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Westmont Reads
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Westmont Reads Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone

Revisit the wondrous world of Hogwarts in *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* during this year's Westmont Reads. We invite the community to join us as we read this incredible introduction to the world of magic as written by J. K. Rowling. Don the famous sorting hat, learn about potions and herbology during Wizarding Week, take a trip to Diagon Alley, and more!



Free copies of the book will be available during scheduled house sorting events, starting January 21, while supplies last.



Get Sorted & Get the Book

Have you ever wondered what Hogwarts house you'd be sorted into? We've got you covered! Stop in for a special sorting ceremony at one of the dates and times listed below or get sorted online by taking the quiz at westmontlibrary.org/westmontreads!

Monday, January 21	Tuesday, January 22	Wednesday, January 23	Thursday, January 24	Saturday, January 26
10 am – noon	5 – 7 pm	3:30 – 5 pm	5 – 7 pm	2 – 5 pm

The library will be giving away 40 free copies of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* at each of our sorting events. Don't worry, wizards, we will have an alternate giveaway when we run out of books. And please remember, the sorting hat has limited magic so it can only sort each wizard once.

Due to limited supply, we will only provide one free copy of the book per family.

Bookmark Design Contest

Monday, January 7 – Friday, January 25

Pick up a design form starting January 7 and return your entry by January 25! One entry will be chosen from each age group to be printed, and will be available during Westmont Reads. The theme of the contest is "Libraries are magic!"

Pre-readers
Grade School
Teens

A Magical Wizarding Week

Saturday, February 16
through
Saturday, February 23



Compete in the House Cup

Once you've been sorted, collect points for your house by participating in programs during Wizarding Week. Special prizes will be awarded to the winning house!



House Cup programs are marked with the Golden Snitch icon.



Ace the O.W.L. to Win a Prize

You've read the book; now test your wizarding prowess. Take the O.W.L. exam to prove your command of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* lore and earn a magical reward. The O.W.L. will be administered at the Adult and Youth Services Desks throughout Wizarding Week.



Take the Seeker's Challenge

There's a Golden Snitch hiding in Youth Services, and we need your help finding it!

Come in during Wizarding Week to discover the secret hiding place of the snitch and receive a prize!

For youth & teen Hogwarts students.

A TRIP TO DIAGON ALLEY

Saturday, February 23, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Join us for a night of magic at WPL's very own Diagon Alley, where you can see a reptile show, meet Hermione, and participate in crafts and activities that will stock you up with needed supplies for your year at Hogwarts. Costumes are strongly encouraged!

5:30 – 6:30 pm Reptile show
6:30 – 7:30 pm Visit from Hermione,
crafts & activities

Please arrive by 5:45 pm to ensure entrance to the program. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Westmont Public Library.

Fun for
magical
families!



NEW STUDY ROOMS & COMPUTER LAB UPDATES

This winter our computer lab area will be getting new furniture and an updated layout to become a more comfortable and inviting space. Three new study rooms will also be added to the northwest corner of the building to provide additional quiet space for patrons to work individually or in small groups. We thank you in advance for your patience during construction.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Enjoy events for all ages around Westmont this winter!

SNOW MUCH FUN

Saturday, December 15, 3 – 7 pm
Veterans Memorial Park, 141 S Linden Ave, Westmont

Enjoy some holiday cheer at the park district's Snow Much Fun night! Be sure to bundle up because this is an indoor/outdoor event full of games, crafts, Santa's Workshop, hot cocoa, s'mores and much more. Take a ride on a mule-drawn carriage and enjoy an afternoon with family and friends. Delight in a most enchanting winter experience!

CHRISTMAS ON THE FRONTIER

Saturday, November 24, 3 – 7 pm
Saturdays, December 1, 8 & 15, 4 – 7 pm
Gregg House Museum, 115 S Linden Ave, Westmont

Christmas on the frontier brought many challenges as families sought to maintain their holiday customs. Join the park district and discover simple traditions of homemade ornaments and cloth gifts, molasses cookies, and the story of St. Nicholas celebrated on Christmas Eve. Learn about the early days of Illinois as we commemorate the Bicentennial of Illinois. You can even enjoy a mule-drawn wagon ride on December 15! Children can make a frontier style craft to take home.

