

WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Substantially Complete!

It has been four months since we initially announced that we were embarking on the much-needed replacement of our Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system. During that time, our community has endured unseasonable extremes in temperature, the presence of portable air-conditioning units throughout the building, clutter, dust, noise, and periodic suspension in our usual program offerings and activities. Westchester Public Library thanks all our patrons for your patience with us over the past several months. Your generous, understanding attitude has made the entire process much easier. That said, you will be thrilled to learn (and we are *extremely* excited to announce) that the HVAC replacement project has reached an important milestone: **substantial completion!**

Our previous HVAC system dated back to 1965 when the building was first constructed. The most recent enhancements were done over 25 years ago, in 1993, when we added the wing facing Canterbury Street along with our elevator system. Over the years and decades, the previous HVAC system gradually became unreliable and inefficient making it increasingly difficult to maintain consistent, comfortable temperatures in our building. Needless to say, it was high time to replace it.

While this project took slightly longer than anticipated, we now have an HVAC system that is far superior and much more sophisticated than the old one, largely due to the addition of "direct digital control" automation. Direct digital control (DDC) offers many advantages. Due to its accuracy and fast response time, DDC offers increased occupant comfort. It also entails lower operating costs, and because operations can be programmed to

control equipment in a more optimized manner, far greater energy efficiency, as well. Perhaps best of all, DDC allows our staff administrators and maintenance personnel to spend less time addressing climate control issues and more time focusing on other ways in which we can make our facility a more comfortable, hospitable place.

Again, this project has reached the "substantially complete" stage. Among other things, this means that while we now enjoy full use of our building and have resumed regular Library operations and programs, there may, for a short time, be ongoing cosmetic touch-ups, such as drywall repair, painting, patching holes, etc. Above all, we want to remind our patrons that this project is part of an ongoing effort to improve our facility and help make the Westchester Library a more comfortable, enjoyable place. We thank you for your patience and understanding over the past several months, and invite you to stop in soon!

Patrick Callaghan is the Adult Services Manager.

The Westchester Blood Program

Next time you visit the Library, take a few minutes to review the eight albums in our Reference collection that chronicle the 44 years of the Westchester Blood Program. The Westchester Blood Program is one of the most prolific community blood collection groups in the country. Since the program began in 1974, it has collected more than 26,000 units of blood, enough to save 40,000 lives!

Tax Time

Tax season is upon us! To get the forms you need fast, visit or call:

IRS: Internal Revenue Service
www.irs.gov

Help: 1-800-829-1040
For forms: 1-800-829-3676

Illinois Dept of Revenue
www.revenue.state.il.us

Help: 1-800-732-8866
For forms: 1-800-356-6302

FRIENDS' FEBRUARY SWEETHEART SALE



The Friends of the Library want to help you beat the winter blues with a special deal —

50% OFF SWEETHEART SALE throughout February!

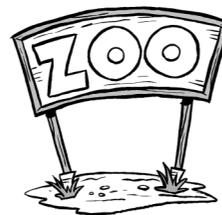
Hardcover books are 50¢, paperbacks 25¢ and magazines 10¢ .



Buy a present for yourself or, better yet, for your sweetheart on Valentine's Day!

YOUTH PROGRAM!

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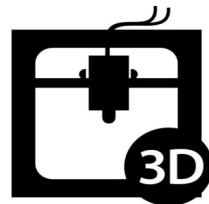


No elephants or piggies, but other animals will visit with our favorite Zoo Keeper, Dan Powell!

REGISTRATION REQUESTED!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9
10:00 AM

ADULT PROGRAMS



3D PRINTING: OPEN LAB

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17
2:00 - 4:00 PM

(Registration preferred: 708-562-3573.)

A Beginner's Guide to the Golden Age of Radio

WGCD's Steve Darnall looks at some of the biggest shows and stars to emerge from the early years of radio, including Jack Benny, Bob Hope, Amos & Andy, and The Shadow, with sound clips and stories about how radio became America's first mass medium, and transformed the United States from 48 states into a national listening community.



As always, a **raffle** will be held at the conclusion of the program, so be sure to be on time!



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10 @ 2:00 PM

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

Don't miss next month's newsletter for announcements about exciting, upcoming ...

Spring Programs!



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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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