



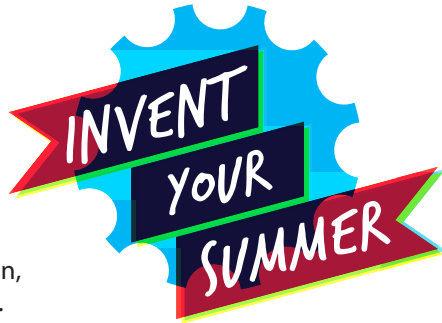
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PUBLIC LIBRARY

THE EXPLORER
JUNE • JULY • AUGUST

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INVENT YOUR SUMMER WITH THE LIBRARY

Westmont residents of all ages are invited to participate in our summer reading program from **June 6 through August 8**. The program will feature great events, fun prizes, and exciting activities that will encourage children to learn, explore, and grow all summer long.



Pick up your activity guide at the Summer Carnival on Saturday, June 6 or stop by the library to pick up a copy.



JOIN US FOR OUR FREE ANNUAL CARNIVAL

Kick off our summer reading program with a bang!

**Saturday, June 6
1 – 4 pm**

face painting · mini-golf · inflatable slide
carnival games · character visit · popcorn
snow cones · and more!

FOOD4FINES

Sunday, June 7 – Saturday, June 13

Let's stock the People's Resource Center Food Pantry and help feed our hungry neighbors! Donate food to families in need and have your library fines waived during our annual Food4Fines program. During open hours for one week, June 7 – 13, Westmont cardholders with overdue fines may exchange one box or can of non-perishable food for \$1 worth of fines, up to \$20 total. Fines for damaged, lost, or replacement items, or fees incurred at other libraries will not be waived. See a staff member for more details.

LIBRARIANS AROUND TOWN

Look for our librarians out and about this summer! We'll be at the Westmont Street Fair every Thursday, June through August from 6 – 8 pm. Stop by our table for a fun activity for children and find out what's going on this summer at WPL. And, don't miss a chance to win prizes at our Taste of Westmont booth on July 10 – 12.

GRANT FUNDS AWARDED

The library received a grant from the Secretary of State's office in the amount of \$30,856.25 to support our programming efforts this coming year as well as fund marketing and technology services for these programs.

The library will use a significant portion of the grant money to develop, fund, and provide a diverse schedule of programs including textile workshops; music, art, foreign language, and literacy classes; and software-based programs for the Westmont community. Stay tuned for more information.

IN THE ART GALLERY

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

June	Thomas Serb — Charcoal and Conte Drawings
July + Aug	Mary Launi — Watercolor Paintings

LAPSIT STORYTIME (AGES 0 – 2)**Tuesdays, June 2 – July 28, 11:15 – 11:45 am**

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

STORYTIME! (AGES 0 – 6)**Thursdays, June 4 – July 30, 10:15 – 10:45 am**

Children aged 0 – 6 will enjoy stories, fingerplays, music, and movement activities with their caregiver and peers.

TODDLER + ME PLAYGROUP (AGES 0 – 6)**Thursdays after Storytime, June 4 – July 30
10:45 – 11:45 am**

This popular play time includes a variety of toys and books. Drop in and socialize with other caregivers while your child plays!

MAY THERE ALWAYS BE SUNSHINE STORYTIME (AGES 3 – 6)**Saturday, July 11, 2 – 3 pm**

Come and hear Jim Gill's books, get moving to his music, and make a summertime craft.

BACKYARD WILDLIFE (AGES 3 – 6)**Sunday, August 2, 2 – 3 pm**

Learn about common backyard animals through activities and stories presented by Willowbrook Wildlife Center naturalists.

PROGRAMMING NOTES

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.

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

We encourage our patrons to enroll in programs at least one week prior to the date of the program. Programs with low enrollment may be canceled or rescheduled.

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

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**INVENT
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SUMMER**

BRUNCH BUNCH (GRADES K – 3) ✓**Tuesdays in June + July, 10:15 – 11 am**

Listen to a story while enjoying a breakfast snack. After the story, we'll create a related craft and have a chance to talk about the book we read.