FAMILY
(All Ages)

HOLLY DAYS HOT CHOCOLATE
AND COOKIE BAR

Saturday, December 8, 5:30 – 6 pm

Warm up with a cookie and a cup of hot chocolate, personalized by you, before settling in to listen to fun winter stories. We'll provide a variety of ingredients and toppings to give your cocoa an extra dash of tasty fun!

Please arrive by 5:45pm to ensure entrance to the program.

HOLLY DAYS WHEN THE LIGHT
CHANGES: SOLSTICE STORIES
FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Saturday, December 8, 6 – 7 pm

Escape the cold with an evening of magical winter solstice stories, as told by storyteller Megan Wells.

In partnership with the Prairie Area Reading Council. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Westmont Public Library.

DINOSAUR HUNTERS

Thursday, January 10, 6 – 7 pm

Join paleontologist Lisa Zago as she shares her stories about digging up dino bones. Handle real fossils while learning about paleontology. Best for ages 6 and up.

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Westmont Public Library.

A TRIP TO DIAGON ALLEY

Saturday, February 23, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Join us for a night of magic at WPL's own Diagon Alley!

See page 3 for more information.

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 videorecorded for library promotional purposes. Please notify library staff if you prefer not to be photographed.

PRE-READERS
(Ages 0 – 6)



STORYTIMES

Enjoy stories, rhymes, music, and movement at storytimes for children and their caregivers. Storytimes are designed to maximize learning and enjoyment for each group, with age-appropriate activities and opportunities to socialize—for both our littlest patrons and their caregivers, as well!

See the table to the right for storytime dates and times.

Registration is required for programs with a checkmark. ✓

Registration begins Thursday, November 15 at 9:30 am.

Register online at westmontlibrary.org/events, by phone at 630 969 5625, or in person.

PRE-READERS
(Ages 0 – 6)

Storytimes run weekly from January 14 – February 28, unless otherwise noted.

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS
Language Storytime* Ages 0 – 6 years 9:45 – 10:15 am *See dates listed below.	Storytime! Ages 0 – 6 years 9:45 – 10:15 am	Lapsit Storytime ✓ Ages 0 – 24 months 9:45 – 10:30 am Please register for either Wednesdays OR Thursdays.	Lapsit Storytime ✓ Ages 0 – 24 months 9:45 – 10:30 am
Preschool Storytime ✓ Ages 3½ – 6 years 10:45 – 11:15 am		Toddler Storytime ✓ Ages 2 – 3 years 10:45 – 11:30 am Please register for either Wednesdays OR Thursdays.	Toddler Storytime ✓ Ages 2 – 3 years 10:45 – 11:30 am
*Language Storytime alternates weekly between French and Spanish. French: January 14 & 28 and February 11 & 25 Spanish: January 21 and February 4 & 18			

DISCOVERY PLAYTIME
(Ages 18 months – 5 years)

Tuesdays, 1 – 2:30 pm
Dec. 11, Jan. 15 & 29, and Feb. 12 & 26

We'll have different sensory, art, and educational play stations set up each week. Playdough, rice, shredded paper and water play are just a few possibilities. Make sure to wear old clothes and drop-in for some messy, sensory fun while learning about your world.

SATURDAY DANCE PARTY
(Ages 0 – 6 years)

Saturdays, 3 – 3:30 pm
January 5 and February 2

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

PROCESS ART PARTY
(Ages 0 – 6 years)

Wednesday, January 9, 10 – 11:30 am

This program is all about the process of freely exploring and creating art, not the end product. Drop in with your child so they can experience open-ended art activities while exercising their imagination! Process art can be messy, so please dress appropriately!

SENSORY SATURDAY
(Ages 18 months – 5 years)

Saturdays, 2 – 3:30 pm
January 12 and February 9

Enjoy various art experiences such as playdough or paint and dig into bins filled with rice or corn for a fun, sensory play date. Make sure to wear old clothes for this drop-in program.

