

THE EXPLORER

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Back to school witha library card

As school starts up again, we want to remind you how easy and important it is to get a library card. We know you have a lot going on so we've made the process simple. Apply online or in person and give your child access to books, ebooks, and online resources designed to help them succeed all year long! See the back cover for details or visit westmontlibrary.org/ librarycard.

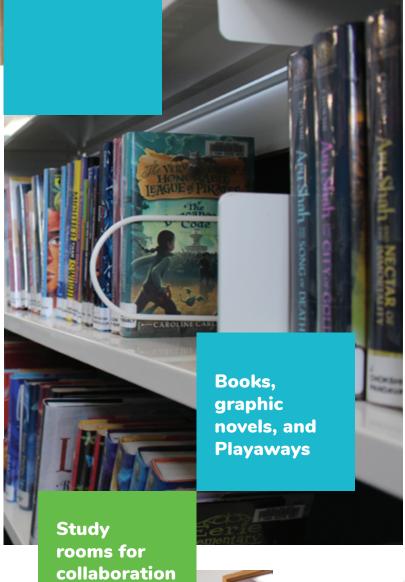
> **Dedicated** Youth & Teen computer area

Learning resources like workbooks & flashcards



or quiet, solo

study



Reliable online reference sources



Neighbors Together book discussion

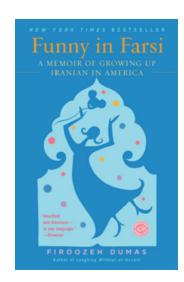
Nine local public libraries are conducting a "one community, one book" program series called Neighbors

Together, in which each library is going to hold a book discussion. This program series is intended to promote Literacy DuPage, a local organization that teaches English, and to highlight the diversity of DuPage County. For more information about Neighbors Together and a list of additional program dates, visit neighbors.ippl.info.

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Monday, September 18, 6 - 7 pm Kwasek Meeting Room (2nd floor)

Join us as we discuss this witty and delightful book in a conversation led by Adult Services Librarian Alex. Limited copies of the book will be available at the Main Desk. Just ask for the Neighbors Together book club selection!



Thank you, sponsors!

Westmont Public Library would like to thank our 2023 Summer Reading program sponsors: Brewed Awakening, DJ's Sports Bar & Grill, Fair Game, FMC Natatorium at Ty Warner Park, Fuller's Carwash of Westmont, Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen, Prairie Area Reading Council, Uncle Jon's Music, Westmont Rotary Club, and Zazzo's Pizzeria & Bar.













See page 7 for selections from our YA manga

collection and page 11 for Adult titles.











Collection spotlight: manga

Youth manga V





- > Goofy antics





- > Animal friends

Baby Bear's Bakery

- > Animal characters
- > Slice of life
- > Adorable misunderstandings





- > Fantasy adventure
- > Game tie-in
- > Friendship
- > Game tie-in
- > Fast-paced
- > Team tournament



Sue and Tai-chan

- > Animal adventures
- > Mischief & humor
- > Heartwarming

Weekly storytimes

FAMILY STORYTIME

Wednesdays, 10 - 10:30 am Sept. 13 - Oct. 4 and Oct. 25 - Nov. 15 Youth & Teen Services (2nd floor)

Drop in for these storytimes filled with music, movement, and stories.

0 - 6 years with a caregiver

Drop in for two special Saturday
FAMILY STORYTIMES:
Sept. 30 and Oct. 28, 10 – 10:30 am

Start your weekend with a story!

LAPSIT STORYTIME **TORYTIME** **TORYTIME*

Series 1: Sept. 12 – Oct. 5 Choose one session from:

- A Tuesdays, 9:30 10 am OR
- B Thursdays, 10:15 10:45 am

Series 2: Oct. 24 – Nov. 16 Choose one session from:

- ▲ Tuesdays, 9:30 10 am OR
- B Thursdays, 10:15 10:45 am

Lapsit Storytime offers our youngest patrons a chance to learn fingerplays and hear stories in a low-key environment with their caregivers. Sign up for series 1 and 2 separately. Please choose one session per series.

0 - 24 months with a caregiver

2 & 3 STORYTIME &

Series 1: Sept. 12 – Oct. 5 Choose one session from:

- A Tuesdays, 10:15 10:45 am OR
- B Thursdays, 9:30 10 am

Series 2: Oct. 24 – Nov. 16 Choose one session from:

- A Tuesdays, 10:15 10:45 am OR
- B Thursdays, 9:30 10 am

In each lively session, children 2 – 3 years old and their caregivers will enjoy songs, action rhymes, and stories that will help develop skills necessary for reading readiness. Sign up for series 1 and 2 separately. Please choose one session per series.

