



Celebrating our **creative community**



Art Gallery openings

Calling all artists! The Art Gallery is a wonderful opportunity to exhibit your work, and we currently have openings. Please see our website for details and an application: westmontlibrary.org/exhibits-and-displays.

New creative tools: **poster printer & embroidery machine ▶**

The Makery now has an embroidery machine and a poster printer available, in addition to our 3D printers, Carvey CNC machine, sewing machines, and vinyl cutters. Check the Makery website for details on each of these tools: westmontlibrary.org/makery.



▼ Tiny Art Show

TINY ART KITS 🗷

Registration begins Monday, Jan. 2.

Register for a kit containing a $4" \times 4"$ canvas, paints, and a brush. Pick up your kit at the Adult or Youth & Teen Services Desk starting Jan. 9, then take it home to paint. Return your canvas to the Library by Wednesday, Jan. 25, for display in the art show. Adults and youth, grades 3+

TINY ART SHOW PAINTING PARTY

Family: Saturday, Jan. 21, 10 – 10:45 am
OR 11 – 11:45 am
Kwasek Meeting Room

Adults: Wednesday, Jan. 18, 6 – 7:30 pm OR Saturday, Jan. 21, 2 – 3:30 pm Community Meeting Room

Paint a tiny, 4" × 4" masterpiece! All supplies will be provided. Artwork will remain at the Library for the Tiny Art Show Reception on Sunday, Jan. 29, and will be on display until Sunday, Feb. 5.

TINY ART SHOW RECEPTION

Sunday, Jan. 29, 1 – 3 pm First floor Art Gallery

Join us for a Tiny Art Show reception as we unveil the tiny art produced by our patrons. Can't make it to the reception? Artwork will be on display until Sunday, February 5. Stop in at your convenience to enjoy the creativity!

FAMILY

Registration begins Tuesday, November 15 at 9 am.

Register online at westmontlibrary.org/events, by phone at 630 869 6150, or in person.

Community Corner: Holly Days

HOLLY DAYS FOOD DRIVE

Monday, Nov. 7 - Friday, Dec. 16

The Holly Days Committee will collect non-perishable items for local food pantries to help our neighbors in need. You can drop off donations through Dec. 16 at Westmont Public Library, Westmont Police and Fire Departments, Westmont Centre, and Westmont Community Center.



HOLLY DAYS EVENTS

Celebrate Westmont's annual Holly Days Winter Festival with fun family activities, including the Frosty & Friends Parade on Dec. 3 and Park District events throughout December, like Elf Tryouts and Snow Much Fun. For more information, visit westmontparks.org.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 4 – 5 pm Community Meeting Room

The Friends are a group of volunteers who help the Library expand its services to the community by raising money and funding special programs and additional equipment. This meeting is open to the public. The Friends of the Westmont Public Library is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization. Visit westmontlibrary.org/friends for more information.



FAMILY ORNAMENT DECORATING

Thursday, Dec. 1, 9:30 am - 7:30 pm

Use stamps, markers, and paint to decorate two tree slice ornaments—one for yourself and one for the Library's community tree!

WINTER DROP-IN CRAFTS

Wednesday, Dec. 21 and Tuesday, Dec. 27 9:30 am - 7:30 pm

Drop in to get creative and make winter-themed crafts. Crafts are designed to appeal to preschool, grade school, and teen audiences.

Winter animals Snowflake crafts Dec. 21 Dec. 27

FAMILY FORT NIGHT

Friday, Jan. 13, 4:45 - 6:45 pm

Bring your own blankets or sheets, pillows, and a flashlight to build your fort. Enjoy a story together around the "campfire" and then crawl into your fort to read with your family. This is a special afterhours program. Please arrive before the Library closes at 5 pm to ensure entrance to the program. In partnership with Prairie Area Reading Council.

REPTILE ROUNDUP

Saturday, Jan. 7, 10 am – noon

Join us for a visit with live reptiles. Animal educators from Crosstown Exotics will be available to answer questions about reptiles and amphibians. Then create your own reptile-inspired craft! Sponsored by the Friends of the Westmont Public Library.

