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Winter Read: Candy Land!

Help us keep families reading this winter! Support our program by participating in a variety of events and reading adventures during your holiday break!

Starting December 17, you can sign up as a family and receive your Candy Land game board in the library. When you complete the game, your family will earn a



reward! The program is open to Westmont residents.

Join us for a few fun family events this winter! Our holiday coloring contest begins November 24 and ends on December 15. We have a fun after-hours evening of playing a life size version of the game Candy Land! The night ends with delicious candy topped sundaes! See page 2 for details.

Look for us in *Neighbors of Westmont Magazine*

We are excited to announce a new way for you to get library news!

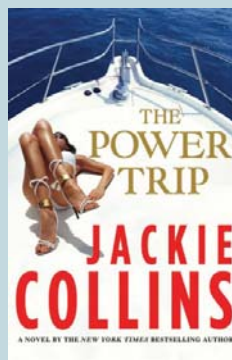
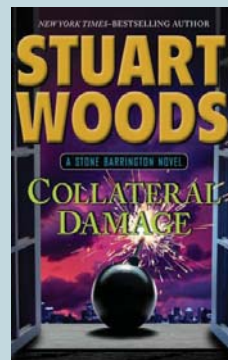
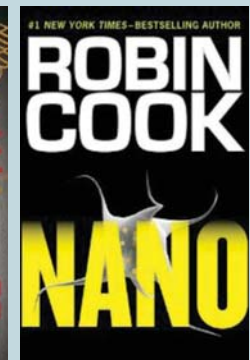
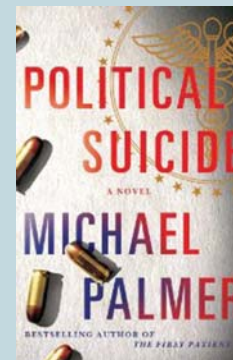
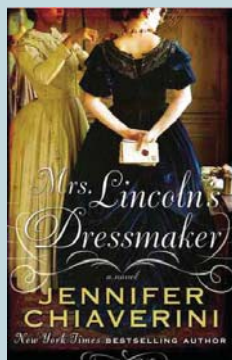
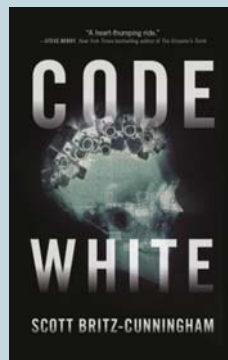
The Neighbors of Westmont magazine will soon be delivered to your doorstep with loads of community information, including two pages dedicated to Westmont Public Library news and events!

Expect us to highlight ser-

vices and resources that we offer along with great tips and tricks for getting the most out of your library!

You will still receive a quarterly copy of The Explorer, your guide to upcoming events and programs, now produced in full color at a substantial cost savings.

Upcoming Winter Book Releases



-2- Preschool Programs (Ages 3-6)

Snowy Celebration

Sunday, December 2, 2:00-3:30pm

Spend the afternoon with stories, songs, and an indoor snowball fight! Kids and their parents will enjoy celebrating together as we welcome the winter weather. Musician Anna Stange will delight us with her lively music and get everyone into the holiday spirit! *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Art4Preschoolers

Sunday, January 13, 2:00-3:00pm



Little ones and their caregivers will enjoy this winter-themed afternoon of artistic exploration and make art projects to take home! Practice using different mediums that will spark your creativity. Be sure to wear clothing you can get messy! *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

STORYTIMES

For more information on storytimes, visit our website and click on *Events & Programs*. *Storytimes do not require registration!*

ALL STORYTIMES BEGIN AT 10:15AM

Bilingual Storytime (Ages 0-5)

Mondays: 12/10, 1/21, 2/11, 2/25

Pre-Reader Storytime (Ages 4 & 5)

Tuesdays through December 11 and resuming on January 22nd

Baby & Toddler Storytime (Ages 0-3)

Wednesdays & Thursdays through December 13 and resuming on January 23rd

Toddler & Me Playgroup

Wednesdays & Thursdays after storytime from 10:45-11:30am

YOUTH

Family Events

Adventures in Candy Land!

Friday, January 4, 6:00-8:00pm

Ages 3 and up with a caregiver

Play a life-sized version of Candy Land while staff guide you through the building to see who will make it to the Candy Castle and who will end up stuck in the Molasses Swamp! After the game, everyone is invited to enjoy a candy topped sundae! *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Brave Movie Showing

Friday, December 28, 10:30am-12:00pm

All ages with a caregiver

What better way to recover from the hustle and bustle of the holidays than to come to the library and enjoy a FREE family movie? Join us for popcorn and a special showing of this newly released hit! *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*



Stolie in Concert!

Monday, January 21,

6:00-7:00pm

All ages with a caregiver

Kids will love this fun, interactive concert with children's singer Super Stolie!

Kickoff a new session of storytimes with music and play! *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Sponsored by the Friends of WPL



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! Come ready to build and play!