2 - 3 years with a caregiver

FALL STORYWALKS

Diane Main Park, 200 W 59th St.

Enjoy a story with the whole family while you stroll through Diane Main Park. Follow the path around the lake, reading signs placed along the trail, to take in the full story. In partnership with Westmont Park District.



Sept. 8 – 11 Hello, Little One Zeena M. Pliska & Fiona Halliday

Oct. 13 – 16

Hiking Day

Anne Rockwell

& Lizzy Rockwell



MONARCA

MONARCH FESTIVAL

Saturday, Sept. 23, 10 am – noon Ty Warner Park, 801 Burr Oak Dr.

Join us at Ty Warner Park to celebrate the monarch butterfly migration. Visit with naturalists from local environmental organizations while participating in fun activities and crafts for all ages!

FALL DROP-IN CRAFTS

Monday, October 9
Youth & Teen Services (2nd floor)

Drop in to get creative! Crafts are designed to appeal to preschool, grade school, and teen audiences. While supplies last.

BRAIN GAMES

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm Youth & Teen Services (2nd floor)

Drop in for some games that stimulate your mind! Develop your problem-solving abilities with crossword puzzles, Jenga, a scavenger hunt and more. Fun for the whole family.



Children's author Grace Lin will be an Illinois Libraries Present guest this October.

See page 8 for details.

TAKE-HOME CRAFT KITS

Tuesdays, Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7 Youth & Teen Services (2nd floor)

Pick up a kit with supplies and instructions for a project to complete at home. Available while supplies last. 3 – 8 years

DISCOVERY PLAYTIME

Wednesday, Sept. 6 and Thursday, Oct. 12 9:45 – 11:15 am

We'll have different sensory, art, and educational play stations set up. Playdough, rice, shredded paper, and water play are just a few possibilities. Make sure to wear old clothes and drop in for some messy, sensory fun while learning about your world.

18 months - 6 years with a caregiver

Tuesdays, 1 – 1:45 pm Sept. 12, Oct. 3, Nov. 7

This themed storytime and craft session helps prepare your child for their first school experience. Adults are encouraged to participate with their child.

4 - 6 years with a caregiver

FANTASTIC FALL STORYTIME & CRAFT

Thursday, October 19, 10 - 10:45 am

Celebrate the season with a fall-themed storytime and craft.

0 - 6 years with a caregiver

PROCESS ART PARTY

Tuesday, November 28, 1 - 2:30 pm

Drop in with your child so they can experience open-ended art activities while exercising their imagination! Process art can be messy, so please dress appropriately.

18 months - 6 years with a caregiver

NIGHT SKY STORYTIME & CRAFT

Friday, December 8, 10 - 10:45 am

Join us for a storytime and craft celebrating the lights in our night sky.

0 - 6 years with a caregiver

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FIREFLY FAMILY THEATRE PRESENTS: THE HARVEST MOON &

Saturday, October 7 10 – 10:20 am OR 10:45 – 11:05 am

Join Spark the Firefly and all her friends as they welcome a new season. *The Harvest Moon* includes puppets, original music, interactive movement, and lots of fall fun for families! This show is ideal for ages 2 – 7, but all ages are welcome.







Grades K - 5

PERLER BEADS

Saturday, September 9, 10 - 11:30 am

Create stunning designs, fuse beads together, and bring your pixelated creations to life!

AUDIOBOOK CLUB: DRAGON MASTERS 🗷

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

Join us after school to listen to a book from the popular Dragon Masters series by Tracy West. Follow along with the story in a copy of the book, draw while you listen, or just sit back and enjoy the audio performance. Feel free to bring something soft to sit on to make yourself comfortable while you listen.

PAINT A PUMPKIN 🕝

Thursday, October 12, 4:15 - 5 pm

Decorate a mini pumpkin with vibrant paint and embellishments to add a touch of autumn magic to your home!

KID ARCHITECTS

Thursday, October 26, 4 - 5:30 pm

Explore the world of architecture and discover the fun of building with different materials.

EXPLORE STOP MOTION

Saturday, November 4, 9:30 - 10 am OR 10:15 - 10:45 am OR 11 - 11:30 am

Join us with your adult to experiment with creating stop-motion videos. Optional: Bring your own small objects to star in your animation! Please register for one session. Grades K - 5 with a caregiver

ART LAB

Thursday, November 9, 4 - 6 pm

Use your imagination, creative thinking, and problem-solving skills to experiment with different art forms and media.

