



## Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 6 · 9 am - 5 pm

Stop by the Library to celebrate Free Comic Book Day! We've partnered with Blerds Underground in La Grange for a special selection of Free Comic Book Day 2023 edition comics for you to take home. Plus, we'll have a table where you can make your own button using panels from recycled comic books!

While you're here, be sure to check out these great, comics-related programs for all ages



## GRADES K - 5:

### **COMIC CLUB**

10 – 11 am  $\cdot$  Kwasek Meeting Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Join us as we geek out and celebrate all things comics!

## TEENS & ADULTS:

## **INTRO TO STORYBOARDING**

1 – 2 pm · Community Meeting Room (1st floor)

Learn how to put your own visual story ideas down on paper.



Celebrate comics, manga, and graphic novels every day. Read digital comics using Comics Plus, Hoopla, and Libby (the Overdrive app) at westmontlibrary.org/digital-media.

## TEENS:

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2 - 3 pm · Kwasek Meeting Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Read So I'm a Spider, So What? Vol. 1 by Okina Baba and join us to discuss the book and all things manga. The book is available on the Comics Plus digital app, free with your Westmont Public Library card.

## **Gardening Expo**

Saturday, May 20, 10 am - noon

Come to the Library and learn about Westmont Grows and the Westmont Gardening Club, plus meet with a number of local garden related organizations.

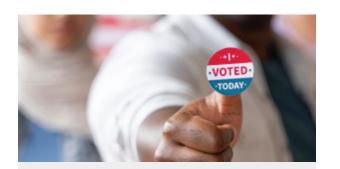
#### PAINT A POT 🕝

Saturday, May 20, 10 am - noon

Family: Kwasek Meeting Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)
Teens & adults: Community Meeting Room (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

Stop by one of our meeting rooms during the Gardening Expo to paint a terracotta plant pot. Then grab a planting kit on your way out to make use of your new pot! The family program is designed for adults to paint alongside their children.





# **Early voting** at the Library: March 20 - April 3

From March 20 through April 3, the Library will be an early voting location for the April 4 Consolidated Election. In order to accommodate voters, the Library building may be open earlier or later than our normal hours; during those times, Library services will be limited to self-serve options. For information on the election and voting, visit dupagecounty.gov/election.

# Local history & genealogy collection launches

The Library has been hard at work digitizing our collection of local, historical newspapers. To complement our digitized collection, we've curated a local history and genealogy collection that we invite you to browse at the Library. Join us in April to learn more about these exciting collections.

### WESTMONT NEWSPAPERS ONLINE

Thursday, April 6, 6:30 – 7:30 pm Community Meeting Room (1st floor)

Come see the newly launched online collection of historical Westmont newspapers. We'll show you how to access the collection, talk about the future of the project, and highlight some of the neat things we've discovered in the collection!

## USING NEWSPAPERS FOR GENEALOGY RESEARCH

Thursday, April 20, 6:30 – 7:30 pm Community Meeting Room (1st floor)

Join genealogist Jenny Warner for an overview of using newspapers for genealogy research.

**■** = Registration required.



## **Newspaper** archive

Visit westmontlibrary.org/local-history and follow the link to browse historical Westmont newspapers dating back to the 1940s, hosted online at the Illinois Digital Archives.





= Register at westmontlibrary.org/events or call 630 869 6150.
 Registration opens Wednesday, February 15 at 9 am.
 Youth, teen, and family programs are held in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Kwasek Meeting Room, unless otherwise noted.

## **SPRING STORYWALKS**

Diane Main Park. 200 W 59th St.

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. In partnership with Westmont Park District.

April 14 – 17: Only a Tree Knows How to Be a Tree Mary Murphy





May 12 – 15: A Good Place Lucy Cousins

#### **FUN WITH ORIGAMI**

Tuesday, March 28, 9:30 am – 7:30 pm Youth & Teen Services (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Drop in on your day off from school to try your hand at origami paper folding. Several options will be available to accommodate creative hands of all ages.

### **CERAMIC COASTER PAINTING**

Saturday, April 1, 10 am - noon

Drop in and paint a ceramic tile to use as a coaster or decoration. Bring the whole family and create together! For children of all ages and their caregivers.

