

Westmont Public Library



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June 2013 - August 2013

# Summer Reading Program 2013

## Dig into Reading

### June 1-August 3

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#### FAMILY FUN CARNIVAL

This program guide is filled with both fun and educational events for kids and adults to do all summer long, but be sure not to miss the annual family carnival that takes place every year on the final day of the summer reading program. This year, the carnival will be on **Saturday, August 3, from 1-4pm**. We will have a bounce house, obstacle course, snowcones, popcorn, and carnival games with great prizes! The best part is: it is all free! Bring the family along for a day of fun in the sun as we wrap up another great summer of reading.



## HOW IT WORKS

**Kids (babies-5th grade):** Pick up a log sheet at the library to help keep track of time spent reading! For every 15 minutes you read, cross off a dinosaur head. Finish a section and you get a prize! After finishing all three sections of the map, you will have completed the program! Continuing log sheets will be available for kids who read above and beyond the required amount.



**Teens (6th-12th grade):** There are some awesome grand prizes for our teen readers this year (see below)! Go online every day that you spend more than 30 minutes reading, and enter your name in a drawing for the grand prizes. The more days you read, the more entries you get!

**Adults:** Like the teens, adult readers can go online and enter their name into a drawing for one of the grand prizes for every day that they read longer than 30 minutes. Go ahead- read a newspaper, a magazine, an online article, or whatever else you are interested in! Paper entry forms will be available in the library for anyone who prefers that method.

Adults can enter online for a chance to win  
an iPad mini or Nexus 7 tablet

Teens can enter for a chance to win  
a Nintendo 3DS or Nexus 7 tablet



**Toddler & Me Playgroup**

Wondering how to entertain your little one on a day that is too hot to play outside? Head over to the library for a morning packed with fun and social learning opportunities!



During the months of June and July and on August 1, the library offers a playgroup for toddlers and their caregivers every Thursday from 10:45-11:30am in the meeting room. Staff put out toys, books, and snacks for kids and their grown-

ups. No registration is required, so drop in this summer and socialize with other parents while your toddler plays!

**SUMMER STORYTIMES**

Every Thursday at 10:15am  
June 6-August 1

*Storytimes do not require registration!*

Children will enjoy songs, stories, and fingerplays.  
This storytime is geared towards ages 0-4.



*Children are  
made readers  
on the laps of  
their parents.  
Emilie  
Buchwald*

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

**Pre-Reader Storytime**  
Every Tuesday at 10:15am, June 4-July 30

Letter recognition, crafts, stories, and songs make this storytime a great way to build early literacy skills! *No registration!*

**Dinosaur Egg Hunt**  
Sunday, June 2, 1:15-2pm

Come and hunt for dinosaur eggs in the children's department of the library. Each child will search for five different types of eggs and then turn them in for fun prizes.

**Fossil Dig**  
Sunday, July 7, 2-3pm

Explore the nature and science of fossils. Young paleontologists get to examine authentic fossils and go on a fossil dig looking for a replica fossil to take home.

**Hippity Hop Dance Class**  
Wednesday, July 17 1-2pm

Fun, energetic, and athletic movement and choreography will be taught to current and upbeat music by a teacher from Expression Dance Studio .



**Try a Museum Adventure Today!**

As you plan your summer excursions, don't forget to include a trip to one of the 17 family friendly locations that participate in the Museum Adventure Pass program.

Westmont Library cardholders can visit the library to check out a pass to the museum of their choosing. Choose Brookfield Zoo and watch fascinating animals at play, discover African American history at the Bronzeville Children's Museum, or ride a restored train at the Illinois Railway Museum. Stop in today and see which passes are available!

The pass allows special discounts on admission. One-time passes are valid for 7 days and may not be duplicated. Photo ID may be required upon entry.



Ages 7-11 can register by calling: 630-969-5625 or visiting: [www.westmontlibrary.org](http://www.westmontlibrary.org).

