



# The EXPLORER

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## What's New this Fall

As leaves change in color and the weather turns cold, the library will be making changes indoors.

September is library card sign-up month. To celebrate, we will have drawings and prizes for anyone who signs up for a new library card. Visit the Circulation Desk to get your card today!

Now that the Summer Reading Program is over, we begin a new phase of renovation in the Youth Services

Department. The biggest change is new carpeting! This means **the entire second floor of the library will be closed from December 1st through the 25th.**

The easy reader section will soon undergo a redesign. Look for big changes this winter!

Don't forget about MyLibraryDV, a wonderful resource for movies and television shows that you can download from home and watch on your computer.

Downloadable

audiobooks and ebooks are also available with your Westmont library card. Visit the reference desk for more information.

The lobby redesign is almost complete! The café is up and running, offering tasty beverages to patrons and a place to relax and read.

Don't miss out! Visit the library this fall whether it's to relax and find a new book or to enjoy an exciting program.

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## September

- 2 Library Closed All Day
- 3 Library Closed All Day
- 5 Video Game Day 2-5pm ⊖
- 10 Permaculture @ 7pm √
- 11 Patriot Day Memorial Podcast ⊖
- 12 Musical Storytime @ 10:30am √
- 13 Pizza Tasting for Teens @ 7pm √
- 18 Library Board Meeting @ 7pm
- 19 Make Your Own Traveling Pants Craft @ 6:30pm √
- 20 African Dancing & Drumming √ 6pm: Grades K-4 7:30pm: Grades 5 & up
- 24 Fourth Monday Book Discussion Group @ 7pm ⊖
- 25 Storytime @ 10:30am √
- 26 Storytime @ 10:30am ⊖ Anime/Manga Club @ 7pm ⊖
- 27 Storytime @10:30am ⊖

## Adult Fall Programming

Monday, September 10th @ 7pm

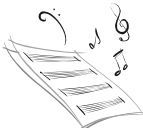
*Permaculture Discussion* √  
Bill Wilson will visit the library to discuss what permaculture is and how you can improve the environment through lifestyle changes. There will be a question and answer session after the initial discussion.

Thursday, October 18th @ 6:30pm

*Harvest Wreath Craft* √  
Make a beautiful harvest-themed wreath to decorate your home or give as a holiday gift. This program is free, but limited to Westmont cardholders only.



Sunday, Nov. 11th @ 2pm

*Share the Love* √  
 Cellist JoJo Murphy and pianist Jennifer Boso will fill the library with songs of gratitude and love. If you wish to dedicate a song, please email the library before November 1st at: westmontlibrary@westmontlibrary.org.

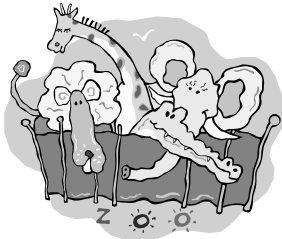
Wednesday, Nov. 14th @ 7pm  
*Adventures of a Desert Queen: A Meeting with Gertrude Bell* √  
Join us for an entertaining presentation from WomanLore, detailing the life of Gertrude Bell, who traveled, excavated, and mapped the world of the Arabs during the First World War.

Registration Key: √ Call ahead or register in person ⊖ No registration required

# October

- 2 Storytime @ 10:30am v
- 3 Storytime @ 10:30am ⊖  
Halloween Gingerbread Houses @ 6:30pm v
- 4 Storytime @ 10:30am ⊖
- 8 Video Game Day 2-5pm ⊖
- 9 Storytime @ 10:30am v
- 10 Storytime @ 10:30am ⊖  
Vampire Legends @ 7pm v
- 11 Storytime @ 10:30am ⊖
- 16 Storytime @ 10:30am v  
Library Board Meeting @ 7pm
- 17 Storytime @ 10:30am ⊖
- 18 Storytime @ 10:30am ⊖  
Harvest Wreath Craft @ 6:30pm v
- 20 Dinosaur Day @ 1pm v
- 22 Fourth Monday Book Discussion @ 7pm ⊖
- 23 Storytime @ 10:30am v
- 24 Storytime @ 10:30am ⊖  
Anime/Manga Club @ 7pm ⊖
- 25 Storytime @ 10:30am ⊖  
Fall Festival 5-8pm ⊖
- 30 Storytime @ 10:30am v
- 31 Storytime @ 10:30am ⊖

## Free Brookfield Zoo Passes



Did you know the library offers free zoo passes for checkout throughout the year? Stop by the circulation desk and check one out today! One pass will gain free admission for four people. Simply leave a \$25 cash deposit for the three-day checkout period and your money will be refunded once the pass is returned on time (late fees are \$2 per day).

