

**WESTCHESTER
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Thank You!

We want to take a moment to say thank you. We know this year has not been the most ideal time for any of us. We've all been adjusting to the "new normal." We extend our tremendous gratitude to the wonderful patrons of Westchester. Your patience and kindness continues to encourage us daily! We are trying our best to meet your needs and strive to be better than ever.

Sincerely,

The Entire WPL Staff

Activity Bags

Throughout August the Youth Department will be handing out bags with activities and craft supplies to do at home. Either visit the Youth Department or call us to make arrangements for curbside pickup. One per child, please.

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Summer reading might be over but there's still plenty of resources you can dig into!

Join **Emily Grasl** for a summer road trip through the heart of America's dinosaur country in **Prehistoric Road Trip**. Available for free online, you can watch it at <https://www.pbs.org/show/prehistoric-road-trip/>

The **Field Museum** reopens to the public July 24th and has all sorts of great online resources for you to check out at home, like their **Dinosaur Toolkit**, which you can access at: <https://www.fieldmuseum.org/educators/learning-resources/dinosaurs-and-evolution>

PBS Eons, a free online show all about fossils and what they can tell us about the earth and natural history. Check it out at: <https://www.pbs.org/show/eons/>

The **Lizzardo Museum of Lapidary Art** in nearby Oakbrook has reopened to the public and is offering online classes if you'd like to stay home. Check out what they have to offer and their updated museum procedures at: <https://lizzadromuseum.org/covid-19-update-information/>

Chalk Walk in front of the library! Hop scotch, jumping jacks, skipping, twirling and many more activities can be found along the **Chalk Walk** in front of the library...throughout August!

D.I.Y. ARCHEOLOGY KITS!

For an inexpensive and fun home archaeology experience, try making your own dig kit with **Plaster of Paris, Vaseline, plastic tub, safety goggles, a hammer, a screwdriver/chisel, tinfoil...and PRIZES!**

1. Wrap prizes in tinfoil.
2. Wipe the inside of the plastic tub down with Vaseline.
(Make sure to coat every part that will touch the Plaster of Paris, so you can get the block out later.)
3. Prepare the Plaster of Paris by following the instructions on the packaging.
4. Pour a bit of the Plaster of Paris into the tub, and allow to partially dry.
(You want it thick enough that the prizes won't sink all the way to the bottom.)
5. Drop the prizes into the tub on top of the Plaster of Paris.
(Spread out so they won't all be found together.)
6. Pour Plaster of Paris over the prizes until they're fully submerged.
7. Allow Plaster of Paris to dry completely
8. Remove block of Plaster of Paris from the plastic tub, wipe off any Vaseline residue.
9. Outfit everybody with safety goggles. DO NOT start excavating without proper eye protection.
10. Provide participants with a hammer, a screwdriver/chisel and review how to safely use the tools.
11. **Have at it! Smash the plaster block until you "excavate" all the prizes inside!**



SPECIAL VIRTUAL EVENT!  zoom

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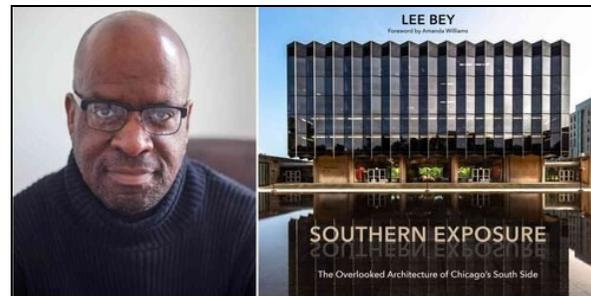
AUTHOR • LECTURER
PHOTOGRAPHER • WRITER

Join us as noted photographer and architecture historian **Lee Bey** examines the South Side's rich and unfairly ignored architectural heritage through lively, insightful text and gallery-quality color photographs. Pushing against the popular narrative that depicts Chicago's South Side as an architectural wasteland, Bey shows beautiful and intact buildings and neighborhoods that reflect the value—and potential—of the area.

THURSDAY As always, we will RAFFLE off a copy of the author's book at the conclusion of this event!
SEPTEMBER 10
7:00 PM

This will be a virtual program using the popular video-conferencing program Zoom, free on your phone or computer. 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.")



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<https://www.dph.illinois.gov/covid19>



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