



WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library Update!

Ordinarily our May newsletter is full of exciting descriptions of everything we'll be doing during the two months of our Summer Reading Club. In these uncertain times, our reading club will look very different than it usually does, but we're working hard to create a versatile, easily accessible club that will still be exciting and rewarding for everyone to participate in.

Due to our desire to guard the health and safety of our patrons, we won't be having any in-person programming this summer. But don't fret! If you miss your favorite librarian, you can find them online! If you've looked at our Facebook page recently, you've seen that we've been putting some shorter versions of our programming online—check out Ms. Melanie's story times, Ms. Sarah's

book recommendations, and the Adult Department's book discussions on Zoom (and stay tuned for Ms. Julie's art demos!). We'll be adding to our online offerings over the next several months, so keep your eyes peeled for new opportunities to interact with us!

Digital Summer Reading Club "folders" are in the works, complete with space for books and activities—you'll be able to log in your reading on your computer or phone! We think reading is VERY important, but we've spent this month so cooped up that we want to encourage people to (safely!) explore their neighborhoods. To that end, we'll be adding 'activity' options to the reading club. What is the natural world of your back yard like? What kinds of architecture can you see on your street? What kinds of art can you find online OR in your home? We're working up take-home craft kits for multiple ages, so you won't miss out on all the summer art possibilities. And once the library is open again, don't forget that you can put books on hold, or call and ask librarians to pull books for you; we're in the process of coming up with ways to get those books right to your hands, in the safest way possible.

In short, your Library is still here for you! Don't forget that you can sign up for a digital 'card' to use all our online resources, and if you have any questions about those resources—or anything at all—even while we're still closed, please email us at: askus@westchesterpl.org.

Sarah Hagge is a Librarian in the Youth & Teen Departments.

SUMMER READING ★ COMING SOON ★



We are happy to announce that Summer Reading Programs are still in the works for the Youth, Teen, and Adult Departments! Be sure to check our website, Facebook pages, and June newsletter to learn how you can

participate and submit your reading entries! In the meantime, children, teens, and parents should watch for digital story times, fun book reviews, art demos, and (home) activity options!

Adults should plan to begin your summer reading as early as **Monday, June 1**, and details about submitting your entries will be announced in the next newsletter! Be sure to check out titles available through our **Hoopla Digital** subscription, as well as **Digital Library of Illinois** and **Axis360**. We also urge you to participate in our Thursday, May 21 Book Discussion meeting at 3:00 pm via Zoom for a look at **The Mountains Sing** by Nguyen Phan Que Mai. For the Zoom invitation, contact us at askus@westchesterpl.org.

(To test Zoom, go to zoom.us/test and click "TEST.")

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JAY SHEFSKY

REPORTER • PRODUCER • EMMY AWARD WINNER

JOINS US VIA

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In his 34 years at Channel 11, Emmy-winning television producer **Jay Shefsky** has met countless unique Chicagoans and shared their compelling stories through documentaries and his popular, ten-year-running *Chicago Tonight* segment, *Jay's Chicago*. Join us as Jay shares some of his personal favorite segments, recounts interesting stories and adventures from his decades at Channel 11, and answers *your* questions! This will be a remote program offered through the popular video-conferencing program **Zoom**, which is easy to use on your computer or smart phone. No special software required—just click a link! As always, all attendees will have their chance to receive a free raffle prize, which will be sent through the mail! For your invitation to attend, register at askus@westchesterpl.org, and we will send you a link! (To test Zoom, go to zoom.us/test and click "TEST.")

THURSDAY, MAY 14 @ 7:00 PM

INVITATION (LINK) WILL BE SHARED VIA OUR WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE TOO!

ANY CHANGES TO LIBRARY OPERATIONS, SERVICES, OR PROGRAMS WILL BE ANNOUNCED THROUGH OUR WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGES. FOR AUTHORITATIVE INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19, PLEASE SEE THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S (IDPH) WEBSITE: <https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19>



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