# We ♥ the Friends of the Library

Are you a Friend of the Westmont Public Library? This auxiliary organization raises money to put towards presenting programs, purchasing equipment and furnishings, and furthering the library's mission and vision.

In the past year the Friends have raised over \$5,000 through the annual membership drive, a year-round lobby book sale cart, and a large-scale, book sale. This year they added the sale of mugs and bookmarks.

Putting those dollars to good use, the Friends are the largest supporters of the annual Summer Reading program.

They also sponsor the musical story times and all of the Big Read Programming. Some funds were also used to purchase new dvd shelving and plastic totes for patron use.

In the works this year are the annual book sale, an auction/ticketed fundraiser and a membership drive to raise money for the children's department improvements, while continuing to support reading programs for youth and adults.

Like so many Westmont residents, you can show your support of this crucial organization by joining the Friends. Stop by the Library's web site

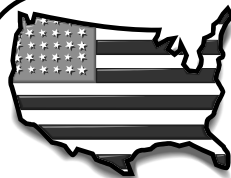
[westmontlibrary.org](http://westmontlibrary.org) and click on Friends or visit the library and pick up a form. All are welcome and new ideas are encouraged.

The Friends of the Westmont Public Library, incorporated as a non-profit in 1989, cooperates with and supports the library in the development and promotion of library services, resources and facilities for the community and encourages and receives gifts either monetary or through book donations to the library to provide supplemental financial assistance for programming and other needs of the library.

## New Library Board Members Begin Term

Amy Porter (pictured left) and Elaine Carmichael, the two newest members of the library board of trustees, began their respective terms in May.

Ms. Porter hopes to improve communication between the library and the community during her time as a board member. Ms. Carmichael looks forward to helping implement changes in the Youth Department.



Tuesday  
Sept. 11  
All Day

## Patriot Day Memorial Webcast

Take a few moments to visit the library and be a part of our memorial webcast. The library will compile a recording all day on Tuesday for those who would like to share memories of September 11th. The recordings will be placed online on the library's website for all to hear.

To participate, simply drop in at the library anytime between 10am and 8:30pm. No registration is necessary.





# Youth Fall Programming

**Musical Storytimes** ∨  
Wednesday, Sept. 12 &  
Wednesday, Nov. 28  
10:30am, Ages 6 and  
under

Join us for stories,  
songs, dance, and play  
as we experience one  
of our most popular  
programs together.

**Make Your Own  
Traveling Pants** ∨  
Wednesday, Sept. 19  
6:30-8:30pm

Ages 8 and up  
Bring to the  
library an old  
pair of jeans,  
or other item  
of clothing that you  
want to decorate. We  
will provide the craft  
materials.



**African Dancing &  
Drumming** ∨

Thursday, Sept. 20  
6pm: Grades K-4  
7:30pm: Grades 5 & up  
Experience a Kidworks  
Theatre Co. workshop  
on the rhythmic sounds  
of African drumming  
and dances that  
accompany the music.



**Halloween  
Gingerbread  
Houses** ∨  
Wednesday, Oct. 3  
6:30pm, Ages 8 and up  
Bring the kids and see  
a chef create a one-of-  
a-kind Halloween  
Gingerbread House.  
One lucky winner takes  
home the chef's  
creation and everyone  
gets instructions on  
how to make their own.

**Dino Day** ∨  
Saturday, Oct. 20  
@ 1pm  
Ages 5-10  
Celebrate  
dinosaur  
month with us and learn  
more about these  
fascinating creatures.  
Do a dino dig, get  
prizes, and much more!



