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THE EXPLORER

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NEW COMMUNITY ROOM

Our new first floor community room is complete! The space will be used for programs, meetings, and events. It's available for rent to Westmont residents. Come take a look!

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

CHANGE SOMEONE'S LIFE: BECOME A LITERACY VOLUNTEER

Monday, February 29, 6 – 7:30 pm

Explore the possibility of tutoring adults who need help with reading, writing, speaking, and understanding English. Find out more at this orientation session, which is required before training begins. Tutor training will be held at WPL on March 7, 9, 14, 23, 29, and 31 from 6 to 9 pm.

To register, please call Literacy DuPage at 630 416 6699. For more information, visit literacydupage.org.

BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Thursday, May 12, 7:30 – 9 am

Business owners and Westmont professionals are invited to join us at the library for a continental breakfast. Learn about library resources and tools available to help take your services to the next level.

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Saturday, May 14, 2 – 4 pm

Why do you love Westmont? Share a story, funny anecdote, or inspiring tale about what makes you part of the Westmont community. Interviews will be recorded and added to the library's ongoing series, "Live! in Westmont."

IN THE ART GALLERY

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

March & April

Joyce Latimer — Acrylic paintings

May

Tony Kola — Digital art

CELEBRATE EARTH MONTH!

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

EARTH DAY SEEDLING PACKETS

Friday, April 22

Celebrate Earth Day by visiting the library to pick up free seeds for your garden, while supplies last!

NATIVE PLANTS

Wednesday, March 2, 7 – 8:30 pm

Understand the role native plants play in an ecosystem while learning requirements for restoration and management from Seth Crackel, an ecological restoration project specialist.

ARE THERE LEAD HAZARDS IN MY HOME?

Monday, April 4, 6 – 6:45 pm

If your home was built before 1978, there's a high chance it contains lead-based paint. Learn about lead sources and simple steps you can take to protect your family from Mary McAuliffe, a U.S. EPA attorney and Westmont EIC commissioner.

RADON'S INDECENT EXPOSURE

Monday, April 4, 6:45 – 7:30 pm

Learn the basics about radon and testing for specific building types from Kelly Sibert, a licensed radon testing professional. The program includes a discussion of radon inspections and contracts for purchase and sale of real estate.

SUSTAINABLE HOMES AND INDOOR GARDENING

Monday, April 11, 7 – 8:30 pm

Uncover the latest home sustainability technology and methods from Victor Zaderej, a lighting expert. The program includes a demonstration of how to grow leafy greens, herbs, and vegetables indoors all year.

WHAT IS A GREEN HOME?

Tuesday, April 12, 7 – 8:30 pm

Gain a complete "green" picture of your home as well as tips to guide you through sustainable home improvement from Lauren Blissard, from a sustainable solutions architecture and design firm.

REGISTERED STORYTIMES

We ask that you register in advance for many of our storytimes so that we may provide the best possible experience for your early reader! Storytimes that require registration are indicated with a checkmark. ✓ Registration is required for only the first session; you will automatically be signed up for all sessions. *Please pick only one registered storytime for each child.* Thank you for helping us provide a wonderful experience for all our Westmont families.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME (Ages 3½ – 6) ✓

Tuesdays, March 15 – April 19, 11:15 – 11:45 am

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.

LAPSIT STORYTIME (Ages 0 – 2) ✓

Wednesdays, March 16 – April 20, 10:15 – 11 am
OR Thursdays, March 17 – April 21, 10:15 – 11 am

Lapsit storytime offers our youngest patrons a chance to learn fingerplays and hear stories in a low-key environment with their caregivers.

TODDLER STORYTIME (Ages 2 – 3) ✓

Wednesdays, March 16 – April 20, 11:15 – noon
OR Thursdays, March 17 – April 21, 11:15 – noon

Children and their caregivers will enjoy time with songs, action rhymes, stories, and playtime that will help develop skills necessary for reading readiness.

LANGUAGE STORYTIME (Ages 0 – 6)

Mondays, March 14 – April 18, 10:15 – 10:45 am

Introduce your little one to a foreign language as we enjoy songs and stories in Spanish or French.

DROP-IN STORYTIME! (Ages 0 – 6)

Tuesdays, March 15 – April 19, 10:15 – 10:45 am

Join us for these drop-in storytimes filled with music, movement, and stories.

MESSY SENSORY PLAY (Ages 18 months – 5 years)

Tuesdays, 3/8, 3/22, 4/5, 4/19, 5/3, and 5/17
1 – 2:30 pm

Give your child the benefits of messy sensory play while keeping your home neat and clean. A different sensory experience such as playdough, water play, shredded paper, rice play, and finger paint will be set up each session. Make sure to wear old clothes and drop in for some messy fun!

