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# SUMMER READING 2024

**May 24 – August 9**

**Everyone is invited to participate in our 2024 Summer Reading program: Read, Renew, Repeat!**

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

- 1 Visit our Beanstack site, [westmontlibrary.beanstack.org](http://westmontlibrary.beanstack.org), or install the **Beanstack Tracker** app. Instructions for using Beanstack, as well as printable logs, are available at [westmontlibrary.org/summerreading](http://westmontlibrary.org/summerreading).
- 2 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**.
- 3 **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.
- 4 As you hit **reading milestones**, you'll earn prizes or prize drawing entries and virtual badges.



Scan this code to visit the Library's Beanstack site, [westmontlibrary.beanstack.org](http://westmontlibrary.beanstack.org).

## 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 9. Prize drawings will be held on August 10, and other rewards may be claimed through August 13, while supplies last.



## Bread tag recycling

The Library is partnering with SCARCE to collect your old bread tags. Bread tags are not recyclable through regular curbside programs, so SCARCE works with the nonprofit Danielle Cares for Chairs to divert them from landfills to specialized recyclers. Funds raised from recycling are used to purchase mobility devices for individuals in need.

## Visit us at Westmont Cruisin' Nights & Street Fair

The Library is excited to be setting up at our local street fairs again this summer. As always, we'll have fun activities and friendly faces to greet you as you visit downtown Westmont! Look for us on the following Thursday evenings from 5 to 8 pm:

- June 6 – Cruisin' Nights Kickoff
- July 18 – Public Works Night
- August 22 – Veterans Night

- June 20 – Squad Car Night
- August 1 – Fire Truck Night

📅 = Register at [westmontlibrary.org/events](https://westmontlibrary.org/events) or call 630 869 6150. Registration opens Wednesday, 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.

## Dance Party

Thursday, May 30, 10 – 10:30 am  
Youth & Teen Services (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Dance to the music, enjoy creative movement activities, and shake your sillies out in this fun and interactive drop-in program.

0 – 6 years with a caregiver

## Take-home Craft Kits

Tuesdays, June 4, July 2, August 6  
Youth & Teen Services (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

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

## Storytime in the Park

Wednesdays, 9:30 – 10 am  
June 5 – August 7  
Diane Main Park, 200 W 59th St.

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

## Family Storytime

Saturdays, 10 – 10:30 am  
June 8, July 20, August 17

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 21, July 26, August 16

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

## Mud Kitchen

Thursday, June 27, 9:30 – 11 am  
Outside the 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

## Frog Fun

Tuesday, July 9, 10 – 10:45 am

Have a hopping good time while you learn all about frogs through stories, movement, crafts, and sensory activities. 2 – 5 years with a caregiver

## Outdoor Discovery Playtime

Tuesday, July 16 and Thursday, August 8, 9:30 – 11 am  
Outside the Library

Join us 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

## Sensory-friendly Storytime

Tuesday, July 30, 10 – 10:45 am

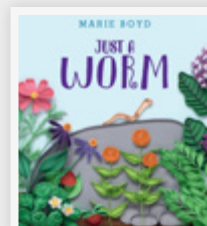
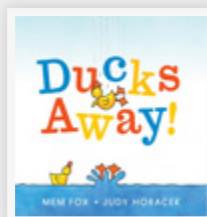
This inclusive storytime is especially welcoming for children with sensory processing challenges and for families who are looking for a more adaptive storytime experience. We'll explore interactive stories, rhymes, and activities in a non-judgmental environment. 0 – 8 years with a caregiver

## Summer StoryWalks®

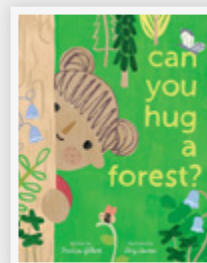
Diane Main Park, 200 W 59<sup>th</sup> St.

Enjoy a story with the whole family while you stroll through Diane Main Park. Follow the path around the lake, reading signs placed along the trail, to take in the full story. In partnership with Westmont Park District.

