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Announcing Free Media on Demand

By Julia Coen, Assistant Director

Download eBooks from home or on the go with Media on Demand!

We are happy to announce that starting in June we will be offering downloadable eBooks through Overdrive's Media on Demand. WPL cardholders will be able to check out eBooks 24/7 by visiting the Library's online account at www.mediaondemand.org. Titles include the latest fiction and nonfiction bestsellers, book club favorites, award winning authors and much more. With hundreds of popular titles to choose from, Media on Demand is sure to have something to fit your reading taste! Best of all, it is free to WPL

patrons with their library card.

Patrons will be able to download and read eBooks on a computer or compatible device like an iPad, Sony Reader, or Barnes and Noble Nook. WPL cardholders can check out five eBook titles at one time and place five eBook titles on hold at one time. Check out periods are 7 or 14 days (your choice), and titles will automatically expire at the end of the lending period so there are no late fees! Visit the Media on Demand online catalog to browse the collection and to learn more about downloading titles and compatible reading devices.

We are celebrating this new service with multiple classes and a giveaway on June 11th. You can learn how to check out and download eBooks from Media on Demand to your eReader. Librarian Anna Pederson will provide one-on-one assistance and answer any specific questions during the session. Join her to learn the basics on downloading, eBook and eReader features, and how to get the most out of Media on Demand's eBook collection.

With Media on Demand, your library is always open and just a few clicks away!

Summer Read is Out of This World!

Library staff are busy planning for another successful year of summer reading! Last year, we had a record breaking summer with over 1,000 participants in the program. This year, we hope to have even more Westmont residents join us! You can sign up for the program beginning

June 4th in the library or online by visiting our website and clicking on the Mission 2011: READ! link.

The reading program is designed to keep children reading all summer long to help avoid loss of reading and comprehension skills. The library offers educational programs and

fun incentives for kids during the program. Adults can register for a chance to win prizes too!

Look inside this newsletter for more information!



End your Summer with Music on the Steps

Saturday, August 27th
6:30-9:00PM
All Ages!
No registration required!

Help us celebrate the completion of the 2011 plaza construction and the

end of summer with an evening of music. Children will enjoy singing, dancing, and playing as they interact with our special musical guest.

Adults can sit back and relax later in the evening with a

musical group sure to keep audiences captivated!

Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase. All proceeds will go towards the Friends of the Westmont Library.

Keep checking our website for more details!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

☹ Summer Storytimes
Thursdays, June 16th-August 4th
10:15AM, Ages 0-5

Get ready for stories, songs, and interactive play during summer storytimes! Young children and a caregiver will enjoy this special weekly time together.



☹ Toddler & Me Playgroup
*Thursdays, 10:45AM, Ages 0-5

Bring your young children to a morning playtime in the library meeting room. Interact with other moms and caregivers while the kids play and eat snacks.

*Playgroup takes place only on storytime days.

☹ Bilingual Storytime
Monday, June 13th & June 27th, 10:30AM
Ages 0-5

This storytime is conducted in English and Spanish with an emphasis on basic vocabulary and phrasing. Perfect for families that speak different languages to interact!

📖 Musical Storytime
Monday, June 20th, 10:30AM
Ages 0-5

Singing, dancing, and stories await you and your toddler at this popular program. Anna Stange will lead children in a special time of musical learning and entertainment.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

☹ Drop-In Crafts
Tuesdays, June 14th-August 2nd, 1-3PM
Ages 5-9

Stop by and make crafts like Oreo Phases of the Moon, outer space keychains, and more! All materials are provided.

📖♥ Encourage your Child to Love Reading
Wednesday, June 1st, 6:30PM

Get tips on motivating your child to read while enjoying ice cream sundaes with your family.



📖♥ Chocolate Challenge
Thursday, June 30th, 6:30PM
Ages 7-11

Calling young chocolate lovers to our annual event dedicated to all things cocoa! Games, treats, and cool competition will keep kids having fun.

☹♥ Family Finale Carnival
Saturday, August 6th, 1-4PM
All Ages!

Celebrate the end of the summer reading program with a party! Play carnival games with prizes, jump on a moon bounce, and keep cool with a delicious snow cone.

NOTE ON PROGRAMMING:

Staff ask all parents to be prompt when bringing children to library events. Any late arrivals may find their spot forfeited. No child will be admitted to a program more than 15 minutes after the event's start time.

TEEN PROGRAMS

All teen programs are open to anyone in junior high and high school. Register for programs online at: www.westmontlibrary.org or by calling 630.969.5625.

