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Spring 2019



Grow a Reader Right from the Start!

Learning to read begins at birth. Children who develop specific skill sets through playing, reading, writing, singing, and talking enter kindergarten more prepared to read. Our interactive storytimes, reading programs, and early literacy resources are designed to help you grow a reader!

Baby and Me Storytime

Develop your baby's brain through songs, movement, and stories in our **Baby and Me** storytime. Free time with toys and friends ends each session. While you focus on baby, we'll have supervised activities for siblings in the Imagination Station. Receive a "Welcome Baby Buzz Pack" including a book, early literacy information, and toys when you bring your new honey to the library! For babies ages birth-12 months. See page 6 for more details.



1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Reading aloud to your child is the most important thing you can do to help your child get ready to read! **1000 Books Before Kindergarten** is a FREE program designed to encourage parents to read to their children, and to reward young readers. There are 10 prizes, one for each hundred books read. If you read at least three books a day, you'll finish in less than a year! To learn more or sign up please visit the Youth Services desk. For children ages Birth-Pre K.



Grow a Reader Kits

Our **Grow a Reader kits** contain a variety of items that will help develop the skills a child needs to be ready to read. Each kit is subject-themed and includes books, puzzles, CDs, puppets, and more—on a variety of fun topics that you and your child can enjoy while reading, singing, talking, and playing! Kits geared for ages birth-five years.

Technology Classes

Must have basic computer skills to take the following classes:

Microsoft Word - Level 1

Wednesday, March 13 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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



Microsoft Word - Level 2

Wednesday, March 20 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Go beyond the basics: learn more advanced formatting techniques, page setup, lists, sorting, and symbols.

Microsoft Excel - Level 1

Wednesday, April 17 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Learn spreadsheet fundamentals: terminology, creating/editing columns and rows, and formatting cells.



Microsoft Excel - Level 2

Wednesday, April 24 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Go beyond the basics: formulas, tables, charts, and graphs.

Managing your Photos

Wednesday, May 1 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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

Tech Time Drop-in

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

Learn and practice your technology skills in a relaxed setting. No registration required.

What is the Cloud?

Wednesday, May 15 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

We'll explain "the cloud" and give you some tips to make an informed decision about whether—and how—you want to use it.

Using Downloadable Collections

Wednesday, May 22 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Learn how to download library books, audiobooks, magazines, or music to your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Bring your own device or use one of the library's laptops.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

What's Poppin' at the Library!

Wednesday, April 10 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Join us for a meet-and-greet to discover what's poppin' at the Library! Learn about the exciting things the Library has to offer, get acquainted with our librarians and WCPLD Foundation members, and check out our digital and print resources along with our new Library of Things collection. We'll have giveaways, special treats, and of course, plenty of popcorn!



Adult Programs



English Conversation Group

Tuesdays, March 5 - May 28 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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.*

String Art

Wednesday, March 6 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

String your way to a wonderful design or pattern. All it takes is a little imagination and plenty of string to make a beautiful picture.



Peaches and Baseball

Wednesday, March 27 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

"There's no crying in baseball!" In this living history program, Rebecca Tulloch will share the story of the real-life Peaches of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League and the film that was inspired by them, *A League of Their Own*.

What the Library means to me...

"I love how involved the library is in the community! I always enjoy coming to the programs. The library makes West Chicago a very special place."

– West Chicago Public Library patron

Chess Club

Last Thursday of the month

March 28, April 25, May 30 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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.*

Understanding the Credit Report:

Making Credit Work for You

Wednesday, April 3 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Not sure what your credit report means? Nereida Rodriguez from H.O.M.E. DuPage will explore the elements of a credit score and how it is determined.

Do You Speak "Bank?"

Wednesday, April 10 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

The Center for Entrepreneurship at College of DuPage presents a workshop on preparing your business to apply for outside funding.

Painting Flowering Spring Trees

Thursday, May 16

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Learn to paint beautiful flowering trees. Art teacher Christine Thornton shares fun and easy painting techniques using watercolor pencils, plastic wrap, and brushes. Perfect for spring!



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.

A League of Their Own

(PG, 128 Minutes)

March 8

Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again

(PG-13, 114 min.)

May 10



Adults



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

The Butterfly's Daughter by Mary Alice Monroe
March 11

The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins
April 8

Sin in the Second City by Karen Abbott
May 13

Bagels and Biographies

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

Eager by Ben Goldfarb
March 25

A Kind of Miraculous Paradise by Sandra Allen
April 29

The Mirage Factory by Gary Krist
May 20

Programs for 20-30 somethings



Origami Mobile

Thursday, March 14 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Make your own origami mobile to accent a room in your home, liven up an office, or turn a child's bedroom into a magical place.

