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# THE EXPLORER

December 2017 • January & February 2018

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# WESTMONT READS *GRIMMS' FAIRY TALES*

Discover and share the magic of fairy tales with us this winter during Westmont Reads! We invite the Westmont community to connect through this shared reading experience. Our **Westmont Reads book for 2018 is *Grimms' Fairy Tales*** by Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm, with separate editions for children and adults.

Pick up a free copy of *Grimms' Fairy Tales* beginning Wednesday, January 3 (for adults) and Saturday, January 13 (for youth) during our kick-off party (see details on page 3). We invite you to attend programs centered on the stories to enhance your reading fun! Copies of the books will be available while supplies last.

Visit our website at [westmontlibrary.org/westmontreads](http://westmontlibrary.org/westmontreads) to learn more about the book, the programs, and to register.



Programs are highlighted with a special Grimms' Fairy Tales symbol throughout this newsletter.



## ABOUT THE BOOK

*Grimms' Fairy Tales* is a collection of folk and fairy tales by the German brothers Jacob (1785–1863) and Wilhelm (1786–1859) Grimm. The “brothers Grimm” wanted to preserve Germany’s heritage through traditional stories. Published in 1812 and 1814, the collection included some of the best-known fairy tales of all time. The stories featuring giants, elves, witches, princesses, and magical beasts have delighted children and adults for generations.

Eleven stories are included in the children’s edition we have selected, including favorites alongside lesser known but equally delightful stories. The book is printed in easy-to-read type and accompanied by original illustrations. In the edition for adults, readers will enjoy classics such as “The Frog Prince” and “Hansel and Gretel” while also finding new favorites.



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## SAVE THE DATE



### WEEK OF THANKS

We will offer **Fine Forgiveness** during the week of **November 20 – 25**. Stop by the library Monday through Friday from 3 – 6 pm for a surprise thank you gift or activity. The Week of Thanks ends Saturday with a special treat in our lobby from noon – 2 pm.



### FROSTY AND FRIENDS PARADE

Join us for hot cocoa in the lobby before the Holly Days Frosty and Friends Parade on **Saturday, November 25 from 4 to 4:45 pm**. The parade begins at 5 pm on Cass outside the library. Visit [hollydaysfestival.com](http://hollydaysfestival.com) for more information about Holly Days!

## TRAVELING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON? MAKE TIME FLY WITH CLOUDLIBRARY AUDIOBOOKS



The holidays often bring long trips for families. Help pass the time with audiobooks that the whole family will enjoy. We recently added more than 10,000 titles to cloudLibrary so you have more choices than ever before! Visit the audiobook section of our Digital Branch at [westmontlibrary.org/digitalbranch](http://westmontlibrary.org/digitalbranch) and use your library card to start your listening fun!

## IN THE ART GALLERY

Enjoy work from the following artists in our new first floor gallery.

**December** Fanny Moy Beube — Oil, acrylic, and pastel paintings & drawings  
**January & February** Kevin Rodde — Photographs of nature, landscapes, and architecture  
Interesting in displaying your artwork? For more information, visit [westmontlibrary.org/exhibits-and-displays](http://westmontlibrary.org/exhibits-and-displays).



**FRIENDS** of the  
WESTMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Friends of the Library Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 9, 7 – 8 pm**  
All are welcome!



When you shop at AmazonSmile, a donation will be made to the Friends of the Library group.

## FAMILY (All Ages)

Registration is required for programs with a checkmark. ✓

Registration begins **Wednesday, November 15 at 10 am.**

Register online at [westmontlibrary.org/events](http://westmontlibrary.org/events), by phone at 630 969 5625, or in person.

### A GRIMM CELEBRATION: WESTMONT READS KICK-OFF PARTY 🍎

**Saturday, January 13, 2 – 4 pm**

Join the Youth Services department once upon a Saturday to sample Jack's magic beans, go on a scavenger hunt to find the basket of goodies for Little Red Riding Hood's grandmother, and more in this celebration to kick-off our Westmont Reads program! Enjoy storytelling by Megan Wells at 2 pm and crafts, activities, and games at 3 pm. Activity guides will also be available at this event.

*Co-sponsored by the Prairie Area Reading Council.*

### CANDY COTTAGES ✓ 🍎

**Tuesday, February 13, 6 – 7 pm**

Build a yummy cottage perfect for a wicked witch! We will provide goodies like icing, gumdrops, and licorice to build our house. Materials will be provided. Wicked witch not included.

