



## WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Back to School, Already?!

A 4th grader informed me that there was a 6th grade girl in the corner shooting rubber bands at him. I went to tell her to knock it off and found one of the regular kids that hangs out at the Library. I took the rubber bands away and asked, "Need something to read?"

"Sure," she shrugged.

I knew she could read well enough, but I don't think she did much pleasure reading, so I was eager to lay some good reads on her. "Lookin' for anything in particular?"

"Um, maybe a vampire book."

"Ooo, love the vampires," I said, rubbing my hands together. "What kind of vampires do you like?"

"How many kinds are there?"

"Well, there's the reluctant vampire, the dangerous-sexy vampire, the complete monster, the gentleman, the funny guy, the tragic hero, the list goes on. You could start with this. He's your tragic teen vampire."

"What about the one with that guy in it?"

Kids can be pretty vague, but I'm practically a mind-reader when it comes to books and movies. "You mean Pattinson in *Twilight*?"

"Yeah." She said. I walked her over to the shelf and handed her *Twilight*. "Are they good?"

"Oh yeah, they're pretty good. I like my vampires with a little more teeth, but Alice is my favorite in these."

She took the book. "I like funny stories, too," she offered.

"Oh we've got Pinkwater and Coville and Park and . . ." I walked around loading her up with several more books. "That's Pinkwater's, *Young Adult Novel*. Stupid name, wonderful book. It's about a goofy bunch of high-schoolers who decide to pick the nerdiest kid in the school and make him class president as a lark. The nerdy kid has his own ideas, though, and makes sure they

get what's coming to them." She took it.

"You like Sci-Fi or Fantasy?"

"I suppose."

"The *Wrinkle in Time* movie is out. Have you read that book? It's great. The *White Mountains* is incredible, too. The world's been taken over and, at 14 years of age, all the humans are supposed to get 'capped'. Getting capped makes them docile and easy to control. Anyway, three boys decide they don't want to be capped, so they take off for the mountains where the resistance groups hide. They cross the ruined cities of Europe, running and hiding."

She took it.

"What are you doing?" She looked at the stuff on my desk.

"I'm putting away some crafts I made for the Origami Yoda series."

"Origami what?"

"That's these over here." I walked her over and pulled one. "A little young for you but really good, and I know you do origami, so you might get a kick out of them. Anyway, it's summer! Nothing wrong with a quick read, and they're as cute and buttons. Kind of like the *Whimpy Kid* series but more likable characters."

"What are you reading?"

"Gaiman's, *Graveyard Book* about a kid who was raised by dead folk in a cemetery. There's a really cool vampire in that one. This is the novel, and there's a two-volume graphic novel/comic book version, as well. Very good."

"I want to be a vampire," she informed me.

"Why on earth would you want that?"

"I want to be immortal."

"You don't know what to do with yourself on a long summer afternoon. What will you do with centuries?"

She was silent for a minute, looking around the library. "I'm bored," she said.

"Oh for Pete's sake! Go back to school already!"

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**The Library will be closed Sunday, September 2, and Monday, September 3, for Labor Day. Have a safe holiday weekend!**

*Labor Day also marks the end of our summer hours. Normal hours will resume Tuesday, September 4:*

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



## YOUTH PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

### Wednesday Movies!



August 1: *Sherlock Gnomes*

August 8: *Show Dogs*

August 15: *Hotel Transylvania 3*

August 22: *Duck, Duck Goose*

August 29: *Christopher Robin*

**All movies begin at 6:00 pm.**

## FAMILY PROGRAM

### September Kayaking Adventures

Calling all beginning kayakers! Join our staff, trained and certified in paddling, on a kayak adventures in local waters! This program is **FREE**, and we will have access to the Cook County Forest Preserve's "kayak gear library" for the morning! We have two dates scheduled for September — one on Thatcher Glen Pond and one down the Des Plaines River! If you are interested in a fun-filled adventure, see our Adult Dept. on the Library's upper level for more details. Due to anticipated high demand, a random drawing will be held on Tuesday, September 4. All entries must be submitted no later than Saturday, September 1 at 4:00 pm.



Note: This program is geared toward those with **no prior** kayaking experience.

**(THATCHER GLEN POND)**  
**SUNDAY, SEPT 16**  
**9:00 AM — NOON**

**(DES PLAINES RIVER )**  
**SUNDAY, SEPT 23**  
**9:00 AM — NOON**

### FALL COLOR KAYAKING TRIP!

Be sure to check our website, Facebook page, and the October newsletter for details about our upcoming fall kayaking adventure for adults! This will be the last trip of the year!



### Friends of the Library August Book Sale

During the month of August, the Friends are running a special half price sale on everything on their BOOK SALE shelves. You can't beat the prices: Hardbacks 50 cents, paperbacks 25 cents, magazines 10 cents. The Friends will keep the shelves well-stocked throughout the month. This is a great time to get a head start on holiday gifts, so we recommend "Shop early and shop often!"



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