Grades K - 2

DECORATE A SCHOOL FOLDER

Thursday, September 14, 4:15 - 5 pm

Unleash your creativity as we provide a fun-filled opportunity for students to personalize their own folders with vibrant colors, imaginative designs, and personalized touches!

OREO TASTE TEST

Saturday, October 21, 10 - 10:45 am

Cookie enthusiasts will embark on a scrumptious adventure! Sample different flavors, rank your favorites, then brainstorm and draw new cookie possibilities.

DOODLE DAY

Thursday, November 2, 4:15 - 5 pm

Discover the joy of drawing, learn essential techniques, and bring your imagination to life on paper!

Grades 3 - 5

a = Register at **westmontlibrary.org/events** or call 630 869 6150.

EXPERIMENT WITH GELLI MONOPRINTS (*)

Thursday, September 21, 4:15 - 5 pm

Registration opens Tuesday, August 15 at 9 am.

Unleash your creativity and experiment with colors and textures! Try Gelli printing-a fun type of printmaking which produces one unique print (a monoprint).

SNACK ATTACK 📝

Saturday, October 21, 11 - 11:45 am

Join us for a fun snack taste test. Try delicious snacks and vote for your favorite flavors. We will also brainstorm ideas for inventing your own unique snack!

SLIME TIME (3)

Thursday, November 30, 4:15 - 5 pm

Create some slimy fun while we experiment with different slime ingredients and textures.

SEW IT: PENCIL POUCH

Wednesday, September 6, 6 - 7:30 pm

Sew a zippered pouch to hold your pencils, pens, and other supplies as you get ready for back to school.

TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE 3

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 29

Meet with Ms. Alyssa and other teens to discuss programs, books, and what you would like to see happen in the Library. Earns volunteer hours.

MYSTICAL POTIONS 3

Wednesday, October 11, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Make a mystical potion right in your own cauldron, where everyday ingredients will transform into extraordinary elixirs!

PUMPKIN PARTY

Wednesday, October 18, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Bring your pumpkin to life using paint, paper, pipe cleaners, and more! Come dressed for a mess.

TEEN HANGOUT

Wednesdays, 3 - 4 pm Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 Teen Space

Come to the teen area and play games, make a craft, or just hang out.

VIDEO GAME NIGHT

Wednesday, November 15, 6 - 7:30 pm

Switch games like Super Smash Bros and Mario Kart.

TEEN MOVIE AFTERNOON 📝

Friday, November 24, 2 – 4 pm

Wear your pajamas and bring pillows,

Battle and race against each other in

blankets, and snacks to enjoy while we watch Clue.





Collection spotlight: **YA manga** ▼

Teen Librarian Alyssa highlights titles from our new YA manga collection.



Clock Striker

- > Action-packed
- > Blends science and fantasy

Cursed Princess Club

- > Not your typical fairytale princess
- > Quirky & humorous

Fangirl

- > Character- and relationship-driven
- > Coming-of-age (college)



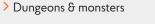
(reincarnation into

another world)



So I'm a Spider, Star Wars: Lost Stars > Science fiction

- So What? > Isekai tensai
 - > Friendship
 - > Rebels vs The **Empire**





OPEN MAKERY HOURS

Wednesdays, 5 - 7 pm Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1 and Thursdays, 5 - 7 pm Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 30

Makery/CMR (1st floor)

Stop in to learn about the Makery equipment, or use the time to work on a project of your choice. Project kits will be available for purchase. Machines are available on a first come, first served basis.

MONOGRAMMED TOTE BAGS &

Saturday, September 9, 2 – 4 pm Makery/CMR (1st floor)

Using our Silhouette vinyl cutter and heat press, learn how to make personalized gifts. Create your very own monogrammed tote bag to show off your new skills!

NEED TO KNOW CHANGES TO THE COLLEGE PROCESS &

Tuesday, September 12, 7 – 8 pm Virtual

College is now the second largest purchase most families make, but the process is more complex and less transparent than it has ever been. Join us as we learn how legislative updates to the FAFSA form may impact your family, and explore new strategies to give your student the best opportunity to be admitted, and maximize scholarships and financial aid.

