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National Library Week

There is a lot to celebrate here at Westmont Public Library! Not only are we celebrating 20 years at our Cass Avenue location, we have been a publicly funded library for 70 years!

It only seems appropriate that we would celebrate National Library Week with a day to honor the people who live in our community. Visit us in the library lobby on **Monday, April 15** for some free snacks and a chance to share how the library has had an impact on you!

Food4Fines, our annual fine forgiveness program will run

during open hours **April 14-20**. Westmont cardholders with overdue fines may exchange one box or can of non-perishable food for \$1 worth of local fines, up to \$10 total.

Fines for damaged, lost, or replacement items, or fees incurred at other libraries will not be waived. See a staff member for more details.

Don't have any fines on your account? We would still love to have your food donation! Feel free to drop off your items and enjoy having a clean pantry while helping those in need.

Eastern European Concert & Dance

Westmont Public Library is proud to bring you a unique musical experience. Join us **Sunday, April 28 at 2pm** for a delightful afternoon with the Chicago Cossacks folk music and dance group.

Skilled musicians will dance and play Russian, Ukrainian, and Russian Gypsy songs and with traditional Russian instruments.

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



The Big Read is Back!

Westmont Public Library is proud to participate in the 9th annual community reading event, the **Big Read**. This cooperative effort of ten area libraries encourages residents to read the same book with the goal of promoting reading and building community ties.

This year the featured book is Adriana Trigiani's *The Shoemaker's Wife*, available now for checkout. Inspired by her own family history, the author tells the

saga of two star-crossed lovers whose journeys take them from the mountains in Italy to their new home in America. More than a love story, this novel captures the immigrant experience of the early 1900s.

Pick up a complete program guide in the library today! See page 5 for program listings.



**FREE
COMIC
BOOK
DAY**

**1st SATURDAY
IN MAY!**

May 4, 2013

www.freecomicbookday.com

STORYTIMES

For more information on storytimes, visit our website and click on the Kids tab. Storytimes do not require registration!

ALL STORYTIMES BEGIN AT 10:15AM

Bilingual Storytime (Ages 0-5)
2nd & 4th Mondays
beginning March 11

Pre-Reader Storytime (Ages 4 & 5)
Tuesdays, March 5-April 30

Baby & Toddler Storytime (Ages 0-3)
Wednesdays & Thursdays
March 6-May 2

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

Pinkalicious Party Sunday, April 21, 2-3pm

Do you have a pink-loving preschooler at home? Join us for a Pink-tastic party! We will read the Pinkalicious books, make related crafts, and have a pink snack! To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.



Leo Lionni's 103rd Birthday Party Sunday, May 5, 2-3pm

Leo Lionni is the author and illustrator of many popular children's books. Come and hear stories, make projects using different mediums, and have a snack. To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.

**PRESCHOOL EVENTS
AGES 3-6**

**GRADE SCHOOL EVENTS
AGES 7-11**

To save your spot, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org. Events are sponsored by the Friends of WPL.

Alice in Wonderland Ballet Class Saturday, March 2, 1-2pm

Curiouser and curiouser...join Salt Creek Ballet instructor Kelly Stokes for a magical and memorable trip down the rabbit hole. Experience basic ballet steps while you create and perform your own dance movements for characters such as the White Rabbit, the wily Cheshire Cat, and the Queen of Hearts.

You've Got a Friend in Me Sunday, March 3, 2-3:30pm

Drop by the library to make a friendship bracelet. We will be recycling everyday materials into one-of-a-kind bracelets during this drop-in craft session.

How Do You See What I See? Wednesday, March 6, 4-4:45pm

Meet three people from The Hadley School for the Blind, one sighted, one non-sighted who uses a cane, and another visually impaired who uses a guide dog. Learn how braille and other tools help them through their lives.

Reader's Theatre: Mean Soup Saturday, March 16, 1-4pm

Come and show your theatrical side! Practice reading *Mean Soup* by Betsy Everitt, then perform for family and friends at 3pm. The performance is open to the public.

Poetry Workshop for Kids Sunday, April 7, 2-3pm

Young ones are invited to come out and celebrate National Poetry Month. They will explore different types of poetry, share their poetry, and compile a poetry book together.

May the Fourth Be With You Saturday, May 4, 1:30-3:30pm

Come make Star Wars Origami, then prepare your Tie-Fighter snack to eat while watching Star Wars: The Clone Wars. Pick up a free comic book in our lobby while you are here!