☹♥ Teen Drop-In Crafts
Thursdays, June 9th-July 28th, 1-3PM

Looking for something creative to do this summer? Stop by and make a quick craft like origami, bracelets, and bookmarks.

📖♥ Basic Spanish Classes
Mondays, July 18-August 15th, 6:30-8:00PM

This series of elementary Spanish lessons is a unique opportunity for students to get a head start on their Spanish before the school year. We strongly encourage attendance at all five classes as coursework will increase in difficulty each week. Topics covered will include learning of alphabet, colors, shapes, numbers, weeks, months, seasons, body parts, some conversation practice, interactive games, take home worksheets and much more!

Deposit of \$5 per class required upon registration. Deposit is fully refunded if student attends the class.

📖♥ Video Game Tournament
Saturday, July 16th, 1-4PM
Sign up to be a competitor in our Mario Kart tournament with prizes for top two finishers!

📖♥ Candy Sushi
Thursday, July 21st, 7PM
You won't find raw fish in this sushi! Make sushi using fruit roll-ups, swedish fish, rice krispie treats and more! Imagine the sweet possibilities!

☹♥ TeenTeam Volunteer Pizza Party
Thursday, August 4th, 6PM

As a special thank-you to all the teens who helped during our summer reading program, we have prepared an evening of indulgence! Loads of pizza and towering ice cream sundaes will be served, so come hungry!



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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 at: www.westmontlibrary.org.

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

MISSION 2011: READ!

Summer Reading Program

Saturday, June 4th-August 6th, 2011

This year, Westmont residents will journey out of this world with our annual Summer Reading program. For nine weeks, children and adults can read or listen to their favorite titles and earn prizes. See below for more details on the various age groups!

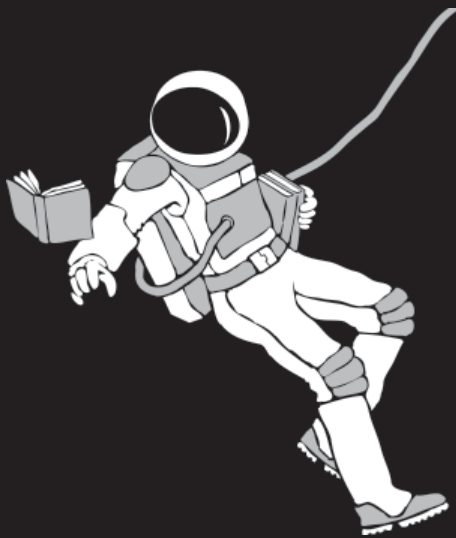
Pre-Readers: A child is considered a pre-reader if he/she cannot read comfortably on his/her own. Parents, caregivers, and siblings will read to their pre-reader for at least 15 minutes a day.

Early Readers: You are an early reader if you can read on your own from books in the Children's Reading Garden with a call number starting in E or ER. Early Readers will also read for at least 15 minutes a day.

Junior Readers: If you read chapter books from the J fiction or non-fiction section, you are a J reader. You can also read magazines and graphic novels, just remember to get in at least 15 minutes of reading a day!

Teen Reader: Reading books at the YA level or higher makes you a teen reader. You only need to read 6 books total to receive a completion prize!

Adult Reader: Anyone reading exclusively adult level material will want to register as an Adult reader.



The Family Reading Program is open to any family that consists of at least one child and one adult who are registered for the individual reading program at their level. Once each family member completes their respective program, they become eligible for several grand prizes!

Volunteers Needed this Summer!

The Library is looking for teen volunteers to help with our summer reading program! Teens entering grades 7-12 may sign up to be a Registration Assistant or a Programming Assistant. Program Assistants will help with our youth programs and Registration Assistants will staff the summer read desk where children sign up for the program and receive prizes for books read.

TeenTeam volunteers are required to work a minimum of 10 hours throughout the summer (June 4 - August 6). Our TeenTeam volunteer coordinator may assign additional hours to those who make themselves available.

Pick up an application for teen volunteer service at the Library or download it on our website under "employment." Everyone who volunteers will get a t-shirt!



Smarty Pants Balloon Odyssey Sunday, June 5th, 1:15PM

Get ready for a show like you've never seen! Children and parents will be amazed and entertained by the Smarty Pants and Miss Dena balloon show.

Go beyond the limits of imagination with Smarty Pants as we embark on an awesome trip into the furthest reaches of space and time! See an amazing balloon astronaut rocket into the show! Meet a super creepy alien creature - is he friend or foe? And don't miss the finale as Smarty travels right into the heart of our sun!