FAMILY CARD CRAFTING

Saturday, Feb. 11, 10 am - noon

Drop in to create a card for someone special using a variety of craft supplies.

TAKE-HOME CRAFT KITS

Tuesdays, Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7

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

DISCOVERY PLAYTIME

Thursdays, Dec. 8 and Feb. 16 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

DROP-IN STORYTIME & CRAFT

Thursday, Dec. 29 and Tuesday, Feb. 14 10 - 10:45 am

Celebrate the season with a themed storytime and craft—a snowy day in December and happy hearts in February. 0 – 6 years with a caregiver

SPANISH LANGUAGE STORYTIME

Mondays, Jan. 9 - 30, 10 - 10:30 am

Drop in with your little one to enjoy songs and stories in Spanish. Presented by The Language Labs. 0 - 6 years with a caregiver

PRESCHOOL SKILLS: STORYTIME & MORE &

Tuesdays, Jan. 10 and Feb. 7, 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

LAPSIT STORYTIME

Jan. 10 – Feb. 1

Choose one session from:

- A Tuesdays, 9:30 10 am
- B Wednesdays, 9:30 10 am
- Wednesdays, 10:15 10:45 am

Lapsit storytime offers our youngest patrons a chance to learn fingerplays and hear stories in a low-key environment with their caregivers. This is a four-week series. 0 – 24 months with a caregiver

FAMILY STORYTIME

Thursdays, Jan. 19 – Feb. 2, 9:30 – 10 am Saturdays, Jan. 28 and Feb. 18, 9:30 – 10 am

Drop in for these storytimes filled with music, movement, and stories. 0 - 6 years with a caregiver

2 & 3 STORYTIME 🗷

Jan. 10 - Feb. 1

Choose one session from:

- ⚠ Tuesdays, 10:15 10:45 am
- B Tuesdays, 11 11:30 am
- **○** Wednesdays, 11 11:30 am

In each lively session of this four-week series, children 2 – 3 years old and their caregivers will enjoy time with songs, action rhymes, and stories that will help develop skills necessary for reading readiness.

2 - 3 years with a caregiver

READ & COLOR DIY STORYTIME KIT Wednesday, Feb. 1

With this take-home early literacy kit, you can share a book together (available from the Library or online), sing and play with felt pieces, and color with the pages and crayons provided. Available while supplies last.

18 months – 6 years

This winter we are expecting to start work on an interior renovation of the Youth & Teen Services Department. We will share the exciting details of the project with the community once they are finalized and we have a timeline in place. We're excited to refresh the space for our youngest patrons!

Second floor renovations

Winter reading returns December 1

Take part in our community reading challenge this winter: Westmont Reads 2000 Books. All ages can participate!

See page 2 for details.



GRADE SCHOOL (Grades K - 5)

Registration is required for programs with this icon: ** Registration begins Tuesday, November 15 at 9 am.

Register online at westmontlibrary.org/events, by phone at 630 869 6150, or in person.

TEENS (Grades 6 – 12)

Grades K - 2

SNOW STORM IN A JAR &

Thursday, Jan. 12 4:15 - 4:45 pm OR 5:15 - 5:45 pm

Learn about weather by creating a snow storm in a mason jar using everyday items.

PAPER ROCKETS &

Thursday, Feb. 2 4:15 - 5 pm OR 5:15 - 6 pm

Explore engineering principles by creating a paper rocket. Decorate and then launch your design to test its strength.



READ WITH HINSDALE HUMANE SOCIETY &

Mondays, Jan. 23 and Feb. 27 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.

Grades 3 - 5

DIY LAVA LAMPS 🕝

Thursday, Jan. 19, 4:15 - 5 pm

Use a mason jar and other household items to create your own lava lamp.

ASTRONAUT LANDER

Thursday, Feb. 16, 4:15 - 5 pm

Use everyday items to create a landing device to protect two astronauts. We'll explore different engineering principles as we test our designs.

THE NO-COOK COOKING COMPETITION ®

Wednesdays, Dec. 14 & 21, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

In this friendly competition, show off your flavor combination skills, as we cook without using a stove or oven. Join us for one or both competitions.

