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**Winter
2018/2019**





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Need internet while traveling? Connect your WiFi-supported devices to this WiFi hotspot to access unlimited internet anytime, anywhere.



Roku 2

Stream movies and TV shows to your TV via the internet. WCPLD's Roku gives you access to more than 100 movies and TV shows for free.



Kindle

Take that first step into digital reading. Check out one of our e-readers preloaded with mystery & suspense, romance, and popular titles.



Orion GoScope 80 Tabletop Refractor Telescope

Observe the beauty and wonders of the night sky from your own backyard. This portable telescope is ideal for beginning astronomers. Accessories included.



Sphero SPRK+

Get on the ball and learn coding the fun and easy way with Sphero SPRK+, the robotic ball. Using the Sphero Edu app and your smart device, you can easily learn programming.



Technology Classes

Computer Basics

Wednesday, January 16 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Let us help you learn how computers work and introduce you to basic computer functions. Please join us for this beginners-only class. No experience necessary.

Must have basic computer skills to take the following classes:

Microsoft Word

Wednesday, January 23 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Learn the basics: formatting text and documents, changing fonts, cut/copy and paste, using Spell Check, MS Word terminology, and more.



Smartphones and Tablets - Open Lab

Tuesday, February 5 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Not sure how to use your smartphone or tablet? Bring it to our practice lab, along with your questions, and we'll show you how to get around on your device.

Computer Building 101 - NEW!

Tuesday, January 15 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Thursday, February 21 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

In this class we'll introduce you to the internals of a computer, show you how to identify parts, and teach you how to put it back together.

Introduction to GIMP

(GNU Image Manipulation Program)

Thursday, January 31 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Wednesday, February 27 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

We'll teach you how to use this free Photoshop-like graphic design program to manipulate images and create logos.



Microsoft Excel

Wednesday, February 6 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Learn the basic tools of Excel. We'll show you how to navigate around a spreadsheet, enter and edit data, and cover basic formatting skills.



Managing Your Photos

Tuesday, February 19 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Join us for tips and assistance on storing, importing, labeling, and organizing your photos.

What the Library means to me...

"It feels like home and everyone is nice."

— West Chicago Public Library patron

Adult Programs

Sheep to Chic: Fiber Art Program

Wednesday, January 30 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Natasha Lehrer Lewis talks about her working farm and art retreat, and the processes by which she uses her sheep and farmland to create art inspired by the intersection of art and industry. Program includes hands-on participation.



English Conversation Group

Tuesdays, December 4 - February 26*

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

*Group will not meet Dec. 25, Jan. 1

Practice your English pronunciation and conversation skills guided by a volunteer from Literacy DuPage. Learn new words, make friends, play games, and have fun! *Drop in.*

DIY Fabric Holiday Wreaths

Wednesday, December 5 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Deck the walls! Create a decorative wreath using a frame and festive fabric.

Medicare 101: Understanding Medicare Basics

Wednesday, December 12 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

When can I enroll in Medicare? What do Medicare Parts A, B, C and D cover? These and other questions will be answered by a Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Counselor from DuPage County Senior Services.

Chess Club

Last Thursday of the month

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

**December 27, January 31,
February 28**

Whether you're a chess master or just starting out, come join us for some board time and meet like-minded enthusiasts. Chess sets will be provided. *For adults and teens. Drop in.*



How to Write a Business Plan

Thursday, January 3

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

West Chicago Business Development Coordinator Peter Kelly will discuss the first steps toward making the dream of starting your own business a reality.



Stroke Awareness Workshop

Wednesday, January 9 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Join Ryan Keiler, of Northwestern Medicine, to learn about the signs and symptoms of a stroke as well as what to do when you notice these signs in yourself or a loved one.

Cake Decorating with Chef Cherise

Wednesday, February 13 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Learn how to decorate like a pro! Chef Cherise will teach you how to prep and ice a cake for a professional appearance. Freshly baked cake and buttercream icing will be shared.

Oscar Trivia Night

Wednesday, February 20 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Get ready for the 2019 Academy Awards with our Oscar Trivia Night! We'll present a night of fun, facts, and film clips -- all you need to bring is your love of movies!

