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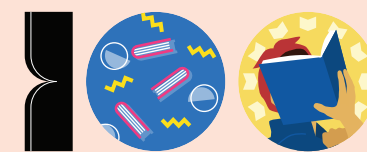


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Summer Learning 2021



A CENTURY OF
READING
June 1 – August 10

In celebration of Westmont's centennial, we invite you to join us
on a literary journey through the decades in A Century of Reading!

Our librarians have curated selections of books on a variety of top-
ics, published over the last 100 years—all designed to make this
Summer Learning Program a celebration for the century.

We've made it easier than ever for children, families, and adults to
participate and earn virtual achievement badges and real prizes!

Visit westmontlibrary.org/summerlearning for all the details.

WHY PARTICIPATE IN SUMMER LEARNING?

Summer Learning Programs...

- encourage children and teens to
develop **lifelong reading habits**.
- entice **reluctant readers** with
challenges and activities.
- help children **keep their skills up**
while school is out.



JOIN THE CHALLENGE!

To begin, visit our Beanstack site,
westmontlibrary.beanstack.org, or
download the **Beanstack Tracker** app.
(Printable logs also available online.)

Create an account for yourself or your
family, then **add a Reader** for each
person who's taking part.

Record your reading and activity
completion in Beanstack or on your
paper log.

To complete the challenge:

Read to Me: 50 books, 6 activities
Grade School: 10 hours, 6 activities
Teen: 10 hours, 6 activities
Adults: 5 books, 1 review, 1 activity



EARN PRIZES FOR READING

Earn prizes as you go!
Win a book of your choice
(youth & teens) or book
store gift card (adults),
galaxy slime, waterproof
decals, and—for completing the
challenge—a WPL exclusive t-shirt.



Library garden updates

Thanks to the hard work of Eagle Scout-candidate Dylan
and his crew—and a generous donation by the Friends of the
Library—the garden has received some enhancements.

To complement the straw bales (donated this year by Jewel-
Osco in Westmont), we have added raised garden soil beds
and several trellises to support climbing vegetables. An eco-
nomical irrigation system will keep the garden watered and
healthy. As in previous years, produce will be harvested and
donated to People's Resource Center in Westmont.

GARDEN SHORTS

Available starting Tuesdays,
June 8 & 22, July 13 & 27, and
August 10 & 24.

Interested in how the Library's gar-
den works? Tune in this summer for a
video series dedicated to all things
gardening—in straw and soil! We'll
cover how to get started, best
practices, and more!



Youth programming

Early childhood & Family

DIY SUMMER STORYTIME KIT

Ages 0 – 5 years
Available starting Tuesday, June 1.
This take-home storytime kit includes one summer themed picture book, 3 felt ducks, a small bottle of bubbles, and ideas for rhyming and moving activities for your young child.
Sponsored by the Friends of the Westmont Public Library.

TAKE & MAKES KIT

Ages 3 – 8 years
Available starting Tuesdays, June 1 – August 31.
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 **Roto-copters** (June 22), **Paper Weaving** (July 20), **Pom Pom Lizards** (August 24), and more!

PARK PLAYDATE

Saturday, June 26, 10 – 11:30 am
Ty Warner Park, Burr Oak Drive
The Library is participating in the Kidlist Park Playdate at Ty Warner Park. Stop by to say hello and pick up a Take & Make activity to complete at home.

SUMMER STORYWALKS

Bea's Bees by Katherine Pryor
June 18 – 21, Diane Main Park
Over in the Forest
by Marianne Collins Burkes
July 9 – 12, Diane Main Park
Ducks Away by Mem Fox
August 13 – 16, 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.



OUTDOOR FAMILY STEAM LIVE

15-minute sessions, available
Tuesdays, June 1, 8, 15 & 22 at 9:30 am – 12:30 pm or
Thursdays, June 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 12:30 – 3:30 pm
Sign up for a private, 15-minute session to participate in a fun STEAM activity with your family, outdoors near the south side of the Library building. Children of all ages can participate with their caregivers. Activities will interest toddlers – grade school.
Please register by calling the Youth Desk at 630 869 6165, beginning May 21.

Enjoy virtual storytimes & series this June and July at youtube.com/westmontpubliclibrary.

MONDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
Language Storytime <i>Ages 0 – 6 years</i> <i>French & Spanish</i> <i>alternate weeks.</i>	Messages from Ms. Adrian <i>Babies & Toddlers</i>	Summer Storytime KIT NEW <i>Preschool</i> WPL @ Home <i>All ages/family</i>	Book Bites <i>Preschool</i> <i>July only.</i>

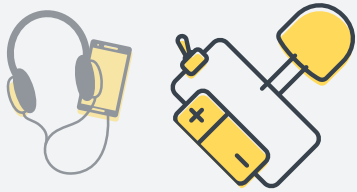
Registration required—Register at westmontlibrary.org/events, by phone at 630 869 6150, or in person.
KIT **Kits**—Take home a kit to make and enjoy! One kit per participant. *Available while supplies last.*

Grade school (Gr. K – 5)

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

Explore STEAM with us!

Join Librarians Elizabeth and Kimberly for a video exploration of a different STEAM topic each month. Then apply what you've learned to make fun projects with take-home kits.



