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LIBRARY NEWS

YOUR LIBRARY PLANS FOR ENHANCED SERVICES

Spring will bring some exciting changes to the library.

We are offering **two new registration-only storytimes** for our youngest Westmont residents. Our ever-popular storytimes attract large groups of children who enjoy stories, songs, and fingerplays, and these new registered times will ensure we are meeting the needs of children who thrive in smaller group settings. *See page 4 for more information.*

Self-check machines will be arriving in April in the main lobby and youth area to provide additional privacy, independence, and reduced wait times. Staff will be available and ready to help with this new service.

If you enjoy using the library's online catalog to find and request books, starting in April you will notice a few enhancements when we upgrade our software. Digital resources like ebooks and eaudiobooks will be available for browsing and downloading directly through the catalog. Your search results will be more comprehensive and include materials in a variety of formats that match your inquiry. Your account will still work the same as before, but you will need to update your password the first time you log in.

THANK YOU WESTMONT!

Thank you for participating in Westmont Reads this year! We hope you enjoyed traveling with us on a magical journey to Oz. We also thank our local businesses and organizations who hung posters to help promote Westmont Reads!

Thank you for responding to our community survey. We have already begun making changes to our collections, programming, and facility thanks to your feedback. We will continue to keep your comments in mind as we move forward.



CELEBRATE EARTH MONTH!

Join the Earth Month celebration sponsored by the Westmont Public Library and the Village of Westmont's Environmental Improvement Commission.

WESTMONT EARTH DAY

Wednesday, April 22

Visit the library throughout the day for an Earth Day celebration! Pick up free seeds for your garden and learn how easy it is to conserve water by checking out the special rain barrel display!

HOW TO SAVE MONEY WITH ENERGY EFFICIENCY ✓

Saturday, May 2, 10:30 am – noon

Kay McKeen of SCARCE will provide strategies to save money by incorporating energy efficiency in your home. Learn about smart meters, electric aggregation, energy efficiency grants, insulation, and more in this helpful, practical presentation.

WATER CONSERVATION FOR THE FUTURE ✓

Saturday, May 16, 10:30 am – noon

Learn the importance of water conservation, a key part of ensuring water availability in the future. Kay McKeen of SCARCE will teach us how everyone can use water more efficiently and reduce water use in and around the home. Learn about the Westmont Rain Barrel Program and see an exciting watershed exhibit.

IN THE ART GALLERY

Enjoy work from the following artists this spring in our second floor gallery.

March Joyce Latimer — Oil and Watercolor Paintings

April Heather Kostal — Relief Printmaking

May Thomas Serb — Charcoal and Conte Drawings

LANGUAGE STORYTIME (AGES 0 – 6)**Mondays, March 2 – April 27, 10:15 – 10:45 am**

Introduce your little one to a foreign language as we read stories and enjoy play-based learning in Spanish, Mandarin, or French, depending on the week

Co-sponsored by Language Stars.

PRE-READER STORYTIME (AGES 3½ – 5) ✓ **Tuesdays, March 3 – April 28, 10:15 – 10:45 am**

This registered preschool storytime will focus on a different letter each week. Through books, songs, and fun educational activities, your child will enjoy spending time with other preschoolers while learning social and literacy skills to prepare them for school. Caregivers may browse our collection or play with younger siblings in the library while the preschooler attends storytime.

BABY + ME STORYTIME (AGES 0 – 23 MONTHS) ✓ **Tuesdays, March 3 – April 28, 11 – 11:30 am**

Our youngest patrons, along with their caregiver, will enjoy fingerplays, stories, songs, and movement activities that focus on early literacy development. Learn fun ways to interact with your baby and enjoy the company of other caregivers. Older siblings may attend, but activities will focus on babies.

BABY + TODDLER STORYTIME (AGES 0 – 5)**Wednesdays, March 4 – April 29, 10:15 – 10:45 am**

Children will enjoy songs, stories, and fingerplays surrounded by their caregiver and a group of peers.

MUSIC + MOVEMENT STORYTIME (AGES 0 – 6)**Thursdays, March 5 – April 30, 10:15 – 10:45 am**

Share a story or two, then get moving to the music. Have fun with shakers, instruments, scarves, and more!

TODDLER + ME PLAYGROUP (AGES 0 – 6)**Wednesdays + Thursdays after Storytime, March 4 – April 30**

This popular baby and tot time includes toys and books for kids. Drop in and socialize with other caregivers while your child plays!

