

Westmont Public Library



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December 2013-February 2014

BROADWAY HITS CONCERT

Popular Chicago musician, Robyn Vitson, will belt out Broadway classics on **Sunday, December 29 from 2-3pm**. Attend this intimate, afternoon concert at the library for a stroll down memory lane. Enjoy favorites like, "All That Jazz," "Memory," "I Dreamed a Dream," and more! To register, call: 630-969-5625 or visit: westmontlibrary.org.



PVPN TO PERFORM AT THE LIBRARY

The Westmont Public Library is excited to partner with **The Progressive Village Performance Network** during the winter months to bring you two excellent shows!

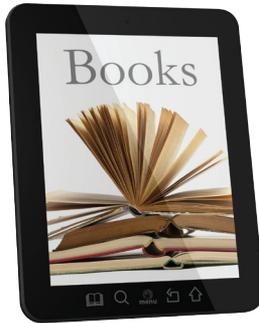
In cooperation with the Friends of the Westmont Library, PVPN will be performing radio versions of two Sherlock Holmes mysteries, taken from the archives of The Lux Theatre productions that were standard entertainment in the 1940s. On **Saturday, January 25 at 7pm**, hear the stories of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle read aloud as an old time radio show. PVPN will present, "**Murder in the Casbah**" and "**A Scandal in Bohemia**," complete with sound effects and old time commercials fashioned for current businesses in downtown Westmont. Tickets for the show can be purchased in advance at the library with a suggested donation of \$3 per person or \$5 at the door on the night of the performance.

Come to the library for PVPN's "**The Best Christmas Pageant Ever**," one of the most heartwarming and hilarious, modern day plays performed at **7pm on Friday, December 13**. The play tells the story of six delinquent children who attend church for the first time after being told that snacks are served. When they are given roles in the church's play, they tell the Christmas story in a very unconventional fashion.



COMING SOON: EREADS ILLINOIS

Thanks to the Secretary of State, libraries across Illinois have been given a grant that allows us to receive access to a new ebook vendor, Axis 360, at a discounted price. What does that mean for Westmont cardholders? An expanded collection of ebooks so you can get more free downloads than before!



This new program, coming winter 2014, will allow us to not only expand our collection of ebooks, but to increase the expertise of our staff, and in turn, pass that knowledge on to our library ebook users. Check the library website for news on the launch date and how you can sign up!

VOICE YOUR OPINION!

As the library board and staff plan for the future, understanding the needs of residents is a priority. With that in mind, the library will host a focus group on **Thursday, December 12 from 6-7:30pm** for Westmont residents who live south of 55th street. Anyone over the age of 18 who lives in that vicinity is invited to join us for dinner

and discussion about what the library can do to improve your access to information and your interest in using the library.

To reserve a spot, contact Kate Buckson at: 630-969-5625 x. 219 or email: kbuckson@westmontlibrary.org.

SEARCH FOR A NEW DIRECTOR IS UNDERWAY!

The board of trustees have begun the search for a new library director to replace Christine Kuhn who resigned in October after 12 years of service. Julia Coen will act as interim director until a replacement is found. She can be reached at 630-969-5625 ext. 221 or jcoen@westmontlibrary.org.



ABOUT WESTMONT READS

Westmont Reads is a community reading event created to encourage everyone in Westmont to read, discuss, and explore a classic book. To facilitate participation, the library is giving away the book, ***The Hound of the Baskervilles***, by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, for free! Pick up your copy beginning Thanksgiving weekend. The ebook and eaudiobook, as well as digital editions of other Sherlock Holmes stories, are available to download for free from Project Gutenberg (gutenberg.org). For more information on Westmont Reads, visit: westmontlibrary.org/westmontreads.



ABOUT THE BOOK

For generations the Baskerville family has been terrorized by a legendary beast. The most recent victim of the hound has left his English country estate to the young Sir Henry Baskerville.

World famous Detective Sherlock Holmes and his friend, Dr. Watson, are summoned to solve the case and save the new heir before the hound can claim another life.

From the streets of London where Holmes resides, to the desolate moors surrounding Baskerville Hall, Hound takes the reader on a thrilling chase as the mystery is pieced together, one clue at a time. Originally published in 1901, ***The Hound of the Baskervilles*** remains one of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's most popular works that still intrigues audiences over a hundred years later.



Look for this Sherlock symbol throughout the newsletter to help you find all of the Westmont Reads events being offered at the library this winter.



CONTESTS FOR EVERYONE!

Hound Trivia on Facebook

Test your knowledge of our featured book, *Hound of the Baskervilles!* Every Thursday at noon in January and February the library will post a trivia question to our facebook page. The first person to respond with the correct answer will win a Sherlock mug!