Voted Best Entertainer by Nickelodeon's Parents Picks, this show is a must-see for anyone ages 5 and up! To register for this event, call the youth department at 630.969.5625 ext. 6 or register online at: www.westmontlibrary.org.

ADULT PROGRAMS

⊖⊕ *Writers' Group*

Thursdays, 6/9 & 6/23, 7/14 & 7/28,
8/11 & 8/25, 7PM

This interactive group meets on the second and fourth Thursday of the month and is for adults interested in improving their writing skills and venturing into the world of publishing.

⊖ *English Conversation Group*

Saturdays, 6/11 & 6/25, 7/9 & 7/23, 8/13 & 8/27
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!

⊖NEW! *Knit Clique*

1st Tuesdays: 6/7, 7/5, 8/2, 6:30-8:30PM

3rd Wednesdays: 6/15, 7/20, 8/17, 12:00-2:00PM

Have you always wanted to join a knitting circle? Now is the time! Grab your yarn and needles and we'll sit, knit, and compare projects. If you have never knit before, there is room for you too! We will teach you the basics, and new knitters will receive a free pair of knitting needles and yarn to get started.



⊖ *Apollo 13* (formerly *Lost Moon*) Book Discussion

Thursday, July 7th, 7PM

Read *Apollo 13* by Lovell and Kluger. Then join us to discuss the fascinating recounting of the flight of Apollo 13, by the men who lived it. We use the book to inspire conversations about the space program then, now and in the future, with possible side trips to the 1960s, teamwork and the importance of checklists. Copies of the book will be available at the main desk.

🍰♥ *Crazy for Cakes*

Tuesday, July 12th, 7PM

Special occasions from memory often include celebration cakes. In this hour long program, audience members will learn about the history of special cakes including red velvet, carrot cake, brand name favorites, and styles of wedding cake. Famous cakes will be featured.



⊖ *Packing for Mars* Book Discussion

Tuesday, August 23rd, 2PM



This fascinating and often hilarious book, *Packing for Mars: The Curious Science of Life in the Void* by Mary Roach, gives insight into the practical world of space travel. Discuss the absurd to the mundane with others who have wondered about daily life in outer space.

COMPUTER CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Computer classes are offered for a variety of skill levels. There is a non-refundable \$5 fee per person, per class which is due at the Main Desk upon registration. Online registration is not available for computer classes. Please direct further questions to the Adult Help Desk at ext. 5.

Beginner Classes

For those with little or no previous computer knowledge.

Intro to Computers

Wednesday, June 8th, 10:15AM

Monday, June 13th, 6:30PM

Internet Basics

Wednesday, June 15th, 10:15AM

Monday, June 20th, 6:30PM

Email for Beginners

Wednesday, June 29th, 10:15AM

Wednesday, August 24th, 6:30PM

Excel 2010 for Beginners

Wednesday, July 6th, 6:30PM

Microsoft Word 2010 for Beginners

Wednesday, August 17th, 6:30PM

Intermediate Classes

For those with some previous computer experience.

Intermediate Computers

Wednesday, August 3rd, 6:30PM

Intermediate Internet

Wednesday, August 10th, 6:30PM

Intermediate Excel 2010

Wednesday, July 13th, 6:30PM

Excel 2010 Graphs & Charts

Wednesday, July 20th, 6:30PM

FREE eBook Classes

For those with eReaders who would like to learn about free downloads. There is no fee for ebook classes and online registration is permitted.

Saturday, June 11th, 10:15AM, 11:15AM, & 1:15PM

Join us to learn the basics on downloading, eBook and eReader features, and how to get the most out of Media on Demand's eBook collection during this one-on-one session.

Monday, June 27th, 6:30PM

Thinking about purchasing an eReader or new to downloadable books? Then this is the class for you! We will cover: What is an eBook? How do you use an eBook? Browsing and searching on OverDrive, WPL's free downloadable eBook service. The class will also cover the nitty gritty of downloading and explaining the confusing file formats.

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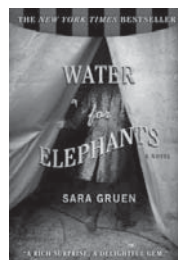
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Read it Before You See it!

Check out these fiction favorites and read the novels before seeing the new movies.

Water for Elephants



by Sara Gruen
Movie Release:
April 2011
A young veterinary student finds love after joining the circus to take care of abused animals.

Something Borrowed



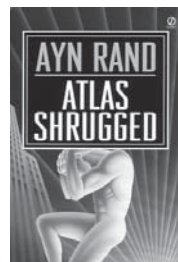
by Emily Giffin
Movie Release:
May 2011
30-year-old Rachel has an affair and subsequently falls in love with her best friend's fiancé.

