



WESTMONT
PUBLIC LIBRARY

THE EXPLORER

June, July, August 2020

Digital Library Cards: Sign up online!

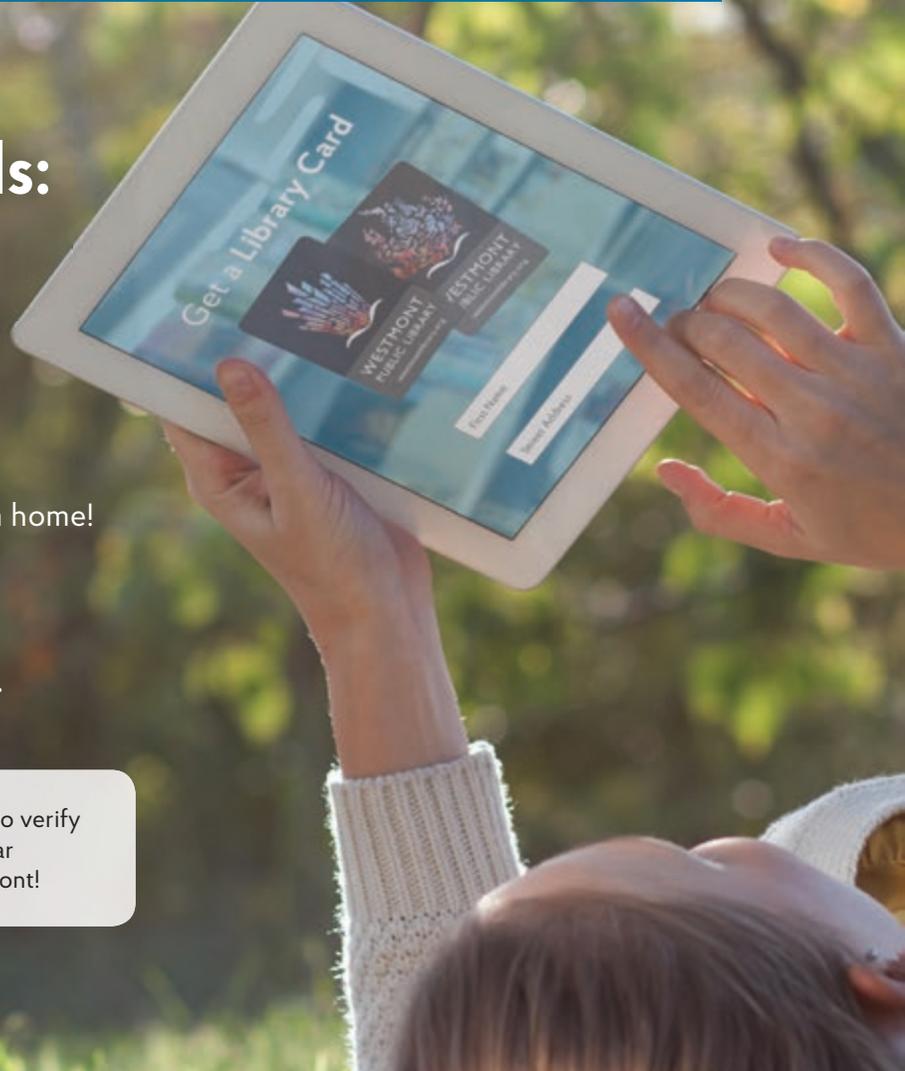
**Free ebooks, movies,
online learning, and more**

Enjoy everything in our Digital Branch—from home!

Easy online registration

Sign up at westmontlibrary.org/library-card.

Digital cards are valid for 90 days. Once we're able to verify your account in person, we will convert it to a regular account that's good for as long as you live in Westmont!



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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Your Library isn't just a building—it's part of your community. Even though the building is temporarily closed, staff are working behind the scenes to bring you the same great service you have come to expect from the employees at the Westmont Public Library. The health, safety, and well-being of our patrons and our staff have guided our actions during this difficult time and we appreciate your support and patience as we've worked to bring new services to our community.



In May we launched curbside pickup service so that our residents have access to the Library's physical collections. Staff continue to order physical items for our collections and we look forward to adding more of the items we know you want. We hope to see you and serve you curbside.

We are also boosting our digital collections and will be launching our online summer reading program in June. We've revamped our website to feature our digital and remote services, introduced an online chat service, and we're sharing different activities and programs each day during the week on our social media accounts, our website, and our YouTube channel. We know that our residents love to attend our programs so staff have been busy planning some exciting virtual programs for the summer months.

We miss our patrons and we look forward to seeing you in person again. Library administration and the Library Board are in constant discussions about next steps of our phased reopening plan. We will make announcements on our website and other outlets so stay tuned. As always, please reach out to us if you have questions or suggestions on how we can better serve you.