Coloring Contest

Use your imagination and draw a picture of what is under the magnifying glass! Kids ages 3-11 can pick up an entry form in the library beginning December 1. Everyone who turns in a

completed picture will be entered in a drawing for a spy kit! All entries must be received by December 28 to be eligible for the prize.

Scavenger Hunt

How well do you know Westmont? Our librarians have created a scavenger hunt featuring local landmarks and businesses. Follow the clues listed and you will win a set of Westmont Reads mini buttons! Pick up a scavenger hunt clue sheet in the library beginning January 2. All sheets must be turned in by February 28 to receive a prize.



HELP A HOUND!

During the month of January the library will collect donations for the West Suburban Humane Society. Please drop off any items from the wish list below during open hours. The animals thank you!

- Anti-bacterial hand soap
- Any canned cat or dog food
- Dry food: only Purina or IAMS
- Dog and cat toys (washable and indestructible!)
- Cat litter
- Garbage bags (13 & 30 gallon sizes)
- Cleaning products: bleach, Laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid
- Paper products: paper towels, 6 inch paper plates



ONGOING EVENTS

Ongoing storytimes & playgroups do not require registration!

LANGUAGE LEARNING STORYTIME

Mondays at 10:15am

Dec. 2, 9, 16 and Jan. 20-Feb. 24

Take advantage of this opportunity for families that speak any language to interact and improve their language skills! Depending on the week, the storytime will be conducted in English interspersed with a small amount of Spanish, American Sign Language, or one of several other languages.

BABY & TODDLER STORYTIME

Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10:15am

Dec. 4-19 and Jan. 22-Feb. 27

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

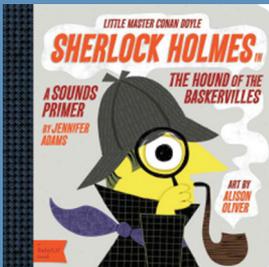


TODDLER & ME PLAYGROUP

Wednesdays & Thursdays at 10:45am

Dec. 4-19 and Jan. 22-Feb. 27

This popular baby & tot time includes toys, books, and snacks for kids and their grown-ups. Drop in and socialize with other parents while your toddler plays!



HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES TOT TIME Sunday, February 16, 2-3pm

*Please register online or call 630-969-5625

Join us for a celebration of happy hounds! Games, stories, and songs all about dogs will fill our afternoon with fun!



NEW! MAKE & TAKE CRAFT AREA FOR KIDS!

Kids of all ages will enjoy the new craft spot in the youth services department. Starting in December, kids who visit the 2nd floor will have a chance to make a cool craft! Crafts will vary based on availability and the age of the participant. Ask at the Youth Desk for the materials and

UPCOMING EVENTS

Register children ages 3-6 by calling: 630-969-5625 or visiting: westmontlibrary.org.

PRESCHOOL PENGUIN PARTY

Sunday, December 8, 2-3pm

Learn about the cutest, cold creatures in nature through stories, games, and crafts. A special fish snack will be provided!

A SWEET SILVERLICIOUS SUNDAY

Sunday, December 22, 2-3pm

Uh-oh! Pinkalicious has lost her sweet tooth. Come and listen to the story, make a super, sparkly craft, and of course have a sweet snack! These Pinkalicious parties are pretty popular so sign-up early!



GROWN-UP AND ME TEA

Sunday, January 12, 2-3:30pm

Dress up and bring a favorite grown-up to the library for a fancy afternoon! There will be stories, songs, a frame craft to go with an elegant photo you can take in the library's special sparkly spot!



PRE-READER STORYTIMES

Every Tuesday at 10:15am

Dec. 3, 10, 17 and Jan. 21-Feb. 25

Does not require registration!

Letter recognition, crafts, stories, and songs make this storytime a great way to build early literacy skills!



WINTER EVENTS

Ages 7-11 can register by calling: 630-969-5625 or visiting: westmontlibrary.org.

VIDEO GAME DESIGN CLUB

Thursdays, 4-5:30pm

12/12, 1/9, 1/23, 2/13, 2/27

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

ORNAMENT EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, December 7, 2-3pm

Make a variety of holiday ornaments to take home for yourself or to give as gifts. As always, the library provides the supplies and you provide the imagination!



ROBIN'S DOG STARS

Sunday, January 26, 2-3 pm

Starlight and her owner/trainer, Robin Bengtson, teach children and adults all about dogs. In the show, Starlight will perform about 30 tricks, some of which include jumping through hoops, climbing a ladder, and getting a tissue when Robin sneezes.



SCIENCE SESSION: MASTER DETECTIVE

Saturday, February 1, 2-3pm

Learn the science behind being a detective! Participants will make their own magnifying glass and figure out the mystery behind using various disappearing inks.



SOLVE A MYSTERY: THE CASE OF THE MISSING BOOK

Monday, February 17, 2-3 pm

Test your detective skills by solving the Case of the Missing Book. You will be given clues and potential suspects. Your job will be to determine who stole the library book.



