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PUBLIC LIBRARY

**THE EXPLORER**

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## FUTURE OF THE LIBRARY

After reviewing community and staff input, the Westmont Public Library Board of Trustees recently completed a new Strategic Plan that will guide programs and services at the library over the next three years. The Strategic Plan for 2017 – 2020 includes four priorities: stimulating curiosity, enhancing literacies, connecting with technologies, and engaging communities. The Westmont Public Library staff look forward to implementing these strategic goals and providing excellent library service to the Westmont community.

For more information, pick up a copy of the Strategic Plan at a service desk or visit our website at [westmontlibrary.org/strategicplan](http://westmontlibrary.org/strategicplan).

## ARE YOU A FRIEND?

The Friends of the Westmont Public Library is a group of volunteers that help the library expand its services to the community. Membership dues and fundraising support programs, special events, and equipment purchases for the library.

If you are interested in becoming a member, stop by the library to pick up a form or fill one out online at [westmontlibrary.org/friends](http://westmontlibrary.org/friends). For questions, contact [friends@westmontlibrary.org](mailto:friends@westmontlibrary.org).

### Friends of the Library Meeting

Tuesday, May 2  
7 pm

Everyone is welcome!

## RENOVATION PROGRESS

Thank you for your patience as we continue main floor renovations. We are excited to unveil the changes and welcome everyone to visit throughout renovations to see the progress. Updates are scheduled to be complete by late April.

## IN THE ART GALLERY

Enjoy work from the following artists this spring in our second floor gallery.

**March & April**

Gilbert Nicoll – Photographs

**May**

People's Resource Center Students –  
Paintings, drawings, and mixed media

## DIGITAL BRANCH HIGHLIGHTS

The Westmont Public Library provides a number of digital options to provide access to content 24/7. Enjoy ebooks, magazines, audiobooks, music, and movies; watch streaming video; and learn new skills and languages with your Westmont Public Library card. To access these services and more, visit the Digital Branch on our website at [westmontlibrary.org/digitalbranch](http://westmontlibrary.org/digitalbranch). If you need any help with these resources, please stop by or contact our Adult Services librarians at [reference@westmontlibrary.org](mailto:reference@westmontlibrary.org).



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## MONTHLY ENEWS

Did you know the library has a monthly email newsletter? Sign up to receive information about library services, news, and programs. Use the online form at the bottom of our website home page.

*Please note that we respect your privacy and your email address is never shared with a third party.*



## DROP-IN PROGRAMS

### LANGUAGE STORYTIME (Ages 0 – 6 years)

Mondays, 10:15 – 10:45 am

French: March 20, April 3 & 17

Spanish: March 13 & 27, April 10

Introduce your little one to a new language as we read stories and enjoy songs.

### STORYTIME! (Ages 0 – 6 years)

Tuesdays, March 14 – April 18, 10:15 – 10:45 am

Join us for storytimes filled with music, movement, and stories for children and their caregivers.

### DISCOVERY PLAYTIME (Ages 18 months – 5 years)

Tuesdays, March 7 & 21, April 4 & 18, May 2, 1 – 2:30 pm

Explore different sensory, artistic, and educational play stations each week. Playdough, rice, shredded paper, and water play are just a few possibilities. Dress your child for messy play!

### SATURDAY DANCE PARTY (Ages 0 – 6 years)

Saturdays, March 18 and April 15, 11 – 11:30 am

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

### SENSORY SATURDAY (Ages 18 months – 5 years)

Saturday, April 1 and 29, 2 – 3:30 pm

Enjoy a variety of sensory art activities including painting, playdough, rice, and more! Make sure to wear old clothes for this drop-in play time.



## REGISTERED PROGRAMS

### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME (Ages 3 ½ – 6 years) ✓

Tuesdays, March 14 – April 18, 11:15 – 11:45 am

Through books, songs, and fun educational activities, your child will enjoy spending time with other preschoolers while learning social and literacy skills to prepare them for school.

### LAPSIT STORYTIME (Ages 0 – 24 months) ✓

Wednesdays, March 15 – April 19, 10:15 – 11 am OR

Thursdays, March 16 – April 20, 10:15 – 11 am

Lapsit storytime offers our youngest patrons a chance to learn fingerplays and hear stories in a low-key environment with their caregivers.

