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Gardening Week

April 19 – 25, 2021

We kick off with educational programs for everyone! Kids can check out the **Life Cycle of a Flower**, while adults learn about low maintenance native plants for the garden. Get crafty with take-home kits for all ages, such as paint-and-plant flower pots for teens. And finally, we invite the whole family to go on a **StoryWalk** through Diane Main Park, April 23 – 26.

Straw bale garden

The Library's straw bale garden is returning this spring and summer! With the help of master gardener Pat Miller, we will begin planting in May. As in previous years, all the harvested produce will be donated to People's Resource Center. Stay tuned for videos about the garden and opportunities to visit and watch it grow this summer.



Scare up some creativity!

Patron Appreciation invites you to celebrate Gardening Week and help us decorate the straw bale garden by designing a custom scarecrow. We provide the supplies, you provide the creativity! **Kits will be available for pickup starting April 19.**

Got milkweed?

We're giving away milkweed seeds during Gardening Week at the Library so you can grow this pollinator favorite in your own garden! The native perennial is critical to the monarch butterfly's life cycle and also provides food for bees, hummingbirds, and other important pollinators.

Composting in Westmont



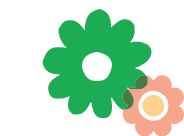
A new compost and yard waste pickup service is coming to Westmont homes this April.

Learn more at westmont.illinois.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1322.

Stories to grow readers



Books to cultivate curiosity



Find more suggestions on the Adult Programming page.

We'll share additional librarian-created book lists for children and adults online during Gardening Week at westmontlibrary.org/bookrecs.

Adult programming

MARbled NAIL POLISH COFFEE MUG **KIT**

Available starting Wednesday, March 3.

Using a minimal amount of supplies, you can make a beautiful marbled mug to enjoy coffee, tea, or your drink of choice!

TOGETHER TIME: CREATING MEMORABLE MOMENTS **LIVE**

Meet online Wednesdays at 1 pm, March 3, April 7, and May 5.

Seniors and caregivers, join us as we share tips and ideas for creating fun, purposeful, and meaningful moments together! Each month, we will share several activities and their benefits for health and wellbeing.

Activity kits will be available for pickup starting the day of the program, while supplies last.



Dementia Friendly Westmont

This is a live virtual program that will be recorded and posted to YouTube.

TECH TUESDAYS

Available starting Tuesdays, March 9 & 23, April 13 & 27, and May 11 & 25.

Learn something new about popular programs like Microsoft Word and Excel, discover free apps, or try a "digital craft."

WHO WAS TYPHOID MARY?

Available March 15 – 28.

Join storyteller Leslie Goddard as she introduces us to the killer cook who changed what we know about diseases. At a time when we struggle with serious questions about the threats of epidemics, Typhoid Mary's story couldn't be more timely.

WATERCOLOR TULIPS WITH MARY LAUNI **KIT**

Available starting Wednesday, April 21. (Video available until May 20.)

Spring is here! Local artist Mary Launi will show you how to paint a beautiful bouquet of spring tulips using watercolors.

IRON-ON APPLIQUE TOTE BAG **KIT**

Available starting Wednesday, May 12.

You will receive a tote bag, some fabric, and a couple of pattern options to make your own fashionable tote!

SOUP, EGGROLL, STIR FRY, AND FRIED RICE: HIDDEN MESSAGES IN CHINESE FOOD **LIVE**

Meet online Monday, May 3 at 7 pm.

Have you ever wondered why Chinese food comes in a combination of soup, eggroll, stir fry, and rice? Do you wince at seeing whole fish served with heads on? To help us celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, educator and cultural consultant Yvonne Wolf gives us a new perspective on a familiar dining experience.

This is a live-streamed program that will be recorded and posted to YouTube through May 23.

EASY CARE OF NATIVE PLANTS **LIVE**

Meet online Monday, April 19 at 7 pm.

Many home gardeners would like to add native plants to their garden, but are unsure how to start. This program looks at native plants that are low maintenance and grow in a wide range of conditions. Native grasses, wildflowers, trees, and shrubs will be covered.

This is a live Zoom program that will be recorded and posted to YouTube through May 16.



Whether you're interested in growing vegetables and herbs for the kitchen, supporting native pollinators, or beautifying your home with flowers, we have books—and ebooks—to help you get started! Look for librarian-created book lists online during Gardening Week at westmontlibrary.org/bookrecs.



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KIT Kits with video instructions—Pick up a kit, then follow along from home at youtube.com/westmontpubliclibrary. *While supplies last.*

Youth programming

Early childhood & Family

LANGUAGE STORYTIME

New videos available every Monday, March 1 – April 26.

Enjoy songs and stories in Spanish or French, presented by The Language Labs.