### ANIMAL VISIT WITH BIG RUN WOLF RANCH 🍎

**Wednesday, February 28, 6 – 7 pm**

You won't find any big, bad wolves in this program! We'll learn about a variety of North American wildlife, including wolves, coyotes, woodchucks, and skunks with live animals from the folks at Big Run Wolf Ranch.

### WINTER OWL TALK

**Saturday, December 9, 1:30 – 2:15 pm**

Meet a live owl and learn the natural history of these expert birds of prey using biofacts, such as wings, feet, skulls, and photos with the folks from Willowbrook Wildlife Center.

### WHAT A HOOT! PINECONE OWLS

**Saturday, December 9, 2:30 – 3:15 pm**

Create your own owl to take home using a pinecone, other craft supplies, and your imagination! Materials provided for this program.

### LUNAR NEW YEAR DANCE

**Saturday, February 3, 1 – 2 pm**

Bring the family to celebrate the Lunar New Year through the artistry of traditional Taiwanese dancers, Olinda Chang and Mei Xu. The dancers will perform six beautiful pieces and provide a historical background of each dance. Bring your questions for a Q & A session after the show.

*Sponsored by the Friends of the Westmont Public Library.*



# PRE-READERS

(Ages 0 – 6)

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## STORYTIMES

### LANGUAGE STORYTIME

(Ages 0 – 6 years)

**Mondays, 10:15 – 10:45 am**

**French: Dec. 4, Jan. 15 & 29, and Feb. 12 & 26**

**Spanish: Dec. 11, Jan. 22, and Feb. 5 & 19**

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

*Spanish storytimes sponsored by the Friends of the Westmont Public Library.*

### STORYTIME!

(Ages 0 – 6 years)

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

*See dates and times below.*

🐼 *Belle from Beauty and the Beast will visit on Tuesday, January 16!*

### MY FIRST STORYTIME

(Ages 0 – 6 months)

Infants and their caregivers will enjoy this gentle first storytime experience. Bring a blanket for your baby. We'll read books, learn fingerplays, and have time for social play.

*See dates and times below.*

### LAPSIT STORYTIME ✓

(Ages 0 – 24 months)

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

*Note: Please choose either the Wednesday or Thursday storytime.*

*See dates and times below.*

### TODDLER STORYTIME ✓

(Ages 2 – 3 years)

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

*Note: Please choose either the Wednesday or Thursday storytime.*

*See dates and times below.*

### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME ✓

(Ages 3½ – 6 years)

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.

*See dates and times below.*

Winter storytime sessions run weekly from January 15 – March 1, unless otherwise noted above.

#### MONDAYS

##### Language Storytime\*

Ages 0 – 6 years

10:15 – 10:45 am

*\*See dates listed above.*

#### TUESDAYS

##### Storytime!

Ages 0 – 6 years

10:15 – 10:45 am

#### WEDNESDAYS

##### Lapsit Storytime ✓

Ages 0 – 24 months

10:15 – 11 am

*Please choose either the Wednesday or Thursday storytime.*

#### THURSDAYS

##### Lapsit Storytime ✓

Ages 0 – 24 months

10:15 – 11 am

##### Preschool Storytime ✓

Ages 3½ – 6 years

11:15 am – noon

##### My First Storytime

Ages 0 – 6 months

11:15 am – noon

##### Toddler Storytime ✓

Ages 2 – 3 years

11:15 am – noon

*Please choose either the Wednesday or Thursday storytime.*

##### Toddler Storytime ✓

Ages 2 – 3 years

11:15 am – noon



## DISCOVERY PLAYTIME

(Ages 18 months – 5 years)

Tuesdays, 1 – 2:30 pm

Dec. 5, Jan. 16 & 30, and Feb. 13 & 27

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, January 20 & February 17,  
3 – 3:30 pm

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

## FAIRY TALE TEA PARTY 🍷🍓

(Ages 3 – 6 years)

Saturday, February 3, 3 – 4 pm

Do you imagine yourself a princess, knight, Little Red Riding Hood or the Big Bad Wolf? Dress as your favorite fairy tale character and enjoy refreshments, games, and themed crafts. Costumes optional for caregivers!

## SENSORY SATURDAY

(Ages 18 months – 5 years)

Saturday, February 24, 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.