*Please choose either the Wednesday or Thursday storytimes.*

### TODDLER STORYTIME (Ages 2 – 3 years) ✓

Wednesdays, March 15 – April 19, 11:15 am – noon OR

Thursdays, March 16 – April 20, 11:15 am – noon

In each lively session, children and their caregivers will enjoy songs, action rhymes, stories, and playtime that will help develop reading readiness skills.

*Please choose either the Wednesday or Thursday storytimes.*

## PROGRAMMING NOTES

### Youth Programs

Appropriate age levels for program participation are established by our staff of professionals. We ask that children meet the age requirements to ensure a rewarding experience for all. Our storytimes are designed for children to attend with a caregiver.

### All Programs

Staff kindly ask all participants to arrive promptly for our programs. Late arrivals may have their spot forfeited.

Program participants may be photographed or videotaped for library promotional purposes. Please notify library staff if you prefer to not be photographed.

**SLIME SCIENCE** ✓

Thursday, March 23, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Mix and experiment with various types of slime to find out what makes the concoctions unique. Be ready to get slimy!

**R.E.A.D. WITH HINSDALE HUMANE SOCIETY** ✓

Mondays, March 27, April 24, and May 22, 7 – 8 pm

Meet with a trained therapy pet and handler for 15-minute reading sessions. Sign up is over the phone or in person only.

*Co-sponsored by the Hinsdale Humane Society.*

**BEYOND THE BOOK CLUB** ✓

Mondays, March 27 and April 24, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Listen to a story and then take it beyond the pages with a creative project.

**EXPERIMENTAL GARDENING** ✓

Monday, April 10, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Examine the structures of seeds and plants using a microscope. Then, create seed bombs to grow native plants at home.

**PAINT THE PARKING LOT**

Saturday, April 22, 2 – 3 pm

Help us brighten up our parking lot by designing water-based paint creations that will wash away with the April showers.

**PARACHUTE PLAY** ✓

Thursday, May 4, 4:15 – 4:45 pm

Meet us at Twin Lakes Park for fun and games with our big 30-foot parachute! If it rains, we'll try again on Tuesday, May 9 at the same time and place.

*Location: Twin Lakes Park, 200 W 59th Street, Westmont*

**SEW A TRAVEL TIC-TAC-TOE GAME** ✓ M

Thursday, May 11, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Create your own felt tic-tac-toe board that will make traveling a blast! We will use the library's sewing machines and also do some hand stitching. Materials will be provided.

**SCIENCE EXPLORATION: DOUBLE HELIX** ✓

Wednesday, March 1, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Learn a little about DNA then construct your own model out of beads and pipe cleaners.

**PAPER MARBLING** ✓

Thursday, March 16, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Try your hand at the ancient practice of paper marbling! We'll use various materials to design and then apply patterned color to paper that you can use as stationary or hang up as art.

**REALITY RECYCLED** ✓

Wednesday, April 5, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Dali, Oppenheim, Miro, Ernst, and Magritte were all famous surrealist artists. Learn about this convention-busting style of art by reusing old magazines and newspapers for stupendous collages.

**SCIENCE EXPLORATION: METEORS AND BEYOND** ✓

Monday, April 17, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Join us to make your own star wheel and then learn how to use it to navigate the night sky with ease! Create your own constellations at home with a set of glow-in-the-dark stars you'll construct at the library.

**CREATE A TERRARIUM** ✓

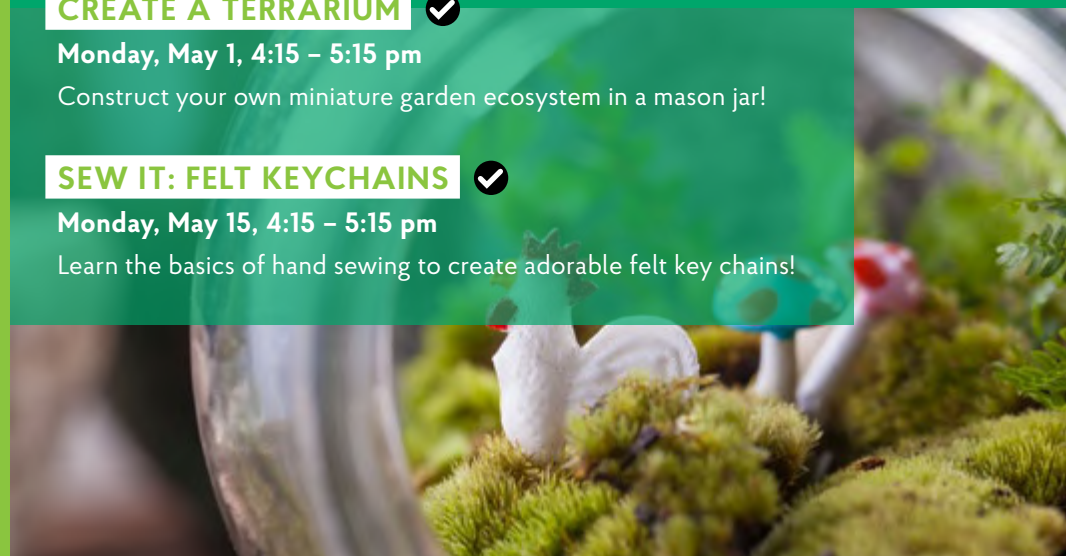
Monday, May 1, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Construct your own miniature garden ecosystem in a mason jar!