Rain Barrels, Rain Gardens, and Water Issues

Thursday, April 11 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Nancy Cinatl from the Conservation Foundation will discuss the importance of water conservation. Learn what you can do to keep water local and clean.

Board Game Night

Thursday, May 9 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.

Eventos en español

Por favor, regístrate para los siguientes programas:

Adultos

Hacer que su crédito funcione para usted

Miércoles, 3 de abril 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

¿No está seguro de lo que significa su estado de crédito? Nereida Rodríguez de H.O.M.E. DuPage explorará los elementos de puntaje de crédito y cómo se determina.

TVDLs Licencia Temporal de Manejo

Jueves, 4 de abril 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Revisaremos las Normas de Tránsito de Illinois para prepararnos para el examen de la Licencia de Conducir para Visitantes Temporales (TVDL) del Estado de Illinois.

Clases de Computación

Computación Básica

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

Jueves, 25 de abril 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Iniciar/cerrar programas y documentos, guardar documentos, imprimir documentos, y el vocabulario de la computadora.

Microsoft Word en español

Jueves, 21 de marzo 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Jueves, 2 de mayo 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

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

Microsoft Excel en español

Jueves, 18 de abril 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Jueves, 23 de mayo 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.





Gamer's Haven

Mondays, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

March 4, 11, 18; April 1, 8, 15, 29; May 6, 13, 20

Come and play with gamers of all kinds. Board or video games—you pick! Snacks and friendly competition provided.

Artists' Alley

Tuesdays, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

March 5, May 7

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.

Young Adult Advisory Council Meeting

Tuesdays, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

March 5, April 2, May 7

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.

FREE Practice Exams with The Princeton Review

ACT: Saturday, March 9 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

ACT: Register using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/y9rqeo8l>

SAT: Saturday, April 6 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

SAT: Register using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ya5ef9zq>

The Princeton Review will offer a FREE ACT and SAT paper-and-pencil practice test at the library. Bring a pencil and calculator and reduce test anxiety by doing a risk-free practice test that replicates the actual test day. For teens in 9th-12th grade, limited to the first 24 who register using the links provided.

Blue Moon Café

Tuesdays, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Chill with us at Blue Moon Café. Cozy up to some warm drinks and feel free to work on the craft of the night.

DIY Bath Bombs
March 19

DIY Henna Lanterns
April 16

Perler Beads
May 21

MOVIE NIGHT

Tuesdays, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Kick back, enjoy some fresh popcorn and a movie!



Jumanji (PG-13, 119 minutes)

March 12



Justice League (PG-13, 121 minutes)

April 9



Christopher Robin (PG, 120 minutes)

May 14

Coding Club

Wednesdays, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

March 20; April 3, 17; May 1, 15

Interested in computer games, web design, animation, or robotics? Now's your chance to investigate, innovate, and collaborate! We'll get you started and then you can learn at your own pace. Come for one session or all five! **For students in grades 4-8. Please register.**

ANIMEniacs

Tuesday, April 2 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Love Anime? Watch an episode or more with us at ANIMEniacs!

Super Smash Bros. Tournament

Tuesday, April 30 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Many will enter, only one will be victorious! Show us your skills with a Wii-mote, or cheer on others while enjoying friendly competition and pizza. Prizes include GameStop gift cards for 1st-, 2nd-, and 3rd- place winners. Come at 4:00 pm to sign in to the tournament bracket.

Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 4 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Comic book lovers, it's your day! Come to the Library to pick up FREE comics and enter your name into the drawing for a Star Wars prize. Stay for the 1:00 pm showing of *The Force Awakens* (PG-13, 135 min.).





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

National Children's Book Week

Celebrating 100 Years!

Monday, April 29 - Sunday, May 5

Join us in celebrating the 100th anniversary of National Children's Book Week. We'll host storytimes and fun activities related to favorite children's books all week. Visit the Maker Space to create a picture book, graphic novel, or personalized bookmark. Children can participate in the 12th Annual Children's and Teen Choice Book Awards—the only national book awards chosen by children and teens. For all ages.

Storytimes



Stories to Grow On

Mondays, 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM*

March 4 - April 29

Spring into reading at the Library! We'll share stories, songs and crafts with friends as the snow melts and the weather gets warmer. For children birth-6 with an adult caregiver. *No storytime March 25.

Wiggle Worms

Tuesdays, 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM*

March 5 - April 30

Dance, wiggle, and sing along in this active music and movement storytime! For children ages birth-6 with an adult caregiver.

*No storytime March 26.

Baby & Me

Wednesdays, 9:20 AM - 9:50 AM

March 6, 20; April 3, 17

Babies will learn, play, and develop language and motor skills through songs, movement, and stories. There will be time for baby to explore toys and socialize, too! For children ages birth-12 months with an adult caregiver.

What the Library means to me...

"It's fun and I like books. My favorite book is Beauty and the Beast."