Ages 12-18 can register by calling:
630-969-5625 or visiting:
westmontlibrary.org.

BATH FIZZIES

Thursday, December 5, 7-8pm

Make cool, homemade bath fizzies for yourself or give them to a friend! Learn about essential oils and the process of creating these unique pampering products.



FORENSICS 101

**Tuesday, January 28
6:30-8:30pm**

Join Westmont PD's Detective Borgardt for this two hour program featuring fingerprinting and the collection of crime scene evidence.

VALENTINES DAY COOKIES

**Thursday, February 13
7-8:30pm**

Drop in and decorate a heart shaped cookie for yourself or the one you love!



TEEN DECORATING DAY

**Saturday, December 28
11am-1pm**

Help us create a magnificent mystery in the youth services area where we will be decorating for the upcoming Westmont Reads program. We'll take a break for pizza, so come hungry!



NEW TEEN BOOK RELEASES



Hopeless
by Colleen Hoover



Picture Me Gone
by Meg Rosoff



**Rags & Bones:
New Twists on Timeless Tales**
by Melissa Marr



Seven Minutes in Heaven
by Sara Shepard



The Summer I Became a Nerd
by Leah Rae Miller



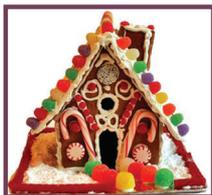
Bad Girls
by Jane Yolen



FUN FAMILY EVENTS

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

CANDY HOUSE CREATION



Saturday, December 14, 2-3pm

We will provide the graham crackers, frosting, and other “building supplies” while you provide the imagination to create your own one of a kind gingerbread house to take home and enjoy.



CLUE GAME

Saturday, February 8, 1-2:30pm

Come dressed as your favorite Clue character! Be a real game piece in this live action version of the game with each person trying to figure out “who done it.” The game play is based on the original Clue game dynamics.

FAMILY LEGO CLUB

Thursdays, 12/19, 1/16, 2/20, 6:30-7:30pm

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!

December: Snow Mobile

January: Its a Mystery

February: Ain’t Nothin’ but a Hound Dog



NOTES ON PROGRAMMING: Staff ask all parents to be prompt when bringing children to library events. Any late arrivals may find their spot forfeited. 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. *Individuals requiring accommodation for a disability for any library program should contact the library at least five days before the program.*

Programs, events and classes are photographed or videotaped for library promotional purposes. Notify library staff if you prefer not to be photographed.





MOVIES



Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG) **Monday, December 30, 6-8pm**

Bored of winter break? Get ready for a mysterious thrill ride at the library! Come ready to watch a movie and enjoy a mysterious snack!



The Great Mouse Detective (G) **Sunday, February 2, 2-4pm**

Head to the library for some relaxation and a special showing of this Disney classic. Bring a blanket and pillow and the library will provide the popcorn!

JIM GILL FAMILY CONCERT

Enjoy listening to *Jim Gill Sings The Sneezing Song and Other Contagious Tunes*, on **Monday, January 20 at 6:30pm**. Kids will love this concert filled with a special collection of silly songs! While Jim strums the banjo everyone can join in the festivities by clapping, jumping, dancing, and sneezing along!

This award winning author and musician is excited to return to WPL and celebrate the songs that earned him his first of five awards and propelled him to spread music play to families far and wide ever since! To register, call: 630-969-5625 or visit: westmontlibrary.org.



WORKSHOPS & PRESENTATIONS

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HOLIDAY WREATH CRAFT

Tuesday, December 10, 7-8:30pm

Design and create a stunning winter-themed grapevine wreath perfect for displaying or giving as a gift! Learn tips for sprucing up your holiday decor from local expert, Paul Elias.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Wednesday, December 11, 7-8:30pm

Learn how to take better photos this holiday season with John Dziekan, former Chicago Tribune Staff Photojournalist. This presentation covers topics like exposure modes, lighting, shooting at different angles, storing images, and more!

**ENGLAND'S GREATEST GARDENS**

Sunday, January 5, 2-3:30pm

Join Carolyn Ulrich, editor of Chicagoland Gardening Magazine, as she takes us on a photographic tour of famous English gardens that are open to the public.

**TEA 101**

Saturday, January 11, 2-3:30pm

Dan Robertson of The Tea House in Naperville, IL will share fascinating insights on the origins, types, cultural history, and medicinal uses of tea. A tea tasting is included.

**SHERLOCK HOLMES: UNDER THE
MAGNIFYING GLASS**

Saturday, January 18, 1-2:30pm

The Sherlock Holmes stories reign supreme in the annals of detective fiction. But are these stories really mysteries? Compare the Holmes canon to the The Detection Club's rules and find out.

