

WESTMONT READS ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Each year, we select one book and invite the community to connect through a shared reading experience. We are excited to announce our Westmont Reads book for 2017 is Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll.

Beginning on January 3, free copies of the book will be available while supplies last. Read the book with your children or for yourself, then join us throughout January and February for conversations and events centered on the themes.

Family activity guides will be available at Alice's Wonderland Extravaganza on Saturday, January 14 or after that date in our youth department. The guide provides fun reading and activity goals to complete and turn in for prizes.

Alice's Wonderland Extravaganza Saturday, January 14 1 – 4 pm Youth department



Programs are highlighted with a special *Alice in Wonderland* symbol throughout this newsletter.

Visit our website at westmontlibrary.org/westmontreads for more about programs and to register.

About the Book

Alice in Wonderland was the creation of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson (1832–1898), a distinguished scholar, mathematician, and author who wrote under the pseudonym Lewis Carroll. Although the book is written for young readers, adults also enjoy this fantastic tale credited with transforming children's literature.

The story tells the tales of Alice's adventures in a bizarre, topsy-turvy land underground. Alice encounters a cast of strange characters and fanciful beasts on her adventures, including the White Rabbit, Mad Hatter, Cheshire Cat, the Queen of Hearts, and many others.



MAIN FLOOR RENOVATIONS

Please pardon our dust as we undergo main floor renovations this winter including updates to the bathrooms, creating a new study area for patrons, and adding more shelving to showcase our collections. The renovation is scheduled to begin in January and be completed in April. We'll keep you posted on the exciting changes coming to your library!

LIBRARY BOARD ELECTION

Library Trustees are responsible for overseeing finances, setting policy, and guiding the strategic vision of the library. Responsibilities include attending monthly Board meetings on the third Tuesday of every month and occasional committee meetings.

There will be two Trustee seats open on the April 4, 2017 ballot. Interested candidates can pick up application packets from the Village of Westmont Business Office or download them online. Completed packets must be filed between December 12 and 19, 2016.

Terms begin in May 2017.

FRIENDS OF THE **WESTMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The next Friends meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7 beginning at 7 pm.

The Friends of the Westmont Public Library wish to thank the following Platinum and Silver sponsors:

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Join us for hot cocoa in the lobby when you line up for the Holly Days **Frosty and Friends** parade on Saturday, November 26, 4 - 5 pm.

IN THE ART GALLERY

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

December Christine Ploense — Watercolor Paintings **January & February** Jean Heasley — Oil Paintings: Landscapes



PRE-READERS

DROP-IN PROGRAMS

LANGUAGE STORYTIME (Ages 0 – 6)

Mondays, 10:15 - 10:45 am

French: January 16 & 30, February 6 & 20

Spanish: January 23 and February 13

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

STORYTIME! (Ages 0 – 6)

Tuesdays, January 17 - February 21, 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, January 10 & 24 and February 7 & 21, 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!

REGISTERED PROGRAMS

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME (Ages 3 ½ – 6)



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, January 18 - February 22, 10:15 - 11 am OR Thursdays, January 19 - February 23, 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.

TODDLER STORYTIME (Ages 2 – 3)



Wednesdays, January 18 - February 22, 11:15 am - noon OR Thursdays, January 19 - February 23, 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.

FOR PARENTS

SMART SNACKS



Saturday, January 28, 2 – 3 pm

Get up-to-date information on healthy snacking for your young child. A registered, licensed dietician will provide ideas for nutritious, delicious, and fun snacks.

RAISING READERS: READING COMPREHENSION



Saturday, February 11, 2 - 3 pm

Wondering what to do after you've read a book with your child? In this workshop, led by Literacy Connections & Advocates, you and your child will listen to a story, and then participate in a reading comprehension activity. Families will walk away with a collection of fun and simple activities to determine if your child "got it."

WAY TO GROW: CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT



Saturday, February 25, 2 - 3:30 pm

Three pediatric therapists, a licensed speech, occupational, and physical therapist from Communication Clubhouse, Inc., will discuss typical development and milestones. O & A time will follow.

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.

R.E.A.D. WITH A THERAPY PET



Monday, January 23 and February 27, 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 ART CLUB



Tuesday, January 17 and February 14, 3:30 – 4:30 pm

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

MARBLE RUN FUN



Thursday, January 12, 4:15 - 5:15 pm

Explore kinetic energy and velocity by constructing a marble run roller coaster with tunnels and hills.