ROBOTICS FOR KIDS (GRADES 2 – 5) ✓**Wednesday, June 10, 2 – 3 pm**

Join us for a new robotics course taught by Sylvan Learning that helps kids plan and build a robot using LEGO bricks. Along the way, children will learn science and engineering concepts such as how pulleys, levers, and motors work and make the creations move.

VIDEOGAME DESIGN CLUB ✓**Thursdays, 6/11, 6/25, 7/9, 7/23, 8/13
4:15 – 5:15 pm or 5:15 – 6:15 pm**

This club will take you through the steps of designing your very own video game using MIT's game design program, Scratch!

Registration is required for only the first session in your time slot; you will automatically be signed up for all sessions at that time.

DROP IN SCIENCE SESSIONS ✓**Thursdays in July, 10:15 – 11:45 am**

Explore hands-on science each Thursday in July as we conduct a different experiment or exploration project. All materials will be supplied.

3D DESIGN CLASS ✓**Thursday, July 16, 4 – 5:30 pm**

Ever wonder how designers create 3D objects for printing or design fantastic objects in movies? Join us to learn how to design 3D objects using a program called Tinkercad. When we're done, objects will be printed by Microcenter, and available for class members to pick up and take home one week after class.

LEGO ROBOTICS ✓**Monday, July 20 – Wednesday, July 22, 3 – 5 pm**

Have fun playing and learning with LEGO robotics in this three-day class. We will be using our imagination to design and build robots that can solve problems.

Registration is required for only the first day; you will automatically be signed up for all three days.

REPTILES IN REVIEW ✓**Sunday, July 26, 2 – 3 pm**

Learn how reptiles differ from other terrestrial vertebrates through a variety of fun activities. Naturalists from Willowbrook Wildlife Center will also introduce you to live reptiles!

LEGO BALLOON RACER CHALLENGE ✓**Saturday, August 22, 2 – 3:30 pm**

Build a balloon-powered racer with LEGOs. Then, we'll race our creations and judge speed and distance in a variety of challenges! All materials will be supplied.

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STEAMPUNK TREASURE BOX CREATIONS ✓

Monday, June 15, 7 – 8:30 pm

Make a Time Traveler's Treasure Chest using gears, watch parts, keys, locks, glass, and steampunk themed rubber stamps. Local artist, Carol Thomas, has taught workshops and appeared at Steampunk-cons throughout the country. All supplies provided.

CODING CAMP ✓

Wednesday, July 8, noon – 4 pm

Are you interested in creating videogames or general programming? At Coding Camp, a library staff member will give you the basics to get started, and then help you through writing your first program. A pizza lunch will be provided.

BRUSHBOT MAKE AND RACE ✓

Saturday, July 18, 1:30 – 2:30 pm

What's a BrushBot? It's a toothbrush with a tiny vibrating motor that turns the bristles into little legs then scoots like a crazy bug! Create your own unique BrushBot and then race it against the others. All supplies will be provided.

WANTED: TEEN VOLUNTEERS!

WPL is looking for young adults ages 12 and up interested in summer volunteer hours at the library. A variety of opportunities are available to help earn service hours or just to make a difference in your community! Fill out an application online at westmontlibrary.org or pick one up next time you visit the library.

SUMMER CARNIVAL

Saturday, June 6, 1 – 4 pm

Start your summer at the library's annual carnival!

See page 2 for more details.

THE MAGIC STORYTELLER (AGES 4+)

Friday, July 17, 2 – 3 pm

Join us for a fun show by Chris McBrien, The Magic Storyteller. Watch jaw dropping magic, award winning ventriloquism, and professional comedy from this former fine arts and drama teacher. You will even learn a few magic tricks you can do at home with things from around your home!

END-OF-SUMMER CONCERT FEATURING RALPH COVERT

Friday, August 28, 6:30 pm

Help us say goodbye to summer with a solo acoustic concert with Ralph Covert from Ralph's World. Known for his rollicking good times, Ralph will have everyone on their feet, dancing and singing along to his family-friendly rock and roll. A concert as fun for parents as it is for kids—you won't want to miss it!