## JUMBO BOARD GAME DAY

Friday, April 7, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm Youth & Teen Services (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Drop in on your day off from school to play a JUMBO board game with your family—bigger games mean bigger family fun!

## STORYTELLING THROUGH DANCE: THE UGLY DUCKLING

Saturday, April 22, 10 – 10:45 am

Dancers from Salt Creek Ballet Company will share the story of the Ugly Duckling through dance. Attendees will learn basic ballet steps, and create their own dance movements for the Ugly Duckling and the Swan. 3 – 8 years with a caregiver

## EARLY CHILDHOOD (Ages 0 - 6)

## **TAKE-HOME CRAFT KITS**

Tuesdays, March 7, April 4, May 2

February 27 - March 20

0 - 6 years with a caregiver

**FAMILY STORYTIME** 

and April 13 - May 4

March 2 - 23

Thursdays, 9:30 - 10 am

0 - 6 years with a caregiver

**FAMILY STORYTIMES**:

Drop in with your little one to

enjoy songs and stories in Spanish.

Presented by The Language Labs.

Drop in for these storytimes filled

with music, movement, and stories.

▲ Drop in for two special Saturday

March 18 and May 27, 9:30 - 10 am

Start your weekend with a story!

and April 10 - May 1

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

## **PRESCHOOL SKILLS:** STORYTIME & MORE &

Tuesdays, March 14 and April 11 1:15 - 2:15 pm

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



## HOPPY SPRING STORYTIME & CRAFT

Thursday, March 30, 10 - 10:45 am

Registration opens Wednesday, February 15 at 9 am.

Celebrate the season with a spring-themed storytime and craft. 0 - 6 years with a caregiver

### DISCOVERY PLAYTIME

Thursdays, April 5 and May 18 9:30 - 10:15 am OR 10:30 - 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

## **DIY RHYME TIME TAKE-HOME KIT**

Tuesday, May 9

Use the felt pieces and rhymes provided to share a fun early literacy and math experience with your child. Available while supplies last. 18 months - 6 years

### LAPSIT STORYTIME &

Series 1: February 28 — March 22 Choose one session from:

- A Tuesdays, 9:30 10 am
- Wednesdays, 9:30 10 am

Series 2: April 11 - May 3 Choose one session from:

- A Tuesdays, 9:30 10 am
- B Wednesdays, 9:30 10 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. Ages 0 - 24 months with a caregiver

## 2 & 3 STORYTIME 3

Series 1: February 28 - March 22 Choose one session from:

- A Tuesdays, 10:15 10:45 am
- B Wednesdays, 10:15 10:45 am

Series 2: April 11 – May 3 Choose one session from:

- A Tuesdays, 10:15 10:45 am
- B Wednesdays, 10:15 10:45 am

In each lively session, children from 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. Ages 2 - 3 years with a caregiver

## Grades K - 2

### OCEAN ANIMAL SUNCATCHERS &

Thursday, March 2, 4:15 - 5 pm

Using coffee filters, create your own colorful suncatchers that spotlight your favorite ocean animal.

## **READ WITH HINSDALE HUMANE SOCIETY**

Mondays, March 27, April 24, May 22 6:30 - 6:45 pm OR 6:45 - 7 pm OR 7 - 7:15 pm OR 7:15 - 7:30 pm

Meet with a trained therapy pet and its handler to practice your reading! Co-sponsored by Hinsdale Humane Society.

### NATURE JOURNALS &

Thursday, April 6, 4:15 - 5 pm

Try your hand at nature journaling! Create your very own journal where you can record your observations and explorations in nature.

## Grades K - 5

## **EXPLORE OZOBOTS 3**

Saturday, April 29, 9:30 - 10 am OR 10:15 - 10:45 am OR 11 - 11:30 am Join us with your adult and explore coding with Ozobots! Please register for one session.

#### ART LAB

Thursday, May 11, 4 - 6 pm

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

## Grades 3 - 5

#### **LUCKY PENNIES**

Thursday, March 16, 4:15 - 5 pm

Design your very own "lucky penny" with a coffee filter.