BIRD OF THE SOUL STORYTIME (AGES 4+) ✓**Sunday, March 8, 2 – 3 pm**

Bring your children to our interactive read-along workshop. Discover the story of a man who went on a journey of reconnecting with his true essential nature, his inner wisdom and voice. Caregivers are welcome to observe.

Co-sponsored by Dahn Yoga of Westmont.

CURIOUS GEORGE STORYTIME VISIT (AGES 3 – 5) ✓**Saturday, March 21, 2 – 3 pm**

Come hear some great stories, make a craft, and meet Curious George himself! Let's hope our friend George doesn't get into any trouble in the library!

CURIOUS GEORGE PHOTO OP! (ALL AGES)**Saturday, March 21, 3:30 – 4:30 pm**

Have your picture taken with our friend, Curious George!

POETRY FOR PRESCHOOLERS (AGES 3 – 6) ✓**Saturday, April 18, 2 – 3 pm**

Celebrate National Poetry Month with us! We will listen to poems and then create crafts reflecting the poems we hear.

VIDEOGAME DESIGN CLUB ✓

Thursdays, 3/12, 3/26, 4/9, 4/23, 5/14, 5/28
4:15 – 5:15 pm or 5:15 – 6:15 pm

This club will take you through the steps of designing your very own video game using MIT's game design program, **Scratch!**

Registration is required for only the first session; you will automatically be signed up for all sessions.

3D DESIGN CLASS ✓

Tuesday, March 24, 4 – 5:30 pm

Ever wonder how designers create 3D objects for printing or design fantastic objects in movies? Join us to learn how to design 3D objects using Tinkercad. Objects will be printed by Microcenter, and available for class members to pick up and take home one week after class.

LEGO ROBOTICS ✓

Tuesdays, 3/31, 4/14, 4/28, 4 – 5:30 pm

Have fun playing and learning with LEGO robotics. We will be using our imagination to design and build robots that can solve simple and complex problems.

Registration is required for only the first session; you will automatically be signed up for all sessions.

BYOL (BRING YOUR OWN LOOM) ✓

Friday, April 3, 2 – 3 pm

Show your creative style and have some fun! You supply the rainbow or band loom and we will supply the rubber bands to make creations for you to wear home.

SCIENCE SESSION:**MARBLE RUN ROLLER COASTER FUN** ✓

Sunday, April 19, 2 – 3 pm

Back by popular demand, in this fun event you will work with teammates to construct a marble run roller coaster with loops and hills. See who can build the most stable coaster that can launch a marble.

CARTOON ARTWORK FOR KIDS ✓

Wednesday, April 22, 4 – 5 pm

Turn your love of Minecraft, Spiderman, Hello Kitty, My Little Pony, LEGOS and more into an awesome work of art. Students will use their favorite characters to replicate famous masterwork parodies with Heather Kostal from No Corner Suns Art Studio in Westmont.

STAR WARS TRIVIA TIME ✓

Sunday, May 3, 2 – 3 pm

Bring your friends and compete on Star Wars trivia while enjoying snacks to celebrate this unofficial day. May the fourth be with you!

NOTES ON PROGRAMMING: Staff kindly ask all parents to be prompt when bringing children to library events. Any late arrivals may find their spot forfeited. Staff may refuse entrance to 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. Programs, events and classes are photographed or videotaped for library promotional purposes. Notify library staff if you prefer not to be photographed.

Individuals requiring accommodation for a disability for any library program should contact the library at least five days before the program.

CATAPULT YOURSELF INTO FUN ✓**Monday, March 9, 7 – 8:30 pm**

What do you get when you combine tongue depressors, rubber bands, clothes pins, LEGOs, and bottle caps? A catapult! Join us to build your own using one of two plans. Then, we will use marshmallows to test our catapults, find out which one shoots the furthest and who shall be named King or Queen of the Catapult!

GRAFFITI FOR TEENS ✓**Monday, April 20, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Have you ever seen a graffiti mural and wondered how the artist did that? You will learn about the elements of art; space, color and value while learning about street artists and writing graffiti style with Heather Kostal from No Corner Suns Art Studio in Westmont.

MINI BUTTON MAKING ✓**Monday, May 11, 7 – 8:30 pm**

Love those mini-buttons you see everywhere? Why settle for pre-made buttons when you can make your own? Now is your chance to design and make your own buttons. You supply the creativity, we will have the supplies on hand for you.