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4TH MONDAY BOOK GROUP

Mondays, 6/22, 7/27, 8/24, 7 – 9 pm

Share your thoughts and opinions on popular titles! This group meets monthly in the library meeting room. Books are available for checkout one month in advance.

- June** *2 A.M. at The Cat's Pajamas* by Marie Helene Bertino
July *Confessions of a Jane Austin Addict* by Laurie Viera Rigler
August *The Confession* by John Grisham

UNREAL WORLD BOOK CLUB

Tuesdays, 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 7 – 9 pm

Come talk about books set in imaginative times and places. We meet monthly at J Flemings Absolutely Delicious, 18 N Cass Ave, Westmont.

- June** *The Difference Engine* by William Gibson and Bruce Sterling
July *Soulless* by Gail Carriger
August *Diamond Age* by Neal Stephenson

NONFICTION BOOK GROUP

Saturdays, 6/6, 7/11, 8/1, 10:30 am – noon

We'll explore biographies, memoirs, psychology, politics, and more.

- June** *Soldier Girls: The Battles of Three Women at Home and at War*
by Helen Thorpe
July *Law of the Jungle: The \$19 Billion Legal Battle Over Oil in the
Rain Forest and the Lawyer Who'd Stop at Nothing to Win*
by Paul Barrett
August *The Map Thief: The Gripping Story of an Esteemed Rare-Map
Dealer Who Made Millions Stealing Priceless Maps*
by Michael Blanding

KNIT CLIQUE

Tuesdays, 6/2, 7/7, 8/4, 6:30 – 8 pm

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

TEAM TRIVIA NIGHTS AT SWEET & SAVORY SPOT

Wednesdays, 6/10, 6/24, 7/8, 7/22, 8/5, 8/19, 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: Sweet & Savory Spot, 31 N Cass Ave, Westmont.

WRITERS GROUP

Thursdays, 6/11, 6/25, 7/9, 7/23, 8/13, 8/27, 7 – 8:30 pm

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

MEDITATION AND MINDFULNESS GROUP

Fridays, 6/26, 7/31, 8/28, 11 am – noon

Join Michael Ribet, long-time meditator, for an engaging meditation series. Michael will demonstrate natural and effective techniques of meditation while providing useful directions for deepening and stabilizing our practices to gain inner bliss and peace. All skill levels welcome.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Saturdays, 6/13, 6/27, 7/11, 7/25, 8/8, 8/22, 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.



CREATIVE WRITING SEMINAR ✓**Tuesday, June 2, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Published author Julie Stiegemeyer will lead this program on how to improve your creative writing skills! Get tips on brainstorming, taking your project through the revision process, and next steps for publication.

NATIVE PLANTS FOR ALL SEASONS ✓**Sunday, June 7, 2 – 3 pm**

As summer kicks into full swing, learn from Master Gardener Deb McCullough as she shares her expertise on choosing and caring for native plants.

TAI CHI AND QI GONG ✓**Saturdays, 6/13, 6/27, 8/1, 8/15, 3:30 – 4:30 pm**

Gail Galivan of Inner Alchemy will provide an introduction to the gentle practices of Tai Chi for the first two sessions and Qi Gong for the final two sessions. The class has been adapted for all abilities.

SIMPLE SUMMER HAIR ✓**Wednesday, June 17, 7 – 8:30 pm**

Just in time for summer weddings, join Flux Hair Salon stylists as they show us how to do simple up-dos for beautiful summer hair. Participants will also have a chance to make their own healthy, homemade hair products.

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES**DOWNLOADING EBOOKS WITH ENTERPRISE** ✓**Sunday, June 14, 2 – 3:30 pm**

Our new online catalog, Enterprise, enables you to checkout ebooks with one click! Learn how to prepare your device to receive library material, easily find compatible books for your reader, and manage your digital checkouts! Participants should bring their own eReader. You must have a Westmont Library card in good standing to download ebooks.

