

Westmont Public Library



# THE EXPLORER

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*September-November 2013*

## LEGACY DONATIONS

In the spring issue of *The Explorer*, we invited you to help fund much needed new lounge seating. Please join us in thanking our generous neighbors who contributed to four new chairs!

*Yvonne Brabb*  
*Elaine & Doug Carmichael*  
*Jason Fichtel*  
*Chris & Keith Gorman*  
*Corinne & Donald Jones*  
*Dana & Margaret Kirkegaard*  
*Patricia Mangelsdorf*  
*John & Nancy Martens*  
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*Shana & Justin Scheid*  
*Megan & Doug Stern*  
*Lori & Mick Thompson*  
*Carol Vanek*  
*Sue & John Van Laten*



More than half of the above list joined with friends to raise the funds for one chair, thus keeping their personal costs down while funding a plaque to honor their group. The four new chairs are now in our lobby right next to a sample of the worst of the current lounge seating. It takes \$650 to purchase, deliver, and install each chair. We are also looking to purchase two matching settees for \$1,200 each to go in the Cass Avenue sitting area. More information is available online and in the lobby. We need at least 14 more chairs and every little bit helps! Leave your legacy at the library today.

## COLOMBIAN DANCE



Get ready to dance and sway with this unique program that celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month. On **Sunday, October 13**

**from 2-3pm**, Tierra Colombiana Dance Company will perform dances that originated with Spanish, African, and Native Indians from Colombia. Watch each dance and then hear the history of that particular number. To register for this FREE event, call 630-969-56325 or visit [westmontlibrary.org](http://westmontlibrary.org).



## PATRON APPRECIATION DAY

On **Monday, September 30 from 11am-3pm** library staff will have a table set-up in our lobby with tasty treats for our loyal library users. Stop by for a snack and take a moment to fill out a fall leaf finishing the sentence "My library is...". We look forward to seeing all of you and hearing your thoughts on the library!

## AFFORDABLE CARE ACT RESOURCES

Join us for a presentation on **Thursday, September 5 from 7-8:30pm** about the new provisions of the health care reform law so you can prepare to make informed decisions about these important health insurance changes. There will be different ways to compare and purchase health insurance-- either directly through an insurance company or through online

health insurance exchanges. Learn about who will be eligible for tax credits or subsidies to help pay for coverage.

Visit the adult help desk anytime and a librarian can help guide you to the proper websites with information on how to fill out your healthcare forms, or visit [hhs.gov](http://hhs.gov) from your home computer.





## 2012-2013 IN REVIEW

### The Budget:

Property Tax: \$1,700,947  
 Replacement Tax: \$6,932  
 Grants: \$25,214  
 Desk Revenue  
 (includes donations): \$61,882  
*Total Income: \$1,794,975*

### How we Spent it:

Collection: \$226,051  
 Staff: \$1,022,358  
 General Operating: \$346,598  
 Capital Improvements:  
 \$43,571  
 Loan Payment: \$212,000  
*Total Expenses: \$1,850,578*

### Usage Numbers:

16,102 residents have a WPL card  
 173,353 visits to the library  
 74,840 visits to the website  
 277,108 items checked out of WPL  
 144,049 items in the collection, including digital items  
 13,557 reference encounters  
 12,454 people attended 427 programs

### Accomplishments:

Increased community involvement with:  
 Roaming Librarians in local businesses  
 Activity table at Westmont Street Fair  
 Classroom visits inside the library and at schools  
 Opened more lines of communication with:  
 Pages in *Neighbors of Westmont* Magazine  
 A column in the *Westmont Progress*  
 The Bloggy, an online space with staff recommendations  
 Reformatted, easily browseable newsletter  
 Storytime attendance out grew the meeting room  
 Introduced new digital content like Zinio eMagazine  
 Launched a mobile app with access to catalog searching and account management capability  
 Expanded programming and learning opportunities  
 Maintained tax revenues while increasing budget  
 Added staff hours to serve more people  
 Paid an additional \$100,000 in principal on the roof loan  
 Unveiled a beautiful new logo

## GET A LIBRARY CARD TODAY!



During the month of September, we celebrate National Library Card Sign-Up Month. To encourage all Westmont residents to get a card, the Westmont Public Library will offer a drawing for a \$50 gift card for the new **Neat Kitchen + Bar** in downtown Westmont. Anyone who gets a new card or renews an expired one will be eligible to win! The drawing will take place on October 1, 2013.

Over 16,000 residents in Westmont already have library cards, but just in case you were wondering what a library card gets you, here are a few things.