FAMILY LEGO NIGHTS**Thursdays, 3/19, 4/16, 5/21, 6:30 – 8 pm**

Looking for something fun, creative, and free to do with the whole family? Head over to the library and make a LEGO creation with library provided materials. After the program, we will display the masterpieces in the youth area for all to enjoy!

COMIC BOOK DAY**Saturday, May 2**

Celebrate Free Comic Book Day in the main lobby. We will have a diverse selection of comic books for you to browse and take home. Library lobby, or superhero sanctuary? You won't want to miss out on what we'll have in store! *BAM! POW! KA-CHING!*

BIKE SAFETY RODEO ✓**Saturday, May 23, 2 – 4 pm**

Want to be sure your bicycle is ready for safe riding this summer? Bring your bike to the library for a short safety inspection by members of the Westmont Police Department Bike Unit. These experts will also make sure your helmet fits correctly, provide instruction on safe riding, and offer the opportunity for residents to register bicycles.

WANTED: TEEN VOLUNTEERS!

WPL is looking for young adults ages 12 and up interested in summer volunteer hours at the library. A variety of opportunities are available to help earn service hours or just to make a difference in your community! Fill out an application online at westmontlibrary.org or pick one up next time you visit the library.

Teens interested in volunteering for the Summer Carnival must submit completed applications by May 15th.

SUMMER CARNIVAL**Saturday, June 6, 1 – 4 pm**

Start your summer at the library's annual carnival! Save the first Saturday in June to help kick off our Invent Your Summer program with a bang! There will be games, carnival attractions, and of course, lots of fun! This is a free event and replaces the previous end of summer carnival.

4TH MONDAY BOOK GROUP

Mondays, 3/23, 4/27, 5/18
7 – 9 pm

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

- March *Me Before You* by JoJo Moyes
 April *Lost Art of Mixing* by Erica Bauermeister
 May *The Witness Wore Red* by Rebecca Musser

UNREAL WORLD BOOK CLUB

Tuesdays, 3/3, 4/7, 5/5
7 – 9 pm

Come talk about books set in imaginative times and places. We meet monthly at Yokohama Japanese Restaurant, 13 E Burlington Ave. in Westmont.

- March *Sister Mine* by Nalo Hopkinson
 April *Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline
 May *Saga Vols. 1-3* by Brian K. Vaughan and Fiona Staples

NONFICTION BOOK CLUB

Saturdays, 3/7, 4/4, 5/2
10:30 am – noon

We'll explore biographies, memoirs, psychology, and more.

- March *No Place to Hide* by Glenn Greenwald
 April *Empire of Sin: A Story of Sex, Jazz, Murder, and the Battle for Modern New Orleans* by Gary Krist
 May *Came Back: A Story of Hollywood and the Second World War* by Mark Harris

KNIT CLIQUE

Tuesdays, 3/3, 4/7, and 5/5, 6:30 – 8 pm

Beginners and experienced crafters alike are invited to attend this casual group. Bring your skills and projects and enjoy the needle arts with us!

TEAM TRIVIA NIGHTS AT SWEET & SAVORY SPOT

Wednesdays, 3/4, 3/18, 4/1, 4/15, 4/29, 5/13, 5/27
7 – 9 pm

Bring your friends out for a pub quiz challenge run by the WPL librarians. Grab a bite to eat and flex your knowledge skills while competing for cool prizes.

Location: Sweet & Savory Spot, 31 N Cass Ave.

WRITERS GROUP

Thursdays, 3/12, 3/26, 4/9, 4/23, 5/14, 5/28
7 – 8:30 pm

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

MEDITATION AND MINDFULNESS GROUP NEW

Fridays, 3/13, 4/10, 5/8, 10 – 11 am

Drop in to discuss and practice meditation and mindfulness in a casual group setting.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Saturdays, 3/14, 3/28, 4/11, 4/25, 5/9, 5/23
10 am – noon

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.

LITERACY DUPAGE TRAINING WORKSHOP ✓

Mondays, 3/2, 3/16, 3/30
Wednesdays, 3/11, 3/25, 4/1
6 – 9 pm

Help change someone's future. . . become an adult literacy tutor today! Literacy DuPage, in partnership with the Westmont Public Library, is offering a tutor training workshop—no teaching background or second language is required.

Volunteers must attend an orientation prior to attending the six training sessions. To register or for more information, please call 630 416 6699 or visit online at www.literacydupage.org.

LITERACY DUPAGE:
AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE

Wednesday, March 18, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Stop by the library lobby and talk to a representative from Literacy DuPage. Learn how to change someone's future by becoming a literacy volunteer tutor for adults. There is a waiting list of Westmont learners waiting for your help!

