



WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

One-Stop Searching

Ann: *Let's review what many patrons already know, Chris. Anyone can search the SWAN catalog, but as a patron, when I log in to the SWAN catalog for the Westchester Public Library with my barcode and pin, I can request books and such, renew items I have checked out, create lists of books, films or CDs I may want to request later, and even pay fines with my credit card.*

Here's what's new! My search will also find articles from a suite of the Library's subscription databases and open access (free) resources. When full text is available, my login assures me access to the full text.

Chris: **So what you are saying is that the full experience is only available through having a library card! But patrons need to know where to find the articles. When I am talking to my kids and their friends, they find searching a database overwhelming. They are looking for precise instructions so they understand what they are doing.**

Ann: *Once they do a search on the SWAN catalog, they will see options in the left column for tailoring their results. If they look at the top of this column, there are two tabs. The first one is labeled 'search results' and this is what appears first in the center of the screen, showing results from searching the catalog normally. The second tab says 'article search wcs' – click this second tab to see the articles identified by their search.*

What I like when I look at results on this second tab is that results often show a brief introduction to the topic, or a dictionary definition of the search word. And while citations to articles display, the search results can include content from books as well as articles! Click on "full text" to pull up the complete article or "find full text" to follow links for getting the full article.

So Chris, will your kids find this better than just doing a search on Google?

Chris: **Quite often, I have to remind my children that just**

because it is on the Internet doesn't make it reliable or true. For homework assignments, they are required to cite reliable sources. Databases can provide these. A lot of times, if they don't find a book that covers the topic, they can find the information in articles from these databases. This is the wave of the future as more of these articles are digitized and available online. As they become more comfortable with this approach, they will use it in more ways than just homework.

Ann: *I think a lot of patrons will like the convenience of finding articles when they search the SWAN catalog. The articles are pulled from our key databases that cover magazine and journal articles, so if a patron searches 'refrigerators' he or she will find articles from Consumer Reports as well as other publications. If patrons don't find what they are looking for, they can search our databases directly – and these are found on the Library's website www.westchesterpl.org under 'online tools.' Some topics are tricky to research, so we encourage patrons to ask the reference staff for help or advice in searching.*

Chris: **Once again, it is imperative that patrons use their barcode and pin to log into SWAN in order to achieve the FULL benefits of searching SWAN!**

Ann Weaver is head of the Adult Reference Department and Chris Medjo Me Zengue is an adult reference assistant

Food for Fines

Do you have fines on your account? In celebration of National Library Week, we will be accepting non-perishable canned foods as credit toward payment of fines! April 9 through 15, each canned item will be worth up to \$1.00 in credit. All donated food will go to the Westchester Food Pantry, so no expired items will be accepted. If you're unsure what to give, just donate items that you would feed your own family.

E-Newsletter

To get a copy of the Library's newsletter emailed to you, simply enter your email address in the "subscribe to our email" box on our homepage at www.westchesterpl.org. The e-newsletter is emailed out one week prior to appearing in the Village's monthly newsletter.

YOUTH PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

Art Contest Winners!

1st grade

1st Zoey Michaels - WPS

2nd grade

1st Bella Santos - WPS

3rd grade

1st Chloe Cappel - WIS

2nd Gia DeFalco - WIS

3rd Mackenzie Winning - WIS

4th Melyra Vargas—WIS

4th Grade

1st Kevin Taylor - WIS

2nd Mala Agwuncha - WIS

3rd Viky Romanyuk - WIS

*Special Mention to *Kevin Taylor whose impressive troll house got ruined. It was good while it lasted Kevin!

5th grade

1st Matthew Michaels - WIS

2nd Sam or Max Olszta - WIS

3rd Anna Galvan - WIS

6th grade

1st Mystery entry

7th grade

Best in Show

☆ Gabriela Munoz - WMS

2nd Michael Fiyueroa - WMS

8th grade

1st Josie Kryczka - WMS

WPS - Westchester Primary School

WMS - Westchester Middle School

WIS - Westchester Intermediate School

The following programs will run through April 27

NURSERY RHYME STORYTIME

For children up to age 3½ and their parents/caregivers

Wednesdays

9:40—10:00

OR

Thursdays

9:40—10:00

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE STORYTIME

For children age 3½ – pre-K (not yet in K)

Wednesdays

10:30—11:00

OR

Thursdays

10:30—11:00

MONDAY MAKERS

Grades 3 and up

Mondays 6:00—7:00

READING ROUND TABLE

Grades 3—8

Tuesdays 4:00—5:00

IN THE LOOP KNITTING

Grades 4 and up

Beginners only

Limit 12

Mondays 6:30—7:30

MAGIC CARPET CLUB

Grades K—2

Wednesdays 4:00—4:45

CURSIVE WRITING

Grades 3 and up

Thursdays 4:00—4:45



Teen Programs

Teen Time-Wasters 3rd Wednesdays at 6:30

April 19: Bored? Play Board Games

Teen Movie 4th Wednesdays at 6:00

April 26: *X-Men: Apocalypse* (PG-13, 144 min)



Adult Programs

Adult Book Discussion — Thurs, April 20 at 7:00 pm

Love That Boy by Ron Fournier

Hooked on Crochet — Tues, April 11 & Tues, May 9 at 7:00 pm

New members welcome to join the group — be sure to contact Ann or Pat for details and supply list: 708-562-3573.



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Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30 am-9:00 pm, Friday 9:30 am-6:00 pm, Saturday 9:30 am-5:00 pm, Sunday 1:00-5:00 pm.

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