### **NATURE JOURNALS T**

Thursday, April 20, 4:15 - 5 pm

Try your hand at nature journaling! Create your very own journal where you can record your observations and explorations in nature.



## TEENS (Grades 6 - 12)

## PAINTED BOOKENDS &

Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Design and decorate your own bookends to display your books at home.

#### TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE &

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm March 29, April 26, May 31 Kwasek Meeting Room OR Zoom

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.

## **VINYL STICKERS 3**

Wednesday, April 12, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Using the Library's vinyl cutter, create a sticker for a water bottle. Water bottles will be provided by the Library or you can bring something of your own!

## **RECYCLED PLANT POTS**

Wednesday, May 17, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Decorate recycled household materials to take home and plant flowers, herbs, or vegetables!

## THE WEIRD AND WONDERFUL WORLD WITH MARY ROACH

Wednesday, March 1, 7 – 8 pm Virtual: Community Meeting Room OR Zoom

Experience an entertaining and hilarious evening with New York Times best-selling science author Mary Roach. This event is made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high-quality events.

See our event calendar for details, including guests for April and May.

### **SEWING BASICS: POTHOLDERS**

Saturday, March 4, 2 – 4 pm Makery/Community Meeting Room (1st floor)

Learn to use the Library's sewing machines, then sew a potholder to take home!

### 3D PRINTED PHONE STANDS &

Monday, March 6, 6 – 7 pm Makery/Community Meeting Room (1st floor)

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

## THE FIRST LADIES: STYLE ICONS &

Wednesday, March 8, 6 - 7:30 pm

First ladies have been admired for many years and many reasons. Learn how they influenced fashion trends and defined the style of their time. Presented by Valerie Gugala.

## NATIVE PLANTS FOR LOCAL LANDSCAPES \*

Sunday, March 12, 1 - 2 pm

Discover the benefits of native plants at home, including reduced maintenance, water conservation, and improved soil condition. Plus get tips for planting natives to attract pollinators and support wildlife. Presented by Forest Preserve District of DuPage County.

## DIY TIN CAN PLANTER 🗹

Thursday, April 6, 1 - 2 pm

Come celebrate the arrival of spring by decorating your own tin can planter to brighten up your home.

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Saturday, April 22, 1 - 4 pm

Use your own character or adventure with a pre-created one. Players will get to try out 5<sup>th</sup> level characters for this adventure, Shemshine's Bedtime Rhyme!

## THE HISTORY OF CAROLE KING &

Wednesday, April 26, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Carole King was writing pop hits in her teens. Her fortunes, however, exploded in 1971 with the release of her solo album *Tapestry*. Professor Gary Wenstrup shares the amazing story of this earnest young songwriter.

## LOTERÍA NIGHT

Monday, May 1, 7 - 7:45 pm

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

#### YARN BIRD CRAFT &

Thursday, May 4, 1 - 2 pm

Celebrate Bird Day by crafting a sweet little songbird out of yarn!

## MONOGRAMMED TOWELS &

Saturday, May 6, 10 am – noon Makery/Community Meeting Room (1st floor)

Using our embroidery machine, learn how to make personalized gifts. We will get you started with a hand towel—and your imagination will be the limit!

## THE FUNDAMENTALS OF GOOD BAKING

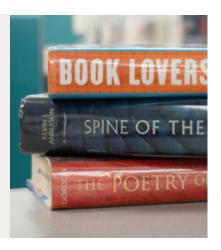
Thursday, May 18, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Have you ever wondered why the results of your baking are inconsistent? What steps should you always follow? And what's all the fuss over flours? Bill Reichman (aka Bill the Baker) will highlight these topics and many more.

## **Book Spine Poetry Contest**

April 1 – 30

Celebrate Poetry Month by submitting your best "book spine poem." Create your poem by stacking books, using the titles on the spines to write verse. Then take a photo and email it to us at marketing@westmontlibrary.org. Photos must be submitted by May 1. Submissions will be posted on our social media for voting. The poem with the most votes wins a prize!



