



WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Happy 200th Birthday, Illinois!

2018 isn't just any new year—2018 is the 200th bicentennial celebration for the State of Illinois.

Even though we will be celebrating the state's 200th birthday, keep in mind that Europeans arrived in Illinois as early as 1673 when Fr. Jacques Marquette and fur trader Louis Joliet explored Illinois. By 1699, French missionaries had established the first settlement in Cahokia, in southern Illinois, the same location where a century later (1804) Lewis and Clark were starting their famous expedition to explore the territory west of the Mississippi. As farming and industry began to shape the Illinois territory, the first Constitution was adopted August 26, 1818 and on December 3, 1818, with a population of 34,620, Illinois became the 21st state.

Our state has a rich and varied history worthy of rediscovery for its contributions to the arts and literature, business, transportation, science and politics. Books relating to Illinois are scattered throughout our collection (you'll find Illinois travel in 917.73 and Illinois history located in 977.3 in both the youth and adult departments), but I encourage you to travel the state. I have stood at the always impressive Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC on several occasions through the years, but I encountered a very 'real' Lincoln when I saw one of his hand-written drafts of the Gettysburg Address at the Presidential Library and experienced the solemn quiet in the burial chamber of the Lincoln tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery, both places located downstate in Springfield.

December 3, 2018 will mark the 200th birthday of the state. Festivities and celebrations are scheduled throughout the year and throughout the state.

You will find all the events on the

Bicentennial's official website: illinois200.com. We recommend you bookmark the website – it has an outline of key events in Illinois history, prominent leaders and people of influence, and information about each county. This is the year to travel our state and the website will be listing all the events and projects scheduled by partners and sponsors for the Bicentennial.

The Westchester Public Library will be joining in the celebration – in fact, the Library is an official partner of the Illinois Bicentennial and we are building an exciting lineup of Bicentennial related programs for the coming year that tie into Illinois history, its people and culture.

Our Bicentennial programming starts in March, beginning with William Pack's *Illinois At 200: The Storytelling and Trivia Game Show* on Saturday, March 3. That's just the beginning. We are planning a variety of programs featuring speakers, authors, field trips, and food! You will find announcements in this newsletter, on our official Facebook page, at the Library, and on the illinois200.com website. Prepare to celebrate with us!

Ann Weaver is head of the Adult Reference Department

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Westchester Public Library will have its annual meeting on **Saturday, January 27 at 1:00 pm** with special guest speaker **Ina Pinkney** — also known as the "Breakfast Queen of Chicago." Refreshments will be served!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Art Contest!

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES:
Wednesday, January 31

All Westchester students in *grades 1 through 8* are invited to submit artwork for the Library's annual **Art Contest**. The theme is:

"No Such Thing"

Contest information will be available at the schools and in the Youth Department. Winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony!

3D PRINTING WITH MEL & SARAH

Grades 4 and up — Registration required.

Learn all about 3D printing in this super fun **two-part** class!
(All participants must attend *both* days.)

4:00 to 5:00 pm

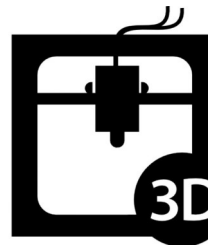
Jan 8 & 15 or Jan 22 & 29

COMING IN FEBRUARY:

BROOKFIELD ZOO



For Adults



Enjoy hands-on experience in 3D printing with this **two-part** class.

Saturday, January 6 10:00 am — noon
Saturday, January 13 10:00 am — noon

3D PRINTING WORKSHOP

This program is **limited to 8 patrons** — registration is required.
To reserve your spot, contact Adult Dept at 708-562-3573.

VIVIAN MEIER: A PHOTOGRAPHER'S LIFE AND AFTERLIFE

Join us as author and Northwestern University Professor **Pamela Bannos** discusses the life and work of Vivian Meier — an unlikely master of twentieth-century American street photography from Chicago. You won't want to miss this engrossing presentation on how Meier went from an unassuming, fiercely private nanny to world-renown, artistic visionary.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 AT 7:00 PM

Registration required - Contact Adult dept (708) 562-3573



ILLINOIS AT 200: STORYTELLING & TRIVIA GAME SHOW

Take one part history, one part storytelling, and one part trivia game, add **prizes** and what do you get? Author and entertainer **William Pack** returns with a once-in-200-years chance to celebrate the Bicentennial of Illinois. Guaranteed to be fun, funny, and informative!

SATURDAY, MARCH 3 AT 2:00

Registration required - Contact Adult dept (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 pm-5:00 pm.

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