December 20: Winter Wonderland

January 17: Space Race

February 21: Under Sea Adventure

To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.

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.*

Grade School Programs (Ages 7-11)

All programs require advance registration unless otherwise noted. To save your spot, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.

Holiday Gift Crafts

Saturday, December 8, 2:00-4:00pm

Let your children experience the joy of creating their own gifts for the holidays. WPL will provide the materials so kids can create multiple craft items to use for holiday gift giving.

Gingerbread Cookie Decorating

Sunday, December 16, 2:00-4:00pm



Delicious cookies are waiting for your finishing touches! The library will provide cookies along with frosting, sprinkles, and candies so each person can take home a tasty gingerbread treat!

Card Collector's Game Club

Thursdays, 12/6, 1/3, 2/7, 4:00-5:30pm

Do you play Yu-Gi-Oh, Pokemon, Bakugan, Magic, or other card games? Would you like to play games and trade with other kids your age? Then join us every month to have fun with friends! *No registration necessary!*

Video Game Design Club

Thursdays, 1/10 & 1/24, 2/14 & 2/28

4:00-5:30pm

Create your own video game using MIT's game design program, Scratch. This club will meet twice a month and will take you through the steps of designing a Scratch video game.

Eureka Science presents:

The Big Chill!

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



In this program you'll learn how some very ordinary materials behave in very extraordinary ways when subjected to super-cold temperatures. Watch in amazement as Dr. Friedman teaches us all about the frigid cold! Ice cream will be served at the end of the program!

LEGOLAND presents: Bridge Building

Monday, February 18, 1:00-2:00pm

Become a bridge building architect at this special event taught by a LEGOLAND expert! Participants will work in teams to design and then test their team's LEGO bridge and see if it can withstand the weight of additional objects.

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YOUTH

Teen Decorating Days

Saturday, December 1, 12:00-2:00pm

Saturday, February 2, 12:00-2:00pm

Have a flair for arts and crafts? Join us as we turn the Youth Services floor into a Winter Wonderland! *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Nail Art

Thursday, December 6, 7:00-8:00pm



Take your manicure to the next level with our tips and tricks for gorgeous manis! Why just polish your nails when they can be works of art? *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Finals Study Night

Monday, December 17, 6:00-8:30pm

Study space + snacks + coffee + hot chocolate = a fun, productive finals study night at the library! Call ahead (630-969-5625) to reserve a group study room or hang out in the meeting room with fellow students! *No registration necessary!*

Teen Movie Night

Thursday, January 3, 6:30-8:30pm

Start out the new year with a "teens only" viewing of *Snow White & the Huntsman*. Popcorn will be provided. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*



Jewelry Making

Monday, January 14, 4:00-5:00pm

Need more accessories to help complete your outfits? Learn how to make jewelry out of things you would never have imagined and impress all your friends with your creative talent! *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Memory Box Craft

Saturday, February 2, 2:00-3:00pm

Stay after Decorating Day to create a one of a kind memory box to save your precious items (maybe even the jewelry you made last month!). *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

TEEN

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, December 3, 6:30-8:30pm

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

Computer Basics II

Tuesday, December 4, 6:30-8:30pm

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

Internet Basics I

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

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

Internet Basics II

Wednesday, December 19, 6:30-8:30pm

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

PowerPoint Basics I

Monday, February 4, 6:30-8:30pm

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

PowerPoint Basics II

Wednesday, February 6, 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, January 28, 6:30-8:30pm

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

Microsoft Word 2010 Basics II

Wednesday, January 30, 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

Monday, January 7, 6:30-8:30pm

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

Excel 2010 Basics II

Tuesday, January 8, 6:30-8:30pm

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

Excel Graphs & Charts

Wednesday, January 16, 6:30-8:30pm

Learn how to visually represent data within spreadsheets.

Email Basics

Monday, January 14, 6:30-8:30pm

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

ADULTS

FINANCE & TECHNOLOGY

Roaming Librarians

Dec. 14, 5:30-7:30pm, Brewed Awakening

Jan. 12, 9:00-11:00am, Panera Bread on Ogden

Keep an eye out for us this winter at some of your favorite local cafes and wifi hotspots. Librarians will answer your questions about ebooks and demonstrate downloadable checkouts. Check our website for future locations and updates: www.westmontlibrary.org.

Library Resources for Job Seekers

Wednesday, January 16, 10:30am-12:00pm

Let our staff show you a wealth of resources available right here at WPL including books, online databases, and an interactive tutorial creating a resume in Microsoft Word. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

eBay Selling: Beyond the Basics

Tuesday, January 29, 7:00-8:00pm

Learn advanced selling tools, tips, and strategies used by many of eBay's top sellers. This session will cover selling internationally, sourcing products on and off eBay, managing and tracking your sales and more. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Money Matters Class

Wednesday, February 20, 7:00-8:30pm

Presented by Hinsdale Bank & Trust, this class will teach participants how to manage money by preparing a personal spending plan and identifying ways to decrease spending and increase income. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

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WORKSHOPS & CLASSES

ADULTS

4th Monday Book Group

Mondays: 1/28, 2/25, 7:00pm
Share your thoughts and opinions of popular titles! Books are available for checkout one month in advance.