**SEW IT: FELT KEYCHAINS** ✓

Monday, May 15, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Learn the basics of hand sewing to create adorable felt key chains!



**BEGINNING YOGA** ✓

Saturday, March 4, 2 – 3 pm

Learn yoga basics with teachers from Simply Yoga. We'll practice basic poses and balance moves. No experience necessary.

**THE COZY CAGE PROJECT** ✓

Wednesday, March 15, 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Help us give back to our local community. We will make mini no-sew blankets for the West Suburban Humane Society. No experience necessary.

*Note: Attendees may receive one hour of community service credit.*

**LEGO VIDEOS** ✓

Wednesday, March 29, 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Create a video short using only some LEGOs and the Stop Motion Studio app. No experience necessary, but your imagination is required!

**TRASH N' SHOW** ✓

Wednesday, April 12, 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Come make fashionable treasures out of trash. We will create one-of-a-kind designs with unconventional materials and end with a photo shoot!

**CALMING CRAFT TIME** ✓

Wednesday, April 19, 5 – 6 pm

Need some time to just chill? Come make glitter jars, stress balls, and Zen rocks with us! Materials will be provided.

**WRITE NIGHT** ✓

Thursday, April 27, 4:30 – 5:30 pm

Aspiring writers are welcome for a night of creative fun. We will explore the world of fan fiction and write our own fractured fairy tales. No experience necessary.

**CRAYON MELT ART** ✓

Thursday, May 4, 4:30 – 5:30 pm

Melt crayons into unique patterns to create a piece of art you can hang on your wall at home.

**3D DESIGN: MINI GARDEN PLANTERS** ✓ 🤖

Tuesday, May 9, 6 – 7 pm

Design a cool planter to be fabricated on our 3D printer. We'll provide a low-maintenance plant, so you can enjoy a bit of nature indoors.

**VINYL CUTTER FINGERPRINT ART** ✓ 🤖

Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 – 8 pm

Create a stencil using our vinyl cutter and then fill in the blank spaces with a personal touch – your fingerprints!

**BUTTON TREES** ✓

Saturday, April 8, 11 am – Noon

Celebrate Earth Day! Join us as we turn an ordinary canvas into a colorful celebration of nature by using buttons to create beautiful tree art.

**POST-IT PIXEL ART**

Saturday, May 6, 2 – 3 pm

Make incredible, easy wall art out of Post-it® notes. We'll provide the theme and supplies, you provide the art for this drop-in program.



**CONVERT LAWNS TO EDIBLE** ✓**FOREST GARDENS****Tuesday, March 14, 7 – 8:30 pm**

Are you working for your yard or is your yard working for you? Learn how to create a low-maintenance garden designed with fruit and nut trees, shrubs, herbs, vines, and perennial vegetables. Presented by The Resiliency Institute.

**CELEBRATE EARTH MONTH!**

Join the Earth Month celebration sponsored by the Westmont Public Library and the Village of Westmont's Environmental Improvement Commission.

**NATURAL LAWN CARE** ✓**BASICS****Monday, March 27, 7 – 8 pm**

Learn how to create a healthier lawn and reduce the health risks and environmental impacts of pesticides and herbicides from Ryan Anderson of the Midwest Pesticide Action Center.

**SUSTAINABLE HOMES AND INDOOR GARDENING** ✓**Wednesday, April 12, 7 – 8 pm**

View a demonstration of how to grow leafy greens, herbs, and vegetables indoors year round using the latest home sustainability technology and methods. Presented by Victor Zaderej from Molex's Solid State Lighting Group.