MY FIRST PLAYGROUP
(Ages 0 – 6 months)

Fridays, 9:45 – 10:45 am
January 18 – March 1*

Share books, learn rhymes, and stimulate your baby's senses with bubbles, music, and age appropriate toys. Come socialize with other babies and caregivers during this drop-in play time especially for our pre-walkers.

*Playgroup will not meet on January 25, as the library will be closed.

PLAYDOUGH PLAYDATE
(Ages 0 – 6 years)

Tuesday, January 22, 1:30 – 3 pm

Drop in for an afternoon of fun and creative play dough play. We'll have stations set up with various scents and textures of play dough, along with a variety of activities. Take home a recipe sheet to continue the fun at home.



WITCHES & WIZARDS
TEA PARTY ✓
(Ages 3 – 6 years)

Saturday, February 16
2:30 – 3:30 pm

Hogwarts Preschool of Witchcraft and Wizardry invites young witches and wizards aged 3 to 6 years to a magical tea party. We'll enjoy refreshments, games, and themed crafts. Costumes are encouraged. A muggle parent or caregiver is required.

GRADES K – 2

Registration is required for programs with a checkmark. ✓

Registration begins Thursday, November 15 at 9:30 am.
Register online at westmontlibrary.org/events, by phone at 630 969 5625, or in person.

CIRCUIT BUGS ✓

Wednesday, December 5, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Use clothespins, pipecleaners, and LEDs to create a circuit to light up your creation. Take home a brightly colored bug or two.

INTERACTIVE BOARD GAME ✓

Monday, January 7, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Join in creating an interactive life-sized Chutes and Ladders board game. After, we'll play a round or two together.

GAMEMAKER ROBOT BATTLE ✓

Wednesday, January 23, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Two bots enter, one bot leaves. Come create your digital robot and battle for supremacy!

GRADES 3 – 5

MINIATURE SKI JUMP ✓

Monday, December 10, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Work in teams to build ski-jumps for your very own miniature Olympians, then compete on each other's creations!

FINGER KNITTING SNAKES ✓

Thursday, January 17, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Learn how to knit using nothing but your fingers! Join us to make snakes out of yarn and googly eyes.

THROWBACK THURSDAYS ✓

Thursdays, 4:15 – 5:15 pm
January 24 and February 28

Celebrate the 80s and 90s as we enjoy music, dances, and more during our trip back in time. Come dressed to impress if you dare!

Jan. 24 Awesome 80s
Feb. 28 Radical 90s

READ WITH HINSDALE HUMANE SOCIETY ✓

Mondays, 7 – 8 pm
January 28 and February 25

Meet with a trained therapy pet and its handler for 15-minute reading sessions.

Sponsored by Hinsdale Humane Society. Sign up over the phone or in person only.

SEW IT: STUFFED DINO ✓

Monday, February 11, 4 – 5:30 pm

Use the library's sewing machines to create your own dino stuffed animal. Materials will be provided.

POTTER POTION MAKING ✓

Thursday, February 21, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Transport yourself to a magical classroom where we will make potions that bubble, fizz, and pop using frog's blood, dragon breath, and wolfsbane.* (*Household materials provided by the library!)

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION ✓

Monday, January 28, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

The game's afoot! Learn what it takes to be a detective as you work together to solve a murder mystery in the library.

COLLAB CARD GAME ✓

Thursday, February 7, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Contribute card art to a collaborative card game! After you design the art, we'll send the game away to be printed for real, then play it next month during **PART 2: PLAY IT** on Thursday, March 7 from 4:15 – 5:15 pm.

POTTER ESCAPE ROOM ✓

Monday, February 18, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Working together, you'll have one hour to escape the enchanted room. No magicking out of this one!

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!

TEENS (Grades 6 – 12)

THE BREAKFAST CLUB ✓

Tuesdays, 5:15 – 6:15 pm

December 4, January 8, and February 5

Snack on breakfast treats while you create one of a kind, food-themed take-aways. *Please alert staff of any food allergies.*

Dec. 4 Cereal Bar & Vinyl Cutter Tote Bags
Jan. 8 Toaster Bar & Infinity Scarves
Feb. 5 Yogurt Bar & Screen Printed T-shirts

PINHOLE CAMERA ✓

Thursday, December 13, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Create your own working camera, without a lens, out of a box! Then use the camera to take instant photos with Polaroid film.