MEET LITERACY DUPAGE

Wednesday, September 13, 4:30 – 7 pm Lobby

Drop in to the Library lobby to discover the tutoring services Literacy DuPage offers, and learn how to become a tutor.

LOTERÍA 📝

Thursday, September 14, noon – 1 pm

Come in for a couple rounds of Lotería (also known as Mexican Bingo) and learn some Spanish words while you play!

Saturday, September 23, 2 – 3 pm OR Monday, November 6, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Welcome autumn to your home by creating a beautiful pinecone wreath that is perfect for your front door.

3D PRINTED PHONE STANDS &

Monday, October 2, 6 - 7 pm Makery/CMR (1st floor)

Explore the fascinating technology of 3D printing. Every attendee will take home a 3D printed phone stand!

PARANORMAL INVESTIGATING BASICS &

Wednesday, October 11, 6 - 7:30 pm

Explore the basics of paranormal investigating from Quantum Paranormal Investigators. Learn about the equipment, the dos and don'ts, and how to conduct an investigation in an appropriate way. You will also learn about well known haunted locations in Illinois and the Chicago area.

CREATING VOTIVES WITH ALCOHOL INK &

Tuesday, October 17, 10 – 11 am

Create an alcohol ink masterpiece on a glass votive. This process can be messy so be sure to wear appropriate clothing.



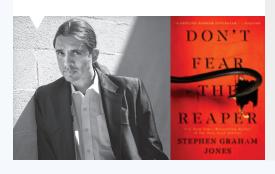
Illinois Libraries Present

These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. As hybrid events, they are available to watch at home or in the Library.

STEPHEN GRAHAM JONES 3

Wednesday, October 4, 7 – 8 pm Virtual: CMR OR Zoom

Spend an evening with a *New York Times* bestselling author of 30+ books and more than 350 stories, Stephen Graham Jones.



COLSON WHITEHEAD C

Wednesday, September 6, 7 – 8 pm Virtual: CMR OR Zoom

Join us for an evening with Pulitzer Prize winning and #1 New York Times Bestseller author Colson Whitehead.



MAYA-CAMILLE BROUSSARD &

WHITEHEAD

Wednesday, November 8, 7 – 8 pm Virtual: CMR OR Zoom

Netflix's *Bake Squad* star and owner of the Chicago-based bakery Justice of the Pies, Maya-Camille Broussard shows us how to bake with love.



Technology Classes IP Classes IP Fr Le yo ne se

IPAD BASICS

Wednesday, September 6, 3 - 4 pm

Learn basic features and functions on your iPad, like how to navigate, connect to WiFi, download apps, adjust settings, and more.

IPHONE BASICS

Friday, October 6, 10 - 11 am

Learn basic features and functions on your iPhone, like how to navigate, connect to WiFi, download apps, adjust settings, and more.

COMPUTER BASICS

Thursday, October 19, 11 am - noon

Learn basic information about computers and how to use them. We'll cover how to use the mouse and keyboard, how your computer is set up, how to navigate your desktop area and change your display, and general information about commonly installed computer software.

ANDROID BASICS

Wednesday, November 8, 10 - 11 am

Curious about the Android operating system or have a new Android device? Join us for this introductory class focusing on Android basics.





GRACE LIN

floor) OR Zoom

demonstration.

Tuesday, October 17, 7 - 8 pm

Virtual: Kwasek Meeting Room (2nd

Children's book author and illustrator Grace Lin discusses food, family,

and folktales, along with a drawing

JANE AUSTEN MURDER MYSTERY GAME

Tuesday, October 24, 6 - 7:30 pm Kwasek Meeting Room (2nd floor)

A crime of great proportions has rocked Rosings Park! As one of Jane Austen's beloved characters, can you put the clues together and discover the killer?

HEALING THE SPIRIT WITHIN ONE NOTE AT A TIME 📝

Wednesday, November 15, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Join local creator and musician Kathrine Eldridge for an evening of music, poetry, and art. This program will explore the themes of love lost and found, hope, joy, and gratitude through music, art, and words.

LINCOLN AND THANKSGIVING &

Thursday, November 16, 6 - 7:30 pm Kwasek Meeting Room (2nd floor)

Mr. Lincoln, portrayed by Kevin Wood, shares the story of how our national, annual observance of the Thanksgiving holiday came to be established during his Presidency.

Dementia Friendly Westmont

EFFICIENTLY COMMUNICATING WITH INDIVIDUALS WITH DEMENTIA 3

Wednesday, September 13, 1 - 2:30 pm

When is fibbing part of loving care? Jennifer Wilson Binotti with Compassionate Neuropsychology helps us understand common behaviors of individuals with dementia and teaches us how to differentiate when untruths are helpful and when they are detrimental.

