

WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Let's Talk Books!

As our official mission is "bringing people together to stimulate the free exchange of ideas", Westchester Library is proud to have a long-standing monthly Book Discussion Group attended by a diverse group of people. While different staff members have hosted these meetings in the past, and the size of the group has fluctuated, little else has changed over the past few decades. So to shake things up and further grow membership, we are excited to announce several changes coming to the Book Discussion Group beginning in the New Year!

One of the first changes we'd like to make is allowing you, the participants, to help choose the reading materials. Is there a particular book that you are curious about and think would make an interesting read? If so, attend our January meeting and share these book titles with the staff. While the librarians have a vast universe of books at our disposal, we too can fall into our own comfort zones and choose books from our favorite genres. We are open to new opportunities to expand our horizons, as well, and we may even find ourselves hosting more discussions!

Our group will be holding periodic raffles for its members. Prizes will be gift cards from a local business, while the last meeting will have a grand prize. To be eligible for this grand prize, participants will need to have attended 9 out of 11 scheduled meetings for the year.

Our membership has increased this past year and we are really excited to meet our new members in 2019. So, what's your excuse for not attending? Having trouble reading the print? No problem! We will order books with large print and even audiobooks for those of you who love to listen to books as you

commute to and from work.

The Book Discussion Group will begin again on Thursday, January 17, 2019 with J.D. Salinger's classic book The Catcher in the Rye. Our group meets the third Thursday of each month, January through November at 7:00 pm (6:30 pm from June – August). You don't have to be a member of the Westchester community to join us, you just have to have a valid library card from your local library and be someone who loves stories and sharing your opinion about books.

Ryan Flores and Kim Burch are Reference Librarians in the Adult Services department

Friends of the Library

We thank the Friends for their continuing support of Library programs and initiatives throughout the year, including the beautiful poinsettias that decorate the Library during the holidays.

Membership renewals will be mailed once the speaker and date are confirmed for the Friends' annual meeting in January.

Stocking Stuffer Special: The Friends' book sale shelves will feature holiday goodies this December—shop early, shop often!

Computer Skills & Digital Support

Do you need help with your email, using a flash drive, learning a feature in Microsoft Word, or accessing our eBook or new digital magazine collections? Do you have questions about your smart phone or tablet? Are you interested in learning more about 3D printing but are unable to attend our hands-on workshops for beginners? Our friendly reference staff will be happy to help you either on the spot or at a pre-arranged one-on-one session! Contact the Adult Dept to learn more: 708-562-3573.

A Note on Programs

We thank everyone who regularly attends our Library programs and urge newcomers to join us, too. The higher the turnout, the better the programs we will be able to offer our community going forward in 2019!

Happy Holidays

The Library Board of Trustees, Friends of the Library, and Staff wish you a safe and happy holiday season! The Library will be closed the following days for Christmas and New Year's:



Monday, December 24 & Tuesday, December 25



Monday, December 31 & Tuesday, January 1

Adult Book Discussion Group

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at **7:00 pm**. New members welcome! Contact Adult Dept: 708-562-3573.

Jan 17 Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger

A classic, coming-of-age novel with themes of angst and alienation

Feb 21 The Wish by Beverly Lewis

A compelling story of friendship set in Lancaster County Amish farmland

Mar 21 A Canticle for Liebowitz by Walter M. Miller

A chilling and provocative look at a post-apocalyptic future (Hugo Award winner)

3D Printing Events

3D Printing for Beginners Workshop (Part I)

Sunday, January 6 — 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

3D Printing for Beginners Workshop (Part II)

Sunday, January 13 — 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

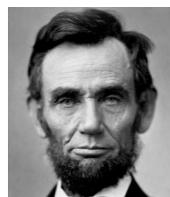
Registration required: 708-562-3573. Attendance at both dates is preferred.



ADULT PROGRAMS

LINCOLN'S FAVORITE FOODS

Join us as culinary historian **Dr. Bruce Kraig** discusses the heirloom foods of Illinois from our admission to the Union in 1818 through the time of Abraham Lincoln. He will then be joined by **Kevin Wood**, a renowned Lincoln impersonator, who will talk about our 16th president's favorite foods. A meet and greet with Honest Abe will follow. As always, a **raffle** will be held at the conclusion of the program, so be sure to be on time!



**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 8 @ 2:00 PM**

*Advance registration requested.
Contact Adult Dept: 708-562-3573.*



NEW YEAR, NEW YOU

Join us as we explore the concept of **SELF-CARE** and discuss activities and techniques, such as meditation and journaling, for those days when you need it most. You can't pour from an empty cup. Come on out and learn about different ways you can nurture your mental, emotional, and physical health!