**Vampire Legends** ∨  
Wednesday, Oct. 10  
7pm, Ages 12  
and up  
Come hear  
author and  
vampire specialist  
Martin V. Riccardo as  
he discusses many  
aspects of the undead.



**Fall Festival** ⊖  
Thursday, Oct. 25  
5-8pm, All Ages  
Parents, stop by with  
your family and spend  
some time decorating  
pumpkins, doing leaf  
rubbings, and listening  
to a special family  
edition of "Stories by  
Moonlight" at 6:30pm.

**Family Reading Night** ⊖  
Thursday, Nov. 15th  
5-8:30pm  
All Ages  
Turn off the TV  
and bring the  
family to the  
library for a quiet night  
of reading. Entry forms  
for special drawings will  
be available on October  
14th. To be entered in  
the drawings, you must  
be at the library before  
8pm on this date.



**Video Games Days** ⊖  
Sept. 5 from 2-5pm  
Oct. 8 from 2-5pm  
Nov. 21 from 2-5pm  
Dec. 27 from 2-5pm



## November

- 1 Storytime @ 10:30am ⊖
- 6 Storytime @ 10:30am ∨
- 7 Storytime @ 10:30am ⊖
- 8 Storytime @ 10:30am ⊖
- 11 Share the Love Concert @ 2pm ∨
- 14 Adventures of a Desert Queen @ 7pm ∨
- 15 Family Reading Night from 5-8pm ⊖
- 20 Library Board Meeting @ 7pm
- 21 Video Game Day 2-5pm ⊖  
Library closes @ 5pm
- 22 Library Closed All Day
- 26 Fourth Monday Book Discussion @ 7pm ⊖
- 28 Anime/Manga Club @ 7pm ⊖

**Storytimes this fall!**  
September 25th-  
November 8th

**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. ⊖



## 1st Annual Pizza Taste Testing for Teens

Thursday, September 13 at 7pm ☎

Young people ages 12 to 19 are invited to  
our first annual pizza taste testing at the  
Westmont Library. Enjoy eating pizza from  
local restaurants and vote on your  
favorites in several categories. Call  
630.969.5625 or visit the library to reserve  
your spot in this tasty program!



Registration Key: ∨ Call ahead or register in person ⊖ No registration required ⊕ Children under 13 not admitted

♿ Please note: Individuals requiring accommodation for a disability for any library program should contact the library at least five days before the program.

## December

- 18 Library Board Meeting @ 7pm
- 24 Library Closed All Day
- 25 Library Closed All Day
- 27 Video Game Day 2-5pm ⊖  
Anime/Manga Club  
@ 7pm ⊖
- 31 Library Closed All Day

\* Please note that programming is light in the month of December due to the carpet installation on the second floor of the library. The Youth Services Department will be closed from December 1st-25th.

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### Library Hours:

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

For more information about the Westmont Public Library, please contact us at:  
630.969.5625  
630.969.6490 fax  
westmontlibrary@westmontlibrary.org

## 4th Monday Book Discussions

### August-December

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

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

Come to the August meeting and help us decide what to read this winter!

**September 24th:** *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See

**October 22nd:** Book TBA

**November 26th:** Book TBA

**December:** No Discussion

## 2007 Summer Read Donators

We gratefully acknowledge the generous donations from the following businesses. Thank you for making our reading program possible:

- *Balance Institute of Gymnastics*
- *The Chalkboard*
- *Chipotle Restaurant*
- *DuPage Children's Museum*
- *Elle Style*
- *Foodmix*
- *The Framemaker's*
- *Fuller's Car Wash*
- *The Great American Bagel*
- *The Harvest Pancake House & Grill*
- *Ida Kotyuk, Portrait Painter*
- *L & F Pizza*
- *Morgan Perris Salon*
- *Phillip's Flowers*
- *Suburbanite Bowl*
- *Tivoli Theater*
- *Westbrook Market*

A special thank you to the Friends of the Westmont Public Library for helping to fund the programming and special events for the Summer Reading Program 2007. For more information on the Friends of the Library or to become a member, visit the Circulation Desk.

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Get your Card Today!

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