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PUBLIC LIBRARY

THE EXPLORER

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BUILD A SUMMER OF LEARNING

The Westmont Library invites our community to get creative, discover new ideas, and connect with each other through our summer learning program, which begins on **Wednesday June 7** and ends on **Saturday, August 5**.

We have created activity logs for pre-readers (ages 0 to 6), readers, and teens to encourage exploring and learning this summer. As participants achieve reading and learning goals, you can earn fun incentives along the way by reading or being read to for at least 20 minutes each day. Whether it's a physical book or an ebook, an audiobook, or a graphic novel, all reading counts and helps keep your children's skills sharp and active throughout the summer. To participate, pick up a learning activity log and start reading! Learning logs will be available all summer in our youth department so you can start at any time. Visit westmontlibrary.org/summerlearning for more exciting details!

Thank you to the Friends of the Westmont Public Library for sponsoring select summer learning events.

READ FOR A CAUSE CREATES COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

To foster community connections this summer, we are introducing our "Read for a Cause" initiative. For every 10 days children read or are read to as part of our summer learning program, they can choose to convert logged reading time into a monetary donation to a local organization, made possible by the Westmont Rotary Club. The organizations that will benefit from "Read for a Cause" are the People's Resource Center, Westmont Fire Department's Kids Burn Camp, and Hinsdale Humane Society.

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CREATIVI-TEA CUP CONTEST

This summer, we are partnering with local coffee shop, Brewed Awakenings, to bring a cup of creativity to our community. All youth participating in our annual summer learning program are encouraged to submit a six-word memoir. Pre-readers may submit a black and white drawing instead of words.

At the end of the summer, library staff members will choose a winning entry from each age group. Then, the selected memoirs will be printed on disposable coffee cups and used at Brewed Awakenings, 19 W. Quincy Street in Westmont.

Jump in and start thinking of the six words that best represent you. Bring your submission to the Youth Services department throughout the summer. We can't wait to see what you come up with!

LIBRARIANS AROUND TOWN

Look for us out and about this summer! Visit our table at the Westmont Street Fair on Thursday nights for a fun children's activity and to learn more about the library's services. We'll also be at the Taste of Westmont in July with some fun giveaways.

IN THE ART GALLERY

Enjoy work from the following artists in our new first floor gallery.

June People's Resource Center Students

July & August Morgan Golias – Acrylics, watercolor, and drawings

SUMMER LEARNING KICK-OFF PARTY

Saturday, June 10, 1:30 – 4 pm

Enjoy a magic show featuring vanishing acts and mind-reading tricks

Enjoy light refreshments

Sign up for our Summer Learning Program

Make a fun craft project

Friends of the Library Meeting

Tuesday, August 1, 7 pm

Everyone is welcome!

Shop at **AmazonSmile** and a donation will be made to the **Friends of the Westmont Public Library**.

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DROP-IN PROGRAMS

STORYTIME! (Ages 0 – 6 years)

Tuesdays, June 6 – August 8, 10:15 – 10:45 am

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

POP-UP STORYTIME (Ages 0 – 6 years)

Wednesdays, 10:15 – 10:45 am

Join us around the community for special storytimes at the park!

June 7 Ty Warner Park Gazebo, *corner of Plaza Drive and Blackhawk Drive*

July 5 Twin Lakes Park, *corner of 59th St. and Williams St.*

August 9 Lions Park, *NE corner of Chicago Ave. and Wilmette Ave.*

In partnership with the Westmont Park District.

RHYTHM AND RHYME BABY TIME (Ages 0 – 24 months)

Thursdays, June 1 – August 10, 10:15 – 11 am

For our youngest patrons and their caregivers, Rhythm and Rhyme Baby Time consists of stories, rhymes, songs, finger plays, and time for free play.

DISCOVERY PLAYTIME (Ages 18 months – 5 years)

Tuesdays, June 13, July 11, and August 1, 1 – 2:30 pm

Explore different sensory, artistic, and educational play stations each week. Playdough, rice, shredded paper, and water play are just a few possibilities. Dress your child for messy play!