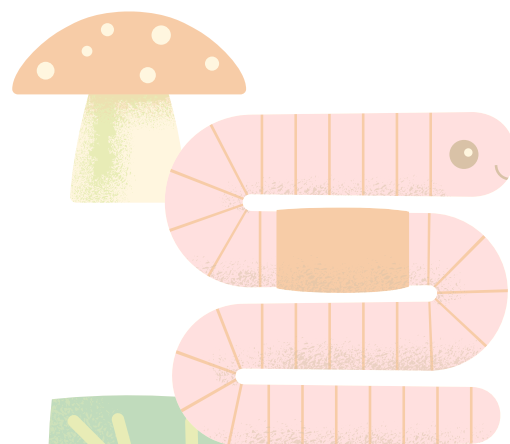
June 14 – 17  
**Ducks Away!**  
Mem Fox & Judy Horacek



July 12 – 15  
**Just a Worm**  
Marie Boyd



August 9 – 12  
**Can You Hug a Forest?**  
Frances Gilbert & Amy Hevron



## Musical Play with ScribbleMonster

Tuesday, June 11, 10 – 10:45 am  
Ty Warner Park Pavilion, 801 Burr Oak Drive

Jump and jam at a creative concert presented by Jim from ScribbleMonster and Wimee's Words. Using a mix of kindness, music, and humor, ScribbleMonster encourages children to participate and think in creative ways.



## Spotlight on sustainability for young readers



**Gabby & Grandma Go Green**  
Monica Wellington  
 > Picture book  
 > Environmentalism  
 > Green living



**A Good Place**  
Lucy Cousins  
 > Picture book  
 > Conservation  
 > Gardens



**Team Trash: A Time Traveler's Guide to Sustainability**  
Kate Wheeler  
 > Graphic novel  
 > Recycling  
 > History



**Me and Marvin Gardens**  
Amy Sarig King  
 > Chapter book  
 > Magical creature  
 > Community cleanup



**Recycle and Remake**  
Helene Hilton  
 > Upcycling  
 > Crafting  
 > DIY



## Grades K – 5

### Switch Hangout

Thursday, June 6, 2 – 4 pm

Bring your Switch and play alongside other gamers. Try out games from the Library or bring your own. Meet other kids who like to play, and even check out gaming books. No devices will be provided; attendees will need to bring their own.

### STEM Stations

Saturday, June 15, 10 am – noon

Flex your STEM muscles as you play, build, design, problem solve, and collaborate at each station. **Grades K – 5 with a caregiver**

## Grades K – 2

### Dragon Day!

Thursday, June 13, 3 – 3:45 pm

Do you love dragons? Join us as we create magical dragon crafts!

### Chalk Art

Tuesday, June 25, 10 – 10:45 am

Immerse yourself in a colorful adventure of imaginative designs through our indoor chalk art program. Perfect for budding young artists!

### Nature Mandalas

Tuesday, July 23, 10 – 10:45 am

Use natural materials to design a mandala—a geometric design formed around a special item in the center.

### Learning Lab

Friday, June 28, 10 – 11 am

Join the DuPage Children's Museum for some hands-on exploration of art in STEAM!

### Beading Bonanza

Saturday, July 27, 10 – 11 am

Dive into the colorful world of beading and craft your own distinct creations of intricate artwork!

### MineCRAFTS: A Minecraft Hangout

Thursday, August 8, 2 – 4 pm

Get in the game by crafting paper blocks and characters, and explore fun activities related to Minecraft!

## Grades 3 – 5

### Dragon Eggs

Thursday, June 13, 4 – 4:45 pm

Join us at the Library and create your very own magical dragon eggs!

### Painted Hats

Thursday, June 27, 4 – 4:45 pm

Personalize your own hat with vibrant colors and designs.

### Lego Secret Codes

Thursday, August 1, 4 – 4:45 pm

Did you know you can use Lego bricks to create a secret code? Join us as we build and decode secret messages.



### Recycled Paper-making & The Three Rs

Tuesday, June 18, 10 – 11 am

First, get excited about solutions to our garbage problem through a show-and-tell of recycled and reused products. Then get hands-on, learning how recycled-content paper is made. Together, we will mimic the process of industrial recycled paper-making. Each participant will make their own recycled paper to take home to color and decorate as they please! Presented by SCARCE.

### Our Wild Neighbors

Thursday, July 18, 10 – 10:45 am

The Chicagoland area is full of wild animals, both amazing and helpful. Learn how every animal benefits the environment and how we can keep them safe. Presented by DuPage County Animal Services.



### DIY Terrarium Workshop

Wednesday, June 12, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Turn a glass jar into a beautiful terrarium with moss, rocks, and decor.

### Teen Movie Afternoon

Friday, June 21, 2 – 4:30 pm

Bring pillows and blankets to get comfortable on the floor as we munch on popcorn and watch a movie.