CUT IT: CREATE A STICKER ✓

Tuesday, January 15, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

From repping your favorite sports team to proudly sharing your fandom, stickers are all about showing off who you are. Take it to the next level by designing your own, then using our vinyl cutter to cut it out.

CREATE IT: VISUAL NOVEL ✓

Thursday, January 31, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Learn to create a simple visual novel (an interactive storytelling game combining text and pictures) with the free software Ren'py.

MINUTE TO WIN IT ✓

Wednesday, February 13, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Have you known for years that you have Ninja fast reflexes? Show them off in a series of minute-to-win-it challenges that test your speed, accuracy, and luck.

PRINT IT: 3D POTTER WANDS ✓

Tuesday, February 19, 4:15 – 5:15 pm

Every wand is unique to each wizard. Join us to design your very own wand to be printed with the library's 3D printer.

TEENS, FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL!

Did you know the library has social media accounts just for you? Check them out!

Instagram: [westmontlibrary_teens](https://www.instagram.com/westmontlibrary_teens)

Twitter: [@WPLteen](https://twitter.com/WPLteen)



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

Board Book

Never Touch a Spider
by Rosie Greening



Never Touch a Spider is a silly addition to an ongoing series by author Rosie Greening. The *Never Touch* series delivers interactive touch and feel books that engage young readers with bright illustrations enhanced by varying tactile experiences.

Middle Grade

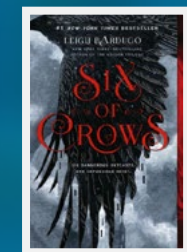
Cavendish Home for Boys and Girls
by Claire Legrand



Perfectionist Victoria Wright's everyday routine involves meeting up with her best friend Lawrence. With his messy hair, untucked shirts, and obsessive piano playing, Victoria has no idea why they are friends. But when Lawrence disappears and no one acknowledges it, Victoria feels compelled to investigate.

YA

Six of Crows
by Leigh Bardugo



Presented with the opportunity of a lifetime, seventeen-year-old Kaz "Dirty Hands" Breker assembles a diverse group of thieves, murderers, and misanthropes to complete an impossible heist. If they can pull it off, they'll be richer than all the kings of the world combined.

ADULTS

LITERACY TUTOR ORIENTATION

Saturday, December 1, 9:30 – 11 am
Community Meeting Room

Help change someone's future! Become a Literacy DuPage tutor—no teaching background or second language is required. Attend this orientation and learn how you can make a difference. To register or for more information, please call 630 416 6699 or visit literacydupage.org.

Co-sponsored by Literacy DuPage.

MAKERY
(Adults)

PRINT IT: 3D PRINTED DICE

Saturday, December 15, 3 – 4:30 pm
Registration starts Saturday, December 8 at 9:30 am.
Kwasek Meeting Room

Make your own board game or RPG dice with our 3D Printer. All materials needed will be provided by the library. Dice will be printed by a librarian in the weeks following the program.

CARVE IT: EARBUD WRAPS

Thursday, January 17, 7 – 8:30 pm
Registration starts Thursday, January 10 at 9:30 am.
Kwasek Meeting Room

Those earbud cords are constantly getting tangled in our pockets. Join us at the library to carve your own earbud wraps with the Carvey and make your life just a little bit easier! Materials to carve your project will be provided.

Registration is required for programs with a checkmark. ✓
Registration begins Thursday, November 15 at 9:30 am.
Register online at westmontlibrary.org/events, by phone at 630 969 5625, or in person.

WRIGHT BROTHERS,
WRONG STORY

Monday, December 3, 7 – 8 pm
Kwasek Meeting Room

Join local author William Hazelgrove as he speaks about his newly released title *Wright Brothers, Wrong Story*. Learn about the brothers' personality differences and how these two high school dropouts figured out the secret to manned flight.

Registration is required for programs with a checkmark. ✓
Registration for adult Makery programs begins one week before the event at 9:30 am.
Register online at westmontlibrary.org/events, by phone at 630 969 5625, or in person.

