

August

- 1 Storytime @ 10:30am ☉
Video Game Tournament
@ 4pm ∨
- 2 Storytime @ 10:30am ☉
- 11 Mystery Shop @ 1pm ∨
Summer Reading
Program Ends
- 21 Board Meeting @ 7pm
- 22 Anime Manga Club
@ 7pm ☉
- 24 Library Closed for
Staff In-Service
- 27 4th Monday Book
Discussion Group @ 7pm ☉

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Adult Summer Programs

Wednesday, June 13th @ 6pm: *Chicago's Mystery Ghost Stories*
Come hear local legends of ghosts and haunted areas in Chicago.



Tuesday, June 26th @ 7pm:

Mystery Book Talkers
Join our Reader's Advisor as she guides us through well-known and newly released mystery titles.

Look for more adult summer programs to be announced at a later date.



Looking for a great price on gently used books? Visit the **Friends of the Westmont Public Library's** Book Sale

Cart located in the lobby. The Friends play an integral role in funding library programs, special events, and purchasing much needed materials that the budget does not cover. The popular Summer Reading program is generously funded and supported by the Friends each year. New furniture and display materials are also purchased by the Friends to help make the library an inviting place for all ages.

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Westmont Resident

Library Board Members Say Goodbye

Westmont Junior High teacher and long-time Westmont resident, Jean Law, finishes her final and 25th term on the Library Board of Trustees this May. She served through three directors and the construction of the new building.

Larry Miller joined Jean Law on the board in 1999. Since then, the Board paid off the mortgage and building bond, and passed the 2006 referendum.

Thank you both for your years of service to the library and Westmont Community.

Visit us @ Travelers Café on "Cruisin' Nights"

Get the answers to your burning questions. The Westmont Public Library has paired with the Travelers Café to offer you a chance to get answers every Thursday over the summer.

A representative from the library will sit outside the Travelers Café and make use of the free Wireless Internet the restaurant offers. You can stop by and ask questions or pick up updated brochures and flyers for library news.

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Get a Clue: Summer Read 2007



Children wait patiently for the Dragon Egg Hunt to begin, a popular program from last year.

The weather is getting warm and the children are almost through with another year of school. That means our annual summer reading program can't be far behind!

This year, the theme is *Get a Clue*. The program runs from June 9th through August 11th, 2007. The library will have programs focusing on mystery, crime, and the unknown.

Summer reading programs play an important role in the maintenance of reading levels in children.

Research shows that young readers who do not continue to read over the summer, especially those who are reluctant or at risk, are likely to lose crucial ground.

Adults are also encouraged to join the young people in reading all summer long. Parents can often make a difference in their child's perception of reading as fun by engaging in reading for enjoyment themselves. Programs and prizes will be offered as incentives for the adults as well as children.

The Summer Reading Program is open to all Westmont Public Library cardholders. Please visit the Circulation Desk to get your library card today.

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Sign up for Storytimes this summer!

Tuesdays @ 10:30am:
Pre-Reading Storytime
Children ages three and up get ready to read.

Wednesdays @ 10:30am:
Books and Songs for Toddlers
Ages three and under learn about social and interactive play.

Thursdays @ 10:30am:
Stories and More for Preschoolers
Ages three and up practice listening skills.

Did you Know?

According to the *Guinness Book of World Records*, the largest onion weighed 10 pounds 14 ounces. It was grown by V. Throup in Silsden, England.



Programs you won't want to miss

- Wednesday, June 6th @ 10:30am: *Musical Storytime*
This is a fun, interactive time for babies through age 6 that incorporates song and movement into the experience of hearing stories.
- Wednesday, June 20th @ 6:30pm: *Mystery Scent*
Young people will love this program that uncovers the mystery of what smells work together to make a pleasant perfume. Each person at this program will go home with his/her own unique body spray!
- Wednesday, July 18th @ 7pm: *Teen Yoga*
Teens ages 12 and up are invited to learn about the benefits of including Yoga in their exercise routine. Dress comfortably- you will be learning some classic Yoga poses!
- Friday, July 20th @ 9pm: *Harry Potter Release Party*
Calling all Harry Potter fans to celebrate the release of the 7th and final book at a special party with free food, games, and prizes. There will be a drawing for 3 copies of the book at 12am for a few lucky winners who attend.
- Monday, July 30th @ 10am: *Treasure Hunt*
Children love searching for treasure in the Youth Services Department. Bring along your children ages 6 and under to enjoy this favorite program with free prizes for all who attend.
- Saturday, August 11th @ 1pm: *The Mystery Shop*
Children grades 3 through 6 will become super sleuths as they work together to solve a mystery.

June

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Did you Know?