TREATS & POTIONS: BOARD GAME DESIGN



Wednesday, January 25, 4:15 - 5:15 pm

Re-create the fun family game, Chutes and Ladders, with an *Alice in* Wonderland twist! After we design the game, we'll play a round or two.

SCIENCE EXPLORATION: MAKE IT MOVE



Thursday, February 9, 4:15 - 5:15 pm

Investigate forces and motion by making a vehicle move without using vour hands!

CHESHIRE CHAT: BOOK DISCUSSION AND CRAFT



Saturday, February 18, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Whether you read the original or enjoy a re-telling of this classic tale, come chat about the book, *Alice in Wonderland*. After the discussion, we'll create one-of-a-kind Wonderland maps to guide your imaginative journeys.

DESIGN A CARD HOUSE



Wednesday, February 22, 4:15 - 5:15 pm

Put real-life engineering principles to use and design a house of cards with a partner. Then, test your creations with a variety of weighted objects to see who can design the strongest!

CREATIVE WRITING & ART



Mondays, January 16 - February 27, 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Unlock your creative side! Experience hands-on storytelling through art and writing. This group will focus on two-dimensional art projects like drawing, painting, and collage, as well as creative writing exercises. Materials will be provided.

Hosted by People's Resource Center.

MAKE A MAD HAT



Wednesday, January 18, 3:45 - 5:15 pm

Design and construct a unique hat just like the Mad Hatter using tagboard and a variety of other fun, provided materials.

SCIENCE EXPLORATION: MICROSCOPES



Tuesday, January 31, 4:15 - 5:15 pm

Discover a world kept hidden from our eyes when we use microscopes to investigate plant life.

52 CARD FUN



Wednesday, February 8, 4:15 - 5:15 pm

Learn and play a variety of card games and then create an Alice in Wonderland playing card soldier to take home.

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Wonderland! After the discussion, we'll create one-of-a-kind Wonderland maps to guide your imaginative journeys.

LEARN TO CODE: HOPSCOTCH



Monday, February 20, 2:15 - 3:15 pm

Learn the basics of coding and programming with the Hopscotch app to create your own games, art, and websites.





FINALS FRENZY

Thursday, December 15, 4 - 9 pm Friday - Sunday, December 16, 17, & 18, 1 - 5 pm

Need a quiet space to study for finals or a place to finish that group project? We have a room set aside for you and all of your study needs. Snacks will be provided for those much-needed breaks.

LAPTOP STICKERS 🐼 😭





Tuesday, January 10, 4 - 5:30 pm

Make your laptop unique! Design and print a custom laptop sticker using our vinyl cutter.

WONDERLAND FACE PAINTING



Thursday, January 19, 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Bring Alice's Wonderland to life! Transform yourself into the Mad Hatter or the Queen of Hearts with face paint.

3D VALENTINES 💙 🕥





Thursday, February 2, 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Design and print a one-of-a-kind valentine using Tinkercad, an easy-to-use 3D design program, and the library's 3D printer.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Monday, February 13, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Join us for a night of trivia guestions either solo or with a group. We will form teams and the winners will get a bundle of prizes, including gift cards to your favorite spots around town.

UNBIRTHDAY PARTY



Thursday, February 23, 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Celebrate your "unbirthday" with us! We'll sip hot cocoa while we make dry cookie dough mix to take home. Just add eggs and butter, then bake.





WINTER WONDERLAND STORYTIME

Saturday, December 3, 2 - 2:30 pm

Escape the cold and listen to stories that celebrate the coming winter season in this Holly Days program!

SNOWFLAKE STUDIO

Saturday, December 3, 2:45 – 3:30 pm

Join us as we turn the youth department into a winter wonderland by recreating various types of snow. We'll make traditional paper snowflakes, 3D paper snowflakes, and more!

COZY COCOA MUG CRAFT



Monday, December 5, 7 – 8 pm

Make a personalized cocoa mug and enjoy hot chocolate to ward off the winter chill.