LIGHT UP HOUSES

Monday, January 21, 7 – 9 pm
Registration starts Monday, January 14 at 9:30 am.
Community Meeting Room

Let it glow this winter by making a cozy, light-up miniature house. We will design our houses on the computer and fabricate them with the Carvey. Materials will be provided.

SCREEN PRINTED TEES

Thursday, February 14, 7 – 9 pm
Registration starts Thursday, February 7 at 9:30 am.
Kwasek Meeting Room

Learn how to design stencils with Silhouette Studio, cut them out with the vinyl cutter, and then screen print a t-shirt. Please bring your own shirt.

HOLLY DAYS IT'S A
WONDERFUL LIFE: MAKING
A HOLIDAY CLASSIC

Monday, December 10, 7 – 8 pm
Kwasek Meeting Room

Did you know Cary Grant was supposed to star in *It's a Wonderful Life*? That the gym floor-turned-swimming-pool was real? That the movie bombed at the box office? Even if you've seen the holiday classic 150 times, you'll love this fun, fact-filled lecture by historian Leslie Goddard.



EXPLORE YOUR
CREATIVE SIDE!

Did you know you can borrow digital cameras, 3D pens, and kits for learning knitting and crochet? Discover tools that you can use at the library and kits that you can check out to bring home by visiting westmontlibrary.org/makery. Stop by the Makery display on the first floor to see what's available.

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

A VISIT WITH MRS. LINCOLN

Wednesday, December 12, 7 – 8:30 pm
Kwasek Meeting Room

Mary Lincoln comes to life as presented by Valerie Gugala. Mrs. Lincoln takes listeners through her life as a young woman born into a wealthy family to the Lincoln family's life in the White House during the Civil War. There will be time for questions at the end of this program.

AN INTRODUCTION TO HOME
BREWING: BEGINNING BEER

Thursday, January 3, 6 – 8 pm
Kwasek Meeting Room

Do you enjoy good quality craft beer? Award winning home brewer Scott Poin-ton will discuss the equipment, ingredients, brewing process, and resources available to would-be brew masters.



Westmont Reads
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Take a trip to Hogwarts this winter with *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. Get sorted into your Hogwarts house, test your knowledge of Potter trivia, and earn points in the House Cup by participating in programs.

See pages 2 & 3 for details.

THE SUCCESS PRINCIPLES

Wednesday, January 9, 6:30 – 8 pm
Kwasek Meeting Room

Are you ready to make (and keep!) your New Year's resolution? What Success Principles work for you? How do you apply those Principles to your life? How do you keep applying them and not get discouraged? Ring in the new year by having some fun, learning some goal setting principles, and most importantly learning how to keep yourself accountable.

TRAVEL TO ICELAND: THE LAND
OF FIRE AND ICE

Thursday, January 10, 7 – 8 pm
Community Meeting Room

Hear all about your librarian's adventures in the land of fire and ice. Librarian Justin will show you where he visited and stayed, including Reykjavik dining and national landmarks.

ESSENTIAL OILS:
"POTIONS 101"

Monday, February 18, 7 – 8 pm
Kwasek Meeting Room

Wondering what essential oils are and what they can be used for? In this program you will learn the basics, benefits, and safe use of essential oils. You will also get to experiment with different "potions" and roller bottle blends.

MOVIE PRESENTATION:
HARRY POTTER AND THE
SORCERER'S STONE

Wednesday, February 20, 2 – 5 pm
Kwasek Meeting Room

Come and join us for a special screening of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*!

WINTER SOUP RECIPES
WITH CHEF MADDOX

Wednesday, January 23, 6:30 – 8 pm
Kwasek Meeting Room

Join Chef Maddox for an evening with tasty winter soups sure to warm you up this winter! Tastings included!

IPAD: WHAT DO I DO WITH THIS?

Thursday, January 24, 1:30 – 3 pm
Westmont Senior Center
55 E Richmond St, Westmont

Did you recently receive an iPad? Maybe you received one this past holiday season and you're still wondering what to do with it? Let us show you how to use it! Step by step instructions will be provided.