**Video Game Design Club**

**Thursdays, 6/13, 6/27, 7/11, 7/25, 8/8, 8/22**  
**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.

**Brunch Bunch (Grades K-2)**

**Wednesdays, June 5-July 31, 10:15-11am**

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.*

**Astronomy for Everyone:**

**Size & Scale of the Universe**

**Wednesday, June 5, 7-8:30pm**

Explore the universe with award-winning astrophysicist and former consultant with NASA, Kevin Manning, who will expertly guide us on an educational and entertaining exploration of the universe, the stars, and other celestial wonders. After the talk, view the rings of Saturn and other jewels of the night sky through a powerful telescope, weather permitting!



**Science Session: Owl Pellet Dissection**

**Saturday, July 27, 2:30-4pm**

"Dig" into some real bones as we explore Barn Owl pellets to determine what Barn Owls are eating. Prepare to get messy as we dissect and attempt to reconstruct a small mammal skeleton from the owl pellet remains.

Ages 7-11 can register by calling: 630-969-5625 or visiting: [www.westmontlibrary.org](http://www.westmontlibrary.org).

**Cave Art**

**Monday, June 3, 6-7:30pm**



Views of the fascinating primitive art in the Caves of Lascaux in France will be shown and discussed. On specially prepared paper, children will render scenes with crude materials. No paintbrushes allowed!

**Dinosaur Challenge**

**Saturday, July 6, 1-2pm**

Have fun playing our crazy dinosaur themed challenges. See if you and your friends have what it takes to survive our prehistoric game show.

**Trees that Sing**

**Wednesday, July 31, 7-8pm**

Have you ever wondered how a violin is made? In this unique program, you will peer into the mysteries of a beautiful handmade stringed instrument. Learn the painstaking steps that luthiers take when forming an exquisite treasure from pieces of raw spruce, maple, and ebony.



**Dino Drop-In Crafts**

**Every Monday in June & July**

**1:00-3:00pm**

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 kids can create a craft independently. First come, first served basis for all materials.



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

**Fossils in our Backyard: The Story of Mazon Creek**  
**Monday, July 8, 7-8:30pm**

**Ages 9 and up may attend with a parent**

Just 50 miles southwest of Chicago this world-famous geological site contains fossils of giant fern trees, insects, jellyfish, and the Tully Monster, State Fossil of Illinois. The fossils from this long-ago time are preserved in the abandoned coal strip mines near the towns of Braidwood and Coal City.



**Super Lego Family Challenge**  
**Thursday, July 18, 6:30-7:45pm**

Bring the whole family to a night of lego building fun. We will have challenges that require the whole family to work together to win fun prizes.

 **MOVIES**

**Dinosaur Drive-In**

Come to an indoor drive-in to catch some really great movies starring dinosaurs. Feel free to come and sit on the "lawn" or decorate a box so you can sit in a "car" at the drive-in. Popcorn will be available at the concession stand! All movies will begin promptly at 6pm.

**Wednesday, June 12: *We're Back! A Dinosaur's Story***

**Wednesday, July 10: *Dinotopia***

**Wednesday, August 7: *Disney's Dinosaur***

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.*

Ages 12-19 can register by calling: 630-969-5625 or visiting: [www.westmontlibrary.org](http://www.westmontlibrary.org).



**Cupcake Wars**

**Tuesday, July 9, 6-7:30 pm**

You have seen them on TV and thought, I could do that! Come, show off your decorating skills and see who wins the war.

**Journal Craft**

**Wednesday, June 25, 4-5pm**

Your writing shouldn't be the only thing that shows your style. Add some personality to your new journal by decorating it with duck tape, wall paper, ribbon, and more.

**Self Defense Class**

**Tuesday, July 23, 4-5:30pm**

Learn simple, effective tools that will help you escape potentially dangerous situations. Instructor Anne Scatchell holds 4 Blackbelts in Tae Kwon Do, 2 in Hap Ki Do, and is a certified instructor in SHARP- Sexual Harassment Assault Rape Prevention.