DOWNLOADABLE MAGAZINES ✓**Sunday July 19, 2 – 3:30 pm**

Westmont Public Library cardholders can download more than 100 magazine titles with the library's Zinio app, including *Us Weekly*, *The Economist*, and *OK! Magazine*. Some magazines like *National Geographic* are enhanced with digital content such as video and sound files. The Zinio app is compatible with Apple (iOS), Android and Windows based products, as well as some Kindle and Nook versions. Participants should bring a device to download magazines.

INTERNET BASICS FOR BEGINNERS ✓**Monday, July 20, 6 – 7:30 pm**

This class, taught by a library staff member, will provide hands-on, beginner level instruction in how to use a browser, visit popular websites, and use Google effectively.

BRUNCH AND LEARN ✓**Saturday, June 20, 10 – 11 am**

Enjoy a light brunch with Julia Coen, library director, and Kate Buckson, assistant director, as they discuss the library year in review and highlight new and exciting changes to services and the facility. Questions, comments, and suggestions from residents are encouraged!

WESTMONT BLOOD DRIVE**Monday, July 6, 1 – 7 pm**

Donate blood today and save up to three lives in our community. Nationally, someone needs blood every two seconds and there are 4.5 million lives saved each year by blood transfusion. The donation process takes less than an hour and is perfectly safe. Blood donors must weigh at least 110 pounds and be in general good health. You will receive FREE cholesterol screening and FREE blood typing! Ages 17 years and up (16 years with parental consent).

Co-sponsored by Westmont Park District.

BEEKEEPING 101 ✓**Sunday, July 12, 2 – 3 pm**

Learn about the fascinating honeybee and how to become a beekeeper. Pete Soltesz, president of Cook-DuPage County Beekeepers Association, has been a beekeeper since his youth and will share his knowledge with us.

ILLINOIS READS BOOK DISCUSSION: ✓***THE DAY I ATE WHATEVER I WANTED*****Tuesday, July 14, noon – 1:30 pm**

Share your thoughts during this bring your own brown bag lunch discussion led by a librarian on *The Day I Ate Whatever I Wanted* by Elizabeth Berg. We will provide beverages and a dessert.

FELT CUFF BRACELET DESIGN ✓**Tuesday, July 14, 6 – 8:30 pm**

Create a funky, felt wrist bracelet and wear it home! Participants will make a unique cuff bracelet based on an ancient method of creating fabrics that uses the natural properties of animal hair, water, soap, and your hands. All materials will be supplied; no sewing or knitting experience is needed. Led by Tammy L. Deck, fiber artist and owner of Westmont based TLD Design Center and Gallery. Teens ages 14+ are also welcome.

CHEF SEAN CURRY COOKS WITH HONEY ✓**Saturday, July 25, 1 – 2 pm**

Chef Curry will discuss how he helped bring beekeeping to Westmont and to the roof of the Hilton / Chicago Oak Brook Hills Resort. Chef Curry will also cook with honey and provide samples.

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO THE GOLDEN AGE OF RADIO ✓**Sunday, August 16, 2 – 3 pm**

Steve Darnall, host of "Those Were the Days" on WDCB (90.9 FM), looks at some of the biggest shows and stars to emerge from the early years of radio, including Jack Benny, Bob Hope, Amos & Andy, and The Shadow, with sound clips and stories about how radio became America's first mass medium.

PROGRESSIVE VILLAGE PERFORMANCE NETWORK ✓
PRESENTS AT THE LIBRARY *AS YOU LIKE IT***Friday, August 21, 7 – 8:30 pm**

Enjoy this special PVPN performance of *As You Like It* by William Shakespeare. The story follows its heroine Rosalind as she flees persecution in her uncle's court. Accompanied by her cousin-cousin Celia and the court fool, she journeys to the Forest of Arden looking for Rosalind's banished father. In the forest, they meet the character who says one of Shakespeare's most famous quotes, "All the world's a stage."



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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

Saturday, July 4

Library Board Meetings

The Board of Library Trustees meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. The public is invited to attend.

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