EXPLORE SIMPLE CIRCUITS

Available starting Tues, June 8.
Paper Circuits KIT June 15
3D Circuit Creations KIT June 22

EXPLORE SOLAR POWER

Available starting Tues, July 6.
Solar Oven KIT July 13
Sundial KIT July 20



EXPLORE SEWING

Available starting Tues, Aug. 3.
Wishing Pillow KIT Aug. 10
Friendship Bracelet KIT Aug. 17



Teens (Gr. 6 – 12)

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

TEEN TAKE & MAKES KIT

Available starting Wednesdays, June 2, July 7, and August 4.
Pick up a kit containing basic supplies and instructions, then take it home to create.
Polaroid Craft June 2
Slap Bracelet July 7
Among Us Craft August 4

TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE LIVE

Meet online Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, June 30, July 28, and August 25.
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.

TEEN PAINT & SIP KIT

Available starting Wednesdays, June 30, July 28, and August 25.
Mix up a tasty drink and join local artist Mary Launi as she shows you how to create your own watercolor paintings.
Art Deco Painting June 2
Pop Art Donut* July 7
Watercolor Walkman August 4
**Sponsored by the Friends of the Westmont Public Library.*

MACRAME RAINBOW KIT

Available starting Wednesday, July 21.
Using cotton rope and colorful yarn make a decorative rainbow that can be hung on a wall or used as a keychain.

CREATING ART WITH AI LIVE

Meet online Wednesday, August 18 at 6:30 pm.
Learn how artificial intelligence (AI) can create paintings. You will get a chance to generate your own artwork in the style of your favorite artist, all online! No coding or art experience needed.
In partnership with Hinsdale Central's Artificial Intelligence Club.

YA BOOK CLUB LIVE

Meet online Wednesday, June 23 at 4 pm.
Register in advance to pick up a book at the Library—your choice of *Everything, Everything* or *The Sun is Also a Star* by Nicola Yoon or *Frankly in Love* by David Yoon. Then join us on Zoom, June 23, where we will discuss all three books and the authors.

AUTHOR EVENT with NICOLA AND DAVID YOON LIVE

Meet online Wednesday, June 30 at 4 pm.
Meet virtually for a live author event where Nicola and David Yoon will discuss book insights, characters, and their love of YA fiction.



LIVE **Live virtual programs**—Meet up online! Register with your email address to receive the link to the video presentation or meeting.
KIT **Kits with video instructions**—Pick up a kit, then follow along from home at youtube.com/westmontpubliclibrary. *While supplies last.*

Adult programming

FUN FOODS THROUGH THE DECADES

Available June 2 – August 31.

From 7UP Cake to sandwich loaf, we'll explore some of your favorite foods from the past. Cookbook collector Amy Alessio will lead you on a culinary, time travelling trip in this humorous, nostalgic presentation featuring favorite foods from past decades.

TOGETHER TIME: CREATING MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Available starting Wednesdays, June 2, July 7, and August 4.

Seniors and caregivers, join us for 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.

Videos will be posted for one month.

ZELDA FITZGERALD: THIS SIDE OF PARADISE—HER STORY LIVE ✓

Meet online Wednesday, July 21 at 7 pm.

Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald had it all—they lived the American dream. Storyteller Lynn Rymarz will explore their love story, how they rubbed shoulders with the rich and famous, and how she haunted his famous fiction. Discover how she found her own passion in dancing, being called “The First Flapper,” and how she became an accomplished writer and painter. Then learn how their paradise began to crumble and their beautiful world fell apart.

This is a live virtual program that will be recorded and posted to YouTube through July 27.

AL CAPONE AND CHICAGO'S ROARING TWENTIES LIVE ✓

Meet online Wednesday, August 4 at 7 pm.

Join Clarence Goodman as he discusses our town in the Roaring Twenties, Prohibition, Al Capone, and the true story of the St. Valentine's Day Massacre.

This is a live virtual program that will be recorded and posted to YouTube through August 17.

WPL SPICE CLUB LIVE KIT ✓

Meet online Wednesdays at 7 pm, June 9, July 14, and August 11.

Try new flavors and recipes—and connect with other cooking enthusiasts. Each month, the Library will provide a spice packet and link to a recipe from AtoZ World Food. Then we'll meet up on Zoom to share our thoughts on the featured spice and dish. (You do not need to present your dish, so feel free to make it anytime!)

Cinnamon	June 9
Cumin	July 14
Turmeric	August 11

Registrants will receive an email when the month's spice is available for pickup. Zoom details will be sent the day before the meeting.



Take and make retro craft kits

MACRAME KEYCHAIN KIT ▶

Available starting Wednesday, June 16.

Learn how to make a simple macrame tassel keychain in this 1970s inspired craft.

POTPOURRI SACHETS KIT ▶

Available starting Wednesday, July 7.

Enjoy making a lovely potpourri sachet to give any area a spruced up scent.

VINTAGE DECORATED PEN OR UTENSIL HOLDER KIT ▶

Available starting Wednesday, August 18.

Design and decoupage your own vintage style floral cup. Use it to store pens, utensils, paint brushes, or anything you like!



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Scheduled Closings

Sunday, May 30 & Monday, May 31
Sunday, July 4

Service Updates

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