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PLEASE NOTE:

Due to increased programming and space limitations, the newsletter will no longer contain the mini monthly calendars that listed the days of library events. You can find mini calendars in bookmark format in the library or online in the newsletter section of our website.

Introducing ENCORE!

ENCORE is an enhanced version of our SWAN catalog. ENCORE will provide powerful, one-step simultaneous searching of the SWAN Catalog, many databases and other resources. You'll have easy access to more content and new ways to refine and personalize your searches! Like SWAN, you can use ENCORE to locate items in our collection and the collections of over 80 Metropolitan Library System libraries. You may place holds, check your account, and renew materials through the new catalog.

2008 Annual Report Numbers

By Christine Kuhn, Library Director

The NUMBERS

- **17,019** residents have library cards (**65%** of the community)
- **148,080** visits to the library
- **207,967** items checked out (nearly 8 items per resident)
- **165** programs presented, attended by **4,260** people
- **50,568** computer sessions logged

Total Collection Numbers

- **104,646** Books
- **6,139** Music CDs & Audio Books
- **5,025** DVDs & Videos
- **239** Video games

The BUDGET

Revenue

Property tax: \$1,605,588

Replacement tax: \$986

Misc. (grants, gifts, etc.): \$62,329

Total Revenue:

\$1,668,903*

Expenditures

Library materials: \$238,897

Wages/Benefits: \$680,109

Other general operating expenses including utilities, supplies, equipment, repairs and program fees: \$ 386,476

Transfer to Reserve Fund: \$363,421.00

Total Expenditures:

\$1,668,903*

*unaudited figures

The PROJECTS

Big Read 2009: We were 1 of 10 area libraries that focused on Barbara Kingsolver's book *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*.

New Web Site

Launched: Our new website is now cleaner and easier to browse.

Revamped Storytime & Youth Programming:

The new storytimes and programs are designed to be age appropriate and to reinforce the development of skills that will eventually lead to reading on one's own. Attendance at all youth programs increased 44% over the previous year!

Hispanic Heritage Month

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15th - October 15th) with us as we explore Hispanic culture and all it has to offer! Special events include:

- **Hispanic Cultural Festival, Saturday, September 26th, 6PM:** Enjoy a live band, a sampling of Mexican food, and loads of information on travel, history, and more! Pick up your tickets at the Main Desk in the library beginning September 1st.
- **Yo Soy Maíz, Saturday, October 10th, 2PM:** Learn the history of corn and its many uses. This interactive program will delight audiences of all ages! Registration is required.
- **Family Storytime, Thursday, October 15th, 6:30PM:** Bring the whole family for an evening of Spanish and English stories and a family heritage craft! Registration is required.

Family Campfire Adventure



In cooperation with the annual Pumpkin Harvest Festival in Westmont, the library will host a family event on Thursday, October 22nd from 6:30-8:30PM. All ages are invited to join us at Veteran's Memorial Park for a night of outdoor adventure! Children of all ages will love the spooky stories and Halloween craft projects. We'll end the evening with s'mores and Anna Stange leading songs around the campfire. All children **MUST** have an adult with them at all times! *This program is brought to you by the Friends of the Westmont Library.*

ADULT PROGRAMS

Figure Drawing Studio Sunday, 10/4 & 11/1, 2-4PM

The library provides various costumed models and still-lives over the course of the program, with each session offering new poses and subjects for inspiration. Bring your own supplies for this unique, independent study opportunity.

Writers' Group Thursdays, 9/3 & 9/17, 10/1 & 10/15, 11/5 & 11/19 @ 7PM



This interactive group is for adults interested in improving their writing skills and venturing into the world of publishing. The first Thursday of the month is a large group session in the meeting room focused on improving writing skills. The third Thursday consists of small group critique sessions conducted throughout the library in study rooms.

English Conversation Group Saturdays, 9/12 & 9/26, 10/10 & 10/24, 11/14 & 11/28, 12/12, 10AM-12PM

This informal and friendly conversation group is for all adult English learners. Join us on the second and fourth Saturdays of every month as we improve our verbal English skills!