Savory Dec. 14 Sweet Dec. 21

TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE 🗷

Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 pm Dec. 28, Jan. 25, Feb. 22 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.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CHARACTER BUILDING Wednesday, Jan. 4, 5:30 – 7:30 pm Build your own character for Dungeons & Dragons. We'll go step-by-step to get you everything you need for an epic D&D adventure.

D&D MINI CRAWL 🗹

Saturday, Jan. 7, 1:30 – 4 pm and Wednesday, Feb. 15, 5 – 7:30 pm

Join us for one or both Dungeons & Dragons adventures. We'll explore a creepy dungeon, fight monsters, and—most importantly—collect all the treasure! No experience necessary for this mini-dungeon crawl. We'll have characters ready to go, dice on hand, and your very own 3D printed character mini that you can take home.

DETECTIVE HOUR

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Learn how to look for clues and solve crimes like a detective—with help from the Westmont Police Department!

WINTER PAINTING &

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Join artist Mary Launi to learn about watercolor painting and create your own work of art. Sponsored by the Friends of the Westmont Public Library.



Illinois Libraries Present

Join us for conversations with a diverse slate of notable authors, made possible by Illinois Libraries Present. These programs will be offered as hybrid events available for patrons to watch at home or in the Library. More details, including February's date and guest, can be found at westmontlibrary.org/events.



SHAUNA SEVER &

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 7 – 8 pm Virtual: Kwasek Meeting Room OR Zoom

Shauna Sever, author of *Midwest Made:* Big, Bold Baking from the Heartland, joins us to celebrate baking this holiday





ROSS GAY 🗷

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 7 – 8 pm Virtual: Community Meeting Room OR Zoom

Ross Gay, American poet and *New York Times* best-selling essayist, kicks off a new year with his forthcoming book, *Inciting Joy*.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CHARACTER CREATION

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 6:30 – 7:30 pm Community Meeting Room

Craft your own playable D&D character during this hands-on introduction to the D&D Beyond online character builder tool.

SEWING BASICS: REUSABLE TOTE BAG

Saturday, Dec. 10, 2 - 4 pm Makery/Community Meeting Room

Learn to use the Library's sewing machines, then sew a reusable tote bag to take home.

TECH TUESDAYS (2)

Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11 am and 12:30 – 2 pm Dec. 13, Jan. 31, Feb. 21 Community Meeting Room

Introductory technology classes for adults.

Computers for Beginners Dec. 13
Intro to Microsoft Office Jan. 31
Internet Basics Feb. 21

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS MINI CRAWL ☑

Saturday, Dec. 17, 1 – 4 pm Community Meeting Room

Adventure through the Carnival of the Feywilds in search of a lost unicorn horn in this mini dungeon crawl. Use your own character or play with a pre-created one.

NATIONAL VISION BOARD DAY

Saturday, Jan. 14, 1 – 3 pm Community Meeting Room

See page 3 for details.

Vision boards are used to visualize dreams and goals. Pictures and photos on poster board are used as a daily reminder of what those goals are and help motivate you to stay on track. Come make your own vision board for 2023!

ESTATE PLANNING ESSENTIALS

Wednesday, Jan. 25, 6:30 – 7:30 pm Community Meeting Room

Join Dr. James Flanagan of Bentron Financial for an overview of estate planning. We'll discuss the basics of estate planning, why it's important, and how to get started.

DROP-IN CARD MAKING

Saturday, Feb. 4, 2 - 4 pm Makery/Community Meeting Room

Stop by the Makery to see our Silhouette cutting machines in action and create a card for someone special. Feeling extra creative? Create and leave a card to be sent to one of the Westmont assisted living facilities as a Valentine's Day gift.

AUTHOR TALK: SHAZAD CARBAIDWALA

Monday, Feb. 6, 6:30 – 7:30 pm Community Meeting Room

Join us for a discussion with local author Shazad Carbaidwala. Mr. Carbaidwala will discuss the writing and research process for his novel *Row*, how he drew from personal experience for inspiration, and the path he took for self publishing. We will give away a limited number of copies of the book at the end of the presentation.

LOVE, ROMANCE, AND CHOCOLATE

Sunday, Feb. 12, 1 – 3 pm Community Meeting Room

To celebrate Chocolate Month (and the month of love), come watch a Hallmark feature film sure to satisfy your sweet tooth!

