



WESTMONT  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

**THE EXPLORER**

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**BUILD A SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR:****SIGN UP FOR A LIBRARY CARD**

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month which makes it a great time to help students start the school year off right. With a Westmont library card, students can use research databases for school projects, use tools like an iPad or laptop, and check out digital and print materials. We also offer hands-on training in a variety of tools, devices, and programs. There's something for everyone and it's all free with a library card!

It's easy to sign up for a library card. Just bring in proof of Westmont residency, like a utility bill, lease agreement, or Illinois driver's license, and you can begin checking out materials and using our digital materials right away.

**IN THE ART GALLERY**

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

**September & October:** Vicki Frasco – Nature inspired acrylic & pencil

**November:** Fanny Moy Beube – Oil, acrylic, and pastel paintings & drawings

**A WEEK OF THANKS FOR OUR PATRONS**

Join us the week of Thanksgiving, November 20 – 25 as we thank you, our patrons, for your continued support. Stop by the library Monday through Friday between 3 – 6 pm for a surprise thank you gift or activity. The **Week of Thanks** will end on Saturday with a special treat in our lobby from noon – 2 pm before the Holly Days Parade.

**Fine Forgiveness Week**

As a show of appreciation, Westmont Public Library will be offering **Fine Forgiveness** during the week of **November 20 – 25**. Visit the main desk for the chance to receive up to \$5 off your fines!

**LIBRARY YEAR HIGHLIGHTS**

Every year, public libraries collect and report data to the Secretary of State to provide a snapshot of the services and programs we provide. Some highlights for the Westmont Public Library from May 2016 to April 2017 include:



We were **open 351 days** out of the year.



We answered **34,103 reference questions**.



Patrons checked out **761 items a day, a total of 266,998** digital and physical items.



We offered more than **572 programs**, and had **12,101 people** attend those programs.



We **completed an interior renovation** to update our restrooms, create an open work & study area, and add shelving for our collections.

Thank you Westmont. We are looking forward to another successful year serving you!

**FRIENDS OF THE WESTMONT LIBRARY FUNDRAISER:****WOODGRAIN NEAPOLITAN PIZZERIA**

**Thursday, October 12, 11 am – 9 pm**

Help raise funds for the Friends of the Westmont Public Library! Woodgrain Pizzeria will donate 20 percent of sales to the Friends group when you mention the Friends fundraiser at the time you order.


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

**Friends of the Library Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 24**  
**7 – 8 pm**

Everyone is welcome!



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

## DROP-IN PROGRAMS

**LANGUAGE STORYTIME** (Ages 0 – 6 years)

Mondays, 10:15 – 10:45 am

French: September 11 & 25, October 9, and November 6 & 20

Spanish: September 18, October 2 & 16, and November 13 & 27

Introduce your little one to a new language as we read stories and enjoy songs.

**STORYTIME!** (Ages 0 – 6 years)

Session I: Tuesdays, September 5 – October 17, 10:15 – 10:45 am

Session II: Tuesdays, November 7 – December 12, 10:15 – 10:45 am

Join us for storytimes filled with music, movement, and stories for children and their caregivers.

**DISCOVERY PLAYTIME** (Ages 18 months – 5 years)

Tuesdays, September 12 & 26, October 10 & 24, November 7 & 21,  
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!

**SATURDAY DANCE PARTY** (Ages 0 – 6 years)

Saturdays, September 9 and October 7, 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.

**SENSORY SATURDAY** (Ages 18 months – 5 years)

Saturdays, September 30 and October 28, 2 – 3:30 pm

Enjoy a variety of sensory art activities including painting, playdough, rice, and more! Make sure to wear old clothes for this drop-in play time.

## REGISTERED PROGRAMS

**PRESCHOOL STORYTIME** (Ages 3½ – 6 years) ✓

Session I: Mondays, September 11 – October 16, 11:15 – 11:45 am

Session II: Mondays, November 6 – December 11, 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.

*Note: Please sign up for Session I and Session II individually.*

**MY FIRST STORYTIME** (Ages 0 – 6 months) ✓

Session I: Tuesdays, September 5 – October 17, 11:15 am – noon

Session II: Tuesdays, November 7 – December 12, 11:15 am – noon

Infants and their caregivers will enjoy this gentle first storytime experience. Bring a blanket for your baby. We'll read books, learn fingerplays, and have time for social play.

*Note: Please sign up for Session I and Session II individually.*

**LAPSIT STORYTIME** (Ages 0 – 24 months) ✓

**Wednesdays** { Session I: September 6 – October 18, 10:15 – 11 am  
Session II: November 8 – December 13, 10:15 – 11 am

OR

**Thursdays** { Session I: September 7 – October 19, 10:15 – 11 am  
Session II: November 9 – December 14, 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.