**Access to thousands of physical items:** books, music, movies, video games, and more can be checked out with your card, not to mention literacy bags for young kids! If we don't have what you need, we will order it from another library!

**Access to a huge digital collection:** check out eBooks, downloadable audio books, eMagazines, try out research and business databases, and explore interactive story books for kids.

**A beautiful and exciting space to hang out:** visit the Children's Reading Garden, hunker down in a study room, enjoy a cup of cocoa in our cafe, or check your email on one of our public computers.

## COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR



To help stimulate and encourage on-going community dialogue, Mayor Gunter will be at the library for coffee and a free light breakfast on **Saturday, September 7 at 10am**. Citizens will be invited to share their thoughts regarding the community and how we can work together to make Westmont great.



## TOT SPOT COLLECTION

To help make books for babies easier to find and browse, the library has changed the arrangement of Tot Spot books. Previously called “EP,” the collection is now titled “BB” which stands for board books.

Instead of being found by author, the books are now located in topic areas similar to our picture books. If you want to work on counting, look for books in the “BB 123” area. Interested in reading about cars, trains, and planes? Try out “BB Things That Go.” All categories were designed to make things easier for whoever is picking out books with baby. Let a librarian know if you have questions!



## BABY & TODDLER STORYTIMES

Every Wednesday & Thursday at 10:15am  
September 25-November 21

*Storytimes do not require registration!*

Children will enjoy songs, stories, and fingerplays surrounded by a caregiver and a group of their peers. This storytime is geared towards ages 0-3.

## TODDLER & ME PLAYGROUP

Every Wednesday & Thursday at 10:45am  
September 25-November 21

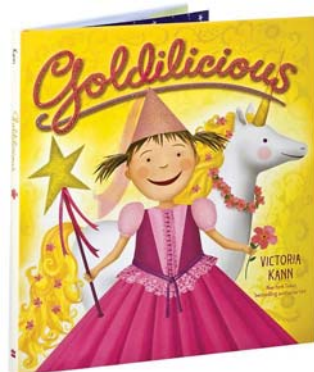
*Playgroup does not require registration!*

This popular baby & tot time includes toys, books, and snacks for kids and their grown-ups. Drop in and socialize with other parents while your toddler plays!



## EXCITING EVENTS

Register children ages 3-6 by calling: 630-969-5625 or visiting: [westmontlibrary.org](http://westmontlibrary.org).



### Let's Get Goldilicious

Sunday, September 15, 2:00-3:30pm

Fans of the *Pinkalicious* books will love this special program featuring her beloved unicorn, Goldilicious! Make unicorn crafts, play “pin the horn on the unicorn,” and get a special surprise from the library to remind you of your awesome afternoon.

### Art4Preschoolers

Sunday, October 20, 2:00-3:30pm

Young children will get a chance to explore their creativity with a halloween themed afternoon of art! Listen to stories and practice a variety of art techniques.



## ABC-STORYTIMES

### Pre-Reader Storytime

Every Tuesday at 10:15am, September 24-November 19

Letter recognition, crafts, stories, and songs make this storytime a great way to build early literacy skills!

*No registration!*

### Bilingual Storytime

Mondays at 10:15am, 9/23, 10/14, 10/28, 11/11

Take advantage of this opportunity for families that speak any language to interact and improve their language skills! This storytime is conducted in Spanish and English with emphasis on basic vocabulary and phrasing.



Ages 7-11 can register by calling: 630-969-5625 or visiting: westmontlibrary.org.

### Video Game Design Club

**Thursdays, 9/12, 9/26, 10/10, 10/24, 11/14, 4-5:30pm**

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

### Pizza Party

**Monday, September 30, 6-7pm**

Kids are invited to make their own mini pizzas, listen to hilarious pizza tales, and play pizza bingo. Come ready to eat and play!



### Game Creation Class

**9/24 & 10/15, 4-6pm**

We will show students the components of a game and how to make one of their own. Kids who are interested in submitting their game at the Toy and Game Fair in Chicago on November 23rd will be given information about how to do so.

### To-Go Mug Design

**Wednesday, October 16, 4-5pm**

Make your drink distinctive in a cup with your own original design on it.

### Science Session

**Saturday, November 9, 3-4pm**

Calling all junior scientists! Learn about the mysteries of force and motion as you work in teams to build a model rollercoaster using marbles and other materials.



Ages 12-18 can register by calling: 630-969-5625 or visiting: westmontlibrary.org.

### Dry Erase Boards

**Monday, September 16, 4-5pm**

Make a dry erase board that reflects your personality!