### Teen Advisory Committee

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

June 26, July 31, August 28

Meet with other teens to discuss programs, books, and what you would like to see happen in the Library. Earns volunteer hours.

### Recycled Book Art

Wednesday, July 10, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Repurpose outdated and damaged books into works of art!

### Fairytale Murder Mystery Game

Wednesday, July 24, 6 – 7:30 pm

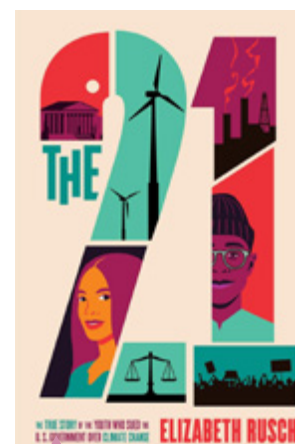
The setting: a city council meeting in Fairy Tale Land. The question: who killed Pinocchio and Grumpy? The solution: it's up to you to ask your fellow participants questions, provide answers, and follow the clues to solve the crime!

### DIY Pet Toys

Wednesday, August 7, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Earn a volunteer hour while making toys for animals in local shelters.

## Spotlight on sustainability for YA readers ▼



**Dry**  
Neal Shusterman & Jarrod Shusterman

- > Environmental thriller
- > Future drought
- > Realistic

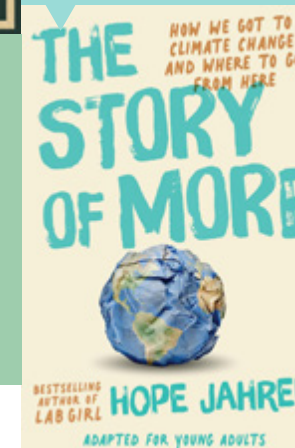
**The 21: The True Story of the Youth Who Sued the U.S. Government Over Climate Change**  
Elizabeth Rusch

- > Compelling & timely
- > Environmental & legal thriller
- > Narrative nonfiction



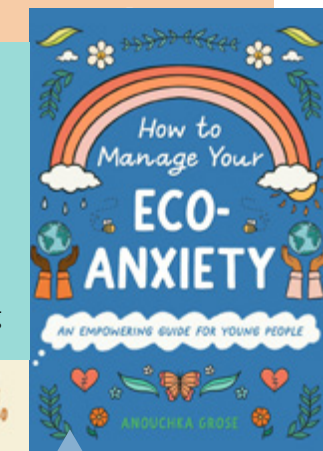
**Earth Day and the Environmental Movement: Standing Up for Earth**  
Christy Peterson

- > Historical
- > Teen activists
- > Call to action



**The Story of More: Young Readers Edition**  
Hope Jahren

- > Climate change
- > Use less, share more
- > Hopeful & reassuring



**How to Manage Your Eco-Anxiety**  
Anouchka Grose

- > Validation of emotions
- > Knowledge building
- > Hopeful

**Dementia Friendly Westmont: Dementia Conversations** 📅  
**Wednesday, June 12, 1 – 2:30 pm**

If you know someone who is experiencing changes in memory, thinking and behavior, this educational program provides tips and strategies for difficult but important conversations about changes related to dementia. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association.



**Downsizing & Decluttering** 📅  
**Wednesday, June 12, 6:30 – 7:30 pm**

Looking to downsize and declutter? Are you or a family member moving to a new home? Learn how to responsibly dispose of everything from cleaning supplies to a shelf full of books. This program will help you minimize your possessions and your impact on the planet. Presented by SCARCE.

**Technology classes**

**Explore the Library's Website** 📅  
**Friday, June 14, 11 am – noon**

Navigate through the Library's website and catalog with assistance from a librarian. Attendees are encouraged to follow along on a personal smartphone, tablet, or laptop.

**Evaluating Streaming Services** 📅  
**Monday, July 15, 6 – 7 pm**

In this informational program, you'll be introduced to Spotify and Apple Music for music streaming, and Netflix, Hulu, and Sling for movies and TV shows.

**Chair Yoga** 📅  
**Fridays, 10 – 10:30 am**  
**June 14, July 19, August 9**  
 Kwasek Meeting Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Join us for 30 minutes of chair yoga led by Michelle Schumacker of Good Juju Yoga.