NO MORE LATE FEES!

As of May 18, there are **no late fees for anything you check out at Westmont Public Library.**

We still want you to return your items when you're done, so be sure to **bring them all back before they're two weeks overdue.*** If an item borrowed from our Library reaches the two week overdue limit, **your account will be temporarily blocked** until you return it.

Once a late item is returned, **your account will be reinstated—no late fees will be applied!**

*Automatic renewals and renewal limits still apply.

For more details, visit westmontlibrary.org/finefree.

HAVE QUESTIONS? NEED INFORMATION? LIVE CHAT WITH US!

Monday – Saturday
10 am – 5 pm

Ask a librarian.



Just tap on the blue speech bubble in the bottom right corner of any page on our website, westmontlibrary.org, to chat with Library staff.

Live chat is available Monday through Saturday, from 10 am to 5 pm. When staff are not online, you can still send us a message by clicking on the blue envelope, and we will respond to you by email.



WESTMONT RECEIVES DEMENTIA FRIENDLY AMERICA DESIGNATION

What is Dementia Friendly America (DFA)?

DFA is a national network of communities, organizations, and individuals seeking to ensure that communities across the U.S. are equipped to support people living with dementia and their caregivers. Dementia friendly communities foster the ability of people living with dementia to remain in their community and engage and thrive in day to day living.

What is a dementia friendly community?

A dementia friendly community is a village that is informed, safe, and respectful of individuals with the disease, their families and caregivers, and provides supportive options that foster quality of life. Joining DFA means a community is engaging in a process to become more dementia friendly.

What is the Library's role in our Dementia Friendly community?

It is our goal at WPL to provide access to ongoing support and quality of life services to improve the journey for people with dementia and their caregivers. We serve on the committee of cross-sector organizations in Westmont that work on offering dementia friendly services to our residents. The committee includes staff from the Village, Police, Fire, Chamber, Library, Westmont Pharmacy, Aspired Living, Mayslake Village, AMITA Health, and Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center.

Summer Learning READ

Mission 2020: SPACE

June 1 – July 31

This year, we're taking Summer Learning to space—and cyberspace—with an online program you can complete from home!

Everything you need for your Summer Learning mission can be found at westmontlibrary.org/summerlearning. Here's how it works:

- Report to online mission headquarters.** Visit Summer Learning HQ at westmontlibrary.beanstack.org or download the **Beanstack Tracker app** on your mobile device.
- Register your crew members.** You can sign up everyone in your family—from babies to adults—using a single email and password! Set up **one account**, then add each participant (known as “readers” in Beanstack).
- Blast off!** Each participant will complete reading goals and activities to earn badges and prizes! Logging your mission progress is easy with the Beanstack website or app.

DIGITAL BRANCH

Free ebooks, movies,
online learning, and more.

Open 24/7.

All you need is a Westmont
Public Library card.

The Library's Digital Branch is a collection of ebooks, audiobooks, music, comics & graphic novels, learning platforms, and a variety of other digital resources available to Library patrons.

While the Digital Branch has always been a part of our collection and available to patrons, now more than ever, we encourage you to explore its many features. We have tutorials set up on our website specifically for using Digital Branch resources.

Feel free to browse the Digital Branch for language learning, ancestry research, developing new skills, learning new software, and so much more!

NO CARD? NO PROBLEM!

Sign up for a temporary digital library card to access our online resources while the building is closed at westmontlibrary.org/library-card.



WHY LARAIE CHOOSES HOOPLA

“Hoopla is like Netflix for libraries but better! Books, music, movies, and audiobooks, available for free each month.”



WHY HOLLY USES CLOUDLIBRARY

“CloudLibrary has some of the latest and greatest books and audiobooks, often at a shorter wait than the physical items!”



WHY GIL WATCHES KANOPY

“Kanopy is great because it offers a wide assortment of odd, interesting movies and free streaming for The Great Courses.”



WHY ALEX LOVES OVERDRIVE/LIBBY

“The variety on Overdrive/Libby is great! Being able to borrow 20 items at a time, and place 20 holds on top of that, means that I'm always able to find new books!”