TUTUS & TEA (Ages 3 – 5 years and their caregivers) ✓

Saturday, April 16, 1:30 – 3 pm

Look out, Fancy Nancy! During this program, adults will learn to make tutus for their little ones and children will enjoy stories and a craft of their own. Then, we'll come back together for tea and pictures in our tutus.

READY TO READ ✓

(for parents or caregivers of children ages 0 – 3)

Wednesday, May 11, 6:30 – 8 pm

Early literacy is defined as everything a child knows about reading and writing before they actually learn to read and write. Learn more about the benefits of talking, singing, and reading to your baby and toddler and learn tips for enhancing your baby's language skills. You'll also have a chance to make a small flannel board and felt game to take home and help make learning fun!

PROGRAMMING NOTES

Youth Programs

Appropriate age levels for program participation are established by our staff of professionals. We ask that children meet the age requirements to ensure a rewarding experience for all. Our storytimes are designed for children to attend with a caregiver.

All Programs

Staff kindly ask all participants to arrive promptly for our programs. Late arrivals may have their spot forfeited.

Program participants may be photographed or videotaped for library promotional purposes. Please notify library staff if you prefer to not be photographed.

GRADES 1 – 2**SEW MUCH FUN** ✓ **Saturday, March 12, 1:30 – 2:30 pm**

Learn all about sewing and sewing machines in this program that walks you through the basics. Then, show off your new skills by making a teddy bear sleeping bag to take home.

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER ✓**Wednesday, March 30, 7:30 – 8:30 pm**

Bring your stuffed animal to the library for this special evening storytime. Enjoy stories and a craft, then say goodnight and tuck your friend in for their sleepover at the library. Pick up your sleepy animal friend the next morning.

STORY AND GAME DESIGN ✓**Tuesday, April 12, 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

Do you want to learn how to program your own interactive stories and games? Join us as we put our problem-solving skills to the test to create one-of-a-kind projects using ScratchJr.

SPY CAMP ✓**Wednesday, May 4, 4 – 5 pm**

Join us for a top secret spy camp. We can't tell you much, except you will be trained in laser dodging, solving mysterious phenomenon, and trailing clues. All spies welcome.



Introducing The Makery — our invitation to explore, create, and learn new skills to bring your ideas to life. Curious about 3D printing? Want to play with circuits or sew one-of-a-kind clothes? We'll provide the tools; you bring the creativity.

 *Look for this icon to find Makery programs. See page 10 for more information or visit westmontlibrary.org/makery.*

GRADES 3 – 5**VIDEO GAME DESIGN CLUB — LEVEL 1** ✓**Tuesdays, March 8 and March 15, 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

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

3D DESIGN CLASS (Grades 4 – 5) ✓ **Thursday, March 31, 2:30 – 3:30 pm**

Discover how you can use CAD software to design a 3D object, then print it with our 3D printer. No design experience necessary!

SEW, LET'S MAKE A TOTE! ✓ **Friday, April 1, 2:30 – 4 pm**

Learn all about the sewing machine, how to use it safely, and the basics of sewing on our new machines. You will make your own tote bag to show off your new amazing skills!

SUNCATCHERS ✓**Wednesday, April 13, 3 – 4 pm**

Celebrate Earth Day with us by making your very own suncatcher. We will use dried flowers and our artistic imagination to create a work of art that can hang in your window at home.

LEGO ROBOTICS ✓**Monday, April 18 and Tuesday, April 19, 4 – 5:30 pm**

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

VIDEO GAME DESIGN CLUB — LEVEL 2 ✓**Monday, May 9 and Tuesday, May 10, 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

This club is for those that are comfortable with Scratch basics and ready to work on more advanced design features of Scratch.

SEWING REIMAGINED ✓ **Tuesday, March 29, 2:30 – 4 pm**

Take an old or oversized t-shirt or button-up shirt and turn it into something new for spring using our sewing machines and your imagination.

3D DESIGN LAB (Grades 6 – 12) ✓ **Thursday, March 31, 4 – 5 pm**

Discover how you can use CAD software to design a 3D object, then print it with our 3D printer. No design experience necessary!

SPLATTER PAINT ✓**Wednesday, April 6, 4 – 5 pm**

Join us in re-creating Jackson Pollock's famous splatter paintings. We will throw, drip, and spray paint to make our own paintings, as well as one giant painting to hang in the library. Make sure you wear clothes you can be colorfully creative in!