Films with Friends

Fridays, 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Grab a friend and join us at the library for a relaxing afternoon. Theater-style refreshments will be served.

***Finding Your Feet* (PG-13, 111 min)
December 7**

***Secretariat* (PG, 123 min)
January 11**



What the Library means to me...

"Bringing my grandkids and sharing my love of books with them."

– West Chicago Public Library patron



Book Discussions

Copies of each book discussion title are available at the Circulation desk. Registration is not required for any of the discussions.

Between the Lines

2nd Monday of the month: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders
December 10

In the Midst of Winter by Isabel Allende
January 14

The Wright Brothers by David McCullough
February 11

Bagels and Biographies

Last Monday of the month: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

The Year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion
January 28

The World's Strongest Librarian by Josh Hanagarne
February 25

Clases de Computación

Por favor, regístrate para los siguientes programas:

Computación Básica

Jueves, 17 de enero 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Nosotros cubriremos iniciar/cerrar programas y documentos, guardar documentos, imprimir documentos, y el vocabulario de la computadora.

Microsoft Word

Jueves, 24 de enero 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Aprendemos lo básico para cambiar formatos, cortar/copiar y pegar, chequear la ortografía, y mucho más.

Microsoft Excel

Jueves, 7 de febrero 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

La creación de hojas de cálculo, añadir / borrar columnas y filas, cálculos simples, y la terminología. Debes tener conocimientos básicos de computación para tomar esta clase.



Programs for 20-30 somethings

Mason Jar Snow Globe

Thursday, December 13 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Love charming or quirky holiday decorations? Make a winter diorama using a mason jar, salt, and your own personal touch.

Board Game Night

Thursday, January 10 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Enjoy a night of board gaming with us! We'll provide the pizza, you bring the friendly competition. Feel free to bring one of your own games to share or play one of ours.

Student Loan Refinancing

Thursday, February 21 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

A representative of The Illinois Student Assistance Commission will explain loan repayment options for Federal Student Loans through the Department of Education. Loan processing, loan re-payment, staying out of default, and loan discharge and forgiveness also will be covered.

TEEN MYSTERY WINTER READING PROGRAM



Teen Mystery Winter Reading Program

Friday, December 21 - Saturday, February 2

Be a library super-sleuth by reading or completing the tasks on your reading log for the chance to win prizes! Starting December 21, you can register and pick up your reading log at the 2nd floor reference desk.

Gamer's Haven

Mondays, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

December 3, 10, 17; January 7, 14, 21; February 4, 11, 18

Come and play with gamers of all kinds. Video or board games -- you pick! Snacks and friendly competition provided.



ANIMEniacs

Tuesdays, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

December 4, February 5

Love anime? Join us to watch an episode or more at ANIMEniacs!

Young Adult Advisory Council Meeting

1st Tuesday of the month from 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

December 4, January 8, February 5

Make a difference and join the YA Council: a group of teens who help make the library a teen-friendly place. Applications are available in Adult Services.

Winter Mystery Night

Tuesday, December 11

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Solve a mystery at the library!

Register to reserve your spot.



What the Library means to me...

"The Library is our happy place each week!"

– West Chicago Public Library patron

MOVIE NIGHT

Tuesdays, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Kick back, enjoy some fresh popcorn and a movie!



Black Panther (PG-13)

December 18

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (PG)

January 15

Ready Player One (PG-13)

February 19

DIY Cake Pops

Saturday, December 22 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Make and decorate your own cake pops to eat or give as gifts!

Artists' Alley

Tuesday, January 8 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Sketch, color, and write to your heart's content at the YA Artists' Alley, right before the YA Council meeting. Bring your own supplies and paper or use what we provide.

Short Film Group

Tuesday, January 22

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Can you make a short film in 2.5 hours? We'll provide the props and prompt of the day, you provide the talent!

Anti-Valentine's Day

Tuesday, February 12

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Celebrate Anti-Valentine's Day with activities like "saddergories," speed-hating, and an improv game!