**Dementia Friendly Westmont: Memory Cafe** 📅  
**Mondays, 1 – 2 pm**  
**June 17, July 15, August 19**

Individuals living with dementia and their care partners are invited to socialize and connect with others in a similar situation at a memory cafe. Activities at the Memory Cafe are free. Presented in partnership with Birches Assisted Living & Memory Care and Oasis Senior Advisors.

**Estate Planning Basics** 📅  
**Wednesday, June 19, 2 – 3 pm**

Join Attorney Noreen Costelloe for an introduction to the basics of estate planning. Learn about wills, trusts, power of attorney, and probate.

**Petra Sings, Andy Swings** 📅  
**Saturday, July 20, 2 – 3 pm**  
 Kwasek Meeting Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Enjoy a relaxing summer afternoon of Swing with Jazz vocalist Petra Van Nuis and her husband, guitarist Andy Brown.

**Puzzle Race Competition** 📅  
**Saturday, August 3, 2 – 4 pm**  
 Kwasek Meeting Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Compete to be the fastest puzzlers during this all-ages team competition! Six teams will each have two hours to complete the same 500-piece puzzle. Each team may have between one and six players, all at least eight years old. Grab your family and friends and join the race!



**Create with Us**

**Jewelry Making: Tassel Necklace** 📅

**Tuesday, June 4, 3 – 4 pm**  
 Makery/CMR (1st floor)

Create a tassel necklace guided by Liesl Gibson's video on Creativebug.

**3D Printing Made Easy** 📅  
**Monday, June 17, 6 – 7 pm**  
 Makery/CMR (1st floor)

Come learn about the Library's 3D printer and see how easy it is to get started. Attendees will receive a voucher for one free 3D print worth up to \$5!

**Create a Summer Wreath** 📅  
**Tuesday, June 25, 2 – 3 pm**

Create a summer wreath that will be sure to add a beachy feel to your home!

**Sewing Basics: Zippered Pouch** 📅  
**Saturday, June 29**  
**10 am – noon OR 2 – 4 pm**  
 Makery/CMR (1st floor)

Learn to use the Library's sewing machines, then sew a zippered pouch to take home! Please sign up for one session only.

**Fruit Drink Coaster Craft** 📅  
**Wednesday, July 10, 6 – 7 pm**

Design and paint a fruit-themed coaster to sit under your favorite fruity summer drink.

**Embroidered Corner Bookmarks** 📅

**Monday, July 22, 3 – 4 pm**  
 Makery/CMR (1st floor)

See the embroidery machine in action. Learn how to use preloaded designs, and take home a dainty embroidered bookmark.

**Design a Doormat** 📅  
**Monday, July 29, 5 – 6 pm**

Use outdoor acrylic and stencils to design your own doormat.

**Pom Pom Paperweights with Creativebug** 📅

**Wednesday, August 21, 2 – 3:30 pm**  
 Makery/CMR (1st floor)

Explore the crafting database Creativebug as we follow along with a video and learn to make pom pom paperweights!