The largest bat colony in the world is in Bracken Cave, Texas. During the summer, this cave is home to as many as 20 million Mexican free-tailed bats.



Hundreds of video programs are now available at the click of a mouse!

Westmont Public Library is excited to offer MyLibraryDV, a new downloadable video service offered in partnership with Recorded Books. You can now use your library card for instant access to hundreds of video programs, including favorites like

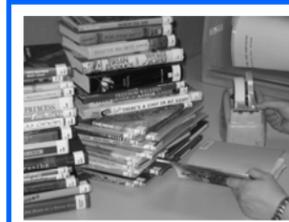
America's Test Kitchen and *Antiques Roadshow*, as well as a number of classic and independent films!

Getting started on MyLibraryDV is easy and free. Simply visit westmontlibrary.org, click on the MyLibraryDV icon, and follow the on-screen instructions. After this one-time installation process, you will simply need to enter your

SWAN account and PIN for instant access to everything MyLibraryDV has to offer. Videos can be checked out for one week and will be automatically deleted from your computer upon expiration.

New videos are constantly being added to MyLibraryDV. Keep your eyes peeled for further new additions, including new Hollywood favorites!

Collection to Increase as Money Comes In



One volunteer works hard to cover some of the new books that have come in.

With a substantial increase in funds entering the library this June, more popular titles and bestsellers will be

purchased for checkout.

When the March 2006 referendum was passed, the library promised to increase collection size. This means more copies of bestselling books, more children's books and audio, and more audio and visual materials which includes DVDs, books on CD, and video games.

Patrons are reminded to place holds before a book is

released in one of four ways:

1. Call the library.
2. Visit our website and access your account online.
3. Email us with your request.
4. Place holds in person when you visit the reference or circulation desks.

This Collection increase is one of many positive changes Westmont residents will see in coming months.

Downloadable Audiobooks- An Online Collection



If you have not tried the library's downloadable audiobooks and ebooks, now is the time. With thousands of titles available, those days at the beach and long hours driving can be filled with the latest in fiction and non-fiction.

To access the library's collection of downloadable books, visit the reference desk

to set up your free NetLibrary account. MP3 players are also available for checkout if you do not own one.

Never pay late fees for books you download! They automatically stop playing after 3 weeks. If you need more time, you can check out the same title as many times as you need it.

All types of books are available on NetLibrary. Learn a new language this

summer with the popular Pimsleur language series or catch up on your favorite fiction author's newest releases.

If you have questions about these services, please contact the reference desk or visit our website at westmontlibrary.org and click on the link for "Downloadable eAudiobooks."

Library Café Opens as Lobby Redesign Moves Forward



A large part of the lobby redesign at the Westmont Library this spring is the opening of a café.

On June 1st, you can enjoy a nice, warm cup of your favorite drink at one of the new café tables and chairs that adorn the space under the stairwell. New lighting

and comfortable seating has also been added to ease reading in this spot.

Other upcoming projects for the library include new display cases, a remodel of the

easy readers section in the Youth Services Department, and an increase in collection and programming. See page 3 for more information on the collection increase.

Sizzlin' Summer Reads

- *April in Paris* by Michael Wallner
- *The Days of Summer* by Jill Barnett
- *Don't Scream* by Wendi Corsi Staub
- *Her* by Laura Zigman
- *The Hindi-Bindi Club* by Monica Pradhan
- *Kabul Beauty School* by Deborah Rodriguez
- *Lakeside Cottage* by Susan Wiggs
- *The Land of Mango Sunsets* by Dorothea Benton Frank
- *Obsession* by Karen Robards
- *The Puzzle Bark Tree* by Stephanie Gertler
- *Someone Like You* by Cathy Kelly
- *Step Ball Change* by Jeanne Ray
- *Summer of Light* by Dale Cramer
- *The Summerhouse* by Jude Deveraux

Another Memorable Big Read Ends in May



It was another successful year for the Big Read program series! Author E.L. Doctorow made a special appearance to talk about his book *The March* on Thursday, May

10th. This was the final event for three months of popular programs on the Civil War.

The March, a historical fiction novel, was chosen as the featured book for the Big Read this year. The Big Read is a cooperative project of eight area libraries. This was the third year the project took place.

Even though the program has ended, you can still check out a copy of *The March* at the Westmont Library today or try one of Doctorow's other novels. Visit the Reference Desk for more book ideas or check out NovelList on the library's website under "Reference Resources."

4th Monday Book Discussions

June-August

This Book Discussion Group meets the 4th Monday of every month at 7pm in the library's meeting room.

June 25th: *Skinny Dip* by Carl Hiassen

July 23rd: *The Case of the Missing Books* by Ian Sansom

August 27th: *The Known World* by Edward Jones

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