## 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.

## DID YOU KNOW?

## MUSEUM DISCOUNTS



Did you know that you can receive discounts on admission and other great offers at 17 wonderful cultural destinations?

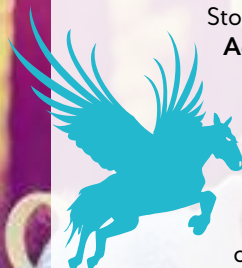
Stop by the front desk to check availability for destinations such as Brookfield Zoo, Legoland Discovery Center, the Aurora Regional Fire Museum, and more! To begin your Museum Adventure, visit our front desk to check out a pass for seven days on a first-come, first-served basis.

## EXPLORE AND PRETEND

Did you know we have an early literacy center for children ages 0 to 5 in the youth department? It's a great place to bring your child for some pretend play!



Stop by in November and December for our **Outdoor Adventures** themed fun. Go bird watching, try your hand at fishing, look for the giant bugs, and make pretend s'mores around the campfire.



Be sure to come back in January and February when the **Fairy Tale Café** will be open with lots of pretend treats and fairy tale décor. Watch out for the dragon!

# GRADES K – 2

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Registration begins Wednesday, November 15 at 10 am.

Register online at [westmontlibrary.org/events](http://westmontlibrary.org/events), by phone at 630 969 5625, or in person.

## BE A NATURALIST: EXPLORE OWLS ✓

**Thursday, December 14, 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

Owls are fascinating! We'll use hands-on investigation of owl pellets to learn more about these birds of prey and explore our findings using the library's digital microscopes. Materials will be provided.

## BEYOND THE BOOK CLUB ✓

**Mondays, January 15 and February 12, 4 – 5 pm**

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

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

**Mondays, January 22 and February 26, 7 – 8 pm**

Meet with a trained therapy pet and handler for a reading session. Sign up over the phone or in person only.

*Co-sponsored by Hinsdale Humane Society.*



= A Westmont Reads program. Join in the fun!

## SEW IT: A SNAKE SCARF ✓🧵🧶

**Wednesday, January 10**

**2:30 – 3:45 pm OR 4:15 – 5:30 pm**

Sew your own fleece snake scarf, with embellishments like eyes and a tongue. Sewing machines and materials will be provided.

*Note: Please choose only one session per child.*

## DESIGN A ROBOT ✓

**Wednesday, January 31, 4 – 5 pm**

Using household crafting materials, design and build your very own robot.

## GLOWING LANTERNS ✓🏮

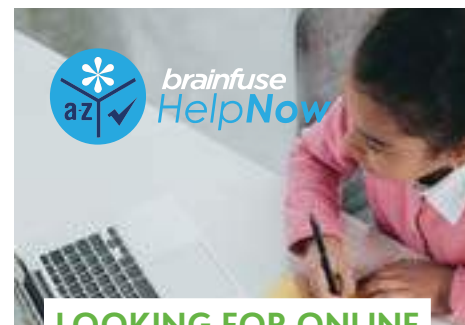
**Thursday, February 8, 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

Create and decorate a lantern to chase away the darkness of winter. We will create them out of cardstock and tissue paper and then make our lanterns glow! Materials will be provided.

## ICE EXPLORATION ✓

**Thursday, February 22, 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

Design colorful ice sculptures and make your own snow in this fun program! Materials will be provided.



## LOOKING FOR ONLINE TUTORING AND HELP WITH HOMEWORK?

**HelpNow** is an online tutoring service offering live tutors and useful tools for learning, writing assistance, and test preparation for students and learners of all ages. Live tutors are available daily from 2 – 11 pm. Link to Brainfuse HelpNow through our Digital Branch at [westmontlibrary.org/digitalbranch](http://westmontlibrary.org/digitalbranch).

## Book Recs

Looking for a good book to curl up with? Try our staff review blog, Book Recs. With titles tagged by age and genre, it's easy to find the perfect match.

Visit [westmontlibrary.org/bookrecs](http://westmontlibrary.org/bookrecs).



### *Humpty's Fall* by Dosh Archer

*Urgency Emergency* is a humorous series of British early readers that tell the escapades of characters from classic nursery rhymes.

With large type, few sentences per page, and delightful illustrations that support the text, these books are perfect for a newly independent reader who likes funny stories.