MAKEY MAKEY FUN ✓**Tuesday, April 26, 4 – 5 pm**

Use bananas to create a piano, craft playdough to control a video game, or create a working guitar with paper and pencil. Come see what you can make using these fun tools — our MaKey MaKeys!

DIY 3D GLASSES AND IMAGES ✓ **Monday, May 9 and Tuesday, May 10, 6 – 8 pm**

Learn how to make eye-popping 3D images and a flashy pair of 3D specs that will make your creations leap off the page.

CODING CAMP ✓**Tuesday, May 17 and Wednesday, May 18, 6 – 8 pm**

Want to learn programming? Are you interested in creating video games or general programming? In Coding Camp, we will give you the basics of C++ to get started, and then help you through writing your first program.

SUGAR COOKIE DECORATING ✓**Saturday, March 19, 2 – 3 pm**

Decorate your sugar cookie, and eat it, too! Join us in turning plain sugar cookies into masterpieces with frosting, sprinkles, and our delicious imaginations. It's time to put your sweet tooth to work!

EARTH DAY CRAFT**Saturday, April 23, 2 – 3:30 pm**

Customize your own flower pot and watch seedlings turn into beautiful flowers. Available while supplies last.

SALSA CELEBRATION!**Friday, April 29, 7 – 8:30 pm**

Dust off your dancing shoes or just listen to the rhythm of the music! The Chicago-based Latin band, Rica Obsesion, will perform salsa music that will have everyone dancing. Lessons will be provided.

Ages 5 and up are welcome!

This program is part of the Latino Americans: 500 Years of History grant. Learn more about the series at pbs.org/latino-americans. Latino Americans: 500 Years of History has been made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association.

**CARDBOARD CONSTRUCTION****Saturday, May 7, 1 – 3 pm**

Design and build a unique structure or object! We'll supply cardboard of all shapes and sizes plus scissors, tape, and other materials. You supply the ideas.

SMALL POTATOES FOLK DUO LIVE! ✓**Friday, May 13, 7 – 9 pm**

Join us for an evening of eclectic music performed by the Chicago-based folk duo, Small Potatoes. Jacquie Manning and Rich Prezioso sing and play guitar in a mix of music that ranges from country to blues and swing to Irish!



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 *Look for this icon to find Makery programs for youth and teens, too!*

MEET THE MAKERY ORIENTATIONS

Sewing Machine **Thursday, March 3 OR April 7**
Vinyl Cutter **Thursday, March 17 OR May 5**

7 – 8 pm

Discover the exciting new equipment and programs we're offering through The Makery. After a brief introduction to tools and policies, you'll learn how to safely use our sewing machines or Silhouette Cameo vinyl cutter. Once you've completed training with one of these tools, you'll be able to check it out for in-library use.

3D SCANNING

Thursday, March 10, 7 – 8 pm  

Learn how to use an Xbox Kinect at home or at the library to create a 3D scan of yourself and others. Scans can be printed on the library's 3D printer.

3D DESIGN WITH SCULPTRIS

Tuesday, March 22 OR Tuesday, April 26
6 – 8 pm

Get a hands-on lesson in 3D making with Sculptris, an intuitive modeling app that's perfect for portraits, creatures, and organic forms. After learning the basics, each participant will design a keychain fob which will be printed on our new 3D machine.

SEW A CANVAS TOTE BAG

Tuesday, March 29, 6 – 9 pm

Create a canvas tote bag with our sewing machines. Sewing expert, Jean Ciethaml, will help you with the basics to create a bag you can carry home. Basic sewing machine experienced required.

3D DESIGN: LET'S LEARN 123D DESIGN

Tuesday, May 24, 7 - 8 pm

Join us for a hands-on lesson with 123D Design, a free 3D creation tool that's easy to learn. Computers will be provided.

SCREEN PRINTED TEES

Tuesday, May 31, 6 – 8 pm

Create a unique screen printed t-shirt to take home. We'll design stencils on the computer, then work in pairs to print our designs using basic screen printing techniques. Please bring a plain t-shirt for use during the program.



JUMPSTART YOUR HEALTH ✓**Saturday, March 5, 11 – noon**

What if there was a roadmap you could follow for better health? Learn about lifestyle changes, weight loss, and exercise to lower your risk of developing diabetes. Julie Sanfilippo, RD, LD, with the Elmhurst Hospital's Diabetes Learning Center will share ways to Jumpstart Your Health!

ADULT COLORING CLUB**Wednesday, 3/9, Monday, 4/25, and Thursday, 5/12
2 – 3 pm**

Who says adults are too old to color? Not us! Drop in for a relaxing hour of coloring and socializing. Materials are provided. All skill levels are welcome!

