

# THE EXPLORER

June, July, August 2023



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## June 1 - August 10

Everyone is invited to participate in our 2023 Summer Reading program: Find Your Voice!

Read what you like—whether ebooks or print books, audiobooks or graphic novels—then log your reading to earn virtual achievement badges and real prizes.

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Visit our Beanstack site, westmontlibrary.beanstack.org, or install the Beanstack Tracker app.

Instructions for using Beanstack, as well as printable logs, are available at westmontlibrary.org/summerreading.

- You can log in with an existing Beanstack account, if you have one, or create a new account. To add other family members to your account, simply Add a Reader.
- Record your reading in Beanstack or on your paper log.

  For Read to Me and Adult challenges, log each book you read.

  Grade School and Teen readers track by minutes.
- As you hit reading milestones, you'll earn prizes or prize drawing entries, virtual badges, and opportunities to vote to support "Read for a Cause" organizations. See page 5 for more information about Read for a Cause.

# BENEFITS OF SUMMER READING

- Encourages children and teens to develop lifelong reading habits
- Entices reluctant readers with challenges
- Helps children keep their skills up while school is out

## EARN PRIZES FOR READING

Logs must be completed online or turned in by August 10; rewards may be claimed through August 14, while supplies last. Some of the prizes you can win include...

Adults: Calm Strips, adult coloring books & pencils, and gift cards



Youth & Teens: books, notebooks & rainbow pencils, stickers, and erasers (youth) or key chains (teen)

# Library updates

### Renovation

The Youth & Teen Services renovation is essentially done, with some minor finishing touches still to come. Be sure to check it out next time you visit—we're sure you'll be impressed! Stay tuned for the fall edition of *The Explorer* for a comprehensive overview of the changes.

## Library of Things

Next time you visit the Library, be sure to spend a little time in the lobby checking out the Library of Things in its new home. The Library of Things is a collection of nontraditional items you can borrow, including everything from digitization equipment to specialized tools like a pom-pom maker or bike repair kit. It's a great way to pick up a new skill or hobby!



## **FAMILY**

Register at westmontlibrary.org/events or call 630 869 6150.
Registration opens Monday, May 15 at 9 am.

Youth, teen, and family programs are held in the **2**<sup>nd</sup> **floor Kwasek Meeting Room**, unless otherwise noted.

#### SUMMER STORYWALKS

Diane Main Park, 200 W 59th St.

Enjoy a story while you stroll through the park, reading the signs placed along the trail. In partnership with Westmont Park District.

Baby Bear Sees Blue Ashley Wolff

Ashley Wolff

Would You Come Too?

July 7 – 10

Liz Garton Scanlon & Diana Sudyka

Bea's Bees

Katherine Pryor & Ellie Peterson

# LITTLE MISS ANN SUMMER CONCERT

Thursday, June 15, 10:30 – 11:30 am Ty Warner Park Pavilion Burr Oak Drive entrance

Make a craft and join in the fun with award winning family music from Little Miss Ann.



#### **DROP-IN CRAFTS**

Tuesdays, 9:30 am – 7:30 pm June 20, July 18, August 15

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

Beach Day June 20 Garden Day July 18 School Day August 15

#### WILL YOUR BOAT FLOAT?

Tuesday, July 25, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Work together as a family to craft a toy boat using supplies provided. Then test it to see if it floats!

#### **FAMILY MOVIE SINGALONG**

Thursday, August 10, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Grab the microphone and sing along to your favorite songs while we watch a music-filled movie together!

# Straw Bale & Raised Bed Gardens

We hope you've had an opportunity to enjoy our gardens during a growing season. If not, this year is a great time to keep an eye on them. Master Gardeners will be on site tending the gardens every Monday and Friday morning, and are available to answer all of your gardening questions!

May & Jun: Mon. & Fri. 9 – 10:30 am Jul. & Aug: Mon. & Fri. 8:30 – 10 am

June 2 - 5

August 4 - 7

# EARLY CHILDHOOD (Ages 0 - 6)

#### **TAKE-HOME CRAFT KITS**

#### Tuesdays\*, June 6, July 3, August 1

Pick up a kit with supplies and instructions for a project to complete at home. Available while supplies last. \*Note: Kits for July will be available on Monday, July 3. 3 – 8 years

#### STORYTIME IN THE PARK

Wednesdays, 9:30 - 10 am June 7 - August 9 Diane Main Park. 200 W 59th St.

