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THE EXPLORER

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ESCAPE THE ORDINARY WITH THE LIBRARY

Westmont residents are invited to participate in our summer learning program from **June 11 through August 6**. *Escape the Ordinary* features great programs and exciting activities to encourage children to read and learn all summer long. These programs are offered in the library and around the community.

Children and their parents can pick up a learning log at the kick-off party on Saturday, June 11 from 2 – 4 pm in our youth department or in the library after that date. Throughout the summer, complete reading and activity goals listed on the learning log and turn them in for prizes.

Join us for our summer learning program and get to know yourself and our community a little better as we *Escape the Ordinary*! Sign up now at westmontlibrary.org/summerlearning to enjoy these exciting programs.

 **Look for this symbol throughout the newsletter to find all the summer learning programs offered by the library!**

SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY

Saturday, June 11, 2 – 4 pm

Meet Elephant and Piggie

Snap a pic at our green screen photo shoot

Enjoy a snow cone

Hear a story and do a craft

Pick up your learning log for *Escape the Ordinary*

FRIENDS OF THE WESTMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Westmont Public Library is happy to announce a new leadership team for the Friends of the Library group.

New President, Rajesh Parikh, a Westmont resident of 15 years is joined by Steven Vargas, the new Treasurer, a Westmont resident of 14 years. They both bring enthusiasm and a strong commitment to the group.

Formally organized as a non-profit in 1989, the Friends group is made up of volunteers who work to enhance library services. The Friends group supports reading programs, special events, and equipment purchases through membership dues and fundraising.

The Friends group also sponsors an ongoing book sale in the library lobby and a book swap at the Westmont train station where you can trade in a book and pick up a new one.

Make a difference in our community and become a part of this dynamic group. New members are always welcome! If interested, fill out an online membership form at westmontlibrary.org/friends or stop by the library to pick up a form.

**Friends
of the Library
Meeting**
Tuesday, August 2, 7 pm
Everyone is
welcome!

LIBRARIANS AROUND TOWN

**Subscribe to
our eNews to get
monthly updates!**

Visit our website
to sign up.

Look for us out and about this summer! Visit our table at the Westmont Street Fair every Thursday night for a fun children's activity and learn about our digital services! We'll also be at the Taste of Westmont in July with some fun prizes. Check out our online calendar for details on other exciting programs around town!

IN THE ART GALLERY

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

June Tony Kola — Digital Art

July & August Darold Drew — Floral and Landscape Photographs

MESSY SENSORY PLAY (Ages 18 months – 5 years)**Tuesdays, June 14 & 28, July 12 & 26, and August 9, 1 – 2:30 pm**

Give your child the benefits of messy sensory play while keeping your home neat and clean. We'll set up different activities each session such as playdough, water play, shredded paper, and more. Make sure to wear old clothes.

STORYTIME! (Ages 0 – 6)**Wednesdays, June 15 – August 3, 10:15 – 10:45 am**

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

RHYTHM AND RHYME BABY TIME (Ages 0 – 24 months)**Thursdays, June 16 – August 4, 10:15 – 11 am**

Our youngest patrons and their caregivers will enjoy stories, rhymes, songs, fingerplays, and free play.

POP-UP STORYTIME (Ages 0 – 6) **Tuesdays, 10 – 10:30 am**

Join us around the community for special storytimes throughout the summer.

- June 21** Veteran's Memorial Park, *corner of E Richmond St and Linden Ave*
- July 5** Standard Market (limited to 40 children), *333 E Ogden Ave*
- July 19** Twin Lakes Park, *corner of W 59th St and Williams*
- August 2** Standard Market (limited to 40 children), *333 E Ogden Ave*

In partnership with the Westmont Park District.

MOMMY AND ME DANCE (Ages 0 – 2)  **Monday, July 11, 10:15 – 11 am**

This interactive class gives children and their caregivers the opportunity to discover the joy of movement in a safe, creative, and nurturing environment.

Location: Hinsdale Dance Academy, 645 Blackhawk Drive, Westmont

R.E.A.D. WITH A THERAPY PET (Grades K – 3)  **Mondays, June 13 and July 11, 4:15 – 5:15 pm; August 1, 7 – 8 pm**

Meet with a handler and their trained therapy pet for 15-minute reading sessions. Sign up by phone or in person at the library.

Co-sponsored by the Hinsdale Humane Society.

MUG IT UP FOR DAD (Grades K – 2) **Tuesday, June 14, 3:30 – 4:30 pm**

Make your own personalized mug as a special Father's Day gift for Dad!

FIND YOUR INNER DANCER (Grades K – 5)  **Wednesday, June 15, 1 – 2 pm**

Ever wanted to try ballet? This is your opportunity to learn the beauty, discipline, and art of dance. Salt Creek Ballet dancers will teach participants ballet technique. No experience necessary and no special shoes required. Please bring or wear socks.