*Read more online.*



### *Tumble & Blue* by Cassie Beasley

*Tumble & Blue* is a rollicking summer adventure sprinkled with just enough myth to keep its plot fresh and interesting. With a

colorful cast (Blue's Grandma Eve shines especially bright) and compelling central dilemma, Cassie Beasley crafts a world well-worth wading into.

*Read more online.*



If you are not able to attend a program for which you are registered, please let us know so that we can make your spot available for someone else. Thank you!

# GRADES 3 – 5

## STAR WARS RELEASE PARTY ✓

**Monday, December 4, 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

Celebrate the coming *Star Wars* movie by building a droid out of recycled materials, making an origami version of your favorite character, creating your own light saber, and more! Materials will be provided.

## MAKEY MAKEY STORIES ✓

**Monday, December 11, 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

Touch the world around you to tell stories using our MaKey MaKey tools and the coding program, Scratch. We'll record lines from a story and let others hear our words come to life while touching food, shoes, plants, or other everyday objects.

## CREATE A RUBE GOLDBERG MACHINE ✓

**Monday, January 8, 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

Learn how to make a simple task into a more complicated adventure by creating a Rube Goldberg marble run.

## MAKE YOUR OWN BOOK ✓🍎

**Wednesday, January 17, 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

Create your own fairy tale by binding a paper bag book and filling it with your unique story.

## RUBBER BAND CARS ✓

**Thursday, February 1, 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

Design and build a rubber band powered car, then race alongside other participants on the library's indoor track.

## HERO ACADEMY ✓🍎

**Thursday, February 15, 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

Don't wait to be saved! Participate in feats of strength and skill, such as jousting, as you train to become your own fairy tale hero.

## DRAGON SCALE WEAR ✓🍎

**Monday, February 26, 4:15 – 5:15 pm**

Show off the latest in fairy tale fashion when you create your own accessories that are decked out in dragon scales.

## WESTMONT READS GRIMMS' FAIRY TALES

### A GRIMM CELEBRATION: WESTMONT READS KICK-OFF PARTY

**Saturday, January 13, 2 – 4 pm**

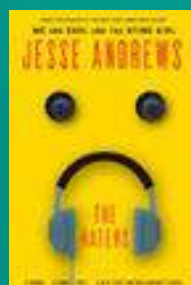
Celebrate the start of Westmont Reads with storytelling, crafts, activities, and games in the youth department.



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### WESTMONT READS CHALLENGE

Pick up a bookmark with four fun reading and activity goals, beginning Saturday, January 13 in the youth department. Finish the goals as you read the stories, then turn in the completed bookmark for prizes!



### *The Haters* by Jesse Andrews

Hilarious dialogue, ridiculous situations, and over the top characters skillfully mask a lack of substantial plot but this does not detract from the story.

Rather, with chapter names such as "We Didn't Know Jazz Camp Would be This Many Dudes," readers will find much to laugh at from beginning to end.

*Read more online.*

## FOR PARENTS

### THE VISION AND LEARNING LINK WORKSHOP ✓

**Thursday, December 7, 6 – 7:30 pm**

Join board certified optometrist Dr. David Maze, of West Suburban Family Vision and Therapy Center. He will help you identify whether your child has visual restrictions, provide simple screening tests for visual skills deficits, and suggestions for how to help.

This program is intended for parents and grandparents of school-age children. Teachers are also welcome to attend.

# TEENS

(Grades 6 – 12)

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Registration begins Wednesday, November 15 at 10 am.

Register online at [westmontlibrary.org/events](http://westmontlibrary.org/events), by phone at 630 969 5625, or in person.

## BOOK ART ✓

Wednesday, December 13, 4 – 5:30 pm

Create fun and unique decorations by folding the pages of an old book into shapes or words. Materials will be provided.

## CATCH A DREAM ✓

Thursday, January 11, 4 – 5:15 pm

Dream Catchers are a fun way to decorate any room. Join us to learn how to make your own! Materials will be provided.

## CUT IT: SILHOUETTE ART ✓ M 🍎

Thursday, January 25, 4 – 5 pm

Use stencils to paint a quote or an image's silhouette over fairy tale book pages to create beautiful works of art using the library's vinyl cutter machine. Materials will be provided.

## FAIRY TALE SHADOW BOXES ✓ M 🍎

Wednesday, February 7, 4 – 5:30 pm

Design and create your own backlit fairytale dreamscape shadow box using our software, Silhouette studio, and the library's vinyl cutter machine. Participants will learn how to build a multi-layered landscape design and assemble it in a backlit shadow box. Materials will be provided.