PUNCH NEEDLE CRAFT

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 6 - 7:30 pm Community Meeting Room

Learn how to use an embroidery hoop and a large, needle-like tool to create fun and unique designs out of yarn.

Share your creativity and see your art at the Library! Be a part of our Tiny Art Show, open to adults, teens, and youth.



Ongoing programs

ADULT TAKE & MAKE CRAFTS

Mondays, Dec. 5, Jan. 9, Feb. 6

Stop by Adult Services to pick up a kit containing basic supplies and instructions, then take it home to create.

Button tree Dec. 5
Clothespin snowflake Jan. 9
Heart coaster Feb. 6

SPICE CLUB

Mondays, 7 - 7:45 pm Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13 Community Meeting Room

Try new flavors and recipes, and connect with other cooking enthusiasts. Each month, the Library will provide a spice packet. Then we'll meet at the Library to share our thoughts on the featured spice and the dishes we've created. Register with your email address or phone number to receive notification when the month's spice is available for pickup.

TEAM TRIVIA

Mondays, 7 – 9 pm Dec. 19, Jan. 9 & 23, Feb. 13 & 27 Zazzo's Pizza & Bar, 200 W Ogden Ave.

Join us for an exciting evening of team trivia.

4TH MONDAY BOOK CLUB

Mondays, 6:45 – 7:45 pm Jan. 23 and Feb. 27 Kwasek Meeting Room

Join this patron-led book discussion group to explore the world—one book at a time! See event calendar for titles; copies will be available for pickup one month in advance.

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 7:45 pm Dec. 6 and Feb. 7 Community Meeting Room

Connect with other gardeners—beginners and experts alike—as we explore all aspects of gardening!

UNREAL WORLD BOOK CLUB &

Tuesdays, 7 – 8 pm Dec. 6, Jan. 3, Feb. 7 Virtual: Zoom

Come talk about books set in imaginative times and places, from the mythic past to far future. See event calendar for titles; copies will be available for pickup one month in advance. Register with your email address to receive the link.

KNIT CLIQUE

Tuesdays, 6 – 7:45 pm Dec. 13 & 27, Jan. 10 & 24, Feb. 14 & 28 Community Meeting Room

Beginners and experienced crafters alike are invited to attend this casual, patron-led knitting, crochet, and lacemaking group.

WRITERS GROUP

Thursdays, 6 – 7:45 pm Dec. 8 & 22, Jan. 12 & 26, Feb. 9 & 23 Community Meeting Room

This interactive, patron-led group is for adults interested in getting feedback from their peers on original writing.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Saturdays, 10 – 11:30 am Dec. 10, Jan. 14 & 28, Feb. 11 & 25 Community Meeting Room

Come learn with us! Join this informal and friendly group to practice English conversation skills. Led by a tutor from Literacy DuPage, we meet all year long. Co-sponsored by Literacy DuPage.



These Dementia Friendly Westmont programs are presented by Patti Terkovich from Aspired Living of Westmont and Mary Ferguson from Birches Assisted Living and Memory Care.

HANDLING THE HOLIDAYS: TIPS TO ENJOY THE SEASON &

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 1 - 2 pm Community Meeting Room

Caring for a person with memory loss can present unique challenges during the holiday season. Join us for this presentation on ideas to help ensure you and your loved ones can safely enjoy the most wonderful time of the year.

DOCUMENTARY: COMPLAINTS OF A DUTIFUL DAUGHTER &

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 1 – 2 pm Community Meeting Room

This Academy Award Feature Documentary Nominee chronicles the various stages of a mother's Alzheimer's disease and the evolution of a daughter's response to the illness. A short discussion will take place after the movie.

DEMENTIA Q&A

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1 – 2 pm Community Meeting Room

Join us for this open forum to ask questions and discuss concerns you have about memory loss disease and how to handle the journey.



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Library Hours

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

Scheduled Closings

Wednesday, Nov. 23 (5 pm closing) Thursday, Nov. 24 Saturday, Dec. 24 - Monday, Dec. 26 Saturday, Dec. 31 - Sunday, Jan. 1

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