**Get to Know Hoopla** 📅  
**Wednesday, August 14, 10 – 11 am**

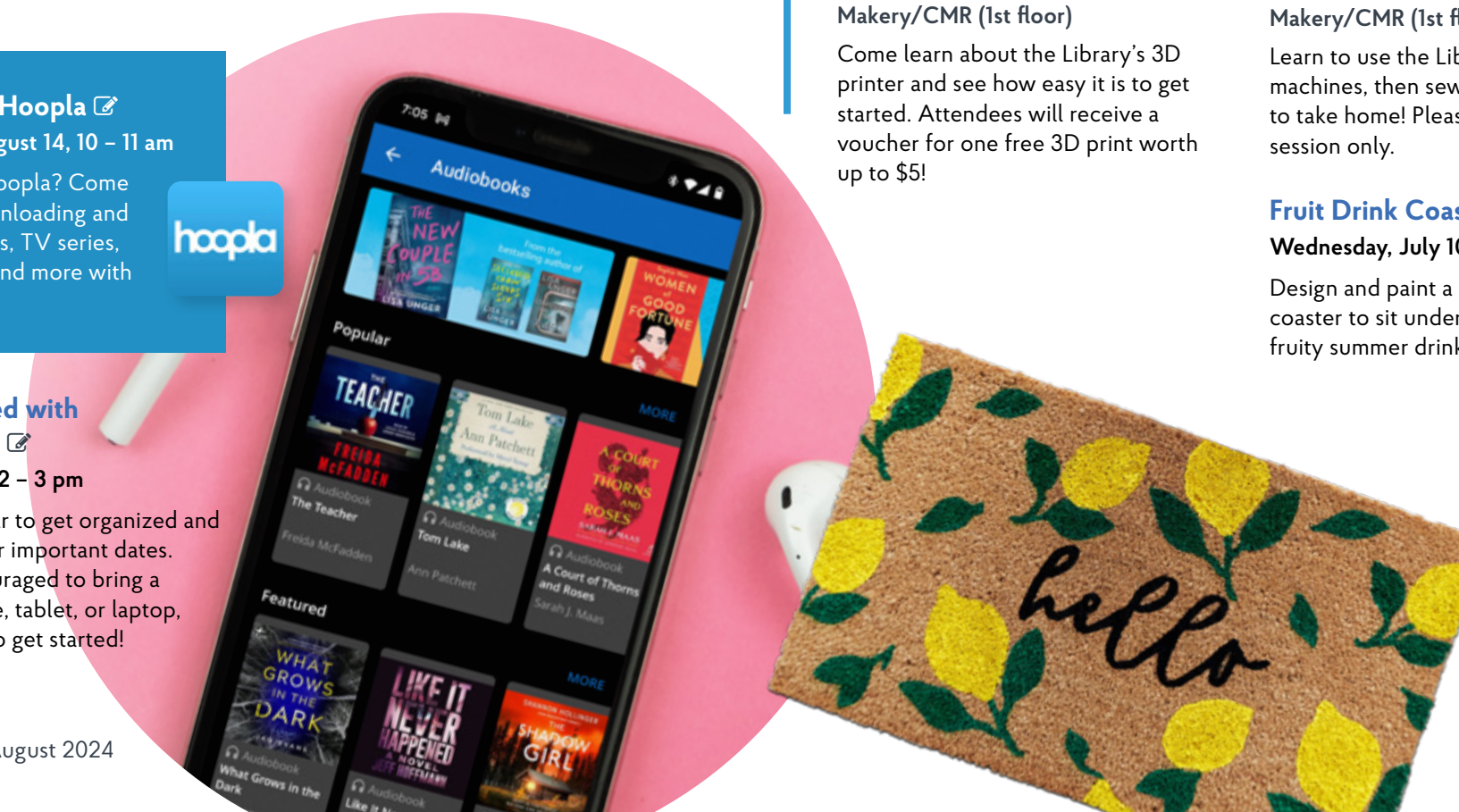
What's all the hoopla? Come learn about downloading and streaming movies, TV series, music, ebooks, and more with Hoopla.



**Getting Organized with Google Calendar** 📅

**Tuesday, August 27, 2 – 3 pm**

Use Google Calendar to get organized and keep track of all your important dates. Attendees are encouraged to bring a personal smartphone, tablet, or laptop, and a list of events to get started!





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See pages 2 – 3 for details.



### Creating an Interior Design: From Mood Board to Reveal 📅

Saturday, August 17, 2 – 3:30 pm

Learn how to make a mood board and create foolproof interior designs. Attendees will receive an interior design paint kit as a takeaway, and one lucky attendee will win a prize drawing. Presented by Mary Beth Zwolfer of Alfred & Mary Interior Design.

### Titanic Murder Mystery Game 📅

Tuesday, August 20, 6 – 7:30 pm

All aboard the RMS Titanic! You are an honored guest joining the captain at his table for dinner. Can you put together the clues to solve the murder of the captain's first officer before the ship meets its inevitable end—and possibly change the course of history?

### Dog Days of Summer Celebration 📅

Saturday, August 24, 11 am – noon  
Kwasek Meeting Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Celebrate our fur-ever friends with the Hinsdale Humane Society! Join us as we learn about dogs and dog care. See our vinyl cutter in action as we make doggy decals to take home. Donations of supplies for the Hinsdale Humane Society are welcome.

## Ongoing programs

Visit [westmontlibrary.org/events](https://westmontlibrary.org/events) for the full descriptions, including monthly book club selections.

### Team Trivia

Mondays, 7 – 9 pm  
June 10 & 24, July 8 & 22, Aug 12 & 26  
Zazzo's Pizza & Bar, 200 W Ogden Ave.