## TEEN TRIVIA

Monday, February 19, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Join us for a night of trivia questions and a chance to win prizes. We'll form teams so you can come solo or as a group. The winning team will get a bundle of prizes, including gift cards to your favorite spots around town!

## PHOTO-TO-CANVAS TRANSFER ✓

Tuesday, February 27, 4:15 – 5 pm

Turn your favorite photo into a work of art by transferring it to canvas. Please bring a file of your photo on a flash drive, a cell phone, or email it to [youth@westmontlibrary.org](mailto:youth@westmontlibrary.org) by Tuesday, February 20. Generic photos will also be provided.

## CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS AT MARSHALL FIELD'S ✓

Wednesday December 6, 7 – 8 pm

Join us for a fun and fascinating look at one of Chicago's most beloved holiday traditions. This illustrated lecture by historian Leslie Goddard will trace Marshall Field's holiday, including the Walnut Room Christmas tree, the window displays, the toy department, Cozy Cloud cottage, and the Christmas catalog.

*Location: Kwasek Meeting Room*

*Sponsored by the Friends of the Westmont Public Library.*

## WINTER CARD MAKE & TAKE ✓

Wednesday December 13, 7 – 8:30 pm

Use layering techniques, stamps, paper punches, and other embellishments to create unique greeting cards perfect for the holiday season. Materials will be provided.

*Sponsored by the Friends of the Westmont Public Library.*

## WESTMONT LIBRARY CINEMA

Wednesdays, December 13, January 10, and February 14, 2:30 – 4:30 pm

Join us for a movie and popcorn with friends.

December: *Star Wars: Rogue One*

January: *Dunkirk*

February: *Same Kind of Different as Me*

*Location: Kwasek Meeting Room*

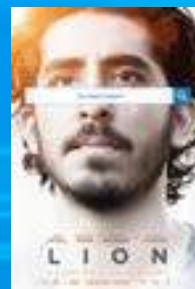


## TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for a great place to volunteer?

We are looking for teens who are in grades 6 – 12 to help with programs, locating books, cleaning, and other tasks.

To volunteer, please fill out the application form online at [westmontlibrary.org/volunteer-teens](http://westmontlibrary.org/volunteer-teens). Feel free to give us a call at 630 969 5625 ext. 219 with any questions.



### *Lion* by Garth Davis

For anyone who enjoys multicultural films about young people overcoming incredible hardships, this is another great one to add to the list.

*Read more online.*



If you are not able to attend a program for which you are registered, please let us know so that we can make your spot available for someone else. Thank you!

## ADULTS

### COLORING CLUB

**Fridays, December 15, January 19, and February 16, 2 – 4 pm**

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

### SCREENWRITING: BRAINSTORMING AND OUTLINING ✓

**Thursday, January 4, 7 – 8 pm**

Have you always wanted to write a screenplay? This is your year! Learn tips for generating ideas and honing character-centric structure in this program designed to get started.

### MUSIC AND MEDICINE ✓

**Wednesday, January 10, 7 – 8 pm**

Join Cindy Nissen, a health education specialist, to explore the effects music has on our brain and body. In this interactive program, you will move, groove and be soothed by the healing power of music.

### SCREENWRITING: SCENE WRITING AND DIALOGUE ✓

**Thursday, January 11, 7 – 8 pm**

Is this the year you want to start writing your screenplay? Learn tips for writing individual scenes and character dialogue in this program designed to help you reveal your characters and move your story forward.

### PASTEL PORTRAITS WORKSHOP ✓

**Wednesday January 17, 6:30 – 8 pm**

Create color portraits from black & white photos supplied by the instructor. We will use oil and chalk pastel in a technique that is sure to surprise!

### FOOD ART GARNISHES ✓

**Wednesday, February 7, 7 – 8 pm**

Make flower and animal garnishes out of deli meats, fruits and vegetables to decorate your serving trays for parties and gatherings.

**Location: Mariano's, 150 W 63<sup>rd</sup> St, Westmont**

### COMPUTER BASICS: IPAD ✓

**Tuesday, February 13, 7 – 8 pm**

Learn the basics of using an iPad. We'll cover topics such as using your tablet's settings, apps, web browser, and more on the library's iPads.