Knit Clique

Tuesdays: 12/4, 2/5, 6:30-8:30pm
Grab yarn and needles, or use ours. We'll teach the basics, knit, chat, compare, and maybe knit for charity.

Writers' Group

Thursdays: 12/13, 1/10, 1/24, 2/14, 2/28, 7:00-8:30pm
This interactive group is for adults interested in getting feedback from their peers on original writing.

English Conversation Group

Saturdays: 12/8, 12/22, 1/12, 1/26, 2/9, 2/23, 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.

Self Publishing on Amazon

Thursday, February 7, 7:00-8:30pm
This informative slide presentation depicts the step-by-step process of publishing a book through Amazon's self-publishing division, CreateSpace.
To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.

HOLIDAY THEMED PROGRAMS!

To register for an event, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.

Winter Wreath Craft

Wednesday, December 5, 6:30-8:30pm
Design and create a stunning winter-themed grapevine wreath perfect for displaying or giving as a gift! Learn tips for sprucing up your holiday decor from local expert, Paul Elias.

Bill & Kate Isles Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 9, 2:00-3:00pm
Minnesota based folk duo Bill and Kate Isles perform a cozy concert of favorite Christmas melodies. Visit www.billisles.com for more on these nationally touring performers. *Sponsored by the Friends of the WPL.*

Holiday Gift Wrap Helper

Wednesday, December 12, 7:00-8:30pm
Make custom wrapping paper, holiday cards, and gift tags for all your holiday gift giving! Drop in anytime after 7:00pm and the library will supply materials and templates for the crafts.

A Glimpse into Chinese Culture: Celebrating the Year of the Snake

Sunday, February 10, 2:00pm
Join us on the first day of Chinese New Year for a tea tasting, tea treats, and a lecture that will draw you into this ancient culture. Presented by Shen Yun Show Chicago, a non-profit organization with the goal to revive traditional Chinese Culture.

COOKING & FITNESS

Eating Well on a Budget

Wednesday, January 9, 7:00-8:30pm
Local nutritionist, Dana Strohmaier, will give us tips on purchasing the best foods for our bodies without breaking the bank! *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Walk Live at the Library

Thursday, January 31, 7:00-8:00pm
In this 50 minute class, we will work muscles not normally used in outdoor walking, keep a consistently brisk pace, and add strength training for a full body workout! By the end, you will have walked the equivalent of 3 miles! All shapes, sizes and fitness levels are welcome! *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Vegetarian Nutrition Class

Wednesday, February 13, 7:00-8:30pm
Come hear about switching to a vegetarian or vegan diet. We'll talk about issues in nutrition including non-GMO and gluten free, fresh vs. processed, and cooked vs. raw. A free veggie snack is included! *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Zumba Class

Wednesday, 1/23, 2/27, 7:00-8:00pm
Zumba combines high energy music with unique moves and combinations based on the principle that a workout should be fun! Wear comfortable, form-fitting clothing and athletic shoes. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*



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The Library Celebrates Years of Service
 by Christine Kuhn

Let's flash back to 1925 when Everett Lincoln Meservey started the first library collection in Westmont. He personally went door-to-door and collected books and a 25-cent monthly. These books were kept in the Community Press Building.

During the 1930's WPA (Works Progress Administration) funds were received to expand the library and it was moved to the Hoffman Building. Mrs. Velma Evans became the first librarian.

Now let's move forward to 1943 when the Village, in the midst of World War II rationing, voted to support the library with tax revenues and the first Library Board was elected. Mr. C.E. Miller was the first President of this Board, and the library was located at 22 W. Burlington.

Take another big step forward in time to 1959 when the American Legion Post 338 donated land next to Memorial Park at Richmond and Linden Streets and the voters passed the bond issue for the building.

The new library building was opened in 1960 with Mrs. Dwight Townsend as librarian. The Francis S. Maier Children's Wing was added in 1971. Westmont continued to grow rapidly and more residents needed better library service.

When space became inadequate for the demands of residents, a period of study and consideration of current and future library needs resulted in a plan for a new library building. This required a new location to provide sufficient space for the structure and parking.

Now we look at February 1993 when the community, at long last, saw the grand opening of the new library building, from the cramped, stuffed to the gills, quarters on Richmond Street to the wide open spaces at 428 N. Cass Ave. The 1989 library board made a good decision when they decided to go big. While it took twenty years, the collections have grown to fill the space. It is now just the right size.

20 years later the Westmont Public Library Board, Staff, Friends and community are ready to celebrate- 87 years of service, 70 of public funding and 20 years in a building that some doubted would ever be opened. We are planning a very special year of events and exhibits and we need your help. Please send your memories and/or scanned photos of the library in any or all of its guise to christinekuhn@westmontlibrary.org. And, then dust off your party hat!