Video Game Design Club Thursdays, 3/14, 3/28, 4/11, 4/25, 5/9, 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.

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.*

TEEN

Art Workshop

Tuesday, March 12, 7pm

Recycle an old t-shirt into a fun, one-of-a-kind necklace.

Teen Advisory Board

Tuesday, March 19, 7-8:30pm

Got ideas? Interested in helping create WPL's Teen Advisory Board (TAB)? Join us for pizza and a brainstorming session. We will be discussing TAB, volunteering, and teens' roles in the Summer Read Program.

Art Workshop

Monday, April 8, 4pm

Using craft materials, you will make a custom case for your Nook, Kindle iPad or any other electronic device.

Stop Motion Video

Saturday, April 20, 2-3:30 pm

Be the director of your own stop motion video. We will provide a variety of inanimate objects for you to "bring to life".

SPRING BOOK DISCUSSIONS

4th Monday Book Group

Mondays 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.

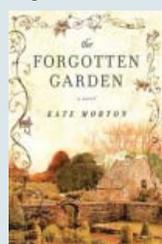
March 25: *Alice I Have Been*



by Melanie Benjamin

In this spellbinding historical novel, we meet the young girl whose bright spirit sent her on an unforgettable trip down the rabbit hole—and the grown woman whose story is no less enthralling.

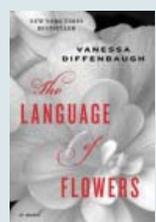
April 22: *The Forgotten Garden*



by Kate Morton

In 1913 London, a little girl is abandoned on the deck of a ship. The dock master and his wife take in the small castaway and raise her as their own. After her twenty-first birthday, she returns to England in search of her identity.

May 20: *The Language of Flowers*



by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

Abandoned as an infant, Victoria grew up as a ward of the California foster-care system, abused, angry, and neglected. She is eventually placed with Elizabeth, a single woman running her family's vineyard in the verdant hills outside

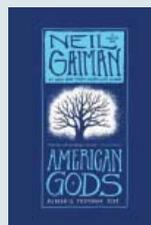
San Francisco. The story follows one woman's journey to personal forgiveness as she learns to love and be loved in return.

NEW! *The Unreal World Book Club*

Tuesdays from 7-9pm

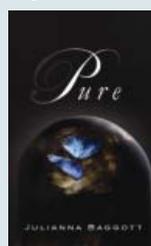
Come talk about books set in imaginative times and places. We'll meet monthly at J. Fleming's Absolutely Delicious in downtown Westmont.

March 5: *American Gods* by Neil Gaiman



Shadow, recently released from prison, wants nothing more than to live a normal life. Somehow he finds himself in the employ of mysterious Mr. Wednesday. What follows is a tale of eccentricity as Shadow embarks on a quest across America.

April 2: *Pure* by Julianna Baggott



Pressia is one of many young people left disfigured after the Detonations. Partridge is a "Pure", one of the lucky people left unscathed, but he is forced to live in Domes away from the rest of society. When he escapes to look for his mother, Pressia comes to his rescue.

May 7: *1984* by George Orwell



Published in 1949, Orwell's classic text offers a haunting view of the future that is all too real for modern readers. The story follows Winston Smith as he fights to find his individuality in the midst of a totalitarian government that is out to rewrite the past and change the future.

ADULTS

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

Tuesday, March 5, 6:30-8:30pm

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

Computer Basics II

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

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

PowerPoint Basics I

Monday, March 18, 6:30-8:30pm

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

PowerPoint Basics II

Wednesday, March 20, 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

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

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

Microsoft Word 2010 Basics II

Wednesday, April 3, 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

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

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

Excel 2010 Basics II

Wednesday, May 1, 6:30-8:30pm

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

Excel Graphs & Charts

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30-8:30pm

Learn how to visually represent data within spreadsheets.

Email Basics

Wednesday, April 10, 6:30-8:30pm

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

ADULTS

ROAMING LIBRARIANS

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

Saturday, March 2, 9:30-11:30am
at Oak Brook Racquet & Fitness Club

Saturday, March 23, 10am-1pm
at Westmont Yard

Monday, April 8, 5-7pm
at Westmont Yard

Sunday, April 28, 12-2pm
at Brewed Awakening

FREE E-MAGAZINES!

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To take advantage of the **180 magazine titles**, visit our website and sign up for an account by clicking on the Zinio link on the front page. For extra help, you can call the Adult Help Desk (630-969-5625 x.5) and schedule a one-on-one appointment with a reference librarian.