### SINGING THE BLUES: MUSIC WITH DONNA HERULA & TONY NARDIELLO ✓

**Wednesday, February 28, 7:30– 8:15 pm**

Enjoy Chicago-area traditional acoustic blues duo, Donna Herula and Tony Nardiello, with a passion for performing Delta, country and Chicago blues. The duo are regular performers at Buddy Guy's Legends.

**Location: Kwasek Meeting Room**

**Sponsored by the Friends of the Westmont Public Library.**

### FRIDAY FILM SERIES ✓

**Fridays, 1:30 – 4 pm**

Join us as we celebrate a variety of film genres this winter.

**Location: Kwasek Meeting Room**

#### December: Holiday Movies

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| 12/1  | <i>Planes, Trains, and Automobiles</i> (Rated R) |
| 12/8  | <i>White Christmas</i>                           |
| 12/15 | <i>The Nightmare Before Christmas</i>            |
| 12/22 | <i>Elf</i>                                       |
| 12/29 | <i>Gremlins</i>                                  |

#### January: Sci-fi Movies

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| 1/5  | <i>2001: A Space Odyssey</i> |
| 1/12   | <i>Tron</i>                  |
| 1/19   | <i>Jurassic Park</i>         |
| 1/27*  | <i>Inception</i>             |
| (*Note: The film will be shown on Saturday this week.) |                              |

#### February: Romantic Movies

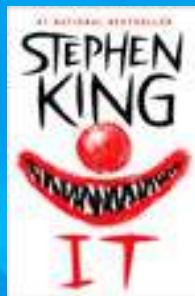
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| 2/2  | <i>Casablanca</i>               |
| 2/9  | <i>Somewhere in Time</i>        |
| 2/16 | <i>Before Sunrise</i> (Rated R) |
| 2/23 | <i>Amelie</i>                   |



#### *The Switch* by Joseph Finder

If you have not read an engaging, fast-paced thriller recently, *The Switch* by Joseph Finder should be your next book.

[Read more online.](#)



#### *IT* by Stephen King

Overall, this book is a deep dive into thematic memories of home and the overwhelming power of friendship. The horror of *IT* is just an added bonus.

[Read more online.](#)



Looking for a good book to curl up with? Try our staff review blog, Book Recs. With titles tagged by age and genre, it's easy to find the perfect match.

Visit [westmontlibrary.org/bookrecs](http://westmontlibrary.org/bookrecs).

# MAKERY

## (Adults)

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Look for this icon to find Makery programs for all ages!

### BOOK A MAKERY APPOINTMENT

Interested in learning how to use the Carvey, vinyl cutter, 3D printer, or sewing machines but can't make it to a program? Schedule a one-hour, individual training session.

Visit [westmontlibrary.org/makery](http://westmontlibrary.org/makery) to find more information, request an appointment, or use our 3D printing service.

### INTRO TO 3D DESIGN ✓ M

Thursday, December 7, 6:30 – 8 pm

Anyone can learn 3D design as there are projects and software for all skill levels. We'll help you learn the art of creating 3D designs and objects on the computer in this hands-on program. Computers will be provided.

### CARVE IT: SNOWFLAKE COASTERS ✓ M

Monday, December 11, 6 – 7:30 pm

Impress your guests with unique, two-tone snowflake coasters. We will first learn how to create the design in Easel, the Carvey app, then make the coasters using the Carvey machine. Materials will be provided.

### MAKE A WINTER STENCIL ✓ M

Monday, December 18, 10:30 am – noon

Come and learn how to make winter-themed stencils using the library's vinyl cutter machine! We will show you how to create stencils of snowflakes, snowmen, and fir trees. Materials will be provided.

### CARVE IT: NIGHT LIGHTS ✓ M

Monday, January 22, 6 – 7:30 pm

Make the long winter nights brighter with a night light designed by you and cut with the library's Carvey desktop CNC machine. Materials will be provided.

### 3D PRINT IT: BOW TIE ✓ M

Thursday, January 25, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Use our 3D software to design your own bow tie! The ties will be printed out on the library's 3D printer following the class. Materials will be provided.

### VALENTINE GIFT TOTE ✓ M

Monday, February 5, 3 – 4 pm

Customize a gift for your Valentine with tools from the library! We'll use the library's vinyl cutter machine to cut out designs on iron-on vinyl. Take home a tote bag and your cut-out designs. Materials will be provided.