**WHERE HAVE ALL THE MONARCHS GONE?** ✓**Wednesday, May 3, 7 – 8:30 pm**

Conservation specialist Pat Miller will look at historical environmental factors that affected the monarch butterfly population. Learn about current efforts to prevent the monarch population decline and what you can do to help.

**SOLVING YOUR YARD PROBLEMS** ✓**Thursday, May 18, 6 – 7 pm**

Do you have water puddles in your yard or heavy clay soil? Learn how to deal with these problems and the secrets to composting all your organic material. Presented by Jim Kleinwachter of The Conservation Foundation.

**THE MAKERY**

Visit [westmontlibrary.org/makery](http://westmontlibrary.org/makery) to learn more about our tools and software, find inspiration, and access how-to guides.

 *Look for this icon to find Makery programs for youth and teens, too!*

**HEMMIN' AND HAWIN': HOW TO HEM PANTS** ✓ **Thursday, March 2, 7 – 8:30 pm**

Receive a brief training on how to safely use our sewing machines, and then jump into a lesson on how to hem pants! Save yourself the time and cost of taking them somewhere and learn how to do it yourself. Sewing machines and materials will be provided.

**VHS TO DVD ORIENTATION** ✓ **Tuesday, March 14, 3 – 3:30 pm****Tuesday, April 11, 7 – 7:30 pm**

After a brief introduction to tools and policies, you'll be able to check out the VHS to DVD kit for in-library use and learn how you can bring in your own computer to digitize your videos!

**3D PRINT IT: PHOTO SUNCATCHERS** ✓ **Monday, April 10, 6 – 7 pm**

Transform a photo into a three-dimensional relief image that glows in your window. Please bring a digital copy of an image you would like to use. No prior design experience is required.

**SEW A PILLOWCASE** ✓ **Tuesday, April 25, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Learn a new sewing skill while making a three-seam pillowcase on the library's sewing machines. Instructor Jean Ceithami, expert sewing teacher, will teach the hot dog or burrito method to enclose seams on your finished creation. Basic sewing skills required. Sewing instructions and materials will be provided.

**ATTRACT BIRDS AND BUTTERFLIES TO YOUR YARD** ✓**Wednesday, March 8, 7 – 8 pm**

Welcome birds and butterflies into your yard using bird feeders and easy to grow plants and shrubs. Judi Davenport, a University of Illinois Master Gardener, leads this program.

**CREATE YOUR OWN WORD PUZZLES** ✓**Thursday, March 9, 7 – 8:30 pm**

Learn how to create your own crosswords or word searches – then take home a booklet with your puzzle inside!

**COLORING CLUB** ✓**Fridays, March 17, April 21, and May 19, 2 – 4 pm**

Drop in for a relaxing chance to color and socialize. Materials are provided.

**GUITARS 101** ✓**Thursday, March 23, 7 – 8 pm**

It's the perfect time to learn an instrument! The folks from Uncle Jon's Music Shop will teach you the basics. Guitars will be provided.

**MOLLIE'S WAR: WACS AND WWII** ✓**Wednesday, March 29, 7 – 8 pm**

Mollie's War author, Cyndee Schaffer, discusses women in the military during WWII and in particular, her mother's experiences as a member of the Women's Army Corps (WAC). Using excerpts from Mollie's letters written home to her family, Schaffer takes you on her mother's journey and discusses the writing process, from working with her mother to finding a publisher.

**THE ARTS AND THE ART OF DRESSING: 1920S STYLE** ✓**Wednesday, April 5, 7 – 8:15 pm**

This visual journey through the fashions and arts of the 1920s illustrates how fashion, architecture, fine art, and the decorative arts were linked. Learn about the inspirations that dictated the artistic tastes of the time with Annette M. Baldwin, who has a background with Marshall Field's and the Chicago American Institute of Architects. Dresses, hats, and jewelry from the 1920s will be displayed.

**SOAPS AND SUDS** ✓**Thursday, April 6, 7 – 8:30 pm**

Mold and scent your own soap and create your own bath bombs in this hands-on class.

**SPRING SWING: PETRA VAN NUIS AND CHRIS WHITE** ✓**Wednesday, April 19, 7 – 8 pm**

Celebrate spring and Jazz Appreciation Month with an evening of sunny jazz standards performed by vocalist Petra van Nuis and pianist Chris White.

**WESTMONT LIBRARY CINEMA** ✓**Wednesdays, April 26 and May 17, 2:30 – 4:30 pm**

Join us for an afternoon movie and popcorn with friends. April's film is *Jackie*, and in May we'll watch *Hidden Figures*.