FUN WITH HERBS:
"HERBOLOGY 101"

Wednesday, February 20, 6:30 – 8 pm
Kwasek Meeting Room

In this program, you will learn all about growing herbs, from planning what to grow and what to grow it in to preserving the herbs for later use. Program includes a take-home item.

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Westmont Public Library.

LIVE OWL PRESENTATION

Thursday, February 21, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Kwasek Meeting Room

Come see the seven native owl species of Illinois! The presentation will include both live and taxidermy owls and includes two endangered owl species. Learn all about the Northern Illinois Raptor Rehab and Education Center, why owls and raptors are so important to our environment, and what we can all do in order to help them.

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Westmont Public Library.

ADULTS

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Registration begins Thursday, November 15 at 9:30 am.
Register online at westmontlibrary.org/events, by phone at 630 969 5625, or in person.

HISTORY UNVEILED: THE TRUTH ABOUT THE PRESIDENTS ✓

Wednesday, February 6, 6:30 – 8 pm
Kwasek Meeting Room

Did you know that four presidents rode in the same car that President Kennedy was assassinated in, after his assassination? Or that Elvis Presley asked President Nixon to name him an agent in the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs? Historian Jim Gibbons will share stories, trivia, and fascinating facts about former U.S. presidents.

PEN AND PAPER ROLE PLAYING: A ONE-SHOT ADVENTURE ✓

Thursday, February 7, 7 – 9 pm
Community Meeting Room

Role play with fellow gamers on a fantasy adventure where a treasure heist goes wrong. This will be a one-shot experience using Dungeons and Dragons, 5th edition rules. Pre-made characters, dice, and handbooks will be provided—or bring your own!



TECH TUESDAYS

Community Meeting Room
Join our digital services librarian on Tuesday afternoons for a brief overview of software and technology resources.

- MICROSOFT EXCEL** — December 4
Basics: 3 – 4 pm ✓
- GMAIL AND YAHOO! MAIL** — December 11
Basics: 3 – 4 pm ✓
- WINDOWS 10** — January 8 and February 5
Basics: 3 – 4 pm ✓
Intermediate: 4:15 – 5:15 pm ✓
- MICROSOFT WORD** — January 22 and February 12
Basics: 3 – 4 pm ✓
Intermediate: 4:15 – 5:15 pm ✓
- GOOGLE SUITE** — January 29 and February 26
Basics: 3 – 4 pm ✓
Intermediate: 4:15 – 5:15 pm ✓

VALENTINE’S DAY COOKIE DECORATING ✓

Wednesday, February 13, 6:30 – 8 pm
Community Meeting Room

Love is in the air! Join us in decorating Valentine’s Day themed cookies and make a couple of sweet treats to take home!

THE GREATEST ESCAPE BOOK LECTURE ✓

Wednesday, February 27, 7 – 8 pm
Kwasek Meeting Room

Join Lou Macaluso, a Chicago area author and speaker whose new title, *The Greatest Escape*, has been optioned to be a Hollywood movie. It is based on the true story of a group of senior citizens who risked death to tunnel beneath the Berlin Wall during the height of the Cold War in order to escape East Berlin.



ACCLAIMED FILMS, DOCUMENTARIES, AND INDIE FEATURES—NOW STREAMING ON KANOPY

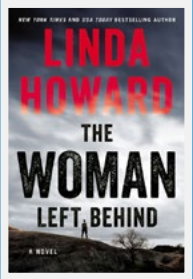
Whether you’re at home or on the go, a night at the movies is just a click away. Stream up to 6 titles per month from Kanopy on your computer or mobile device. There’s no waiting in line and no late fees. Visit westmontlibrary.kanopy.com to start watching.

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!



Looking for a good book to curl up with this winter?

Try our staff review blog, Book Recs, at westmontlibrary.org/bookrecs. With titles tagged by age and genre, it’s easy to find the perfect match.



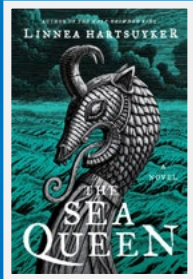
The Woman Left Behind
by Linda Howard

Author Linda Howard presents a fast-paced story of a woman’s struggle for survival where time, terrain, and lack of water become her enemies.