### SEW IT: KNOT PILLOWS ✓ M

Monday, February 19, 6 – 7:30 pm

If you can sew a straight line, or want to learn, you can make one of these fun, decorative pillows inspired by maritime knots. Materials will be provided.

# MAKER FAIR

**Wanted: Artists, Tinkerers, Crafters, and Makers**

You're invited to be a part of Westmont Public Library's first Maker Fair!

**Saturday, April 21, 2018 • Noon – 4 pm**

We welcome individuals, organizations, and businesses to provide demonstrations, display creations, and mingle with other makers and attendees.

*Please Note: No sales are allowed during the fair.*

To participate:



Fill out an application at [westmontlibrary.org/maker-fair](http://westmontlibrary.org/maker-fair) or pick one up at the library. Submit completed applications by Friday, December 1, 2017.

If you are not able to attend a program for which you are registered, please let us know so that we can make your spot available for someone else. Thank you!

# ADULTS

## TEAM TRIVIA

**Mondays, December 4 & 18, January 8 & 22, and February 5 & 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: Neat Kitchen + Bar, 246 N Cass Ave, Westmont**

## 4TH MONDAY BOOK GROUP

**Mondays, January 22 and February 26, 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, December 5, January 2, and February 6, 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, December 5, January 2, and February 6, 7 – 9 pm**

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

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

**Location: Dolce's Restaurant & Wine Bar, 15 W Quincy Street, Westmont**

## WRITER'S GROUP

**Thursdays, December 14 & 28, January 11 & 25, and February 8 & 22, 7 – 9 pm**

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

## ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

**Saturdays, December 9 & 23, January 13 & 27, February 10 & 24, 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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## WESTMONT READS GRIMMS' FAIRY TALES

Will you choose Cinderella, Snow White, Rapunzel, or, maybe even, Faithful Johannes? Join us in creating a Grimms' character bracket that will determine who is Westmont's favorite character. Vote for your Grimms' Fairy Tales character during Westmont Reads to receive a raffle ticket and be entered to win prizes from the library!

## MAKE AND TAKE: CANDY

**Tuesday, January 23, 7 – 8 pm**

Start making professional looking candies today! In this hands-on class, you'll learn to make an array of chocolate treats from Sue Peltzer of Delicious Creations. Everything that you make will go home with you. Materials will be provided.

## GRIMMS' FAIRY TALES ESCAPE THE ROOM

**Saturday, February 3, noon – 5 pm**

Solve a Grimm mystery! Get a group of friends together to solve the mystery and escape the room. Sessions are 45 minutes long, with a max of 6 people per group.

## GRIMMS' FAIRY TALES BOOK DISCUSSION

**Wednesday, February 7, 3:30 – 5 pm**

Join Westmont Library staff for a Grimms' Fairy Tales book discussion! We'll be talking about the stories and enjoying sweet German treats with coffee and tea provided by the library.

## GRIMMS' GRIMMEST: THE DARKER SIDE OF FAIRY TALES

**Wednesday, February 21, 7 – 8 pm**

What happened after Sleeping Beauty was awakened by the Prince's kiss? How much blood was spilled before Cinderella tried on that slipper? What disastrous fate awaited the talking Smoked Sausage? These are the original tales of the Brothers Grimm as intended for adults. Join us to discuss 19th century mayhem with Judith Heineman accompanied by Amy Lowe on guitar and interpreted by our 21st Century minds.

**Location: Kwasek Meeting Room**





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Monday – Thursday 10 am – 9 pm  
Friday & Saturday 10 am – 5 pm  
Sunday 1 pm – 5 pm

#### Library Closings

Wednesday, November 22 (5 pm closing)  
Thursday, November 23  
Sunday, December 24  
Monday, December 25  
Sunday, December 31  
Monday, January 1  
Friday, January 26 (staff in-service)

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Discover and share the magic of fairy tales with us this winter during Westmont Reads! Enjoy the shared reading experience by:

- Picking up a free copy of *Grimms' Fairy Tales* beginning January 3 (for adults) and January 13 (for youth), while supplies last.
- Attending programs centered on the stories to enhance your reading fun
- Stopping by our Grimm Celebration Kick-off Party on Saturday, January 13
- Visiting [westmontlibrary.org/westmontreads](http://westmontlibrary.org/westmontreads) to learn more about the book and to register for programs