OUT AND ABOUT DISCOVERY PLAYTIME

(Ages 18 months – 5 years)

Tuesdays, June 27 and July 25, 1 – 2:30 pm

Come play outside with mud, sand, water, or paint! In case of severe weather, we'll take playtime indoors. Dress your child for messy play!

SATURDAY DANCE PARTY (Ages 0 – 6 years)

Saturdays, July 1 and July 22, 11 – 11:30 am

Dance to the music, enjoy creative movement activities, and shake your sillies out in this fun and interactive drop-in program.

REGISTERED PROGRAMS

YOU AND ME BOOK CLUB (Ages 3 – 4 years) ✓

Wednesdays, June 14 and July 12, 10:15 – 11 am

We'll read a book together and then go beyond the pages with a project based on the story. This program is for children and their caregivers together. Wear old clothes and be ready for fun!

Please register for each session separately.

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.

SHADOW PUPPET THEATER ✓

Wednesday, June 14, 2 - 3:30 pm

Build your own theater and puppets using cardboard, paper, and sticks. We will create our own skits and film them using the library's camera.

BEYOND THE BOOK CLUB ✓

Tuesdays, June 20 and July 18, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Listen to a story, then take it beyond the pages with a fun and creative project.

R.E.A.D. WITH HINSDALE HUMANE SOCIETY ✓

Mondays, June 26, July 24, and August 28, 7 - 8 pm

Meet with a trained therapy pet and handler for reading. Sign up over the phone or in person only. *Co-sponsored by Hinsdale Humane Society.*

EXPLORE CODING WITH OZOBOTS ✓

Thursday, June 29, 4 - 5 pm

Solve puzzles and help an Ozobot through a maze with simple computer programming.

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER ✓

Tuesday, July 11, 6 - 7 pm

Bring your favorite stuffed animal friend and listen to stories. We will create a no-sew sleeping bag and PJs for their sleepover before we say good night!

MECHANICAL SCULPTURES ✓

Wednesday, July 26, 2 - 3:30 pm

Explore simple machine elements while creating cardboard automata. We will use cardboard, foam, and skewers to create gears and levers.

SEW YOUR OWN PENCIL CASE ✓ 

Wednesday, August 2 OR Thursday, August 3, 3 - 4:30 pm

Get ready for school using sewing machines to create a pencil case with some hand-sewn embellishments. Materials will be provided.



Please select programs based on the grade your child will enter in the fall.

PLANT 'N' GROW ✓

Thursday, June 15, 3 - 4:30 pm

Learn about Illinois crops from the folks at the DuPage County Farm Bureau. We will also get our hands dirty creating a library mini-vertical garden.

BUILD A POP-UP CITY ✓

Wednesday, June 21, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Explore the creation of pop-up art using construction paper, scissors, and tape. Everyone will design and build their own pop-up city!

LIGHT UP ANIMALS ✓

Tuesday, June 27, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Build an animal with pipe cleaners and bring it to life with electricity! We'll use LED lights to explore conductivity and circuitry.

MICRO ART ✓

Friday, July 7, 3 - 4 pm

Create unique art using our digital microscopes as we combine various patterns and textures.

SPY SCIENCE: SECRET MESSAGES AND CODES ✓

Monday, July 17, 4 - 5 pm

Discover how to create codes using colors, practice writing and deciphering secret messages, and build your own decoder glasses to take home!

CONNECT THE PUZZLE PIECES ✓

Monday, July 31, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Design a personalized puzzle, then put it back together again to see how everything connects! Everyone will be able to take their individual puzzle home.

PVC PIPE FORTS ✓

Thursday, August 10, 4 - 5 pm

Practice your fort-building skills with us! We'll provide the PVC pipes and connectors and you design your own fort.



Please select programs based on the grade your child will enter in the fall.

FINALS FRENZY

Thursday, June 1, 4 – 8 pm

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 2, 3, & 4, 1:30 – 4:30 pm

Need a quiet space to study for finals or a place to finish a group project? We will have a room set aside and provide snacks for those breaks!