Wake of Vultures
by Lila Bowen

This novel is a new take on a fantasy story and an interesting view into the world of someone questioning who they are to their very core.



The Sea Queen
by Linnea Hartsuyker

Svanhild is a competent warrior, but also a woman that prioritizes her son’s safety before her own as she chases her freedom across the seas.

ONGOING GROUPS

TEAM TRIVIA

Mondays, 7 – 9 pm
Dec. 3 & 17, Jan. 7 & 21, and Feb. 4 & 18
Zazzo’s Pizza & Bar
200 W Ogden Ave, Westmont

Bring your friends out for a pub quiz challenge by the WPL librarians.

4TH MONDAY BOOK GROUP

Mondays, 7 – 9 pm
January 28 and February 25
Kwasek Meeting Room

Join this patron-led book discussion group as they explore the world—one book at a time! See westmontlibrary.org/bookclubs for upcoming titles.

KNIT CLIQUE

Tuesdays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
December 4, January 8, and February 5
Community Meeting Room

Beginners and experienced crafters alike are invited to attend this casual knitting and crochet group!

UNREAL WORLD BOOK CLUB

Tuesdays, 7 – 9 pm
December 4, January 8, and February 5
Zazzo’s Pizza & Bar
200 W Ogden Ave, Westmont

Discuss books and films set in imaginative times and places. For upcoming titles, see westmontlibrary.org/bookclubs.

WESTMONT LIBRARY CINEMA ✓

Wednesdays, 1:30 – 3:30 pm
December 12, January 9, and February 6
Community Meeting Room

Enjoy a movie and popcorn with friends.
Dec. 12 *The Incredibles 2*
Jan. 9 *Won’t You Be My Neighbor?*
Feb. 6 *Christopher Robin*

WRITERS GROUP

Thursdays, 7 – 9 pm
Dec. 13 & 27, Jan. 17 & 31, and Feb. 14 & 28
Community Meeting Room

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

PLAY IT

Thursdays, 7 – 9 pm
December 20, January 24, and February 21
Community Meeting Room

Play board games at the library with family and friends. Come prepared to learn a new game or teach others if you are already familiar. Games are available for checkout.

Dec. 20 Daggers High
Jan. 24 Ticket to Ride
Feb. 21 Betrayal at Baldur’s Gate

HOPPY READS BOOK CLUB ✓

Thursdays, 7 – 9 pm
December 27, January 31, and February 28
Zazzo’s Pizza & Bar
200 W Ogden Ave, Westmont

Join fellow readers for a beer and fine company at Zazzo’s Pizza and Bar. We will explore themes in fiction, non-fiction, film and graphic novels. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. For upcoming titles, see westmontlibrary.org/bookclubs.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Saturdays, 10 am – noon
Dec. 8 & 22, Jan. 12 & 26, and Feb. 9 & 23
Community Meeting Room

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 9:30 am – 9 pm
Friday & Saturday 9:30 am – 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm – 5 pm

Library Closings

Wednesday, November 21 (5 pm closing)
Thursday, November 22
Monday, December 24
Tuesday, December 25
Monday, December 31
Tuesday, January 1
Friday, January 25

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Friends of the Westmont Public Library is a 501c3 non-profit organization that supports the library's programs, special events, and equipment purchases through membership dues and fundraising.

For more information, contact the Friends at friends@westmontlibrary.org.

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BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 8, 7 – 8 pm

All are welcome!

IN THE ART GALLERY

Enjoy artwork from the following artists in our first floor gallery this winter.



DECEMBER

Janet Turek
Acrylic paintings



JANUARY & FEBRUARY

Mary Yezek
Mixed media

Interested in displaying your artwork? For more information, visit westmontlibrary.org/exhibits-and-displays.



Accio Westmont Reads!

There's more to explore at the library this winter than surprises in a box of Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Beans!

Pick up a copy of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* and get sorted into your Hogwarts house during the week of January 21. After you've read the book, celebrate Wizarding Week with programs and challenges at the library from February 16 – 23.

See pages 2 & 3 for details.