Bring a picnic blanket and join us for a special outdoor family storytime. 0 - 5 years with a caregiver

#### **FAMILY STORYTIME**

Saturdays, 9:30 - 10 am June 10, July 22, August 19

Start your weekend with a story! Drop in for this active storytime filled with music, movement, and stories. 0 - 5 years with a caregiver

#### **RHYTHM & RHYME BABYTIME**

Fridays, 9:30 - 10 am June 16, July 21, August 11

For our youngest patrons and their caregivers, Rhythm & Rhyme Babytime consists of stories, rhymes, music, and fingerplays. 0 - 24 months with a caregiver

#### STUFFIE PLAYDATE 2

Thursday, June 22 9:30 - 10:15 am OR 10:30 - 11:15 am

Bring your favorite stuffie to the Library for a playdate! We'll play games, dance, read a story, and do an art project. 2 - 5 years with a caregiver

#### **MUD KITCHEN**

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

Thursday, June 29, 9:30 - 11 am Outdoors, south side of Library

Celebrate International Mud Day with some messy outdoor fun! We'll make mud pies, paint with mud, and more. We will get dirty, so make sure to wear old clothes and shoes. 18 months - 5 years with a caregiver

Registration opens Monday, May 15 at 9 am.

#### **OUTDOOR DISCOVERY PLAYTIME**

Thursday, July 13 and Tuesday, August 8, 9:30 - 11 am

Outdoors, south side of Library

Join us outside the Library for sensory, art, and educational play. Make sure to wear old clothes and be ready for some messy fun while learning about your world. In case of severe weather, we'll take playtime indoors. 18 months - 5 years with a caregiver

# TEENS (Grades 6 - 12)

#### **TEEN MOVIE AFTERNOON**

Saturday, June 3, 2 - 4 pm

Wear pajamas and bring pillows, blankets, and snacks to enjoy as we watch The Incredibles.

#### **TEEN HANGOUT**

Wednesdays, 3 - 4 pm June 7, July 5, August 2 Teen Space

Come hang out in the teen area and play games, make a craft, or do an art project.

#### **BOOK CLUB C**

Wednesday, June 14, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Whether you're a fan of classic novels, graphic novels, or poetry, this program is for you. Bring your favorite books and get ready to share your thoughts and insights with other teens.

#### TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE &

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm June 28, July 26, August 30

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.

#### KARAOKE NIGHT

Friday, July 7, 4:45 - 6:30 pm

Join us for a night of music, fun, and unforgettable performances. We'll provide a variety of songs to choose from, so you can showcase your singing skills and perform your favorite tunes. This is a special after hours event. You must arrive before the Library closes at 5 pm to participate.

### **D&D MINI CRAWL**

Friday, July 21, 1 - 3:30 pm

Join us for a Dungeons & Dragons adventure. We'll explore a creepy dungeon, fight monsters, and-most importantly-collect all the treasure! No experience necessary for this mini-dungeon crawl.

#### **COLLAGE CRAZE**

Wednesday, August 9, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Get ready to unleash your creativity and imagination as we explore the world of collage-making. We'll provide all the supplies you need to create your own unique collage.

## Grades K - 5

#### **EXPLORE 3D PENS T**

Saturday, June 3, 9:30 - 10 am OR 10:15 - 10:45 am OR 11 - 11:30 am

Join us with your adult and explore using 3D pens. Draw your idea into life! Please register for one session. Grades K - 5 with a caregiver

#### **CLAY DAY**

Thursday, June 8, 2 - 4 pm

Let your imagination run wild with a funfilled, hands-on experience creating unique clay sculptures.

#### **KID ARCHITECTS**

Mondays, 10 - 11:30 am June 12, July 10, August 14

Explore the world of architecture and discover the fun of building with different materials such as Lego and more!

#### **EXPLORE STOP MOTION**

Saturday, July 1, 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

#### **ASSEMBLAGE STICKS**

Wednesday, July 19, 10 - 11 am

Use sticks, paint, and string to wrap and bead with pinecones, pasta and more to create your own sculptural work of assemblage art. This project will challenge you to enjoy the process and let your imagination flow.

#### **ART LAB**

Thursday, August 31, 4 - 6 pm

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

## Grades K - 2

#### **FINGERPRINT ART**

Tuesday, June 27, 10 - 10:45 am

Join us for fun with ink and paper, and create unique pieces with your fingerprints!