Please note: Parents of children under the age of 9 must remain in the library while children are attending library programs.



Monday, December 3 - Monday, February 25

Slide on into Youth Services and register for the Winter Reading Challenge beginning on Monday, December 3. Children will receive a reading challenge sheet, bookmark, and a FREE book. Participants who finish their challenge will receive coupons from Culvers and Chili's along with a special final prize.

In addition to providing reading incentives, the library will host a variety of themed programs for children of all ages.

Storytimes

1000 Books Club

Thursdays, 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM
December 6, February 7

We're on a mission to read 1,000 books before kindergarten! Join us for stories and to learn more about this self-paced reading program. For children ages birth-5 with an adult caregiver.

Stories to Grow On

Mondays, 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM
January 7 - February 25

Warm up with a good book. Share stories, songs and crafts with friends and keep the winter blues at bay. For children ages birth-5 with an adult caregiver.

Wiggle Worms

Tuesdays, 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM
January 8 - February 26

Dance, wiggle, and sing along in this active music and movement storytime! For children ages birth-5 with an adult caregiver.

Baby & Me - NEW!

Wednesdays, 9:20 AM - 9:50 AM
January 16, 23, 30; February 6

Bring in baby for short stories, songs, and playtime. You and baby will enjoy a variety of activities designed to help develop language and motor skills. For ages birth-12 months with an adult caregiver.



Stories Around Town

Winter is here so bundle up and enjoy stories around town! For children ages birth-5 with an adult caregiver.



Timeless Tales at the West Chicago City Museum Thursdays, 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM

Reindeer Games
December 13

Snow is Falling
January 10

Let's Celebrate Valentine's Day
February 14



Storytime at Kindred Coffee

Wednesdays, 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM
December 12, January 9, February 13



Preschool

Nutcracker Ballet Storytime

Friday, December 14 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Celebrate the holidays with music, magic, and movement! We'll read the Nutcracker story, learn a few dance moves, and make a craft. For children ages 3-6 with an adult caregiver.

Great Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Storytime and Drop-off: Saturday, January 26 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM
Pickup: Sunday, January 27 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Wear your pajamas and bring your next-to-favorite stuffed friend for a sleepover at the library! We'll read some stories and then tuck in our animals and say goodnight. Pick up your friend on Sunday afternoon. For children ages 3-7 with an adult caregiver.

School Age

Dessert in a Mug

Wednesday, December 5 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM

What's your favorite dessert? Cake or a brownie? Join us and we will teach you how to make either of these desserts using a mug. For children ages 6-11. Space is limited to the first 20 participants.

Homeschool Study Break

Fridays, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
December 7, January 25

Take a homeschooling break to spend your Friday morning in the Library! We'll show a movie and provide board games for you to enjoy with other homeschoolers. For all ages.

Breakerspace

Saturday, January 12 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Explore technology by dismantling old electronics to see what's inside. For children ages 9-11.

Homeschool Lab

Tuesdays, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Calling all homeschool scientists for an afternoon of exploration and discovery! Join us for some science experiments and a whole lot of fun! For all ages.

Lights and Mirrors

January 8

Inside Your Body

February 5

Movie Days

Join us for movies at the Library! Come snack, relax and watch a movie the entire family can enjoy. Freshly-popped popcorn will be provided. For all ages.

Incredibles 2 (PG, 118 min.) Disney - PIXAR Incredibles 2 contains several sequences of flashing lights which may affect guests who are susceptible to photosensitive epilepsy or other photo sensitivities.

Monday, January 21 2:00 PM

Peter Rabbit (PG, 95 min.)

Friday, February 1 2:00 PM

Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation (PG, 137 min.)

Monday, February 18 2:00 PM

Families

A Jolly Holiday with Mary!

Saturday, December 8 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

It's a jolly holiday at the library! Spend the afternoon watching Mary Poppins, snacking on popcorn, and making special crafts directly from Mary's carpet bag. For all ages.

Let's Celebrate Unicorns!

Wednesdays, 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM

Calling all unicorn lovers! Join us to create a special and sparkly unicorn craft. For all ages. Space is limited to the first 20 participants.