ALICE'S WONDERLAND EXTRAVAGANZA



Saturday, January 14, 1 – 4 pm

Celebrate the curious and curiouser and help us as we paint the roses red, unhide and seek the Cheshire Cat, and more! Enjoy performances of the classic tale by the Progressive Village Performance Network (PVPN) at 1 and 3 pm. Enjoy crafts, activities, and games at 2 pm. Activity guides will also be available at this event.

INTERACTIVE WONDERLAND: BASIC BALLET (Ages 5+)



Saturday, February 4, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Take a magical and memorable trip down the rabbit hole with Salt Creek Ballet instructor Kelly Stokes. Participants will learn basic ballet steps as well as create and perform their own dance movements for characters from Alice in Wonderland. Class will end with a demonstration by a Salt Creek Ballet company member.

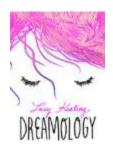


STAFF RECOMMEND BOOKS, MOVIES, AND MORE

more. Looking for a fantasy epic or teen



to check back often at westmontlibrary.org/bookrecs.



REVIEWS

DREAMOLOGY by Lucy Keating

Excerpted review by Jordan Bumber

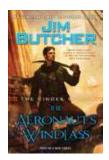
Dreamology puts a brainy twist on traditional teen romance, and will make readers dream in the same cotton candy way Alice does. ... A plus for young readers is that there is no cursing, sexual content, or violence in this teen read. It is just plain sweet. Ultimately, Dreamology is perfect for fans of young love and whimsical adventure.

THE WOLF AMONG US by Telltale Games

Excerpted review by Kathleen Gomez

It looks like a blend of a comic book and an '80s movie, with heavy black lines, stark shading, and a neon color palette. And yet, it still somehow manages to look and feel like a detective noir. The mystery has so many twists and turns, it keeps you guessing up until the very end.





THE AERONAUT'S WINDLASS by Jim Butcher **Excerpted review by Alex Carlson**

The Aeronaut's Windlass shows Butcher at the top of his game. Those of us who have read his series *The Dresden* Files can see the progression he has made as a writer. The Aeronaut's Windlass is proof that The Cinder Spires series is not one to be missed.

THE MAKERY

Visit 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!

RECLAIMED SWEATER MITTENS





Thursday, December 8, 7 – 8:30 pm

Make a pair of winter mittens made out of reclaimed sweaters using our sewing machines. Sewing instructions and materials will be provided.

SEW YOUR OWN HAND WARMERS





Thursday, January 19, 7 – 8:30 pm

Make hand warmers to keep your hands toasty warm on cold winter days. Sewing machine instruction and materials will be provided.

MINIMIZE YOURSELF





Thursday, January 26, 7 - 8:30 pm

Like Alice, who became small from a potion that said "drink me," we'll become small too. Make a miniature version of yourself using our 3D scanner and 3D printer.

GET CREATIVE

Sewing Machines & Vinyl Cutter

Did you know Westmont cardholders can check out our sewing machines or vinyl cutter to work on your own projects at the library? To get started, schedule a one-on-one training session at westmontlibrary.org/makery.

3D Printer

Calling tinkerers, designers, engineers, and curious folk of all ages! We're offering 3D printing services to Westmont cardholders. Bring your model, we'll help you

VHS to DVD Converter

Do you have old VHS tapes but no way to watch them? Make an appointment at westmontlibrary.org/makery to learn how to use our conversion equipment to digitize your tapes or turn them into DVDs.

EXPLORE SALZBURG: THE SOUND OF MUSIC CITY



Wednesday, December 7, 7 - 8 pm

Explore this great Austrian city through the eyes of seasoned European traveler, Al Popowits, a retired history and geography teacher with more than 40 years of travel experience. Enjoy a visual tour of many great landmarks in Salzburg including the palaces and locations associated with the film. The Sound of Music.

COLORING CLUB

Fridays, Dec. 16, Jan. 20, and Feb. 17, 2 - 4 pm

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

WESTMONT LIBRARY CINEMA



Wednesdays, January 11 and February 8, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Join us for an afternoon movie and popcorn with friends. January's film is Eddie the Eagle, and in February we will be watching Florence Foster Jenkins.

WHEN FOOTBALL WAS FOOTBALL



Thursday, January 12, 7 - 7:45 pm

Author and lifelong South Side Chicago resident, Joe Ziemba, provides a humorous look at the wacky early days of professional football. Relive the rowdy, formative years of the NFL's oldest franchise, the Chicago (now Arizona) Cardinals through rare archival photos and surprising insight into local historical figures.