Location: Salt Creek Ballet, 98 E Chicago Ave, Westmont

CALLING ALL NINJAS! (Grades K – 4)  **Monday, June 20, 10:30 – 11:30 am**

Educate yourself in the traditional Japanese art of camouflage. Through a combination of gymnastics and martial arts, this introductory program will develop your ninja balance, coordination, focus, and self-confidence. Push yourself to the limits with the Illinois Gymnastic Institute staff.

Note: A waiver must be signed by a parent or guardian on the day of the program.

Location: Illinois Gymnastic Institute, 145 Plaza Dr, Westmont

LEGO ROBOTICS (Grades 2 – 4)  **Monday, June 20, 2:30 – 3:30 pm**

In this new robotics course by Sylvan Learning, budding engineers will build and program LEGO robots that move.

BEYOND THE BOOK ART CLUB (Grades K – 1) **Tuesdays, June 21, July 5 & 19, and August 2, 1 – 2 pm**

Listen to a story each week, then take it beyond the pages with a fun and creative art project. Club meets for four weeks.

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

KALEIDOSCOPIES COLOR YOUR WORLD (Grades K – 2) ✓**Monday, July 18, 3 – 4 pm**

Create your very own kaleidoscope with recycled materials and change the colors of your world!

CENTER FOR DANCE MUSICAL THEATER (Grades 2 – 5) ✓ **Friday, July 22, 1:30 – 2:30 pm**

The Center for Dance staff will lead you in an exploration of acting and character development through movement. Start with a warm-up and then practice across-the-floor movements that teach storytelling and musicality

Location: The Center for Dance, 226 N Cass Ave, Westmont

KARATE IN THE PARK (Grades K – 5) ✓ **Tuesday, July 26, 11 am – noon**

Join True Balance Karate in Lions Park to learn the basics about this martial art that promotes wellness and teaches respect, self-awareness, and personal control.

*Location: Lions Park, NE corner of Chicago Ave and Wilmette Ave, Westmont
In partnership with the Westmont Park District.*

VIEW THE STARS (Grades 1 – 5) ✓ 

Experience the night sky in the inflatable StarLab Portable Planetarium. Climb in and learn about constellations. Choose from one of two programs presented by the Discovery Center Museum in Rockford.

Friday, July 29, 10:15 – 11 am

We will share how Native American stories find new pictures in the stars.

Friday, July 29, 11:15 am – noon

This Ancient Stories in the Sky program will focus on familiar Greek constellations and myths.

*Location: Westmont Yard, 233 West 63rd Street, Westmont
Sponsored by the Friends of the Westmont Public Library.*

SQUISHY CIRCUITS (Grades K – 1) ✓**Saturday, July 30, 2:30 – 3 pm**

Create your own circuits with “squishy” things and find out how electricity travels through different materials or conductors. Cool!

GRADES 1 – 2**MAD SCIENTISTS** ✓**Thursdays, June 16 & 30 and July 14 & 28****4:15 – 5:15 pm**

Explore hands-on science as you conduct a different experiment or exploration project each session. Each participant will be paired with a science buddy, one of our teen volunteers.

SEW A POOL BAG ✓ **Wednesday, June 22, noon – 1:30 pm****OR Wednesday, June 22, 2:30 – 4 pm**

Be cool at the pool with your very own bag. Sewing machine and all materials provided.

FUN WITH OZOBOTS ✓**Saturday, July 16, 2 – 3 pm**

Ozobot is a miniature, codeable robot that will help you learn programming skills in this hands-on introductory program.

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the Ordinary
this summer!**
June 11 – August 6
Pick up a learning
log at our youth
desk!

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 3 – 5**MAKEY MAKEY FUN** ✓**Monday, June 13, 2:30 – 3:30 pm**

Learn how to play musical notes with fruit or turn videos off and on with a fist bump. Come use the fun MaKey MaKey tools to create exciting things.

3D DESIGN (Grades 4 – 5) ✓ M**Tuesday, June 28, 3:30 – 4:30 pm**

Discover how to use CAD software to design a 3D object, then have it printed on the library's 3D printer. No design experience necessary.

SEW AN AMERICAN GIRL DOLL DRESS ✓ M**Thursday, July 7, 2:30 – 4 pm**

Imagine how awesome your American Girl doll will look in a dress you sew yourself! Sewing machine and materials provided.

SEW A SPORTS PILLOW ✓ M**Wednesday, July 13, 2:30 – 4 pm**

Whether you are into sports or pillows, join us to make a softball, baseball, or football pillow. Sewing machine and materials provided.

MARBLE RUN ✓**Monday, July 25, 2 – 3 pm**

Explore kinetic energy and velocity by constructing a marble run roller coaster with loops and hills.

