



WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

We Couldn't Do It Without You!

The Westchester Public Library would like to start 2019 by expressing our gratitude to our community partners, without whom so many opportunities would be unavailable to Westchester residents. What would Summer Reading be without prizes? McDonald's has been supporting our Reading Clubs for *decades*, I kid you not. They are extremely generous with coupons and Ronald McDonald visits to clown around with the kids as he delivers gentle messages on the value of reading and the importance of kindness (long before the kindness movement was "a thing"). The Classic Cinemas York Theatre in Elmhurst for twenty — maybe even *thirty* years? Each spring, like clockwork, an email arrives asking how many free passes we want as Summer Reading prizes. Very nice, right? Add DuPage Children's Museum, Chicago Wolves Hockey, Chicago Fire Soccer, Buona Beef, and Corner Bakery Cafe to our list of regulars. All of which add up to fabulous, fun-filled, food-filled, activity-filled reading programs.

Many residents are familiar with the adventure passes from the Botanic Garden and Brookfield Zoo—fabulous on their own. But are you aware that the Brookfield Zoo visits the library, animals included? Our zoo guests have included a serval cat, a (VERY large) porcupine, a (VERY slow) sloth, a toucan, owls, hawks, snakes. Which animals will they bring February 9th? (Shameless plug!)

For several reasons we are very excited and grateful to have strengthened our relationships with the Forest Preserve District of Cook County (FPDCC) and Forest Preserve District of DuPage County (FPDDC). The FPDDC has offered many free resources including nature programs and a variety of trail maps

to use alone or in conjunction with our Adventure Backpacks. (To those unfamiliar, we circulate backpacks, each with two pair of binoculars as well as flora and fauna guides for plant and animal identification.) So grab your hiking boots, bug spray, sunscreen, and enjoy the more than 450 miles of trails around Westchester.

Last spring, the FPDCC guided residents on the Fossil Quarry Tour at the Sagawau Environmental Learning Center. Thank you for opening our eyes to this unique geologic site, including a rare kind of prairie and a canyon...right in Cook County!

New last year, was a partnership with The Greater Maywood Paddling Program (a special FPDCC program.) Four staff members trained with GMPP to instruct residents on beginning kayaking. Thank you to the FPCC for the training and the kayak lending program. Over 150 new paddlers were able to kayak down the Des Plaines River.

Still, so many thank-yous to extend...the Westchester Chamber of Commerce, Fire Department, Police Department, and Park District. We are so thankful to be part of such a generous community!

With Continued Gratitude,
The Westchester Public Library

Kris Jacobson is the Youth Services Manager.

A Note on Library Cards

To ensure quick and easy access to Library materials, resources, and services, be sure to have your library card with you when visiting us!

★ Friends of the Library

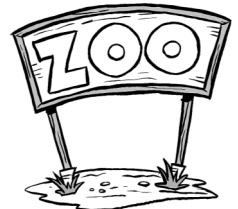
We are proud to announce that Friends Secretary **Sally Kill** has been chosen as our **Westchester Person of the Year!** Congratulations to Sally for her years of selfless service to the Westchester Public Library!

The Friends of the Library's Annual Meeting will be held on **Saturday, January 19 at 1:00 pm** followed by the "New Year, New You" program at 2:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served. Registration requested: (708) 562-3573.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

YOUTH PROGRAM!

ZOO CREW



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

REGISTRATION REQUESTED!

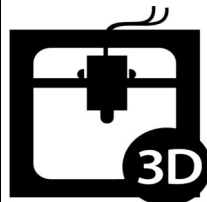
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9
10:00 AM**

ADULT PROGRAMS

SEWING FOR BEGINNERS (FOR TEENS & ADULTS)

REGISTRATION REQUESTED!

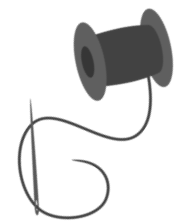
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 8 - 29
7:00 - 8:00 PM**



3D PRINTING: OPEN LAB

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

(Registration preferred: 708-562-3573.)



NEW YEAR, NEW YOU

Join us as we explore the concept of **SELF-CARE** and discuss activities and techniques, such as meditation and journaling, for those days when you need it most. You can't pour from an empty cup. Come on out and learn about different ways you can nurture your mental, emotional, and physical health!

**SATURDAY,
JANUARY 19 @ 2:00 PM**

*Advance registration requested.
Contact Adult Dept: 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.



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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.

Library Director Fidencio Marbella • Board of Trustees John Lamberti, president, Gerald Chenski, Demitrus Evans, Jenice Hampton, Elizabeth Hunter, Janette Maldonado, and Fred Poppe • Board Meetings on 4th Monday of every month.