GUITARS 101 ✓

Saturday, June 17, 2 – 3 pm

Want to play an instrument, but don't know where to start? Learn the basics of guitar with the folks from Uncle Jon's Music. Guitars will be provided.

BRIDGE BUILDING BONANZA ✓

Wednesday, June 28, 4 – 5 pm

Come test the durability and strength of different materials. We will break into teams to see who can build the strongest bridges with the materials provided.

IMPROV NIGHT

Wednesday, July 12, 4 – 5 pm

Join us for laughs and original comedy. We will learn the basics of improvisation and play plenty of humorous games. No experience required!

DESIGN YOUR OWN CANVAS BAG ✓

Thursday, July 20, 4 – 5 pm

Create your own design using our software and the library's vinyl cutter machine to make a one-of-a-kind canvas bag.

HULA HOOP CLASS ✓

Saturday, July 29, 4 – 5 pm

Remember hula hooping when you were little? Learn some cool new tricks with Rising Goddess Fitness instructors.

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TEEN TRIVIA

Friday, August 4, 4 – 5 pm

Test your trivia knowledge for a chance to win prizes, including gift cards to your favorite spots around town! We'll form teams so come either solo or with a group.

GIVE ONE, TAKE ONE: STUFFED BALLOON ANIMALS ✓

Tuesday, August 8 and Wednesday, August 9, 4 – 5:30 pm

Make your own stuffed animal pillows that resemble balloon animals. We'll make one to donate and one to take home. No sewing experience necessary.

Note: Attendees may receive 1½ hours of community service credit.

WHAT'S THE BUZZ? BEES AND BEEKEEPERS ✓

Monday, June 19, 6:30 – 8 pm

Learn about bee communities and beekeepers with the folks from Lyman Woods Nature Center. See an apiary up close and make a honeybee craft to take home.

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THE WACKY WORLD OF DAVE RUDOLF

Saturday, July 8, 3 – 4 pm

Enjoy the rollicking fun music of Dave Rudolf as he performs for the whole family!

MAMMALS AND MORE ✓

Monday, July 17, 6 – 7 pm

Learn about and interact with some of the most unique creatures from around the world with the folks from the Flying Fox Conservation Fund.

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JUGGLING LIKE A PRO

Saturday, August 5, 2 – 3 pm

Jason Kollum will show off his amazing juggling skills and teach the kids a trick or two in this interactive, high-energy show.

SUMMER LEARNING KICK-OFF PARTY

Saturday, June 10, 1:30 – 4 pm

Stop in for our kick-off party! Sign up for our Summer Learning Program, enjoy a magic show, sample light refreshments, and more!



MAGIC SHOW

Saturday June 10, 1:30 – 2:15 pm

Enjoy a thrilling magic show by Gary Kantor with vanishing acts, mind-reading tricks, and more!



MAGIC WORKSHOP ✓

Saturday June 10, 2:30 – 3:30 pm

Stay after the Magic Show and learn a variety of tricks. Each participant will also receive a magic kit to take home.

ADULT READ & RAFFLE

This summer, help us create a collection of recommended reads and earn a prize. It's simple! You can earn prizes two ways:

Write a short review to tell us why you enjoyed a book or audiobook you recently finished or provide us with a comment on a library program you attend.

Pick up a review card at the reference desk and when completed, turn it in for a raffle ticket. Raffle tickets will be drawn at the end of the month and winners will be contacted.



CREATIVITY · CONNECTIONS · COMMUNITY

MAKE YOUR OWN PIZZA ✓

Monday, June 12, 7 – 8 pm

Join us at Woodgrain to learn how to make your own pizza. We'll taste our creations and take home a pizza dough recipe.

Location: Woodgrain Neapolitan Pizzeria, 19 W. Ogden Ave., Westmont

VHS TO DVD ORIENTATION ✓

Tuesdays, June 13 and July 25, 3 – 3:30 pm

After a brief introduction to tools and policies, you'll be able to check out the VHS to DVD kit for in-library use and learn how you can bring in your own computer to digitize your videos!