### Arm Knitting

**Tuesday, October 22, 7-8:30pm**



Make yourself a one of a kind scarf using fun yarns and your arms. That's right, no knitting needles - just arms! No experience necessary.

### Stained Glass Candle Holder

**Thursday, November 7, 7-8pm**

Create a fun, colorful holder using decoupage for a candle, pencils, loose change, or anything else.

### T-shirt Totes

**Wednesday, November 20, 4-5pm**

Turn that old t-shirt you can't bear to part with into a one of a kind tote bag.

## TEEN DECORATING DAYS

**Saturday, October 5, 1-3pm**

Help the library get its spook on by joining us for an afternoon of decorating the Youth Services Department for fall.

**Saturday, November 30, 12-2pm**

Deck the halls with festive decor to help bring in the holiday season. Come for the decorating, stay for the pizza.

## Are You Ready for the ACT?

**Saturday, October 19**

**10:30am-2:00pm**

College admissions testing does not have to be a nail-biting experience. Exposure, practice, and prep can help reduce your stress and may increase your test scores, so take this opportunity to improve your test-taking skills in a practice environment. A representative of the Sylvan Learning Center will proctor a full ACT practice test and return on **Wednesday, October 30th at 7:00pm** to discuss your results with you and your parents. At this parent meeting, we will also discuss a College Planning Guide for high school students and answer any questions you may have.





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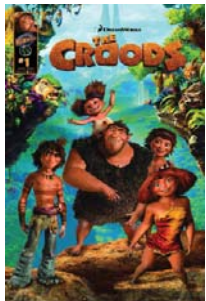
**Family Lego Club**

**Thursdays, 9/19, 10/17 6:30-7:45pm**

Looking for something fun, creative, and free to do with the whole family? Head over to the library and make a LEGO creation with the library provided materials. After the program, we will display the masterpieces in the youth area for all to enjoy! September theme: *Cloudy with a Chance of Legos* October theme: *Which Witch is Which*



**.MOVIES**



**November Movie Matinee  
Sunday November 24, 2-4pm**

Head to the library for some relaxation and a special showing of *The Croods* (rated PG) on the big screen! Bring a blanket and pillow and the library will provide the popcorn!

NOTES ON PROGRAMMING: Staff ask all parents to be prompt when bringing children to library events. Any late arrivals may find their spot forfeited. 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. *Individuals requiring accommodation for a disability for any library program should contact the library at least five days before the program.*

Programs, events and classes are photographed or videotaped for library promotional purposes. Notify library staff if you prefer not to be photographed.

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

**Bubble Wonders Show  
Sunday, September 29, 2-3pm**

Experience the magic of bubbles and the wondrous things that can be done with them. Bestselling author and international bubble artist, Geoff Akins Hannah, entertains with awe inspiring and mesmerizing bubble tricks including bubble caterpillars, a bubble volcano, and much, much more.



**Family Storytime  
Sunday, October 6, 2-3:30pm**

Celebrate the beauty of the season with your friends and family! Hear fall-themed stories, fingerplays, and songs, then make a fall craft as a family.

**Family Reading Night  
November 21, 6:30-7:30**

Join others across the state of Illinois as we celebrate this special night where families are encouraged to read together. This year, we are doing a "Pajama Party" theme! Come in your pajamas, bring a stuffed animal friend, and grab a good book. Popcorn will be provided!

**Halloween Adventure  
Wednesday October 23, 6-8pm DROP-IN**

Stop in at the library for a spooky celebration! There will be stories (spooky and "not-so-spooky"), games, crafts, pumpkin decorating, and snacks.



## FILMS ON FRIDAY

Fridays, 9/13, 10/11, 11/8  
1-3pm

Featuring the best of Hitchcock!  
September: *Rear Window*  
October: *The Man Who Knew Too Much*  
November: *North by Northwest*

## WELLNESS EVENTS

To register, call: 630-969-5625 or visit: [westmontlibrary.org](http://westmontlibrary.org).

### ZUMBA

**Monday, September 9, 7-8pm**

Zumba combines high energy music with unique moves for a fun workout! Wear comfortable, form-fitting clothing and athletic shoes.

### Preventing Blindness

**Wednesday, September 18, 7-8pm**

This presentation series was developed by Prevent Blindness America to inform adults about common and preventable causes of blindness like age related macular degeneration, diabetic-retinopathy, cataracts, and glaucoma.