PAINT & SIP



Wednesday, January 18, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Escape the winter blues and decrease your stress level by stepping into the wonderful world of watercolors! Professional artist and instructor Christine Ploense will guide you as you create your own art piece. Supplies will be provided and non-alcoholic beverages will be served.





NEUROPLASTICITY & AGELESS GRACE®



Tuesday, January 24, 7 – 8 pm

Teach an older brain new tricks with Ageless Grace®, a chair-based activity program that uses 21 tools to engage your brain and body while having fun! Wear comfortable clothes and bring a spirit of playfulness to this program taught by Cindy Nissen, R.N. and health education specialist.

AGATHA CHRISTIE: PACKING FOR SYRIA



Tuesday, January 31, 7 – 8 pm

Experience a theatrical portrayal of the "Queen of Crime" Agatha Christie by Betsey Means, artistic director of WomanLore who performed with the Chicago Shakespeare Theatre. In this portrayal, based on Christie's memoir about archaeological trips she made with her husband, you'll join the author at her beloved Greenway home as she packs for a trip to Syria.

BIRTHDAY CAKE DECORATING



Tuesday, February 7, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Interested in becoming your own cake boss or just want to know how to decorate a cake? Join us for a birthday themed cake decorating class at Mariano's. Basic frosting and piping will be demonstrated. Take home your own 5-inch cake to enjoy!

Location: Mariano's, 150 W 63rd St, Westmont

APPY HOUR: TAP HOUSE GRILL



Wednesday, February 8, 7 - 8:30 pm

Join us for appetizers and apps! Learn about the trendiest and best free apps available with your library card in a relaxing environment. Appetizers are courtesy of Tap House Grill. Beverages will be available for purchase.

Location: Tap House Grill, 6010 S Cass Ave, Westmont

PLAYING CARDS: HEARTS



Thursday, February 9, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Learn how to play the easy, trick-taking card game, Hearts, during this tutorial and open-play opportunity. Bring your friends or come on your own!

MAD HATTER TEA PARTY



Wednesday, February 15, 2:30 - 4 pm

Enjoy tea, treats, and a lively discussion of *Alice in Wonderland*. If you've enjoyed reading the book or watching one of the movie adaptations of this classic, then join our discussion led by two Westmont librarians. Although hats are optional, the person with the most outlandish hat wins a prize!

THE MO' BEAT BLUES SHOW



Wednesday, February 22, 7 – 8 pm

Samuel Lozada, "The Louis Armstrong of the Harmonica," and singer Janice Lozada bring their musical variety show to the library! Their show includes familiar songs from many genres, harmonica solos, and amazing vocals.

CONSERVATION @ HOME



Thursday, February 23, 7 – 8 pm

Learn how to create a more eco-friendly yard from Jim Kleinwachter of The Conservation Foundation. He will share a variety of techniques for transforming your yard, including the use of rain barrels, rain gardens, and the selection and use of native plants.

ORGANIZING FOR YOUR PERSONALITY TYPE



Tuesday, February 28, 7 – 8 pm

Are you right-brained or left-brained? Everyone can be organized once they know what works for them. Find out your best organizing style with Beth Randall, international professional speaker and owner of Joe Organizer.



TEAM TRIVIA

Mondays, Dec. 5 & 19, Jan. 9 & 23, and Feb. 6 & 20, 7 - 9 pm

Bring your friends out for a pub guiz 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, Dec. 26 (offsite), Jan. 23, and Feb. 27, 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 for upcoming titles.

KNIT CLIQUE

Tuesdays, Dec. 6, Jan. 3, and Feb. 7, 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, Dec. 6, Jan. 3, and Feb. 7, 7 - 9 pm

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

See westmontlibrary.org/bookclubs for upcoming titles. Location: Sushi House, 830 E Ogden Ave, Westmont

WRITER'S GROUP

Thursdays, Dec. 8 & 22, Jan. 12 & 26, and Feb. 9 & 23, 7 – 9 pm

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

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Saturdays, Dec. 10, Jan. 14 & 28, Feb. 11 & 25, 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.

ADULT EVENTS



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Monday – Thursday 10 am – 9 pm Friday + Saturday 10 am – 5 pm,

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