

WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

It's About That Time!

It's almost Thanksgiving, so it's about that time—the time to panic about not having chosen holiday presents for your youngest relatives! Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanza are all approaching with alarming speed, and have any of us done any shopping? Please! We're still trying to figure out how to cook a Thanksgiving meal for twenty that will appeal to the teenage vegan, the 20-something fruititarian body-builder, and Great-Aunt Esther, whose diet for the last 30 years has consisted of "oh, I'll just have a little of whatever that is on Herb's plate" (but there had better be pie).

Of course, since we're librarians, you'd think that we'd be recommending books as gifts, and we do love those! Ask anyone in the Children's Department and we'll be happy to tell you about our favorite books of the year. But this year we have a second enthusiasm: the department has an entire cart of STEM toys for young children to use within the Library.

"STEM" is a shortened way to refer to **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering and **M**ath, skills that are currently emphasized at all levels of education. You might think that a toddler is too young to be doing science experiments or math problems, but that's only true if you're thinking of the kind of science that we see in movies, with lab coats and beakers and goggles. Toddlers are still learning how the world around them works, and the way the world works is, of course, science.

Just some of the things we have on the STEM cart for toddlers are:

- ✓ A set of magnetic gears, to explain how rudimentary machines work
- ✓ A child-sized microscope that will work with little hands
- ✓ A set of colorful scales, to show

weights, balances and measurement

✓ A 'Code-A-Pillar', which uses very simple coding to program a toy caterpillar

✓ A set of simple machines, to demonstrate the basics of gravity and physics

(For slightly older children)

✓ A set of "littleBits" electronic building blocks, which teaches simple programming

✓ Squishy circuits, which can be used for experiments with circuits and electricity

✓ A box of good ol' Legos, which can impart the foundations of building and architecture

Stop by any time, with your kids, to play around with these new STEM toys, and maybe get an idea for a holiday present!

(And just in case you're still interested in a book instead, I think *We Don't Eat Our Classmates*, by Ryan T. Higgins, is hilarious!)

Sarah Hagge is a Librarian in the Youth Services department

New Furniture is Here!

We are thrilled to announce that the new furniture for our second floor Adult Department has finally arrived! Be sure to check our new shuttle chairs, modular tables, and six cozy lounge chairs by the new non-fiction books display. Extra special thanks to the **Friends of the Library** and **Joe Pokorny** for making this purchase possible!

Friends of the Library

This month, watch for holiday-themed books and gift items on the Friends' sale shelves. The Friends welcome donations of gently used books, CDs, DVDs, videos, recent magazines and recent textbooks (published within last 5 years) suitable for resale. Interested in joining the Friends? Application forms are available at the Library.

Thanksgiving Hours

The Library will close early (3:00 pm) on Wednesday, November 21 and remain closed on Thursday, November 22 in observance of Thanksgiving. We will be open our regular hours on Friday, November 23 (9:30 am - 6:00 pm).

HAPPY Thanksgiving!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

2019 WRITE-A-BOOK CONTEST AWARDS CEREMONY!

All Westchester students in grades 1 through 8 who submitted a story are invited to attend the Awards Ceremony on:
Sunday, November 18 at 2:00 pm

WEDNESDAY MOVIE NIGHTS! (For families)

- November 7: *Lilo and Stitch* PG (85 min)
- November 14: *Lego Aquaman* PG (77 min)
- November 28: *Miracle Season* PG (101 min)



TEEN MOVIES

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

- November 7: *Happy Death Day* PG-13 (96 min)
- November 14: *A Quiet Place* PG-13 (91 min)
- November 28: *Warm Bodies* PG-13 (98 min)



ADULT PROGRAMS

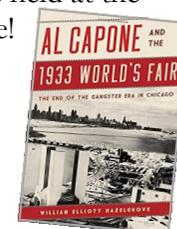
AL CAPONE AND THE 1933 WORLD'S FAIR: The End of the Gangster Era in Chicago

Author **William Hazelgrove** returns to discuss *Al Capone and the 1933 World's Fair: The End of the Gangster Era in Chicago* — a historical look at Chicago during the darkest days of the Great Depression. Join us for a discussion about how Chicago fought the hold that organized crime had on the city to be able to put on the 1933 World's Fair. As always, a **raffle** will be held at the conclusion of the program, so be sure to be on time!



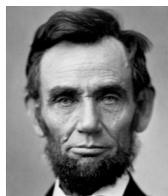
**THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 8 @ 7:00 PM**

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



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**

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