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PUBLIC LIBRARY**

In Memoriam: Fred Poppe

Beloved Library Board Member Fred Poppe passed away Thursday, November 26, 2020. Mr. Poppe previously served as the Treasurer of the Board for the library.

Through his love of sailing, Fred made many friendships in the boating community. Fred enjoyed serving as the Past Commodore of the Burnham Park Yacht Club, Past Commodore of The Chicago Yachting Association, Past President of the National Boating Federation, and Past Chairman of The Chicago Christmas Ship. Fred generously contributed his time to many organizations throughout his lifetime.

Meet Mary Schmich!



We're thrilled to announce that nationally-syndicated tribune columnist Mary Schmich is joining us for a Zoom program Thursday, **January 21st, 7 pm!**

Mary will be sharing information about her most recent book, *Even the Terrible Things Seem Beautiful to Me Now: On Hope, Loss, and Wearing Sunscreen*, as well as discussing her fascinating career in the papers. (On top of writing two books and a nationally syndicated, Pulitzer prize-winning column, she also wrote the popular comic strip *Brenda Starr, Reporter* for twenty eight years, almost half the time *Brenda Starr* was syndicated.)

Chicago Tribune

Go to tinyurl.com/Mschmich to register for the program today! It's going to be a fantastic time. You can even submit a question for Mary to answer, and as always, raffle will be held at the conclusion of the program. We look forward to seeing you there!

(Questions will be screened for content. Please be aware that due to time constraints we may not get to every question.)

Stuff to Look for in Youth!

- Giveaway bags! Each bag is full of all kinds of fun stuff- crafts, book lists, mazes, and even puzzles
- Storytimes with Ms. Melanie
- Crafts with Mrs. Julie
- Teen Book Buzz with Mrs. Sarah
- Teen Makers with Mrs. Sarah
- New STEAM kits! Every kit has a different fun STEAM-themed item in it, along with a book, a DVD, or sometimes both those things bundled together! Ask the Youth librarians which ones are available to check out!



Women in Jazz, History of Jazz, Afro-Cuban Jazz, Jazz and the Civil Rights Movement

Join us **Tuesday, February 23rd at 7:00 pm** for an engaging discussion with master flutist and jazz historian Galen Abdur-Razzaq!

Mr. Abdur-Razzaq encourages music appreciation through his performances and lectures, and has over

thirty years of experience doing both at colleges and universities across the country.

In this program, Mr. Abdur-Razzaq discusses jazz as an art form, its cultural background, as well as its role as mode of Expression during some of the most difficult periods in American history. It's going to be a fun, educational evening!

Contact us via email at askus@westchesterpl.org or visit tinyurl.com/civilrightsjazz to register for the program today. As always a raffle will be held at the conclusion of this event.



Winter Reading Club Continues this month!

Winter Reading Club continues until **Friday, January 29th.**

There's a sign-up reward, and gift bags for completing each level of the reading club. Plus, we're doing a raffle at the end of the program, so you absolutely want to join us.

To move up a level and get your next gift bag, all you need to do is reach the goal for your reading level:

- Read to Me: 20 books
- Beginning Readers: 15 books
- Readers: 1 book
- Teens: 1 book

Not sure what to read? That's okay- Ms. Melanie, Mrs. Julie, and Mrs. Sarah are making a special themed list of books you can pick from! You can use a list, or ask a librarian for a personal book recommendation.

It's lots of fun, so be sure to register and track your progress online at [westchesterpl.readsquared.com!](https://westchesterpl.readsquared.com)

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Hours: Monday-Thursday 10:00 am-8:00 pm; Friday-Saturday 10:00 am-5:00 pm; Sunday: Closed.

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