**ESCAPE THE ROOM** ✓**Saturday, April 29****Select one session: 12 – 1 pm, 1 – 2 pm, 2 – 3 pm, 3 – 4 pm, 4 – 5 pm**

Collaborate with your friends to solve puzzles and escape the room in this fun and challenging timed program. Sign up as a group (maximum of six people) for a 45-minute session.

**BOOK A LIBRARIAN**

Do you need help learning how to use your tablet or phone? We can help. Librarians in our Adult Services department are available for up to one hour of individualized training to help Westmont cardholders.

To make an appointment, call 630 969 5625, ext 215 or fill out the online form at [westmontlibrary.org](http://westmontlibrary.org).

**DIY PHOTO RESTORATION** ✓**Thursday, May 4, 7 – 8 pm**

In this hands-on class with our librarians, we'll show you how to preserve and restore your old photographs using a free, easy-to-learn computer program. Materials will be provided.

**HOW TO SPEAK MIDWESTERN: THE EVOLUTION** ✓**OF THE CHICAGO ACCENT****Wednesday, May 10, 7 – 8 pm**

Learn about the changing Chicago accent in this program featuring classic local TV ads, videos of well-known “Chicagose” speakers, as well as ordinary Chicagoans. Local author Edward McClelland, who has appeared on NPR’s “Morning Shift” and whose writing has appeared in *The New York Times*, will be our guide.

**PEOPLE’S RESOURCE CENTER ART RECEPTION** ✓**Wednesday, May 17, 6 – 8 pm**

Enjoy an evening of art and meet local artists! All of the work on display is created by students involved in the People’s Resource Center Art Program. Light appetizers will be served.

*Co-sponsored by People’s Resource Center.*

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS: ANXIETY & DEPRESSION** ✓**Tuesday, May 23, 7 – 8 pm**

Learn about current perceptions of mental health from Gia Washington, a qualified mental health provider from the Sertoma Centre. She will provide an overview of mental health, with an emphasis on anxiety and depression.

**PAINT & SIP: FOR THE LOVE OF BIRDS** ✓**Wednesday May 24, 6:30 – 8 pm**

Paint our fine feathered friends in acrylics! Each participant will paint the bird of their choice as we concentrate on design and value. Taught by Terri Murphy, a children’s book and media illustrator. Supplies will be provided and non-alcoholic beverages will be served.

**TEAM TRIVIA****Mondays, March 6 & 20, April 3 & 17, and May 1 & 15, 7 – 9 pm**

Bring your friends out for a pub quiz challenge run by the WPL librarians. Grab a bite to eat, flex your knowledge skills, and have some fun while competing for cool prizes.

*Location: Neat Kitchen + Bar, 246 N Cass Ave, Westmont*

**4TH MONDAY BOOK GROUP****Mondays, March 27, April 24, and May 22, 7 – 9 pm**

Immerse yourself in fascinating lives, true crime, espionage, scandal, corruption, heroism, and heartaches in this book group. Join us as we explore the world – one book at a time!

*See [westmontlibrary.org/bookclubs](http://westmontlibrary.org/bookclubs) for upcoming titles.*

**KNIT CLIQUE****Tuesdays, March 7, April 4, and May 2, 6:30 – 8 pm**

Beginners and experienced crafters alike are invited to attend this casual group. Bring along your skills and projects. Enjoy the needle arts with us!

**UNREAL WORLD BOOK CLUB****Tuesdays, March 7, April 4, and May 2, 7 – 9 pm**

Come talk about books and films set in imaginative times and places.

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*Location: Grill 89, 800 E Ogden Ave, Westmont*

**WRITER’S GROUP****Thursdays, March 9 & 23, April 13 & 27, and May 11 & 25, 7 – 9 pm**

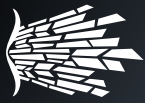
This interactive group is for adults interested in getting feedback from their peers on original writing.

**ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP****Saturdays, March 11 & 25, April 8 & 22, and May 13 & 27, 10 am – noon**

This informal and friendly conversation group is for all adult English learners. Join us as we improve our verbal English skills.

*Co-sponsored by Literacy DuPage.*





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### Library Hours

Monday - Thursday 10 am - 9 pm  
Friday + Saturday 10 am - 5 pm  
Sunday 1 pm - 5 pm

### Library Closings

Sunday, April 16  
Sunday, May 28  
Monday, May 29

### Library Board of Trustees

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### Library Staff

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