#### **PASTA FLOWERS**

Thursday, July 27, 3 - 3:45 pm

Experiment with designing your own temporary flower garden, using different shapes and sizes of noodles to create your composition.

## Grades 3 - 5

#### **JUNIOR AUTHORS**

Thursday, June 1, 5 - 5:45 pm

Share your story with all of Westmont. Participants will receive their own blank book to show off their creative writing. Return your book by June 30 to have it displayed at the Library through July 31.

#### SLIME TIME

Thursday, July 20, 5 - 5:45 pm

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

## READ FOR A CAUSE

#### Make a difference by reading this summer!

As you reach reading milestones, you'll get opportunities to vote in support of three local organizations: Hinsdale Humane Society, Literacy DuPage, or SCARCE. At the end of Summer Reading, your votes will turn into donations, funded by Westmont Rotary Club. All ages can participate in Read for a Cause, including adults!



SCARCE is an environmental education nonprofit dedicated to creating sustainable communities through outreach and learning opportunities.



Literacy DuPage is a nonprofit organization that empowers adults to attain life skills and achieve life goals through English-language tutoring.



Hinsdale Humane Society is a nonprofit animal shelter dedicated to the care and adoption of homeless animals.



#### NAUTICAL DECOR WOOD PALLET &

#### Thursday, June 1, 10 - 11 am

Celebrate World Reef Day by using reef animal cut-outs to make your own adorable wooden pallet that you can use to decorate your home!

#### **CHAIR YOGA**

#### Fridays, June 2 and August 4, 10 – 11 am Kwasek Meeting Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Reduce stress, take a break, and find a bit of peace with a 60-minute chair yoga session presented by DuShaun Branch Pollard of Sage Gawd Collective.

#### MEET CREATIVEBUG &

#### Monday, June 5, 6 - 7 pm Makery/CMR (1st floor)

Join us for an introduction to Creativebug, the online learning tool for crafting of all kinds! Navigate the website with a librarian and sample one of the available classes.

# HEALTHY LIVING FOR YOUR BRAIN AND BODY 3



Wednesday, June 7, 1 - 2 pm

Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity, and social engagement. Use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association.

# BASIC BACKYARD CHICKEN KEEPING

#### Saturday, June 10, 1 – 3 pm

This program is designed for curious folks who are considering getting chickens, as well as those who already have their own. Learn how to find local laws, choose and raise chicks, and care for adult birds. Presented by Jennifer Murtoff of Home to Roost, LLC.

#### KNOW YOUR HOUSING RIGHTS &

#### Wednesday, June 14, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

An Attorney from the Legal Aid Society will discuss important housing rights and laws that impact tenants. Come learn about what laws you need to know if you're dealing with past due rent, problematic conditions in your housing, and more.

#### **OPEN MAKERY HOURS**

Wednesdays, 5 - 7 pm June 28, July 12 & 26, August 9 & 23 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.

#### TOOLS FOR BETTER HEALTH

Tuesday, July 11, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm Kwasek Meeting Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Join us for a session of gentle stretching and movement based on ancient principles designed to reduce stress, and increase energy and immunity. Led by Body & Brain Yoga Tai Chi.

# MISCELLANY AND MIRTH OF THE MIDWEST

Wednesday, July 19, 6:30 – 7:30 pm Kwasek Meeting Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Musician and storyteller Dave Martin takes us on a good-natured romp through the midwest, exploring the culture and storied history of the region. He'll perform both traditional and original songs, infused with anecdotes about his family's place in America's heartland.

# Discover services and resources

# **DUPAGE COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES**

Wednesday, July 19 10:30 – 11:30 am

In this presentation by Amy Gaydos with DuPage County Senior Services, learn about programs such as The Community Care Program, Home Delivered Meals, Caregivers Assistance, and more.

#### SKILL UP DUPAGE

#### Wednesday, August 16, 1 - 2 pm

In this presentation by Susi Pihera with workNet DuPage, residents will discover no-cost career resources and learn about free job search workshops, one-on-one coaching, resume reviews, employer connections, and much more!

#### **COLORING BOOK NIGHT**

### Wednesday, August 2, 6 – 8 pm

Coloring books for adults are highly detailed books specifically designed to be used by adults. Crayons, colored pencils, and an adult coloring page will be provided. Drop in and color with us!

#### PINECONE SUCCULENTS CRAFT &

Saturday, August 12, 2 - 3 pm

Make a common low maintenance plant even more effortless by crafting a mini faux succulent from a pinecone.