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PROJECT RUNWAY: DUCT TAPE EDITION ✓**Wednesday, June 15 and Thursday, June 16, 2 – 4 pm**

Design chic duct tape apparel, style your models, and put on a runway show in this two-day, team fashion extravaganza.

SEW A JOGGING BELT ✓ M**Thursday, June 23, 2:15 – 3:45 pm**

Tired of carrying your keys, phone, money, and other small items in your pocket or arms when you are on the go? Make a belt that will carry it all. Sewing machines and materials will be provided.

CREATE A 2D ANIMATED FILM ✓ M**Wednesday, June 29, 2 – 3 pm**

Learn how to make your own stop motion "film" with post-it notes and an iPad.

CUT & WEAR: VINYL CUFFS ✓ M**Monday, July 11, 6 – 8 pm**

Design a one-of-a-kind, pierced vinyl cuff or bracelet on the computer, then cut it out using our vinyl cutter machine. All materials will be provided.

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB ✓**Thursdays, July 14 & 21, 1:30 – 2:30 pm**

Learn the basics of creative writing and then write stories with friends. We will discuss and practice a variety of writing strategies, styles, and genres.

ZOMBIE FACE ✓**Tuesday, July 26, 4 – 5 pm**

Go from human to zombie in an hour with the help of stage makeup.

MAKE A 3D KEYCHAIN OR FIGURE ✓ M**Thursday, July 28, 3 – 4 pm**

Design your own 3D printed keychain or figurine using the program Tinkercad.

LASER TAG WARRIORS ✓ M**Friday, August 5, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Release your inner warrior in this after-hours laser tag tournament, set up by the folks from Battle Royale. Participants will be split into teams for maximum fun.

Note: Parent permission form, available at the library, is required.

SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY **Saturday, June 11, 2 – 4 pm**

The youth department invites you to our summer kick-off party! Meet Elephant and Piggie, snap a pic at our green screen photo shoot, and enjoy light refreshments. You can also pick up a learning log to join in the fun for *Escape the Ordinary*, our summer program!

BAREFOOT HAWAIIAN DANCE **Saturday, June 25, 2 – 3 pm**

Ignore the everyday and escape to the Islands. Watch and learn the hula and other Hawaiian dances!

ANIMAL INTERACTION **Saturday, July 9, 1:30 – 2:30 pm**

What do you get when you have a groundhog, a skunk, a porcupine, and a coyote at the library? If you add a wolf, you will have an afternoon of wild fun with the folks from Big Run Wolf Ranch! This licensed facility specializes in North American wildlife, many who are rescue animals.

MR D'S MAGIC AND ILLUSION SHOW **Wednesday, July 20, 7 – 8 pm**

Prepare to be mystified and amazed by Mr. D! Top-notch magic and illusions combined with audience participation and comedy make for a show you won't want to miss!

*Location: Ty Warner Park Pavilion, corner of Plaza Dr and Blackhawk Dr
In partnership with the Westmont Park District.*

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SUMMER HAIR INSPIRATION  **Thursday, June 2, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Experienced stylists, Peggy, Mary, and Jessica will demonstrate fun summer looks for you to try. Bring your hair-styling questions to this consultation with three professionals.

Location: Flux Hair Salon, 245 North Cass Ave, Westmont

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS  **Saturday, June 4, 1:30 – 3:30 pm**

Experience the fun of imaginary play for grown ups. We're hosting a one shot D&D experience for new and experienced players. Join the fellowship and find out if you have what it takes to defeat the evil within the land.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS **Wednesday, June 8, 7 – 8:30 pm**

Come and learn 10 ways to improve your storytelling through digital images today. Professional photographers and Westmont residents, Roxanne Engstrom and Jamie Engelhardt, will help you find your voice as a photographer. Class participants will have the opportunity to receive feedback on their images through a Facebook group.

HOST A BLOCK PARTY!  **Tuesday, June 14, 7 – 7:30 pm**

Learn everything you need to know to set up and host a block party in Westmont! Village of Westmont employees will go over the details and answer your questions. All participants can sign up for a raffle to win a block party starter kit.


TOP HITS OF THE '50s  **Wednesday, June 15, 7 – 8 pm**

Sit back, relax, and enjoy the top hits of the '50s performed by professional pianist and vocalist Robyn Vitson, a Westmont resident.

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THE MAKERY

Visit westmontlibrary.org/makery to learn more about our tools and software, find inspiration, and access how-to guides.

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

MAKERY ORIENTATIONS

Discover the exciting new equipment and programs we're offering through The Makery. After a brief introduction to tools and policies, you'll receive training that allows you to check out a specific type of equipment for in-library use or submit a file for 3D printing.