INTERVIEWING SKILLS WORKSHOP ✓

Wednesday, June 14, 6 – 8 pm

Let an expert help you with your resume and teach you interviewing skills. Presenter Bob Schlacks has worked in AT&T's human resources department, owned a craft business, and conducted resume and interviewing workshops for Illinois workNet Center.

HEMMIN' AND HAWIN': HOW TO HEM PANTS ✓

Thursdays, June 15 and August 3, 7 – 8:30 pm

Receive a brief training on how to safely use our sewing machines, and then jump into a lesson on how to hem pants! Save yourself the time and cost of taking them somewhere and learn how to do it yourself. Sewing machines and materials will be provided.

SUSHI AND SAKE 101 ✓

Wednesday, June 21, 7 – 8 pm

Join us at Mariano's for a sushi making class! Learn how to create two different rolls and enjoy your sushi while you sip on sake.

Location: Mariano's, 150 W. 63rd St., Westmont

VINYL CUTTER IRON-ON DECALS ✓

Thursday, June 22, 7 – 8:30 pm

We will show you how to make your own personalized iron-on decal for shirts, totes, and other cloth items using the library's vinyl cutter machine. Materials will be provided.



3D PRINT IT: GEOMETRIC VASES ✓ 📍**Tuesday, June 27, 6 – 7:30 pm**

Add a dash of geometric chic to your space with a sleek, 3D printed vase that you design. Learn 3D design basics while you create. No prior design experience is required.

PAINT A MASTERPIECE ✓**Wednesday, July 5, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Gather your friends for a fun night of painting. Artist and educator Heather Kostal will lead the group in creating a beautiful Monet painting. No experience required. Materials will be provided and non-alcoholic beverages will be served.

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

CREATE A BOOK CASE CLUTCH ✓ 📍**Thursday, July 6, 7 – 8:30 pm**

We will be using sewing machines, glue, and old books to make a fun and attractive clutch that can also be used as case for small electronic devices. Materials will be provided.

APPY HOUR: CUCINOVA ✓**Wednesday, July 19, 7-8:30 pm**

Join us for appetizers and apps! Learn about the trendiest and best free apps available with your library card in a relaxing environment. Appetizers are courtesy of Cucinova. Beverages will be available for purchase.

Location: Cucinova, 800 E. Ogden Ave., Westmont

SCREEN PRINTED TOTES ✓ 📍**Thursday, July 20, 6 – 8 pm**

Create a unique tote bag to take home. We will design stencils on the computer, cut them out with the library's vinyl cutter machine, and then print our designs using basic screen printing techniques.

JEWELRY REPURPOSING WORKSHOP ✓**Thursday, July 27, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

In this hands-on class, Sandy Squillo, jewelry maker and owner of Wired on Waverly, will teach you how to repurpose beads from your old jewelry to design a beautiful new piece. Supplies will be provided to make jewelry you can wear home!

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BLOOMIN' BULBS ✓**Wednesday, August 9, 2:30 – 3:30 pm**

Flowering bulbs add beautiful color to our gardens from early spring to late fall. Learn tips on common and not-so-common bulbs including colors, planting, watering, and their use as cut flowers. Presented by Jan Gricus, a University of Illinois Master Gardener.

LET'S TALK SOLAR ECLIPSE

On August 21, a spectacular total eclipse of the sun will be visible across the continental U.S. for the first time since 1918. Every state will have at least 60 percent of the sun covered by the moon. Join us for one or both of these talks to maximize your enjoyment. Then, make plans to join us in the parking lot for a viewing. Check out all the details below:

☾ **Tuesday, August 15, 7 – 8:30 pm** ✓

Learn how to view a solar eclipse and understand the science and history from Mark Hammergren of the Adler Planetarium.

☾ **Thursday, August 17, 7 – 8:30 pm** ✓

Rick Gering of The Naperville Astronomical Association will provide a solar eclipse overview.