## Ongoing programs

**ADULT TAKE & MAKE CRAFTS** 

Mondays, March 6, April 3, May 1

**SPICE CLUB**

Mondays, 7 – 7:45 pm March 13, April 10, May 8

### **TEAM TRIVIA**

Mondays, 7 – 9 pm March 13 & 27, April 10 & 24, May 8 & 22 Zazzo's Pizza & Bar, 200 W Ogden Ave.

### **4TH MONDAY BOOK CLUB**

Mondays, 6:45 – 7:45 pm March 27, April 24, May 22 Kwasek Meeting Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

### **WESTMONT GARDENING CLUB**

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:45 pm March 7, April 4, May 2

### **UNREAL WORLD BOOK CLUB 3**

Tuesdays, 7 – 8 pm March 7, April 4, May 2 Virtual: Zoom

## **KNIT CLIQUE**

Tuesdays, 6 – 7:45 pm March 14 & 28, April 11 & 25, May 9 & 23

Note: The March 28 meeting will be held in the Art Gallery.

Visit westmontlibrary.org/events for details and descriptions, including monthly topics.

## **WRITERS GROUP**

Thursdays, 6 - 7:45 pm March 16 & 30, April 13 & 27, May 11 & 25

Note: The March 30 meeting will be held in the Art Gallery.

## NEW CHAIR YOGA &

Thursday, March 9

11:30 am - noon OR 12:15 - 12:45 pm Reduce stress, take a break, and find a bit

of peace with a 30-minute chair yoga session presented by DuShaun Branch Pollard of Sage Gawd Collective.

### **ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP**

Saturdays, 10 - 11:30 am March 11 & 25, April 8 & 22, May 13 & 27

## NEW SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES &

Sundays, April 16 and May 21, 1 – 3:30 pm

Beginning in April, join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday afternoon of the month for a movie. We'll show a mix of recent contemporary titles and cinema classics.

April 16

May 21

The Munsters
Downton Abbey: A New Era

## Wednesday, April 5, 1 – 2 pm OR Wednesday, April 12, 6:30 – 7:30 pm Join us for a discussion of the various

**Dementia Friendly** 

Wednesday, March 1, 1 - 2 pm

NORMAL AGING VS DEMENTIA 🗹

This program explores the differ-

ences in our brains, tips to keep your

brain healthy, and steps to take should

you need to get professional services

involved. Presented by Aspired Living of

Westmont and Birches Assisted Living &

PUZZLED BY SENIOR LIVING?

programs

Memory Care.

senior living options, costs, and services, as well as when you should start thinking about making the move. Presented by Aspired Living of Westmont and Birches Assisted Living & Memory Care.

## COMMUNICATION & BEHAVIOR &

Tuesday, May 3, 1 - 2 pm

Dru Lazzara from AdventHealth-Great Lakes Region will review the basics of dementia, discuss the importance of understanding behavior as communication, and explore ways to communicate more successfully with individuals who have been diagnosed with dementia.

### Learn more

Looking for information about living with dementia or caring for someone who has been diagnosed with dementia? Browse our Dementia Friendly collection, located in the first floor Nonfiction section, for books, DVDs, audiobooks, and other resources.





*Invisible Warriors* shares the individual experiences of a small group of ladies who represent the 600,000 Black women who fled lives as domestics and sharecroppers to work in factories and U.S. government offices during World War II. In this revealing film, these patriotic pioneers share their wartime memories.

## INTRODUCTION & SCREENING

Sunday, March 5, 2 – 3 pm Virtual: Community Meeting Room OR Zoom

Welcome documentary historian Gregory S. Cooke for an introduction to his film *Invisible Warriors*.

## AN EVENING WITH GREGORY S. COOKE, SCREENING AND Q&A &

Wednesday, March 15, 7 – 9 pm Virtual: Zoom

Join producer Gregory S. Cooke for an insightful conversation and a Q&A session after viewing his film *Invisible Warriors*.



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## **Library Hours**

Monday - Thursday9 am - 8 pmFriday & Saturday9 am - 5 pmSundaynoon - 4 pm

## **Scheduled Closings**

Sunday, April 9 Sunday, May 28 & Monday, May 29

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