Horseracing in Chicago Sunday, September 27th, 2PM

Kimberly Rinker, horse racer, award-winning journalist, and author of *Chicago's Horse Racing Venues*, will share her knowledge of Chicago's long and scandalous history of horse racing. A visit from one of her horses will follow in the library parking lot. *This program is brought to you by the Friends of the Westmont Public Library.*



Holiday Wreath Craft Tuesday, October 6th & Wednesday, October 7th, 6:30PM

This favorite annual program is coming in two installments this year! Sign-up for one of the evening sessions and create a beautiful grapevine wreath and a candle surround to take home with you! Donations will be accepted to help cover material costs.



Poetry on a Fall Afternoon Saturday, November 14th, 2PM

Members of the Illinois State Poetry Association will delight audiences with readings of their original work. People from the audience will be invited to recite their own poetry during a brief open mic at the end of the program. Refreshments will be served immediately following the event.

Jacqueline Kennedy, The Aesthetics of Style Sunday, November 29th, 3PM

Dr. Michelle Paluch-Mishur of Art Excursions examines Jacqueline Kennedy's impact on culture in America during her tenure as first lady. This slide lecture illuminates the interrelationship between Jackie's style, grace and poise and her interests in fashion, art, and other subjects. *This program is brought to you by the Friends of the Westmont Public Library.*



Coming In December:

Digital Photography 101 with professional photographer Jennifer Shilt on Tuesday, December 1st at 7PM.

Super Couponing with Jill Cataldo on Thursday, December 10th at 7PM.

A Holiday Concert with the Western Lights Chorus on Sunday, December 20th at 3PM.

Dates and programs are subject to change. Please check the library website for updated information at: www.westmontlibrary.org.

Registration Key:  Call ahead or register in person

 No registration required

 No children under 12

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



TEEN SCENE



Anime/Manga Club Wednesday, 9/23 & 10/28 @ 7PM

Watch and discuss Anime with other fans of the genre. Snacks and video games round out the evening.

CONTEST TO WIN TICKETS FOR NEW MOON!

Everyone's favorite vampires are back on the big screen beginning November 20th for the sequel to the hit movie *Twilight*. Design a *New Moon* themed bookmark and upon submission of your original design you will be entered in a raffle for a gift card to AMC Yorktown movie theater. Visit the Youth Department for an official entry form beginning September 26th. The final day to submit your bookmark is October 31st.

Fine Print: This contest is open to anyone between the ages of 12-18. You must be a Westmont resident to win.



Join **TeenTeam**, a new group for young adults interested in volunteer opportunities at the library. Whether you need volunteer hours for honor society, a class project, or just to give back to the community-the library wants you! Starting in September, **TeenTeam** members

will be working in the library during evenings and weekends to help decorate for holidays, read to young children, and other fulfilling activities!

If you are interested in joining TeenTeam, pick up a volunteer application at the Westmont Public Library or download it at: www.westmontlibrary.org. See you at the library!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Musical Storytime

Wednesday, September 9th,
10:15AM, Ages 0-6

Young children love to sing and dance along with our musical storyteller as she guides us through stories, interactive play, and more!

Captain Cranky and His Crew: A Pirate Adventure Variety Show! Saturday, September 19th, 1PM Ages 5 and up

Celebrate "Talk Like A Pirate Day" with a special puppet program put on by Dave Herzog Marionettes. Listen to the music and wacky adventures of Captain Cranky and his crazy bunch of buccaneers!

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Creepy Critters!

Saturday, October 3rd, 1-2:30PM
Ages 3-6

Get ready to learn about bugs, bats, and other nasty creatures. We'll read creepy stories, make a critter craft, and drink bug juice!

Art4Kidz

Saturday, October 17th, 1-3PM
Ages 7 & up

Get creative for a special day all about art! We'll focus on a famous illustrator and the artist who influenced him/her. Each child will make a piece of art to take home.

Science Saturday

Saturday, November 21st, 1-2:30PM
Ages 5-11

Learn cool new concepts with our science kits! Do experiments and take home your creations. Learning has never been so fun!

Game Days @ Your Library Tuesdays, 9/22, 10/27, 11/24, 3-6PM Ages 6 and up

Once a month the library offers hours of video game play on the big screen! Make new friends, munch on snacks, and play games. **Chess tutoring** will also be offered from 5-6PM for anyone interested in learning to play.