# THE GREAT NORTH AMERICAN ECLIPSES

Tuesday, August 15, 6:30 – 7:30 pm Kwasek Meeting Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

There are two impressive solar eclipses coming up in October 2023 and April 2024! Michelle Nichols of the Adler Planetarium will teach you what eclipses are, where to see them, when to look, and how to view solar eclipses safely.

#### **SEWING BASICS: FABRIC TRIVETS**

Saturday, August 19, 2 – 4 pm Makery/CMR (1st floor)

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



## **Illinois Libraries Present**

Join us for conversations with a diverse slate of guests. These events are made possible by Illinois Libraries Present, a state-wide collaboration among public libraries offering premier events. These programs will be offered as hybrid events available for patrons to watch at home or in the Library. See westmontlibrary.org/events for details, including guests for July and August.

# ON BEING FABULOUS WITH JONATHAN VAN NESS & KRISTI YAMAGUCHI &

Wednesday, May 17, 7 – 8 pm Virtual: CMR OR Zoom

"Queer Eye" and "Getting Curious" star and ice skating superfan Jonathan Van Ness talks with his idol, Olympic Gold Medalist Kristi Yamaguchi. They'll chat figure skating, fabulous style, and whatever else comes up!





### NAVIGATE YOUR STARS: A CONVERSATION WITH JESMYN WARD &

Tuesday, June 6, 7 – 8 pm Virtual: CMR OR Zoom

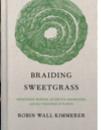
Join us for an evening with two-time National Book Award winner Jesmyn Ward. Hailed as "the new Toni Morrison" by the American Booksellers Association, Jesmyn will discuss her life, her literary vision and her unique perspectives on love and loss.

# BRAIDING SWEETGRASS: A CONVERSATION WITH ROBIN WALL KIMMERER &

Wednesday, June 21, 7 – 8 pm Virtual: CMR OR Zoom

Join us for a special evening with Robin Wall Kimmerer, the award-winning author of Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants. In this insightful and inspiring talk, Robin will share her unique perspective on the interconnectedness of humans and nature.





## Ongoing programs

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

#### **TEAM TRIVIA**

Mondays, 7 – 9 pm June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24, Aug. 14 & 28 Zazzo's Pizza & Bar, 200 W Ogden Ave.

#### SPICE CLUB

Mondays, 7 – 7:45 pm June 19, July 17, August 21

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

Mondays, 6:45 – 7:45 pm June 26, July 24, August 28 Kwasek Meeting Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

#### **WESTMONT GARDENING CLUB**

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:45 pm June 6, July 11, August 1

Note: The June 6 and July 11 meetings will be held in the  $2^{nd}$  floor Kwasek Meeting Room.

#### UNREAL WORLD BOOK CLUB

Tuesdays, 7 – 8 pm June 6, July 11, August 1 Virtual: Zoom

## ADULT TAKE & MAKE CRAFTS

Tuesdays, June 13, July 18, August 8 Adult Services Desk (1st floor)

#### **KNIT CLIQUE**

Tuesdays, 6 - 7:45 pm June 13 & 27, July 11 & 25, August 8 & 22

#### WRITERS GROUP

Thursdays, 6 - 7:45 pm June 8 & 22, July 13 & 27, August 10 & 24

#### **ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP**

Saturdays, 10 – 11:30 am June 10 & 24, July 8 & 22, August 12 & 26

# SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES 🗹

Sundays, 1 – 3:30 pm June 18, July 16, August 20

Elvis The Fabelmans A Man Called Otto June 18 July 21 August 20



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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, May 28 & Monday, May 29 Tuesday, July 4

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The Library is excited to be setting up at our local street fairs again this summer. As always, we'll have fun crafts and friendly faces to greet you as you visit downtown Westmont! Look for us on the following days:

Squad Car Night Taste of Westmont Fire Truck Night

Thursday, June 8, 6 - 8 pm Saturday, July 15, noon - 4 pm Thursday, August 3, 6 - 8 pm

Don't miss these other opportunities for some outdoor family fun!

STORYTIME IN THE PARK Wednesdays at

Diane Main Park

See page 4 for details.



June 15 at Ty Warner Park See page 2 for details.

Photo policy: Program participants may be photographed or videorecorded for Library promotional purposes, including social media. Please notify Library staff if you prefer not to be photographed.

Accommodations: We ask individuals with disabilities who require accommodation for Library programs to contact us at least five days in advance.