



WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

The State of Your Library

Well, 2020 is **FINALLY** over, and we would like to share with you a few of the highlights from the past year.

In spite of closures and gathering restrictions, we still offered a strong programming series virtually. We started with WTTW's Jay Shefsky who shared his favorite moments from his *Chicago Tonight* segment, *Jay's Chicago*. We also hosted former picture editor of the *Chicago Sun-Times* Richard Cahan, who shared classic Chicago photos with us, as well as journalist and architecture historian and Lee Bey, who presented a talk based on his hit book, *Southern Exposure: The Overlooked Architecture of Chicago's South Side*. (If you missed these programs, some are still available on Youtube!)

The Youth Department continued offering storytimes, crafts, and book reviews without any hiccups, and still found time to host the Field Museum's first-ever Chief Curiosity Correspondent, Emily Graslie.

Fortunately, we were able to re-open the building Monday, June 29th. We want to thank everybody who's helped us get on board with the new health and safety practices. This was a challenging year, and we're so grateful for your patience and conscientiousness. Your continued mask-wearing and social distancing allowed us to remain open through the end of the year. As of this writing, we are one of the few full-service libraries open in SWAN, offering all regular services except on-site programs and room reservations.

We have exciting things planned as we inch towards normalcy. Be on the lookout for ambitious, innovative, large-scale programming efforts in the future. Here's to 2021!

-Fidencio Marbella, Library Director

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SWEETHEART SALE!

50% OFF SALE THROUGHOUT FEBRUARY!

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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
- STEAM kits! Every kit has a STEAM-themed item in it, along with a book, a DVD, or sometimes both those things! Ask the Youth librarians which ones are available to check out!

BE AWARE, GET INVOLVED, AND BE PART OF THE CHANGE!

Ted Williams III, Chairman of the Social Science Department at Kennedy-King College, is joining the Westchester Library for a virtual talk on equity, diversity, and inclusion on:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH — 7:00 PM

Mr. Williams is a mentor to young people, and a political commentator who has appeared on BET-TV, WGN-TV, NBC-TV, *Upfront with Jesse Jackson*, PRI's *Smiley and West*, and WVON radio. He has also written for a number of periodicals, acted in a number of commercials and company training videos, and was featured in the film *Human Zoos*.

Contact the Adult Department or visit: tinyurl.com/tedwilliamsIII to register!

Celebrate Jazz

JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL PROGRAM ON:
JAZZ AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT
WOMEN IN JAZZ • AFRO-CUBAN JAZZ



Join us 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 will be discussing 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!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 — 7:00 PM



ALL-IRELAND
SINGING
CHAMPION

GAVIN COYLE

Register online for this event at: tinyurl.com/gcoylemusic

THURSDAY,
MARCH 11
7:00 PM



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

Library Director Fidencio Marbella • Board of Trustees Demitrus Evans, president, Suzanna Carbrey, Shannon Flint, Jenice Hampton, Elizabeth Hunter, and John Lamberti • Board Meetings on 4th Monday of every month.

This is not a District 92½ sponsored event.