MESSAGES FROM MS. ADRIAN

Babies & toddlers

New videos available every Wednesday, March 3 – April 28.

Ms. Adrian shares short rhymes, finger plays, and flannel board stories.

ALPHABET STORYTIME KIT

Preschool

New videos available every Thursday, March 4 – April 29.

Ms. Elizabeth introduces a new letter each week through songs and flannel stories.

WPL @ HOME

All ages/family

New videos available every other Thursday, March 4 – April 29.

Discover crafts, like Clay Leaf Prints (May 13), and activities to do together as a family, such as Outdoor Spring Bingo (Mar. 18), shared by Ms. Alejandra.



WENDY AND DB

Available March 1 – May 31.

Join musicians Wendy and DB for a fun filled concert. Get your feet tapping, and dance all your wiggles out with fun, catchy tunes!

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SPRING STORYWALKS

Bear Wants More
by Karma Wilson
March 19 – 22, Diane Main Park

Hooray for Spring
by Kazuo Iwamura
April 23 – 26, Diane Main Park

Enjoy these stories with the whole family while you stroll through the park. Follow the path, reading signs placed along the trail, to take in the full story.



BUSY BAGS KIT

Ages 18 months – 3 years

Available starting Tuesdays, March 2, April 6, and May 4.

Pick up a take-home activity to help your toddler learn colors and shapes and practice their fine motor skills..

Pipe Cleaners & Wiffle Balls	Mar. 2
Playdough Play Mat	Apr. 6
Little Mouse Felt Game	May 4



ALL NEW PUPPETS FOR PLAY AND LEARNING KIT

Ages 3 – 6 years

Available starting Tuesday, March 9.

Make your own simple puppets at home with your child. Then exercise your imagination when you create your own puppet shows!

LIFE CYCLE OF A FLOWER

Available April 19 – May 18.

Join a naturalist from Lyman Woods as they explain the life cycle of a flower and take a look at its different parts.



TAKE & MAKES KIT

Ages 3 – 8 years

Available starting every Tuesday, March 2 – May 25.

Take home a kit containing basic supplies and instructions to engage your hands and your creativity. We'll have a different kit every week, such as Plastic Cup Wind Chimes (Mar. 16), Paper Robots (Apr. 6), Superhero Masks (Apr. 27), and more!

Available while supplies last.

Grade school (Gr. K – 5)

PERLER BEAD PROJECTS KIT

Available starting Tuesday, March 2.

Join librarians Elizabeth and Kimberly as they organize and create Perler bead crafts. Brief inspiration videos will be available each Tuesday, March 2 – 23, to accompany the project kit for the month.

▶ Watch on the WPL Kids playlist at youtube.com/westmontpubliclibrary.

VOLCANOES KIT

Available starting Tuesday, April 6.

Explore volcanology with simple STEAM activities.

FAIRY GARDEN KIT

Available starting Tuesday, April 20.

Celebrate the magic of gardens by creating your own fairy or gnome garden with upcycled materials around your home, paint, glue and more.

SAND DRAWING KIT

Available starting Tuesday, May 4.

Use a variety of shapes and cutouts to practice the meditative art of sand drawing.

ARTICULATED PUPPETS KIT

Available starting Tuesday, May 18.

Create your own puppets using sticks, brads, and paper. Add details with markers, crayons, paint, and more.

Introducing Playaways!

Playaways are the simplest way to enjoy audiobooks—and they're now available to check out from our youth and teen collections.

Compact device with a simple interface.

One audiobook preloaded on each Playaway.

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Teens (Gr. 6 – 12)

▶ Watch on the WPL Teens playlist at youtube.com/westmontpubliclibrary.

TEEN TAKE & MAKES KIT

Available starting Wednesdays, March 3, April 7, and May 5.

Pick up a kit containing basic supplies and instructions, then take it home to create.

Shrinky Dinks	Mar. 3
Rock Photo Holder	Apr. 7
Personalized Mug	May 5

3D PRINTING COOKIE CUTTERS LIVE ✓

Meet online Wednesday, March 17 at 6:30 pm.

Join us on Zoom to learn about Tinkercad and how to design your own 3D printed cookie cutter.

TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE LIVE ✓

Meet online Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, March 31, April 28, and May 26.

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

Earns volunteer hours! Sign up for each date individually.



PAINTED FLOWER POTS KIT

Available starting Wednesday, April 21.

Design your own flower pot with paint or markers, then plant a seed to grow your own plant at home.

PAINT & SIP: SUCCULENTS KIT

Available starting Wednesday, May 12.

Mix up a tasty drink and join local artist Mary Launi as she shows you how to create your own watercolor painting of a succulent.

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Sunday, May 30

Monday, May 31

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