THE MIGHTY UKULELE ✓

Saturday, March 14, 1 – 2 pm

Interested in learning to play the ukulele but not sure where to begin? Join Jon Kostal of Uncle Jon's Music as he discusses a brief history of the instrument, different types of ukuleles, and how you can get started right away. Audience members will have a chance to test different ukuleles and ask Jon questions. A performance will follow the presentation.

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES**COMPUTER PROGRAMMING FOR BEGINNERS** ✓

Saturday, March 21, 11 am – 12:30 pm

Computer programming is considered tomorrow's literacy. Join a library staff member to learn these skills with easy, fun exercises designed for adult beginners with no previous coding experience. Basic general computer experience required.

WELCOME TO YOUR NEW ONLINE CATALOG ✓

Wednesday, April 15, 5 – 6 pm and 7 – 8 pm
Sunday, April 19 and Saturday, April 25, 2 – 3 pm

The library has a brand new online catalog, SirsiDynix Enterprise! Join a library staff member at one of these sessions for an orientation that will cover basic and advanced searching, sorting results, placing holds, and accessing ebooks through the catalog. All skill levels welcome.

PINTEREST FOR BEGINNERS ✓

Thursday, May 7, 6 – 7:30 pm

Pinterest is a visual bookmarking tool that helps you discover and save creative ideas. This program, taught by a library staff member, will cover how to create an account, make and organize boards, and save images from around the web using the Pinterest browser button. Internet experience and an email account required.



RECYCLED SWEATER HAT CREATION ✓

Thursday, March 26, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Create your own hat made from recycled sweater parts in this class that combines beginning sewing, recycled fashions, and fiber art. You will learn about “fulling” animal hair sweaters, sewing pattern layout and cutting, and hand sewing using either whip or blanket stitch. Choose from one of five original pattern designs. Led by Tammy L Deck, fiber artist and owner of TLD Design Center & Gallery of Westmont.

Each person should bring one animal hair sweater with 75% or higher content of wool, merino, mohair, rabbit hair, angora, or cashmere on the label—be prepared to sacrifice this sweater completely. Sweaters with holes and spots are absolutely acceptable.

CONSERVATION@HOME ✓

Saturday, March 28, 2 – 3 pm

The Conservation Foundation will discuss water conservation practices, wildlife habitat, land stewardship, and a variety of techniques for transforming your landscape, including the use of native plants, rain barrels and rain gardens.

BOLLYWOOD BASH

Sunday, March 29, 1:30 – 4:30 pm

Join us for a screening of the Bollywood mega-hit *Dil Se* starring Shah Rukh Khan, Manisha Koirala, and Preity Zinta. Delicious mithai (Indian sweets), popcorn, mango juice, and other refreshments will be served.

CLIMB YOUR FAMILY TREE ✓

Saturday, April 11, 2 – 3 pm

This introduction to genealogy will prepare you to discover your family tree. Learn what to look for (types of records), where to search (local and online resources), and record what you find. Rose Messina Lehne from the DuPage County Genealogical Society will lead us through the steps involved.



MUSICAL JOURNEY ACROSS COUNTRIES AND CONTINENTS ✓

Sunday, April 12, 2 – 3 pm

Enjoy The Chicago Cossacks folk music and dance from around the world. They will perform songs in Italian, French, Russian, Belarus, Yiddish, Hebrew, English, Ukrainian, and Spanish. English translation of lyrics will be provided. The band plays traditional Russian musical instruments such as domra (mandolin), balalaika, and bayan (button accordion).

Children ages 4 and up are welcome.

CREATE YOUR JOB SEARCH STRATEGY ✓

Saturday, April 18, 11 am – noon

Develop a plan to successfully find employment with Jill Kimek from the People's Resource Center Job Assistance Program. Participants will learn about programs and services available to adults at PRC and how to access online resources.

FELT BEADS, BAUBLES, AND BALLS ✓

Thursday, April 30, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Learn how to transform loose wool fiber into whimsical felt orbs through soap and water hand rubbing and rolling. There are a variety of uses for these gems...we will use them as beads for jewelry creations. You choose your colors and sizes and wear your creation home! Stringing materials included. Led by Tammy L Deck, fiber artist and owner of TLD Design Center & Gallery of Westmont.



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Library Hours

Monday – Thursday
Friday + Saturday
Sunday

10 am – 9 pm
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1 pm – 5 pm

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Sunday, April 5
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