ITALIAN FOR FUN AND TRAVEL ✓**Monday, March 21, 7 – 8:30 pm**

Have you ever wanted to learn a little Italian? Now is your chance! In this engaging presentation with Kathryn Occhipinti, an experienced Italian teacher, you'll be introduced to the beautiful language and culture of Italy. You'll also learn a few phrases that are particularly useful for travel.

GOING GLUTEN FREE ✓**Wednesday, March 30, 7 – 8 pm**

Have you wondered what all the buzz is about a gluten-free diet? Come and learn what it means to eat gluten free from Katherine Ingle, a dietetic intern from the Hines VA Hospital.

WILDFLOWER GARDEN ART WORKSHOP ✓**Wednesday, April 6, 7 – 8:30 pm**

Children's book illustrator Terri Murphy will help you unleash the inner wild. Learn about one-stroke painting using acrylics and watercolors so you can create a variety of fabulous blossoms.

MOTORING WEST THE WRIGHT WAY ✓**Wednesday, April 13, 7 – 8 pm**

Discover the Frank Lloyd Wright and Route 66 connection. Wright and his students made annual pilgrimages from Wisconsin to Arizona. Learn about these trips and the many Wright-designed buildings on or near Route 66 with Dave Clark, author of the book *Exploring Route 66 in Chicagoland*.

DOWNTON ABBEY TEA AND DISCUSSION ✓**Thursday, April 21, 1:30 – 3:30 pm**

Enjoy tea and dessert as we celebrate the last season of award-winning TV series, *Downton Abbey*. We will play our version of *Downton Abbey* Bingo and watch part of an episode from season six.

GMOs AND YOU ✓**Monday, May 2, 7 – 8 pm**

Wondering about GMOs? Amy Cox, a certified health coach, will facilitate a discussion designed to help you become an educated consumer. Attendees will receive a non-GMO vegetable starter plant.

Co-sponsored with the Village of Westmont's Environmental Improvement Commission.

CREDIT CARDS 101 ✓**Wednesday, May 11, 7 – 8 pm**

Learn to credit card comparison shop, better understand your statements, and review your credit scores and history from a representative of the State of Illinois Comptroller's office.

APPY HOUR: URBAN LEGEND BREWING COMPANY ✓**Wednesday, May 11, 7 – 8:30 pm**

Join us for spirits and apps! We'll be learning about the newest pours at Urban Legend and showing off the coolest smartphone apps available with your library card. The library will provide appetizers. Drinks are available for individual purchase.

Location: Urban Legends Brewery, 1115 Zygmunt Circle, Westmont

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

GETTING STARTED WITH WINDOWS 10

Tuesday, March 8, 7 – 8 pm

Did you recently upgrade to Windows 10 or are you thinking about making the jump? We'll discuss the differences between the Windows versions and how to make the switch easier.

VHS TO DVD CONVERSION CLASS

**Wednesday, March 9 and Thursdays, April 14 & May 12
6 – 6:30 pm**

Join us for a demonstration of our new VHS to DVD conversion equipment. Drop-ins are welcome.

SMARTPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY

Thursday, May 19, 7 – 8 pm

It's said that the best camera is the one you have with you. These days that camera is likely to be a smartphone! Learn how to use the best features of your iPhone or Android with a library staff member. Please bring a smartphone with you to this program.

KNIT CLIQUE

Tuesdays, 3/1, 4/5, and 5/3, 6:30 – 8 pm

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

TEAM TRIVIA

Wednesdays, 3/9, 3/23, 4/6, 4/20, 5/4, and 5/18, 7 – 9 pm

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

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

WRITERS GROUP

Thursdays, 3/10, 3/24, 4/7, 4/21, 5/5, and 5/19, 7 – 9 pm

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

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Saturdays, 3/12, 3/26, 4/9, 4/23, 5/14, and 5/28, 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.

4TH MONDAY BOOK GROUP

Mondays, 3/28, 4/25, and 5/23, 7 – 9 pm

Immerse yourself in fascinating lives, true crime, espionage, scandal, corruption, heroism, and heartaches in this book group. Join us as we explore the world — one book at a time!

See westmontlibrary.org/bookclubs for upcoming titles.

UNREAL WORLD BOOK CLUB

Tuesdays, 3/1, 4/5, and 5/3, 7 – 9 pm

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

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Library Hours

Monday – Thursday 10 am – 9 pm
Friday + Saturday 10 am – 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm – 5 pm

Library Closings

Friday, March 11 (staff in-service)
Sunday, March 27
Sunday, May 29
Monday, May 30

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