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GROUPS, MOVIES, & MORE

ADULTS

Registration is not required except when indicated.

Knit Clique

Tuesdays: 3/5, 4/2, 5/7, 6:30pm

Grab yarn and needles, or use ours. We'll teach the basics, knit, chat, and compare projects.

Writers' Group

Thursdays: 3/14, 3/28, 4/11, 4/25, 5/9, 5/23, 7pm

This interactive group is for adults interested in getting feedback from their peers on original writing.

English Conversation Group

Saturdays: 3/9, 3/23, 4/13, 4/27, 5/11, 5/25, 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.

Movie Showings:

Skyfall: Friday, March 8, 2pm

War Horse: Sunday, April 14, 2pm

Zumba Class

Wednesdays, 3/27, 4/24, 5/22 7-8pm

Zumba combines high energy music with unique moves for a fun workout! Wear comfortable, form-fitting clothing and athletic shoes. *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

Walk Live at the Library

Wednesdays, 4/17 & 5/29 7-8pm

In this 50 minute class, we will walk the equivalent of 3 miles! All shapes, sizes and fitness levels are welcome! *To register, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org.*

SPEAKERS & WORKSHOPS

*To register for an event, call 630-969-5625 or visit: www.westmontlibrary.org. *Big Read events are sponsored by the Friends of WPL.*

Italian American Authors*

Monday, March 4, 7pm

Hear local author, Dominic Candeloro, discuss various Italian American novelists and learn about Adriana Trigiani and her role as the premiere voice of contemporary Italian Americans.

Big Read Book Discussion

Wednesday, March 13, 2pm

Join us for a lively discussion of *The Shoemaker's Wife* by Adriana Trigiani. Co-hosted with Clarendon Hills Public Library.

St. Patrick's Day Concert

Sunday, March 17, 2pm

Listen to musician, Phil Passen, sing and play the hammered dulcimer for an afternoon of traditional Irish music ranging from beautiful rousing reels and jigs, to ballads and recognizable melodies.

Happiness Habits to Transform your Life

Thursday, April 4, 7pm

Dianne Morr, author of *Choose Happy: 25 Happiness Habits to Transform Your Life*, presents antidotes to stress in the form of easy, free activities that scientific studies have shown to increase happiness.

Risotto Refined*

Saturday, April 6, 1pm

Chef Mark Wroczynski discusses different types of risotto rice and its culinary significance in Northern Italy. Enjoy a variety of these risotto dishes made for tasting.

Triangle Shirtwaist Fire*

Tuesday, April 23, 7pm

Learn the truth about this tragedy, from the events leading up to the fire through the fallout and trial afterwards. Mary Bonnett will discuss the political and historical implications accompanied by images and readings from her original play.

Chicago Sports: Black Sox, Billy Goats & the Monsters of the Midway

Wednesday, May 15, 7pm

Come hear Chicago tour guide Clarence Goodman discuss the wild, wacky history of Chicago sports. He will show slides of many important sites and share loads of anecdotes.



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Library Hours:

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

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Make the Gift of a Lasting Legacy

by Christine Kuhn

The Westmont Public Library is celebrating 20 years in its current building and during that time we have received more than 2.2 million visitors. Since the passage of the 2006 referendum, library collection use is up 162% and program attendance is up 647%. Even with these increases, the Library Board has held the line on the levy, abating taxes in 2009, 2010, and 2011.

Increased use has taken its toll on library furnishings. On May 17, while the Library is closed for a planned staff training day, the lobby carpet, damaged by years of salt, snow, and mud, will be replaced with heavy duty carpet tile. It is our hope that this project will extend the life of carpet elsewhere in the

library. We will also be replacing the Main Desk to open up the lobby and to allow for better flow at check out.

The 22 lounge chairs on the first floor have also seen heavy use over the years. At nearly the same price as reupholstering, the Library Board has selected new seating which will ultimately cost less to maintain in future years.

We invite you to *Make the Gift of a Lasting Legacy* and leave your positive mark on the Westmont Public Library. To date, we have raised funds for 2 chairs. Please help us fund 20 more. Details can be found on our website, at the Main Desk, or from Library Trustees.

TRY A FUN, FAMILY EVENT!

Movie Showing:

Wreck-It Ralph

Monday, March 11, 6pm

All ages with a caregiver

Come to the library for family fun as we watch this newly released movie, eat some popcorn, and make a candy airplane!

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



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!

March 21: Great Discoveries

April 18: Spring!

May 16: Water Sports

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