— West Chicago Public Library patron



Stories Around Town

Spring has sprung so step out and join us for Stories Around Town! For children ages birth-6 with an adult caregiver.

Kindred Coffee Roasters

Wednesdays, 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

March 13, April 10



Timeless Tales at the West Chicago City Museum

Thursdays, 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM

March 14, April 11, May 9



On Pointe Dance Academy - NEW!

Thursdays, 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM

March 21, April 18



Stories in the Gardens at Cantigny*

Thursday, May 16 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

*Passes for FREE parking are available in Youth Services and must be picked up prior to the event.



Walkin' and Talkin' Storywalk at the Shell

Monday, May 20 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM



School Age

Homeschool Lab

Tuesdays, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

March 5, April 9, May 14

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

Coding Club

Wednesdays, 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

March 20; April 3, 17; May 1, 15

Interested in computer games, web design, animation, or robotics? Here's your chance to investigate, innovate, and collaborate with other coding enthusiasts! We'll get you started in this self-paced program. Come for one session or all five! *For students in grades 4-8. Please register.*

Days-Off-School

Movie Mania!

Smallfoot (PG, 96 min.)

Friday, March 1 2:00-3:30 PM

Come snack, relax, and watch a movie the entire family can enjoy! Freshly-popped popcorn will be provided. For all ages. Children under 9 will need to be accompanied by an adult.



Spring Break Extravaganza

Monday, March 25 - Friday, March 29

Drop in anytime this week for a variety of activities including a guessing jar, scavenger hunt, and crafts! For all ages.

Love-You-to-Pieces Puzzle Art

Tuesday, April 2 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Observe International Autism Awareness Day at the Library. Drop in to make a puzzle craft or take the pieces home to complete. For all ages.



Families

DIY Birdhouse & Feeder*

Wednesday, March 13 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM

Let's get ready for spring! We will help you build your own birdhouse and bird feeder. For all ages. Space is limited to the first 20 participants. *We will be handling peanut butter and bird food.

Creating Connections

Saturdays 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

March 16, April 20, May 18

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 all ages with an adult caregiver.

Family Read-Aloud Book Club*

Monday, March 18 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Together we'll read the first chapter of *The BFG*, by Roald Dahl, as we enjoy pizza and an activity. Copies of the book will be available for checkout.



Monday, April 29 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Come and share your favorite parts of *The BFG*! We'll enjoy snacks, an activity, and conclude with watching the movie based on this book. *You do not need to have attended our first meeting to participate although it is encouraged.*

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

Easter Egg Decorating

Wednesday, April 10 5:00 PM - 5:45 PM

Have fun creating super-cool and colorful dyed eggs! You'll learn how to tie-dye eggs and fill them with confetti. For all ages. Space is limited to the first 20 participants.

May the 4th Be with You!

Saturday, May 4 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Do or do not, there is no try. However, drop by for a special Star Wars storytime at 11:00 am. Stay afterward to enjoy crafts and activities, and watch *The Force Awakens* (PG-13, 135 min.) at 1:00 p.m. For fans of all ages.



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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
The Library is closed on Sundays, May 26-September 1

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Sunday, April 21 - Easter
Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day

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. **May Board meeting to be held Tuesday, May 28 at 7 pm*

Nancy Conradt, PhD., President
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Benjamin R. Weseloh, Library Director



Note from the Director

On behalf of the Library and the Board of Library Trustees, I wish you a happy and prosperous new year! There were many successes in 2018 for the Library including several well-attended large-scale events (most recently the Yule Ball); joining the SWAN Consortium, which expanded the number of libraries in our network to 97; the development of the Creative Corridor in the lobby; and the library-cardholder rate surpassing 50 percent! As we turn the page on 2018, there are many exciting things ahead for the Library in 2019. The Program Room is being renovated for an updated look, funded by the Library Foundation, and the three study rooms are also being repainted. Increased outreach to the District is being planned and a new "Library of Things" (a collection of nontraditional materials to be circulated) will be established in the early part of 2019. Finally, for improved safety, the Library will begin installation of a video surveillance system in early January with anticipated completion in March.

The Consolidated Election for Library Trustees is coming up on April 2; there are five candidates running for four open positions. If you are not a registered voter, please remember that the Library has voter registrars who can register you to vote prior to election day.

As you create your new year's resolutions, I would like to invite you to consider how the Library might be able to help you achieve some of the resolutions you set for yourself. If it's reading more, we've got you covered. If it's becoming healthier, we have many books and videos to help you achieve your health goals. If it's learning about new technology, we can help. This year make the Library the place you want to be!

Benjamin R. Weseloh

Roku 2

Don't have cable TV? Stream movies and TV shows to your TV via the internet! Check out WCPLDs Roku 2 and get access to more than 100 movies and TV shows for FREE. Available for checkout with your West Chicago Public Library card.



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