*Note: Please choose either the Wednesday or Thursday storytime and sign up for Session I and Session II individually.*

**TODDLER STORYTIME** (Ages 2 – 3 years) ✓

**Wednesdays** { Session I: September 6 – October 18, 11:15 am – noon  
Session II: November 8 – December 13, 11:15 am – noon

OR

**Thursdays** { Session I: September 7 – October 19, 11:15 am – noon  
Session II: November 9 – December 14, 11:15 am – noon

In each lively session, children and their caregivers will enjoy songs, action rhymes, stories, and playtime that will help develop reading readiness skills.

*Note: Please choose either the Wednesday or Thursday storytime and sign up for Session I and Session II individually.*

**BEYOND THE BOOK CLUB** ✓

Mondays, September 11, October 9, and November 13, 4 – 5 pm

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

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

Mondays, September 25, October 23, and November 27, 7 – 8 pm

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

Thursday, September 7, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Explore buoyancy using aluminum foil, straws, and other common materials to build ships. Then, we will fill our ships with marbles and find out if they sink or float.

**BE A-MAZED** ✓

Thursday, September 21, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

We'll create mazes and puzzles using CD cases and cardboard, and then play in our own labyrinth on the floor.

**DIY LAVA LAMPS** ✓

Thursday, October 5, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Create your own groovy lava lamp using basic household materials.

**WESTMONT LIBRARY DETECTIVE AGENCY** ✓

Thursday, October 19, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

The library has a mystery on our hands and is in need of detectives. Join us to put your sleuthing skills to the test to solve "The Case of the Missing Author."

**HARVEST SCIENCE** ✓

Thursday, November 2, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Make jumping spiders, silly scarecrows, and pumpkin catapults. Then, put your engineering creations to the test using race tracks and targets.

**FINGER PUPPET FUN** ✓

Thursday, November 16, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Design and hand sew monster-themed finger puppets. If time allows, we'll put on a puppet show.

**CODING WITH HOPSCOTCH** ✓

Thursday, September 14, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Whether you're just beginning or a budding master, we'll use Hopscotch on the library's iPad's to explore coding and solve challenges.

**TAPE ART** ✓

Thursday, September 28, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Create geometric patterns and designs using tape and paint. We'll peel the tape away to reveal the crisp lines in our designs!

**CREEPY MECHANICS: MAKE A FUNCTIONING HAND** ✓

Wednesday, October 11, 4 – 5:15 pm

Using only plastic straws, we'll create functional hands that clench and flex through engineering that is both creepy and cool!

**DIY HAUNTED HOUSE** ✓

Thursday, October 26, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

We'll break up into small groups to design and build our own miniature haunted houses, competing to see who can design the scariest! Supplies will be provided.

**COFFEE FILTER ART** ✓

Tuesday, November 14, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Add a burst of color to your room with a simple, one-of-a-kind art piece that uses coffee filters, markers, and a silhouette or portrait.

*Note: If you'd like to use a portrait of yourself, you will need to email a picture to [youth@westmontlibrary.org](mailto:youth@westmontlibrary.org) by Tuesday, November 7.***DANCING WIRE SCULPTURES** ✓

Monday, November 27, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Learn how to make a basic motor using magnets, a battery, and copper wire. See how your sculpture becomes electromagnetism in action!

**STRING ART** ✓**Wednesday, September 6, 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

Create unique wall art by threading colored string on a canvas to make a pattern or follow a design.

**3D PRINT IT: COOKIE CUTTERS** ✓ **Tuesday, September 12, 6 – 7:30 pm**

Take your baking game to the next level with a cookie cutter of your own creation. Learn how to design one on the computer and then, we will fabricate it on our 3D printer. Materials will be provided.

**LIGHT-UP LED CUFFS** ✓**Tuesday, September 26, 4 – 5:30 pm**

Learn the science behind electrical circuits, then put it to practice in a LED light-up cuff you design and take home.

**CARVE IT: FIDGET SPINNERS** ✓ **Thursday, October 12, 4 – 5:30 pm**

Everyone can buy a fidget spinner, but not everyone can make their own. We'll use the library's new Carvey CNC machine to craft a unique spinner.

**PUMPKIN DECORATING** ✓**Wednesday, October 25, 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

Get into the spirit of fall by carving and decorating a pumpkin. Decorating supplies and pumpkins will be provided.

**ESCAPE THE LIBRARY NIGHT** ✓**Thursday, November 9, 6 – 7 pm**

Oh no! You've been trapped in the library and the only way to escape is to work in teams to solve a series of puzzles using clues, hints, and strategy.

**HENNA ART** ✓**Thursday, November 30, 4 – 5:30 pm**

After a brief preview of the history and culture of Henna Hand Art, you will create a design of your own.