Toddler & Me Playgroup Every Wednesday Sept. 23rd- November 18th, 10:45-11:30AM

Caregivers and their little ones will meet after storytime for play time and healthy snacks. An assortment of popular materials will be available to browse and check out!

Family Storytimes

Thursdays, 9/17, 10/15, 11/19 @
6:30PM

Join us for a night of family fun! Begin the evening with tales that will delight all ages. After storytime, each family works together on a craft to take home.

Storytimes this Fall!

September 14th- December 10th
(The week of 11/22 there are
NO storytimes)

Bilingual Storytime

Every Other Monday @ 11:30AM:

Children who speak any language will learn from our storytime that stresses both English and Spanish vocabulary.

Pre-Reader Storytime

Tuesdays @ 10:15AM:

Four- and five-year-olds explore with books, crafts, and songs.

Early Talkers Storytime

Wednesdays @ 10:15AM:

Ages 0-2 enjoy books, action songs, and other musical activities.

Talkers Storytime

Thursdays @ 10:15AM:


Two- and three-year-olds learn with books, flannel boards, and music.

Early Literacy Workshops

September 15th, 16th, & 17th,
10:15-11AM

Parents of young children will benefit from attending one of these workshops geared towards helping children acquire early literacy skills. Workshops will take place in the meeting room during regularly scheduled storytimes.

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FREE MUSEUM PASSES



We are thrilled to announce that, beginning **September 1st**, Westmont Public Library card holders can receive **free** admission to 17 exciting museums and other cultural institutions throughout the Chicagoland area. The passes will be

available for check out year round!

Visit the library to pick up a one week pass for the museum of your choice. Each museum is contributing up to four weekly passes that are available on a first come, first serve basis. All you need to take part in these learning adventures is a valid library card. Please note that you must check out passes from your home library. One Museum Adventure Pass may be checked out per person, per loan period.

For a full listing of participating institutions and for check-out guidelines, go to www.museumadventure.org, or ask a librarian!

TOP SUMMER READERS

Congratulations to the students who read an outstanding number of books this summer.

E Reader Level:

- Emily Czaplewski
- Aditya Vijayan

J Reader Level:

- Aarya Deore
- Margaret Kassay

Teen Reader Level:

- Antonio Verdera
- Megan Devine & Frankie Grano

SHOW US YOUR LIBRARY CARD, WESTMONT!



In honor of National Library Card Sign-Up Month, the library is partnering with the Westmont Chamber of Commerce for the second year in a row to offer special savings and free items to people with Westmont Library cards. During the entire month of September, residents with a library card may visit each participating establishment and take advantage of the offer by simply showing their valid Westmont Public Library card! For a list of participating

businesses, please pick up a brochure from the library or visit our website: www.westmontlibrary.org.

If you are a Westmont resident and do not have a library card, now is a great time to get one! Visit the library with your current photo ID and an official piece of mail if your address has recently changed.

Is your card expired? It only takes a few minutes to update your information and issue you a new card!

LIST OF SUMMER DONORS

Thank you to all the local businesses that generously donated to our summer reading program. We appreciate all of your support!

- Bales Ace Hardware • Baskin Robbins/Dunkin Donuts • Caribou Coffee
- Carsplus Tire & Auto • Cheryl's Total Look • Chipotle • Claim Jumper • Gameworks
- Classic Cinemas • Deluxe Inn • Gameworks • Green Meadows Golf Course
- Holiday Inn Elmhurst • Moondance Diner • Uncle Jon's Music • Traveler's Café

A special thank you to the Friends of the Westmont Public Library for their generous support of the summer reading program.

4TH MONDAY BOOK DISCUSSIONS

This discussion group meets the 4th Monday of every month at 7PM in the library's meeting room.

- September 28th:** *The Island* by Victoria Hislop
- October 26th:** *The Gate to Women's Country* by Sheri Tepper
- November 23rd:** *Astrid and Veronika* by Linda Olsson

Please Note: There will be no meeting in December.

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Library Hours:

Monday-Thursday	10AM-9PM
Friday-Saturday	10AM-5PM
Sunday	1PM-5PM

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Library Closings:

- Sunday, September 6th
- Monday, September 7th
- Wednesday, November 25th @ 5PM
- Thursday, November 26th

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