Unicorn Ornament

December 12

Unicorn Food

February 20

Creating Connections

Saturdays, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

December 15, January 19, February 16

An inclusive program for children with sensory sensitivities to exercise both their brains and bodies. Activities based on children's books will engage all the senses. For children ages 6-11 with an adult caregiver.

After-the-Holidays Movies

Not quite ready to be done with the holidays? Join us for holiday snacks and a classic Christmas cartoon each afternoon. For all ages.

How the Grinch Stole Christmas (G, 26 min.)

Wednesday, January 2 2:00 PM

A Charlie Brown Christmas (G, 25 min.)

Thursday, January 3 2:00 PM

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer (G, 52 min.)

Friday, January 4 2:00 PM

A Villainous Valentine Masquerade

Saturday, February 9 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

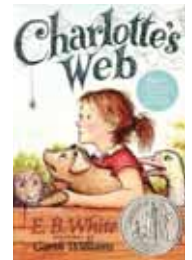
Will you be my Villaintine? Spend a mischievous afternoon with us as we conjure up some wicked treats and truly villainous crafts. For all ages.

Winter Fun and Games

Family Read-Aloud Book Club*

Monday, January 7 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Together we'll read the first chapter of *Charlotte's Web* as we dine on pizza and do an activity. Copies of the book will be available for checkout.



Monday, February 4 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Come prepared to share your favorite parts of the book. We'll enjoy light snacks, do an activity, and conclude with watching the movie based on the book.

*For children ages 4-11 with an adult caregiver. Space is limited to the first 10 families.

Family Fort Building

Monday, January 14 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Join us for stories, s'mores, fort building, and reading time. Bring your own fort-building materials (sheets, blankets) and flashlights. For all ages with an adult caregiver.

Retro Family Game Day @ the Library

Saturday, February 2 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Get unplugged at the library! Bring the family to the library for some "new-fashioned" fun. Join us for games and light refreshments. For all ages with an adult caregiver.



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For more information, please contact the Foundation at: westchicagolibraryfoundation@gmail.com or the Library Director, (630) 231-1552. Thank you for supporting the West Chicago Public Library.

LIBRARY INFO

Circulation Services ext. 2
Youth Services ext. 3
Adult Services ext. 4
TDD 630-231-5478

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9 am - 9 pm
Friday and Saturday 9 am - 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm - 5 pm

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Monday, December 24 - Christmas Eve
Tuesday, December 25 - Christmas Day
Monday, December 31 - New Year's Eve
Tuesday, January 1 - New Year's Day
Friday, February 8 - Staff In-Service

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The board meets the 4th Monday of each month at 7 pm in the program room. The public is encouraged to attend.

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Benjamin R. Weseloh, Library Director



Note from the Director

The Library celebrated its 25th anniversary on October 5 and it was extremely encouraging to read the patrons' comments about what the library means to them; their words comprised our logo mural.

It gives the staff and the Library Board great satisfaction knowing that we are serving the community in so many ways. To all who came to share in our festive celebration and congratulate the very creative participants and winners of the library card design contest, I THANK YOU.

Soon District residents will have an opportunity to purchase a Christmas ornament sold by the City Museum that will feature the West Chicago Public Library. Don't miss your opportunity to get a piece of history by purchasing an ornament. We anticipate that ornaments will be available for purchase at the Library's Yule Ball on November 30th.

Recently the lobby display case was renovated and an art-hanging system installed in what we are calling our "Creative Corridor". It has been our vision to allocate an area in the lobby to display artwork and artistic creations. Now that this area has been designated, we hope it will be a go-to place for patrons to view art and collections from the local community. Speaking of renovation, the Library Foundation agreed to fund renovation of the program room. We are grateful for the support of the Library Foundation and excited about the new look this room will have in early 2019!

Finally, the Winter Reading Programs for children and teens will begin in December. In addition to the joy of reading, prizes are also available as an incentive! As you can tell, there is a lot going on and much to see, making the library the place you want to be!

Benjamin R. Weseloh



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