**SCIENCE FAIR SUCCESS** ✓**Wednesday, September 20, 6 – 7 pm**

Have fun with the Science Alliance as you explore topics and learn about the scientific method by observing fun science experiments.

**PARTY ANIMALS** ✓**Wednesday, October 25, 5:30 – 7:30 pm**

Let your inner party animal loose as you enjoy animal themed crafts, create your own set of animal ears, and have your face painted by the folks from Sparkles Entertainment, Inc. Animal costumes encouraged, but not required.

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**FAMILY FORT NIGHT** ✓**Friday, November 3, 5:30 – 6:30 pm**

Join us after hours at the library for Family Fort Night. Bring your own blankets or sheets, pillows, and a flashlight to build your fort. Enjoy a s'mores snack, a "campfire" sing-a-long, and then crawl into your fort to read with your family.

**ARCTIC ANIMAL DOUGH ORNAMENTS****Saturday, November 18, 2 – 3 pm**

Take part in the Westmont Holly Days celebrations by decorating an arctic animal ornament made of salt dough. The ornaments will be displayed on the library's tree in Veteran's Memorial Park. *While supplies last.*

**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.

**OUR BUTTERFLY GARDEN** ✓**Wednesday, September 6, 6 – 7 pm**

Did you know that we have a butterfly garden at the library designated as a Monarch Waystation? Conservation specialist Pat Miller will teach you about the plants in our garden, the butterflies they attract, and the steps involved in creating a designated Monarch Waystation. Bring your questions!

**MEET THE CARVEY** ✓ **Thursday, September 7, 6 – 7 pm**

See a demonstration of our newest tool in the Makery: the Carvey desktop CNC machine. With the power to precisely cut and engrave wood and plastics, the easy-to-use Carvey is perfect for creating functional designs. Inlaid cutting boards, wooden puzzles, and heirloom quality toys are just a few things you can make. Watch the Carvey in action and learn how to use Easel, the free Carvey app, to create your own designs.



Look for this icon  
to find Makery  
programs for  
all ages!

**WESTMONT LIBRARY CINEMA** ✓**Wednesdays, September 13, October 18, and November 15, 2:30 – 4:30 pm**

Join us for an afternoon movie and popcorn with friends.

September: *La La Land*October: *The Lego Batman Movie*November: *Star Wars: The Force Awakens***ORGANIZE YOUR DIGITAL PHOTOS** ✓**Wednesday, September 13, 7 – 8 pm**

Do you struggle with finding your photos on your computer? Beth Randall, a professional organizer, will walk you through simple steps to help you organize and navigate your digital photos. If there is time, she will address printed photo organization.

**HEMMIN' AND HAWIN': HOW TO HEM PANTS** ✓ **Thursdays, September 14 and November 2, 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.

**COLORING CLUB****Fridays, September 15, October 13, and November 10, 2 – 4 pm**

Drop in for a relaxing chance to color and socialize. Materials are provided.

**MAKE AND DONATE: FLEECE HATS** ✓**Saturday, September 16, 2 – 4 pm**

Winter is just around the corner! Help us make animal-themed fleece hats to donate to those in need. No sewing experience required. Materials will be provided.

**CARD GAME CLUB****Thursdays, September 21, October 19, and November 16, 2 – 3 pm**

Join us for an afternoon of card game playing fun!

**DIY BATH BOMBS** ✓**Thursday, September 21, 7 – 8 pm**

Learn how to mold, scent, and create your own bath bombs in this hands-on class. Materials will be provided!

**CARVE IT: FALL CANDLE HOLDERS** ✓ **Tuesday, September 26, 6 – 7:30 pm**

Create a fall themed, wooden votive holder with the new Carvey desktop CNC machine. We will learn how to make designs in Easel, the Carvey app, then cut them out on the machine. Materials will be provided.

**WEDDING PLANNING ON A BUDGET** ✓**Wednesday, September 27, 7 – 8 pm**

If you or a loved one are planning a wedding, don't miss this program with Lindsey Ball, a local wedding planner. She will teach you about setting priorities, the hidden costs of planning a wedding, and how to create a budget. You'll also get some tips on delegating tasks to others.

**MEDICARE MADE EASY** ✓**Thursday, September 28, 11 am – 12:30 pm**

Diane Adduci, community educator and licensed insurance representative, will provide an overview of Medicare and Medicare Supplement eligibility, enrollment, and benefits. This program is designed for people turning 65, already 65 or over but leaving an employer plan, or those who would like to learn more about Medicare. Questions are welcome!

**GUITARS 101** ✓**Tuesday, October 3, 7 – 8 pm**

Learn guitar basics with the folks from Uncle Jon's Music Shop. Guitars will be provided.

**MAKE IT, TAKE IT: BOOK WEIGHT** ✓**Thursday, October 5, 7 – 8:30 pm**

Book weights are a useful tool to hold down pages while reading. In this program, you will sew your own book weight using the library's sewing machines. Materials will be provided.