**OFF-SITE**

**Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament**

**Saturday, July 20, 1:00pm**

**Place: HotSauceGames 34 N Cass Ave. Westmont.**

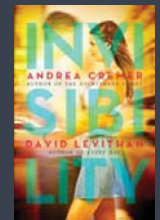
The event is free and open to all teens 13-18 years of age. There will be plenty of prizes. Join us as we team up with HotSauceGames to bring you a Teen tournament of Yu-Gi-Oh. Bring your best cards and your best friends and see if you have what it takes to be the Yu-Gi-Oh champion.

**NEW TEEN BOOKS**

Looking for a great book to read this summer? Try one of these new books recommended by our librarians!

***Invisibility***

by Andrea Cremer & David Levithan



***The Moon & More***

by Sarah Dessen



***Willful Impropriety: 13 tales of society, scandal, and romance***

by Ekaterina Sedia





## HEALTH & FITNESS

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

### Juicing & Smoothies for Good Health Monday, July 29th, 7-8pm

Adding smoothies and juicing to your diet can help you lose weight, increase energy, improve digestion, and feel amazing! Dr. Adam Meade of Abundant Health Chiropractic will demonstrate how fast and easy it is to make these delicious, nutritious drinks. A tasting sample is included!

### Running 101 Wednesday, June 26, 7-8pm

Proper warm up and cool down, along with learning the do's and don'ts of running is vital to keep an injury free season. During this seminar, you will learn symptoms, causes, and treatments of common running injuries to keep you running strong throughout the summer! *Given by Cara McInerney, DPT, TheraCORE Physical Therapy and Dr. Ketan Mody from Elite Sports Medicine Institute in Westmont.*

### Sit & Be Fit Wednesday, July 24, 7-8pm

Are you stuck in a chair most of the day at work? Do your joints hurt if you exercise while standing? Are you unsteady on your feet or too weak to tolerate standing for long periods of time? Then this class is for you! This interactive class will teach you how to stretch and strengthen your muscles from a seated position. *Given by Amy Goebbert, DPT, owner TheraCORE Physical Therapy*

### ZUMBA Monday, July 15, 7-8pm

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

## CRAFTERS & COLLECTORS



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

### Buttons & Bows Sunday, June 9, 2-3pm

Channel your creativity into a fun, simple craft project, just in time for the 4th of July! Come make an adorable, patriotic hair bow for the special little girl in your life or even for yourself! All materials are provided by the library.

### Antique Roadshow Sunday, June 30, 2:00-3:30pm

Come hear John Leonard, of Leonard Auction, Inc., discuss the current antique market as well as the basics of how an appraiser values items. Following the discussion, residents may bring in one or two items to have appraised.

### Digging into Dreams: A Source of Inner Guidance Wednesday, June 19, 7-8:30pm

This program will give an overview of dreams, what they are, where they come from, how to understand the language of symbols, and will include some dream interpretation for participants. *Presented by Silvia Galvan from The School of Metaphysics.*

### Houdini: His Life & His Legend Sunday, July 21, 2-3:30pm

Hear the story of Houdini's life through interactive storytelling, magic, and museum quality displays. Author and Houdini expert, William Pack, will demonstrate 4 of Houdini's tricks.





## ONGOING EVENTS

*Registration is not required for ongoing events.*

### 4th Monday Book Group

**Mondays: 6/24, 7/22, 8/26 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.

June: *Keepsake* by Kristina Riggle, July: *Lunch at the Piccadilly* by Clyde Edgerton, August: *The Life Boat* by Charlotte Rogan

### The Unreal World Book Club

**Tuesdays: 6/4, 7/2, 8/6 from 7-9pm**

Come talk about books set in imaginative times and places. We'll meet monthly at J. Fleming's Absolutely Delicious in downtown Westmont. June: *American Gods* by Neil Gaiman, July: *Jurassic Park* by Michael Crichton, August: *Isles of the Forsaken* by Carolyn Ives Gilman.