### Spice Club: Chef's Choice 📅

Monday, June 3, 7 – 7:45 pm

### 4<sup>th</sup> Monday Book Club

Mondays, 6:45 – 7:45 pm  
June 24, July 22, August 26  
Kwasek Meeting Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

### Westmont Gardening Club

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:45 pm  
June 4, July 2, August 6

### Unreal World Book Club 📅

Tuesdays, 7 – 8 pm  
June 4, July 2, August 6  
Virtual: Zoom

### Adult Take & Make Crafts

Tuesdays, June 11, July 9, August 13  
Adult Services Desk (1<sup>st</sup> floor)

### Knit Clique

Tuesdays, 6 – 7:45 pm  
June 11 & 25, July 9 & 23, August 13 & 27

### Writers Group

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

### Afternoon at the Movies 📅

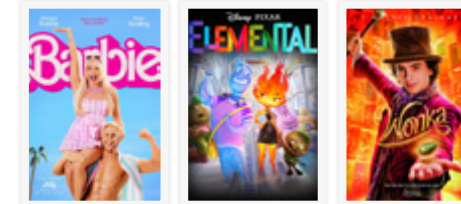
Thursdays, 1 – 3:30 pm  
June 20, July 18, August 15

Take a break from the summer heat and join us for an afternoon movie. Our summer schedule features films nominated for 2024 awards!

June 20: *Barbie* (2023)

July 18: *Elemental* (2023)

August 15: *Wonka* (2023)



### English Conversation Group

Saturdays, 10 – 11:30 am  
June 8 & 22, July 13 & 27, Aug 10 & 24

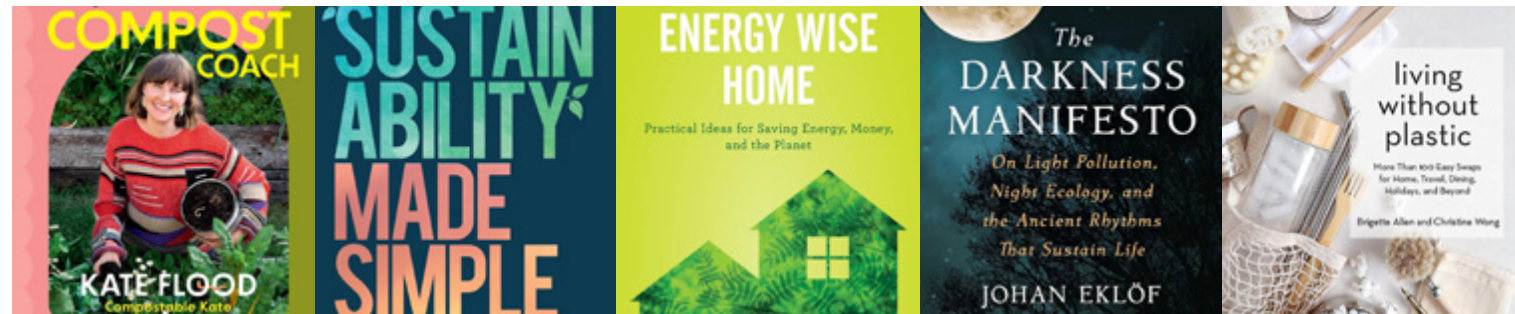
### Cookbook Club 📅

Monday, August 19, 7 – 7:45 pm

A gathering for cookbook enthusiasts! For this meeting, we will be exchanging opinions on the book *15 Minute Meals: Truly Quick Recipes That Don't Taste Like Shortcuts* by Ali Rosen. We will also share our experiences cooking the recipes. Copies of the book will be available for pick up one month in advance.



## Spotlight on sustainability for adult readers ▼



**The Compost Coach: Make Compost, Build Soil and Grow a Regenerative Garden—Wherever You Live!**  
Kate Flood

**Sustainability Made Simple: Small Changes for Big Impact**  
Rosaly Byrd & Laurèn DeMates

**The Energy Wise Home: Practical Ideas for Saving Energy, Money, and the Planet**  
Jeff Dondero

**The Darkness Manifesto: On Light Pollution, Night Ecology, and the Ancient Rhythms That Sustain Life**  
Johan Eklöf

**Living Without Plastic: More Than 100 Easy Swaps for Home, Travel, Dining, Holidays, and Beyond**  
Brigette Allen & Christine Wong

**Team Trivia's 10-year Anniversary**  
Monday, June 10, 7 – 9 pm  
Zazzo's Pizza & Bar, 200 W Ogden Ave.  
Join us for a special evening of Team Trivia celebrating 10 years. There will be special prizes and Westmont-themed trivia!





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## Scheduled Closings

Sunday, May 26  
Monday, May 27  
Thursday, July 4

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