One Day



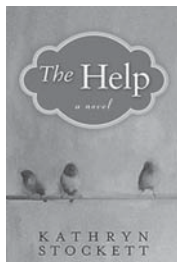
by David Nicholls
Movie Release:
August 2011
Two people meet every year on July 15th over the course of twenty years.

Atlas Shrugged



by Ayn Rand
Movie Release:
April 2011
Rand's philosophy of Objectivism is illustrated in this fictional account chronicling the actions of influential leaders.

The Help



by Kathryn Stockett
Movie Release:
August 2011
Three narrators describe Jackson, Mississippi in the 1960s where the lines between class and race become blurred for a few brave souls.

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo



by Stieg Larsson
Movie Release:
December 2011
A Swedish journalist investigates a decades old disappearance with the help of a tattooed genius.

Adults-Make "Space" for our Reading Program!

Summer reading isn't just for kids! Not only should you read for the pleasure of a good book, but we also encourage adults to set an example of lifelong reading habits for children to see. The library staff are here to help you find that perfect book and motivate you to make room in your schedule for reading.

Anyone reading at an adult level may register for our summer

reading program. Register in the library or online by visiting our webpage and clicking on the Mission 2011: READ! link.

Adults must read or listen to six books during the nine-week program to earn the completion prize, a book light. Coupons for discounts to local businesses may also be available on a limited basis depending on donations.

Adults can also earn chances to win one of the grand prizes for reading books! For each book that is read, adults will receive an electronic entry for a chance to win a prize such as a Sony eReader Pocket Edition or a weekend on the town with a gift certificate to J. Fleming's restaurant and an overnight stay in a two-room suite at the Clubhouse Inn.



Board of Trustees Honors Outgoing Members

Tuesday, May 17th marked the final meeting for two of our board members. Joyce Fedeczko served on the board for fifteen years and was President for five of those years. Christine Kaifesh also ended her term after eight years. The Westmont Public Library would like to thank both of these women for their dedication and service to the Library.

Since no one chose to run for the two vacant seats during the April 5th election, they will be filled over the summer after an application and interview process.



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Library Closings:
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Giving, Greening & Growing

By Christine Kuhn, Library Director

The Explorer is a Westmont Public Library quarterly publication intended to offer current and updated library information to Westmont patrons.

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The Friends of the Westmont Public Library is a non-profit organization that supports the Library by raising money to help subsidize the cost of programs and special events. If you are interested in becoming a Friend of the Library, please email: friends@westmontlibrary.org or call 630.969.5625.

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

Don't forget!

Program registration is online at:
 www.westmontlibrary.org

Westmont residents did some spring cleaning in their pantries during Our 9th annual *Food For Fines Week*, which coincided with *National Library Week 2011*. It proved to be our best food collection year ever by three or four fold! Even patrons without fines added to our contribution for the pantry at the People's Resource Center. Patrons who donated a non-perishable food item had \$1 of their Westmont fines from overdue items waived.

The library recently completed an 18-month lighting

upgrade, replacing incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescents and T12 florescent fixtures with snap-in T5 conversion units. Not only is the library brighter, we have realized an almost 20% energy savings.

The final statistics for our fiscal year 2011 are just trickling in. It appears that we had another year of growth with 14.5% more items checked out than in the previous year. Attendance at library programs swelled and visits to our website from outside the library

increased substantially. The fall newsletter will have the official numbers, but this sneak peek confirms what we already believed-that the Westmont Public Library is busier than ever!

The staff have prepared a very exciting summer program to keep Westmont reading and visiting all season long! Indeed, I am looking forward to checking out my favorite summer reads, making a big pitcher of iced tea, and relaxing in a breeze with Shute or Austen or Neville or Patterson....

Must-Reads for Summer 2011!

Place a hold on these latest releases or check the SWAN catalog to see if we have a copy on the shelf. WPL's readers advisor hand-picked these titles as the best in new fiction and non-fiction!

Fiction:

One Summer by David Baldacci
The Paris Wife by Paula McLain
Over the Edge by Brandilyn Collins
Friendship Bread by Darien Gee
Save Me by Lisa Scottoline
Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese
The President's Vampire by Christopher Farnsworth

Non-Fiction:

The Heart and the Fist by Eric Greitens
Ever by my Side by Nick Trout
Message from an Unknown Chinese Mother by Xinran
The Disappearing Spoon by Sam Kean
From This Moment On by Shania Twain