### A Beginners Guide to the IEP Process

**Tuesday, September 24, 7-8:30pm**

Are you a parent or caregiver new to the IEP (Individualized Education Plan) process? This discussion will walk you through the many steps involved in the special education process. Join special needs parent and special educator, Ann Sakalys, as she helps you manage this sometimes difficult journey with perspective from both sides.

## SEASONAL EVENTS



To register, call: 630-969-5625 or visit: [westmontlibrary.org](http://westmontlibrary.org).

### Stamped Tile Coasters

**Sunday, October 27, 7-8:30pm**

Drop by the library and make an adorable set of tile coasters using fall themed stamps perfect for decorating your home or giving as a gift! The craft will take about 20 minutes to complete.

### Ghosts of Route 66

**Tuesday, October 29, 7-8:30pm**

Route 66 winds through countless communities on its way from Chicago to California. Along the way the culture of the highway includes ghostly stories and haunting legends. The culture also includes many ghost towns—places left behind by the changing tides of economics and alternate paths. This program explores both the Ghost Stories and the Ghost Towns to be found along the country's most famous highway.

### Sumptuous Side Dishes

**Saturday, November 2, 2-3:30pm**

Plan a perfect Thanksgiving meal with the help of Chef Mark from Robert Morris University. Watch while he whips up delicious side dishes and enjoy tasting all of his creations!

## The Kennedy Assassination: 50 Years Later

**Monday, November 4, 7-8:30pm**

Author and speaker Phil Singer will discuss the circumstances of the John F. Kennedy assassination including discrepancies in the official government version of the events. As a member of an organization called the Citizens Commission of Inquiry that helped get the case reopened in Congress, Singer has interviewed witnesses to the shooting and other people who played a part in the case and the investigation. A Q & A session will follow the presentation.





## ONGOING EVENTS

*Registration is not required for ongoing events.*

### 4th Monday Book Group

**Mondays: 9/23, 10/28, 11/25 from 7-9pm**

Share your thoughts and opinions of popular titles! This group meets monthly in the library meeting room. Books are available for checkout one month in advance.

September: *Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake* by Anna Quindlen

October: *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese

November: TBA

### The Unreal World Book Club

**Tuesdays: 9/3, 10/1, 11/5 from 7-9pm**

Come talk about books set in imaginative times and places. We meet monthly at J. Fleming's Absolutely Delicious in downtown Westmont.

September: *Daemon* by Daniel Suarez

October: *Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern

November: *The Hobbit* by J.R.R. Tolkien

### Knit Clique

**Tuesdays: 9/3, 10/1, 11/5, 6:30-8pm**

Needle artisans are invited to attend this casual group, open to beginners and experienced crafters alike. We welcome those who knit, crochet, cross-stitch, and embroider. Bring along your skills and projects and enjoy the needle arts with us!

### Writers' Group

**Thursdays: 9/12, 9/26, 10/10, 10/24, 11/14, 7-8:30pm**

This interactive group is for adults interested in getting feedback from their peers on original writing. Bring something you've written that is 1,000 words or less.

### English Conversation Group

**Saturdays: 9/14, 9/28, 10/12, 10/26, 11/9, 11/23  
10am-12pm**

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.

## TECHNOLOGY EVENTS

### Technology Tuesdays

**Tuesdays 9/10, 10/8, 11/12, 1-3pm**

Drop in for help with your basic technology questions. A team of librarians will be on hand to talk about everything from email and facebook to smart devices and apps. We'll have tablets and computers for you to try out, or feel free to bring your own device.

### The Roaming Librarian

Chat with WPL librarians at some of your favorite local businesses. Ask us about downloading eBooks and eMagazines, assisting with research projects, discovering the useful tools on our website, recommending great books, and much more.

*Brewed Awakening Coffee House*

*Saturday, October 19, 9-11am*

*The Sweet & Savory Spot*

*Wednesday, November 13, 11:30am-1:30pm*

Computer classes are offered for a variety of skill levels. A **non-refundable \$5 fee per person, per class, or \$10 for two-part classes** 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.

### Email for Beginners

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

### Computer Basics (Two-Part Class)

**September 25 & October 2, 6:30-8:30pm**

### Microsoft Word Basics (Two-Part Class)

**October 8 & 9, 6:30-8:30pm**

### Microsoft Excel Basics (Two-Part Class)

**November 11 & 12, 6:30-8:30pm**

### Microsoft Excel Graphs & Chart

**November 18, 6:30-8:30pm**





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

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The next **Friends of the Westmont Public  
Library** meeting is Tuesday, 11/5 from 7-8pm.  
All are welcome to attend!

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November 27 (close at 5pm)  
November 28

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