### Knit Clique

**Tuesdays: 6/4, 7/2, 8/6, 6:30pm**

Grab yarn and needles, or use ours. We'll teach the basics, knit, chat, and compare projects. This group meets in the first floor conference room.

### Writers' Group

**Thursdays: 6/13, 6/27, 7/11, 7/25, 8/8, 8/22, 7pm**

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: 6/8, 6/22, 7/13, 7/27, 8/10, 8/24  
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.

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 1

**Monday, August 12, 6:30-8:30pm**

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

### Computer Basics 2

**Wednesday, August 14, 6:30-8:30pm**

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

### Email for Beginners

**Tuesday, June 4, 6:30-8:30pm**

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

### The Roaming Librarian

Keep an eye out for us at some of your favorite local cafes and wifi hotspots. A librarian will answer your questions about ebooks and demonstrate downloadable checkouts.

**Saturdays this summer at Brewed Awakening**

**June 8, July 13 & August 10, 9-11am**

### Borrowing Basics

**Tuesday, August 13, 7-8pm**

Participants will listen to experienced staff from Hinsdale Bank discuss all you need to know about borrowing money and how credit really works. Find out the difference between secured and unsecured loans, identify the costs associated with getting a loan, and why you should be wary of rent-to-own, pay-day loan, and refund anticipation services.



## DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

by Christine Kuhn

Last week the library was visited by several 1st and 2nd grade classes. The children were asked if Westmont Public Library owned every book in the world. They all responded YES! Unfortunately, that is not true. Like everyone else, we must make informed choices on how we spend money.

When ordering hot new titles, we look at the number of holds patrons have placed to determine how many copies to order. We post forthcoming title lists to peak your interest and hopefully inspire holds. When we receive donated new titles (less than six months old) often we will add them to the collection.

Additionally, we rely on experience, statistics, and knowledge about community interests. When an author releases a new book, we look at how often her or his earlier books were checked out. If it is a new author, we rely on reviews that hopefully give us enough information to know if there is an audience for the book/CD/DVD here in Westmont. If we know cook books and auto repair books are checked out frequently we will buy more. If an area of the collection is barely used, say religion or literature, then we tend not to add too much to those areas.

However, I do hear people say we don't have what they want or need, because it is always checked out, or we don't own it, or they visit neighboring libraries that have bigger collections. This is where communication is important. In addition to the patron holds which tell us what to buy or buy more of, we also have a suggestion form on our website and at the Main Desk. We do take Westmont patron suggestions very seriously, especially when they are accompanied by a contact name, library card number, and a phone number or email.

It is our goal to have what Westmont residents need or want to read, listen to, or view. Help us help you. Place a hold!

## CALLING ALL ARTISTS

Are you a local artist, photographer, or collector? The library would love to feature your work!



Share your talent with the 500 residents who visit the library every day! We have display cases and gallery space that are reserved for showcasing the work of area artists. If you are interested in booking the gallery space or one of the lobby display cases for your artwork or collection, head to the library and submit an application.



Look for the library every Thursday night at the Westmont

## FRESH MARKET

We will have a table with crafts and other fun stuff for kids to do while their parents load up on fresh produce, listen to the band, and enjoy the classic cars at Cruisin' Nights!



## SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

In an effort to support schools and local residents that need help covering the cost of school supplies, Westmont Public Library will host a supply drive from July 28-August 10. During library hours, the public may drop off their donations in the youth services department.

We would appreciate any of the following items:

Pink Pearl erasers; gluesticks; safety scissors; #2 yellow pencils; Crayola crayons (24 count); broad tip Crayola markers; small pencil sharpeners with lids.





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Monday-Thursday 10am-9pm  
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Thursday, July 4

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