**HUMANE HOUNDS!**

Sunday, February 9, 2-3:30

West Suburban Humane Society will talk about their work in the community including volunteer opportunities for adults and teens. WSHS will bring a photobook of the shelter animals available for adoption or fostering with a special visit from a few adoptable dogs!





WELLNESS

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

FLU FIGHTER WORKSHOP

Wednesday, January 15, 7-8:30pm

Cold season is upon us! To learn how to build a strong immune system and a healthier you, join Dr. Sharon Garvey as she discusses the flu shot, effective natural remedies for avoiding and treating illness, and how to live antibiotic free.

TIPS FOR PAIN PREVENTION

Wednesday, January 22, 7-8pm

Learn to prevent pain with tips on finding neutral spine, common causes of neck and back pain, proper body mechanics, and more with Amy Goebbert, PT, DPT of TheraCORE Physical Therapy. A massage therapist will offer brief complimentary chair massages focusing on the neck, back, and shoulders.

ZUMBA

Thursday, February 6, 7-8pm

Zumba combines high energy music with unique moves for a fun workout! Wear comfortable, form-fitting clothing and athletic shoes.

ONGOING EVENTS

Registration is not required for ongoing events.

Knit Clique

Tuesdays: 12/3, 1/7, 2/4, 6:30-8pm

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!

Writers' Group

Thursdays: 12/12, 1/9, 1/23, 2/13, 2/27, 7-8:30pm

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

English Conversation Group (Co-sponsor Literacy DuPage)

Saturdays: 12/14, 12/28, 1/11, 1/25, 2/8, 2/22

10am-12pm

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



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Registration is not required for book discussions.

THE UNREAL WORLD BOOK CLUB

Tuesdays: 12/3, 1/7, 2/4, 7-9pm

Come talk about books set in imaginative times and places. We meet monthly at Neat Kitchen + Bar in downtown Westmont.

December: **Cairo** by G. Willow Wilson

January: **Every Day** by David Levithan

February: **Shadows over Baker Street** edited by Michael Reaves and John Pelan

4TH MONDAY BOOK GROUP

Mondays: 1/27 & 2/24, 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.

January: **Orphan Train** by Christina Baker Kline

February: **Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight** by Alexandra Fuller



TEA & SCONES BOOK DISCUSSION

Tuesday, January 28, 3-4:30pm

Join us for hot tea and a tasty scone as we engage in a lively discussion about our Westmont Reads book, **The Hound of the Baskervilles**, by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

NON-FICTION BOOK CLUB

Saturday, February 1, 10:30am-12pm

Check out our newest book club! We'll explore biographies, memoirs, topics like psychology, politics, and more!

February: **Orange is the New Black: My Year in a Women's Prison** by Piper Kerman



FILM SHOWING: SHERLOCK HOLMES

Monday, February 10, 3-5pm

Rated PG-13

Join us for a special screening of this 2009 movie starring Robert Downey Jr. and Jude Law. Snacks will be provided.

Registration is not required.



TECHNOLOGY

Registration is not required for the following events.

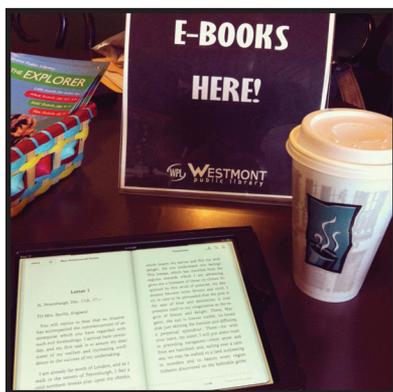
HOLIDAY HOW-TO: DOWNLOADING TO YOUR EREADER **Saturday, December 28, 1-3pm**

Bring your ereaders, ipads, and new tech toys to our lobby and we will show you how to get the most out of the library's digital collections. Learn how to download free ebooks, eaudiobooks, and digital magazines and access the library's collection of databases on your device.

THE ROAMING LIBRARIAN **Brewed Awakening** **Coffee House**

Saturday, January 11, 9-11am

Chat with WPL librarians at some of your favorite local businesses. Ask us about downloading ebooks and emagazines, assisting with research projects, discovering the useful tools on our website, recommending great books, and much more.



COMPUTER CLASSES

Computer classes are offered for a variety of skill levels. A **non-refundable \$5 fee per person, per class, or \$10 for two-part classes** 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.

Email for Beginners
January 29, 6:30-8:30pm

Computer Basics (Two-Part Class)
December 2 & 4, 6:30-8:30pm

Microsoft Word Basics (Two-Part Class)
January 13 & 14, 6:30-8:30pm



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

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Westmont Public Library, please contact us at:
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The next **Friends of the Westmont Public Library** meeting is February 4 from 7-8pm.
All are welcome to attend!

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