



WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

For Your Convenience

On June 15, Westchester Public Library and other SWAN libraries launched a new, convenient 'automatic renewal' feature for patrons of participating libraries.

This new feature applies to any items you have checked out that are eligible for renewal. It will renew each eligible item two days before that item is due. An **eligible item** refers to any item that can be renewed and for which there are no pending patron requests. Here at Westchester, NEW DVDs are not eligible for renewal, but everything else can be renewed – unless, of course, another patron has requested the item or you have exhausted your two renewals. If you check out materials at another SWAN library, their rules apply.

So, how do you know which items renew and which don't? You won't know by looking at the item, but, whether it is day or night, you can log into MY ACCOUNT with your library card number and PIN to see what materials you have checked out and their corresponding due dates. (swanlibs.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/wcs) If you don't have Internet access, call the Circulation Desk when the Library is open and staff will be happy to check your record – just have your library card in hand when you call.

Automatic renewal notices are sent to patrons via email only, so you need to have an email address on your account to receive these notices. We know many patrons prefer to receive pickup and overdue notices by text or phone, and this service will continue as is, but an email address is needed to receive any automatic renewal notices. If you do not have an email address on your account, as we noted earlier, you can log into your account on the Library's online catalog (you will need your barcode and PIN) to see the

due dates for materials you have checked out. When in doubt, you can always call the Library.

Although automatic renewal will reduce the Library's revenue from fines, it should translate into cost-savings for you, the patron, (and maybe a little less stress) due to fewer fines on materials returned.

If this is starting to sound confusing, just continue your normal habits of returning materials on time. When you return materials a few days late, this new feature means some of those items are less likely to be overdue!

Even with automatic renewal, it remains your responsibility to return library materials on time. If you are leaving for a vacation, don't count on automatic renewal to kick in during your trip. It is better to ask staff at the Circulation Desk about a vacation loan before you leave town. If you have questions about this new feature, or you need help logging into your account, stop by the Library and staff will be happy to answer your questions or help you access your account.

By Pat Sinacore, Circulation Manager, and Ann Weaver, Head of Reference.

A Space for Kids

We are thrilled to announce that the Library is adding a new playhouse / "imagination space" to our Youth department on the lower level! This playhouse will be built beneath the stairs where the red bench and knight's armor are currently located. We hope to have construction wrapped up by the end of August. Watch our next newsletter, website, and Facebook page for further details and updates on this exciting project.

Stay Cool

Don't forget that the Library is a community cooling center. Get out of the heat and stop in to cool down during our regular summer hours. While you're here, be sure to use our new drinking fountains on the upper and lower levels, too. Do you carry a water bottle or beverage container around with you? If so, these fountains are equipped with eco-friendly, sensor-activated bottle filling stations, so please feel free to help yourself!

The Library will be closed Tuesday, July 4.

Watch for the Library in the 4th of July Parade!



YOUTH PROGRAMS

The **YOUTH AND TEEN SUMMER READING CLUBS** and weekly programs for participants continue through July. For details, see the June issue of the newsletter on our website, or pick up a printed copy of the program schedule in the Youth Dept. Stop by to sign up!

ANIMAL SLEEPOVER AT THE LIBRARY

Friday, August 4, 5:00 - 5:30 *all ages*

This is a special storytime for the family. Children are encouraged to bring one stuffed animal friend. After storytime, the children will go home to be tucked into their own beds, while the animals will spend the night at the Library. Animals will be picked up at 10:00 am on Saturday, August 5th. All participants are invited to enjoy donut holes and a special surprise! Registration is requested for this program.

LAST DAY TO TURN IN YOUR READING LOG: SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

ICE CREAM SOCIAL FINALE

Make your own ice cream creation! Music, games and fun!
Sun, Aug 12, 2:00-4:00 *Grades 1 and up*



LET'S TALK SOLAR ECLIPSE



Rick Gering from the Naperville Astronomical Association will talk about the history and science behind solar eclipses. All attendees will get a **FREE** pair of eclipse glasses that can be used to view the total eclipse in August safely! **Thursday, August 10** at 6:00 pm (*all ages*)

Advance registration requested — contact Adult Dept at 708-562-3573.

Adult Programs

Adult Book Discussion

Due to summer hours, the group will meet at 6:30 pm. New members welcome. Reminder: the group does not meet in August.

Thursday, July 20 *The Ox-bow Incident* Walter Van Tilburg Clark

Hooked on Crochet

Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm

July 11 *No August meeting*

Current members will meet at the regular time during the summer, but meetings will be short in length (40-45 min). New members can join the group in September — contact Ann or Pat for details: 708-562-3573.

★ Page Turners — Deadline for entries **Monday, July 31**



GETTING STARTED WITH FLYING DRONES



Commercially licensed drone pilot, Dean Poignant, will discuss selecting a drone, federal and local regulations, and safety. Weather permitting, a flight demonstration will take place at the conclusion of the program!

Saturday, July 22 at 1:00 pm

Advance registration requested — contact Adult Dept at 708-562-3573.



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★**Summer Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:30 am-8:00 pm, Friday 9:30 am-6:00 pm, Saturday 9:30 am-5:00 pm, closed Sunday**
Library Director Fidencio Marbella ■ **Board of Trustees** Gerald Chenski, Demitrus Evans, Jenice Hampton, Elizabeth Hunter, and John Lamberti ■ **Board Meetings on 4th Monday of every month.**