**SATURDAY,
JANUARY 19 @ 1:00 PM**

*Advance registration requested.
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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.

Library Director Fidencio Marbella • **Board of Trustees** John Lamberti, president, Gerald Chenski, Demitrus Evans,

Janice Hampton, Elizabeth Hunter, Janette Maldonado, and Fred Poppe • **Board Meetings on 4th Monday of every month.**



YOUTH PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY



JOIN THE CLUB!

Read-to-Me Club

For young children who do not yet read on their own. Children get credit for listening to books read to them.

Beginning Readers Club

For children learning to read on their own

Readers Club

For children reading chapter books.

Teen Reading Club

For 13-18 year olds



Winter Reading Program

GAME ON!

December 1 - January 31

*Registration requested
for all programs*

Registration begins December 1st.
Call 708-562-3573 or visit the Youth
Department to register.

Log book counts

WINTER SPECIALS!

3D Ornament Making

Grades 5 and up (experience preferred)
Mondays, December 3, 10, 17
7:00 - 8:00

Make Holiday Decorations

Grades 2 and up
Tuesdays, December 4, 11, 18
4:00 - 5:00

Holiday Gift Wrapping Party

Drop in to wrap, listen to holiday music
and enjoy some hot cocoa
Saturday, December 22, 10:00 - 4:00

Reminder to parents/caregivers: please remain with your children under 9 whenever in the Library

BROOKFIELD ZOO!!!

Coming Saturday, February 9th at 10:00!

NURSERY RHYME STORYTIME

For children up to age 3½ and their parents/caregivers

Wednesdays		Thursdays
9:40 - 10:00	OR	9:40 - 10:00
Dec 5 - 19 & Jan 9 - 30		Dec 6 - 20 & Jan 10 - 31

MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE STORYTIME

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

Wednesdays		Thursdays
10:30 - 11:00	OR	10:30 - 11:00
Dec 5 - 19 & Jan 9 - 30		Dec 6 - 20 & Jan 10 - 31

ART CONTEST

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

"It's Showtime!"

All entries must be turned in to the Library by **Wed, Jan 30**
Contest information will be available at the schools & Library
All winners to be invited to the Awards Ceremony!

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: Wednesday, January 30

AWARDS CEREMONY: Sunday, February 17 at 2:00

Teen Reading Club

Read just 1,000 pages to win a prize.
After that, keep reading to enter the
Grand Prize Drawing!
Stop by the Teen Department for details.

Creation Station

Maker and Crafting Time

For ages 9 and up

Monday - Thursday 3:30 - 5:00

A variety of maker and crafting supplies will be available each day! Let your imagination free!

MONDAYS December 3 - 17

- ◇ 4:00-5:00 **Learn to Sew** *grades 4 and up*
- ◇ 6:00-7:00 **S.T.E.A.M.E.D. Up** *grades 3 and up*
- ◇ 7:00-8:00 **Make 3D Ornament** *grades 5 and up*

MONDAYS January 7 - 28

- ◇ 6:00-7:00 **S.T.E.A.M.E.D. Up** *grades 3 and up*

TUESDAYS December 4 - 18

- ◇ 4:00-5:00 **Assemblage** *grades 3 and up*

TUESDAYS January 8 - 29

- ◇ 4:00-5:00 **Assemblage** *grades 3 and up*
- ◇ 7:00-8:00 **Adult Sewing** *teens and up*

WEDNESDAYS December 5 - 19 & January 9 - 30

- ◇ 4:00 - 4:45 **Kidding Around** *grades K-3*
- ◇ 4:00 - 5:00 **Middle School Manga** *grades 7 and up*
- ◇ 6:00-7:00 **Knitting** *grades 4 and up*

WINTER WEDNESDAYS AT THE MOVIES

6:00-8:00 *all ages (all rated G or PG)*

- Dec 5: **Show Dogs** (93 min)
- Dec 12: **Hotel Transylvania 3** (97 min)
- Dec 19: **Monster Family** (96 min)
- Jan 9: **Luis and the Aliens** (90 min)
- Jan 16: **Teen Titans go to the Movies** (92 min)
- Jan 23: **Incredibles 2** (125 min)
- Jan 30: **Smallfoot** (96 min)

THURSDAYS December 6 - 20 and January 10 - 31

- ◇ 4:00-5:00 **Macramé** *grades 6 and up*
- ◇ 6:00-7:00 **Mother Daughter Club** *grades 4 and up*



Captions due: **Friday, January 18** **CAPTION CONTEST** Winners announced: **Monday, February 4** Write a clever caption for the **SILLY PICTURE** in the Youth Department. You might even win a **PRIZE**, a **DOO-DAD** or a **THING-A-MA-BOB!**