**APPY HOUR: J. FLEMINGS ABSOLUTELY DELICIOUS** ✓**Wednesday, October 11, 7 – 8:30 pm**

Join us for appetizers and apps! Learn about the trendiest and best free ebook apps available with your library card in a relaxing environment. Light appetizers are courtesy of J. Flemings Absolutely Delicious. Drinks will be available for purchase.

*Location: J. Flemings Absolutely Delicious, 18 N Cass Ave, Westmont*

See page 3 for details about the Friends of the Westmont Library Fundraiser at Woodgrain Neapolitan Pizzeria on Thursday, October 12.

**3D PRINT IT: COOKIE CUTTERS** ✓**Thursday, October 19, 6 – 7:30 pm**

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**HAUNTED HISTORY** ✓**Tuesday, October 24, 7 – 7:45 pm**

Sit back and listen, if you dare, to the entertaining and chilling tales of the historical hauntings of the Midwest. You are guaranteed goosebumps as you hear these stories of the S.S. Eastland, Brookfield Zoo, Fort Dearborn Massacre, John Dillinger, and more as told by Terry Lynch, known for his historical portrayals and interactive storytelling!

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**MINI MASTERPIECES: A DRAWING WORKSHOP** ✓**Tuesday, November 7, 6:30 – 8 pm**

Anyone can learn to draw or improve their drawing skills. Christine Thornton, an art teacher, will teach you tricks used by artists. Copy from famous art reproductions to create your own small scale "mini-masterpiece" in colored pencil. Supplies will be provided. Non-alcoholic beverages will be served.

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**MEET THE AUTHOR: THE LOST TOWN OF SAG BRIDGE** ✓**Wednesday, October 18, 7 – 8 pm**

Author and amateur historian Pat Camalliere will share insights, photos, and ghost stories of the 19<sup>th</sup> century canal town, Sag Bridge, now a part of present-day Lemont.

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**Friends of the Westmont Library Open House**  
**Wednesday, October 18, 6:30 – 7 pm**

Join the Friends of the Library for refreshments and a chance to win the author's book before the **Meet the Author** program.

**CARVE IT: LINOLEUM STAMPS** ✓ 📄**Monday, November 13, 6 – 7:30 pm**

Design a linoleum stamp which you can use for block printing fabric, greeting cards, gift tags, wrapping paper, and more. We will use our newest Makery tool, the Carvey, to make our stamps. Materials will be provided.

**MEET DOROTHY THOMPSON** ✓**Wednesday, November 15, 7 – 7:45 pm**

Historian, actress, and lecturer Annette Baldwin is back with an engaging portrayal of American journalist, Dorothy Thompson (1893–1961). For 20 years from the late 1930s to the late 1950s, Thompson was a force to be reckoned with as she became internationally famous for her 1931 interview with Hitler. Her opinions were read nationally in a column for *The Ladies Home Journal Magazine*, a syndicated newspaper column, and on network radio.

**SEW IT: PILLOW CASE** ✓ 📄**Thursday, November 16, 7 – 8:30 pm**

Learn how to use the library's sewing machines and create your own pillow case. Materials will be provided.

**FRIDAY FILM SERIES** ✓**Fridays, 1:30 – 4 pm**

Join us as we celebrate a variety of film genres this fall.

**September: Thrillers**

9/1 *North by Northwest*  
9/8 *Jaws*  
9/15 *The Hunt for Red October*  
9/22 *Catch Me If You Can*  
9/29 *Nightcrawler* (Rated R)

**October: Horror**

10/6 *Invasion of the Body Snatchers*  
10/13 *The Exorcist* (Rated R)  
10/20 *Poltergeist*  
10/27 *The Ring*

**November: Comedies**

11/3 *Dr. Strangelove*  
11/10 *Annie Hall*  
11/17 *Ghostbusters*  
11/24 *Ed Wood* (Rated R)

**TEAM TRIVIA****Mondays, September 11 & 25, October 9 & 23, and November 6 & 20, 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, September 25, October 23, and November 27, 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, September 5, October 3, and November 7, 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, September 5, October 3, and November 7, 7 – 9 pm**

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

*See westmontlibrary.org/bookclubs for upcoming titles.*

*Location: Mai Thai, 697 N Cass Ave, Westmont*

**WRITER'S GROUP****Thursdays, September 14 & 28, October 12 & 26, and November 9 & 30, 7 – 9 pm**

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

**ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP****Saturdays, September 9 & 23, October 14 & 28, and November 11 & 25, 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

Sunday, September 3  
Monday, September 4  
Wednesday, November 22 (5 pm closing)  
Thursday, November 23

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The Board of Library Trustees meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. The public is invited to attend.

### Library Staff

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