MEMORY CAFE 3

Monday, September 18, 1 - 2 pm

Come join us for a social gathering of individuals living with dementia and their care partners. We offer a place where both care partner and care recipient can socialize together and connect with others in a similar situation. Activities at the Memory Cafe are free. Presented in partnership with Birches Assisted Living and Memory Care.

ELDER LAW & DEMENTIA T Wednesday, October 4, 1 - 2:30 pm

Many people are unprepared to deal with the legal and financial consequences of a serious illness such as Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia. Mary Kay Furiasse with AZ Health Elder Law will discuss basic legal and financial documents, such as wills, living trusts, and advance directives.

UNDERSTANDING THE STAGES OF ALZHEIMER'S 3

Wednesday, November 1, 1 - 2:30 pm

Without question every person's progression is unique. In this program, Patti Terkovich and Mary Ferguson with Birches Assisted Living and Memory Care will provide a useful frame of reference for what is typically seen. Knowing what to expect can help caregivers know what to anticipate, allow time to plan accordingly, and help reduce the stress of the unknown.



Looking for a way to keep your loved one with dementia engaged and active? The Library is excited to offer Dementia Friendly Kits, designed to provide hours of fun and stimulation, and promote creativity and imagination. These kits include a variety of activities that are both challenging and enjoyable, such as puzzles, games, crafts, music, sensory activities, and more. Find our Dementia Friendly Kits on the first floor in the Adult nonfiction area.

Ongoing programs

Visit westmontlibrary.org/events for the full descriptions, including monthly book club selections.

TEAM TRIVIA

Mondays, 7 - 9 pm Sept. 11 & 25, Oct. 9 & 23, Nov. 13 & 27 Zazzo's Pizza & Bar, 200 W Ogden Ave.

SPICE CLUB

Mondays, 7 - 7:45 pm Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20

Jalapeño powder Sept. 18 Lemon pepper Oct. 16 Juniper berries Nov. 20

4TH MONDAY BOOK CLUB

Mondays, 6:45 - 7:45 pm Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 27 Kwasek Meeting Room (2nd floor)

WESTMONT GARDENING CLUB

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 7:45 pm Oct. 3 and Nov. 7

UNREAL WORLD BOOK CLUB 3

Tuesdays, 7 - 8 pm Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7 Virtual: Zoom

ADULT TAKE & MAKE CRAFTS

Tuesdays, Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7 Adult Services Desk (1st floor)

KNIT CLIQUE

Tuesdays, 6 - 7:45 pm Sept. 12 & 26, Oct. 10 & 24, Nov. 14 & 28

WRITERS GROUP

Thursdays, 6 - 7:45 pm Sept. 14 & 28, Oct. 12 & 26, Nov. 9

Note: The November 23 meeting will not be held due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Saturdays, 10 - 11:30 am Sept. 9 & 23, Oct. 14 & 28, Nov. 11 & 25

SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES &

Sundays, 1 - 3:30 pm Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19



September 17: Little Women (2019)

October 15: **Dungeons & Dragons:** Honor Among Thieves (2023)



November 19: Till (2022)

Collection spotlight: Adult manga ▼

Adult Librarian Alex highlights titles from our Adult manga collection.







- > Romantic comedy
- > Magic family secrets





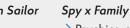
- > Horror & the occult
- > Magical high school





> Magical girls

> Teenagers vs cosmic evil



- > Psychics, assasins, and spies, oh my!



Dementia Friendly Kits

> Action-packed

Blue Lock

> Cut-throat sports competition

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Library Hours

 Monday - Thursday
 9 am - 8 pm

 Friday & Saturday
 9 am - 5 pm

 Sunday
 noon - 4 pm

Scheduled Closings

Sunday, September 3 Monday, September 4 Friday, September 22 (staff in-service) Wednesday, November 22 (early closing at 5 pm) Thursday, November 23

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Getting your library card is fast & easy!

Apply online by filling out the form at westmontlibrary.org/librarycard, then sit back and wait for your new library card to arrive in the mail!

Or, to get your card and start using it right away, stop by the Library's Main Desk with proof of residency. A list of



acceptable documents, plus information about non-resident and business cards, is available on our website at westmontlibrary.org/librarycard. For youth under 18, a parent or guardian must apply for the card.