3D Printer

Thursday, June 9, 7 – 8 pm

Vinyl Cutter

Tuesday, July 12, 7 – 8 pm

VHS to DVD Conversion

Monday, August 8, 7 – 8 pm

Sewing Machine

Thursday, August 25, 7 – 8 pm

HEMMING AND HAWING: HOW TO HEM PANTS

Monday, June 13, 7 – 8 pm

Do you have trouble finding a pair of pants that are the perfect length? Have you always wanted to know how to hem pants for yourself? Save yourself the time and cost of taking them somewhere and learn how to do it yourself. Sewing machines and materials will be provided.

3D PRINT IT: USB DRIVES

Thursday, June 16, 6 – 8 pm

Store your files in style: make a unique, 3D printed case for a USB drive. No design experience required. All supplies will be provided.

PHOTOGRAPHY FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Wednesday, June 22, 7 – 8 pm

Explore the world through the eyes of a seasoned traveler. Henry Ristic, an agent at Viking Travel of Westmont, will lead you on a visual tour of Ireland, the Greek Islands, Scandinavian countries, and a German River Cruise.

AERIAL HAMMOCK CLASS

Wednesday, July 6, 6:15 – 7:15 pm

Join us for an introductory class that will leave you amazed at what you are capable of with the support of a hammock.

Notes: Participants should wear pants that cover the back of knees and a shirt that covers underarms. Please do not wear clothing that could snag the hammock.

Location: *Rising Goddess Fitness, 208 E Chicago Ave, Westmont*

BOARD GAME DAY

Saturday, July 9, 1 – 3 pm

Board games are coming back in a huge way. See what the excitement is all about! Play some games with us, then check out your favorite to take home and play with family and friends.

PAINT PARTY

Wednesday, July 13, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Have you always wanted to learn how to paint? Heather Kostal, artist and educator, will lead the group in creating a beautiful one-of-a-kind 11" x 14" pet painting. All supplies, including aprons, will be provided.

Notes: Bring a photo of your furry friend for inspiration. No experience is required. This is a BYOB event.

Location: *No Corner Suns Art Studio, 134 N Cass Ave, Westmont*

ESCAPE THE ROOM

Saturday, July 16, noon – 5 pm

Can you solve all the puzzles in this room and escape in time? Gather your friends and register for this fun event. A maximum of six people can sign up as a group for each 45-minute session. Six starting times will be available.

IMPROV COMMANDOS SHOW

Wednesday, July 27, 7 – 8:30 pm

Get ready for an evening of side-aching laughs at the library! The Improv Commandos will feature improvisation games similar to those seen on the TV show, *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* as they create a fun, interactive show. Best suited for attendees 13 and up.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Westmont Public Library.

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

GETTING STARTED WITH WINDOWS 10

Tuesday, June 28, 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.

FACEBOOK BASICS

Thursday, July 7, 7 – 8 pm

Interested in knowing about Facebook but don't know how it works? We'll discuss some of the basics including how to sign up for an account.

Note: A valid email address that is accessible in the library is required.

MAC BASICS

Thursday, August 4, 7 – 8 pm

Recently purchased a Mac or thinking about making the switch from PC? This is the class for you! We'll show you how to navigate and get started on a Mac.

BECOME A BLOGGER

Thursday, August 18, 7 – 8 pm

Interested in starting your own blog about your favorite books or photography? Join a librarian as we compare and contrast WordPress and Blogger, two of the more popular blogging services.

BOOST YOUR BRAIN HEALTH

Tuesday, August 9, 7 – 8 pm

Join Cindy Nissen, R.N. and health education specialist, for a fun and interactive program. Identify exercises that benefit brain health, practice brain boosting strategies, and receive a list of brain health resources.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Westmont Public Library.

KNIT CLIQUE

Tuesdays, June 7, July 5, and August 2, 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!

UNREAL WORLD BOOK CLUB

Tuesdays, June 7, July 5, and August 2, 7 – 9 pm

Come talk about books and films set in imaginative times and places. We meet monthly at Taco Grill & Salsa Bar, 111 W Ogden Ave, Westmont.

See westmontlibrary.org/bookclubs for upcoming titles.

TEAM TRIVIA

Mondays, June 6 & 20, July 11 & 25, and August 8 & 22, 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: Neat Kitchen + Bar, 246 N Cass Ave, Westmont

WRITERS GROUP

**Thursdays, June 9 & 23, July 14 & 28, and August 11 & 25
7 – 9 pm**

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

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

**Saturdays, June 11 & 25, July 9 & 23, and August 13 & 27
10 am – noon**

This informal and friendly conversation group is for all adult English learners. Join us as we improve our verbal English skills.

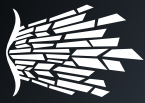
Co-sponsored by Literacy DuPage.

4TH MONDAY BOOK GROUP

Mondays, June 27, July 25, and August 22, 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!

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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

Sunday, May 29
Monday, May 30
Monday, July 4

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