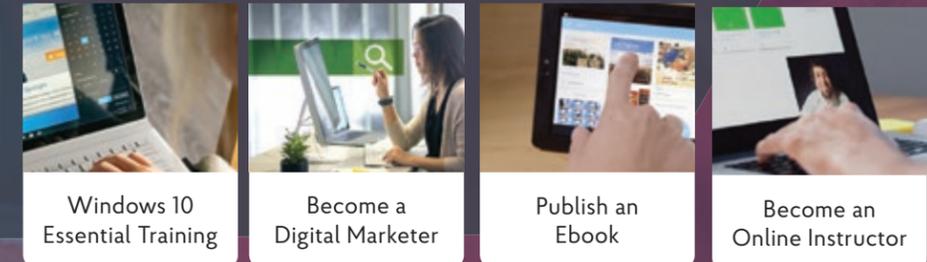
WHY SHEILA IS INSPIRED BY CREATIVEBUG

“So many inspirational and unique, colorful projects in one spot! It's a happy place that I can easily navigate for ideas.”



WHY MARCY RECOMMENDS LYNDA.COM

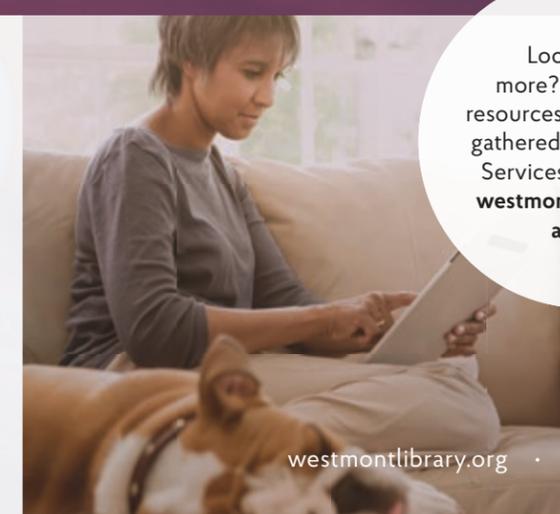
“I like that Lynda's video tutorials are accompanied by transcripts, so you can watch, read, or do both—whatever suits you! You can also easily skip ahead or go back to review parts of the tutorial using the table of contents.”



LIBRARY PROGRAMS GO ONLINE FOR SUMMER

Our Adult Services librarians are preparing online programs for you to enjoy throughout the summer. Watch guest presentations, discover librarian recommendations through book talks, try a take-home craft, and follow along with online tech tutorials.

You can find our videos on the Library's YouTube channel at bit.ly/wplyt or follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates.



Looking for more? Check out resources and activities gathered by our Adult Services librarians at westmontlibrary.org/adults.



DIGITAL BRANCH FOR YOUTH AND TEENS

LIBRARIANS BRING VIRTUAL PROGRAMS TO YOU!

Enjoy storytime videos, creative activities, book talks, and more from home with virtual programs created by your favorite youth and teen librarians. From rhymes and flannel board stories to family crafts and a virtual teen escape room, there's something for all ages.

You can find our videos on the Library's YouTube channel at bit.ly/wplyt or follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the latest updates.



LIBRARIAN-CURATED ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES

Need ideas for keeping busy while you stay home? Our librarians have gathered resources and suggestions for keeping boredom at bay!

You'll find links to lists specially tailored for early childhood, grade school, and teens on our website at westmontlibrary.org/youth.

WHY ALYSSA LOVES HOOPLA

“With Hoopla there is no waiting! Get everything right away—ebooks, audiobooks, movies, music, comics, and TV shows—without ever having to wait for a hold.”



WHY ALEJANDRA PICKS OVERDRIVE/LIBBY

“It's hassle free, and the Libby app has features to enhance reading at any time of the day—like custom font and brightness options for ebooks and a sleep timer for audiobooks, so I can listen before bedtime, then pick up where I left off the next morning.”



WHY ELIZABETH DIGS CULTUREGRAMS

“CultureGrams is more than just a resource for state and country projects. Take some time to explore a state you haven't visited before or a country you don't know much about. Pictures, factoids, and more await!”



WHY ADRIAN RECOMMENDS TUMBLEBOOKS

“Enjoy picture books and short videos on-the-go from any tablet, phone, or computer with an internet connection.”



New! WHY KRISTI SUGGESTS SCHOLASTIC GO

“Our newest resource pulls together so much information into one neat package. Use the easy search bar to find articles on your topic, connect to U.S. and world newspapers, and watch videos on everything from anacondas to volcanoes.”



WHY KIMBERLY SUGGESTS BRAINFUSE HELPNOW

“Brainfuse is great for learners seeking extra help on a subject. Students can also form groups, share study tools, and connect with each other based on grade level, area, or even a particular homework question.”



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- 1 Request items.
- 2 We'll call or email you when your items are ready.
- 3 Pick up in the Library parking lot.

For more details, please visit
westmontlibrary.org/curbside.

Library Live Chat Hours

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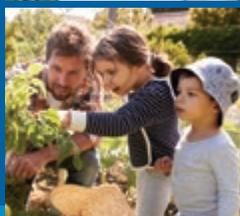
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