○ **SOLAR ECLIPSE WATCH****Monday, August 21, 1 – 3 pm**

Watch the solar eclipse from the library parking lot with glasses provided by the STAR_Net's NASA @ My Library Grant.

SEW IT: KNOT PILLOWS ✓ 🧵**Monday, August 14, 6 – 7:30 pm**

If you can sew a straight line, or want to learn, you can make one of these fun, decorative pillows inspired by maritime knots. Materials will be provided.

SILHOUETTE SHADOW BOX ✓ 🧵**Saturday August 19, 2:30 – 4:30 pm**

Design and create your own backlit dreamscape shadow box using our software and the library's vinyl cutter machine. Participants will learn how to build a multi-layered landscape design and assemble it in a backlit shadow box. Materials will be provided.

WESTMONT LIBRARY CINEMA ✓**Wednesday, August 23, 2:30 – 4:30 pm**

Join us for an afternoon movie and popcorn with friends. The August movie is *Gifted*.

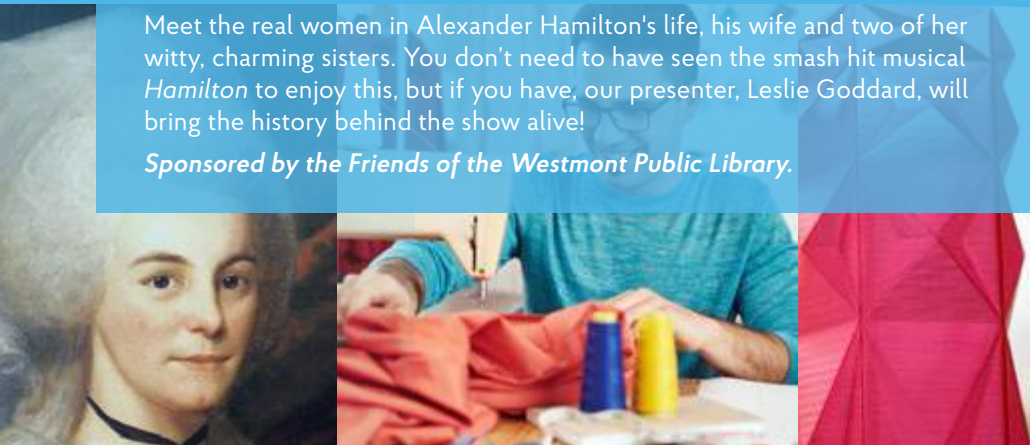
MAKE AND DONATE: NO SEW BLANKETS ✓**Saturday, August 26, 1 – 3 pm**

Help us make no-sew fleece blankets to be donated to those in need. Materials will be provided.

HAMILTON'S WOMEN ✓**Wednesday, August 30, 7 – 7:45 pm**

Meet the real women in Alexander Hamilton's life, his wife and two of her witty, charming sisters. You don't need to have seen the smash hit musical *Hamilton* to enjoy this, but if you have, our presenter, Leslie Goddard, will bring the history behind the show alive!

Sponsored by the Friends of the Westmont Public Library.

**TEAM TRIVIA****Mondays, June 5 & 19, July 3 & 17, and August 7 & 21, 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

4TH MONDAY BOOK GROUP**Mondays, June 26, July 24, and August 28, 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.

KNIT CLIQUE**Tuesdays, June 6, July 11, and August 1, 6:30 – 8 pm**

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

UNREAL WORLD BOOK CLUB**Tuesdays, June 6, July 11, and August 1, 7 – 9 pm**

Come talk about books and films set in imaginative times and places.

See westmontlibrary.org/bookclubs for upcoming titles.

Location: Taco Grill & Salsa Bar, 111 Ogden Ave, Westmont

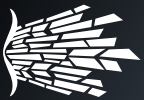
WRITER'S GROUP**Thursdays, June 8 & 22, July 6 & 20, and August 3 & 17, 7 – 9 pm**

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

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP**Saturdays June 10 & 24, July 8 & 22, and August 12 & 26, 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.



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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

Tuesday, July 4

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