. Learn how to share, connect, and change settings so you can get the most out of the social network. Come armed with a Facebook account and questions. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Register to VOTE at the Library!

If you live in Illinois and will be 18 by election day we can register you to vote! Bring two pieces of identification, one with your current address. If you are a naturalized citizen, we need to know the city, state, and date you were naturalized. The League of Women Voters will be here to help register people on the following days: Saturday, September 29th and Saturday, October 6 from 10:30am-2:30pm.



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WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

ADULTS

4th Monday Book Group

Mondays: 9/24, 10/22, 11/26, 7:00pm

Join in the discussion of popular titles and share your thoughts and opinions! Books are available for checkout at the Main Desk one month in advance. *No registration is necessary.*

Creative Craft Club

Mondays: 9/10, 10/1, 11/5, 1:00-3:00pm

Explore various craft projects with Westmont resident and group leader, Fran Meyer. Beginning crafters are welcome! Donations are appreciated. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Knit Clique

Tuesdays: 9/4, 10/2, 11/6, 6:30-8:30pm

Grab yarn & needles, or use ours. We'll teach the basics, knit, chat, compare and maybe knit for charity. *No registration is necessary.*

Writers' Group

Thursdays: 9/13, 9/27, 10/11, 10/25, 11/8 7:00-8:30pm

This interactive group is for adults interested in venturing into the world of publishing. Members bring in original writing for feedback from the group. *No registration is necessary.*

English Conversation Group

Saturdays: 9/8, 9/22, 10/13, 10/27, 11/10, 11/24, 10:00am-12:00pm

This informal and friendly conversation group is for all adult English learners. Join us as we improve our verbal English skills! Co-sponsored by Literacy DuPage. *No registration is necessary.*

The Borden Murders

Tuesday, September 25, 7:00-8:30pm

Ed Dzialo, Chicago actor, shares the details of the unsolved 1892 double murders of Andrew and Abby Borden and paints a fascinating picture of Lizzie Borden both before and after the murders that made her so infamous. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Breast Cancer Awareness Panel

Wednesday, October 3, 7:00-8:00pm

Join us for a panel discussion on Women's Health with a focus on breast cancer and ovarian cancer. The speakers will dispell myths surrounding these types of cancer. Includes a Q & A session. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Mini Lampshade Craft

Monday, October 29, 7:00-8:00pm

Join Jean Cieithami, craft teacher extraordinaire, and make a lampshade for a tea light candle lamp. You will be using a variety of craft tools to create your own unique design and let the light shine! All materials will be provided. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

The Pilgrims and the First Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 14, 7:00-8:30pm

Learn about the origins of our Thanksgiving traditions with speaker, Nancy McCully, as we visit Plimoth Plantation to uncover the true story of the Pilgrims. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

COOKING & FITNESS

Lunch Box Lessons

Wednesday, September 19, 7:00-8:30pm

Learn tips for easy, greener lunches with inspiring product information to ensure fruits and veggies will be a hit. Ideas, recipes, and time-saving tips will help you make waste-free lunches! A free tasting is included! *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Spanish Tapas with Chef Emilio

Monday, October 15, 7:00-8:30pm

Explore Spanish cuisine for Hispanic Heritage Month with renowned chef Emilio Gervilla. Watch him whip up something delicious as he discusses Spanish culture. A free tasting is included! *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Zumba Class

Monday, 9/17, 10/22, 11/12, 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! Wear comfortable, form-fitting clothing and athletic shoes. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Chair Yoga

Sunday, September 23, 2:00-3:00pm

Try this gentle form of yoga practiced sitting in a chair. The class is beneficial for those with physical limitations. Muscle isolation and joint action are promoted for overall mind and body wellness. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*



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Sunday, September 2
Monday, September 3
Wednesday, November 21 at 5:00pm
Thursday, November 22

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Library Hours:

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| Monday-Thursday | 10am-9pm |
| Friday-Saturday | 10am-5pm |
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2011-2012 Year in Review
by Christine Kuhn

The Budget: *unaudited figures
Property Tax \$1,709,835 (3.2% LESS than prior year)
Replacement Tax \$10,135
Desk Revenue (includes donations): \$51,681
Total Revenue: \$1,771,651

Collection: \$260,415 (\$1 per item checked out)
Staff: \$984,640 (\$6.11 per visit)
General Operating: \$279,408
Building Maintenance & Improvements: \$146,369
Loan Payment: \$112,000
"Savings:" \$9,421
Total Expenses: \$1,771,651

The Numbers

161,165 visits to the library
71,327 visits to the website
258,493 items checked out of WPL
335,103 items checked out by Westmont patrons
141,508 items in the collection, including digital downloads
10,186 people attended 489 programs

The Accomplishments

Joined Media on Demand, increasing the digital collection from 6,750 to 17,000
Introduced Early Literacy Kits and had to double collection almost immediately!
Increased classroom and community visits

Expanded Computer Classes
Museum Pass Program to November 2012
Completed major repair and upgrade to front plaza, with only one day closed
Upgraded public computers and computer use area

I extend a HUGE apology to the 2011 volunteers whose names were misspelled in the Summer newsletter. Paige Dold, Melanie Daubaraus, Ana Higgins, Eliana O'Malley, Logan Raschdorf & Leigha Ryan

And I invite everyone to thank the volunteers for Summer Read 2012 Read S'More:

Abbas Tayebali, Ajay Rao, Allison Casey, Jackson Allen, Andrew Zhao, Apella Thompson, Damani White, Emma Venetis, Farozan Ahmed, Hannah Slattery, Hope Zastrow, Jasper Balagtas, Katie Rosol, Kevin Chiang, Kyle Nevling, Kyler Ford, Lanya Augusthy, Lauren Lambert, Manoj Kurapati, Matthew Durek, Maxwell Rong, Michael Kallal, Mira Marchioretto, Morgan Golias, Nicki Duran, Olivia Russo, Paige Dold, Sareeha Ahmed, Staci Mack, and Trevor Brown.