



Westchester Public Library

# Newsletter

May 2023

## Summer Reading Fast Approaching

Summer reading officially kicks off **June 5th!**

## Monthly Book discussions return in June!

Check out the event information below. Books Available **May 1st!**

## Never Birded Before?

There's still time to participate in our bird watching program! Our last date is **May 9th at 9am!** Call **708-562-3573** to register.

### Tai Chi for Older Adults

**May 9 | 6:30 PM | Community Room**

Tai Chi is a gentle form of exercise that can help you maintain strength, flexibility, and balance. Often described a "meditation in motion," Tai Chi will take you through a series of low-impact, slow-motion movements, that can support your physical well-being exercise while leaving you with a sense of calm. You can choose to stand or sit for this workout. This class will be conducted in both English & Spanish.

Register at **708-562-3573** or [tinyurl.com/wpl-tai-chi](https://tinyurl.com/wpl-tai-chi)

### Singing Bowls with Gail Morales

**May 13 | 1:00 PM | Community Room**

Gail Morales presents a history and description of singing bowls as well as leading a meditation session. Dating back as far as the 12th century, singing bowls have been used throughout Asia for meditation, ritual, and healing ceremonial purposes. Crystal singing bowls, Tibetan bowls, chimes, and gongs will be featured. This full-body listening experience will take you on a sonically guided meditative journey, as vibrations gently wash away stress and tension, opening up space for clarity, and expansive energy toward your goals.

Register at **708-562-3573** or [tinyurl.com/wpl-singing-bowls](https://tinyurl.com/wpl-singing-bowls)

### Mental Health Awareness With NAMI

**May 16 | 6:00 PM | Community Room**

May is Mental health Awareness month! Join us for a presentation on Mental Health with NAMI Metro Suburban's Community Health Worker, Alexia Villarruel and learn about all of the support they offer.

Register at **708-562-3573** or [tinyurl.com/wpl-NAMI](https://tinyurl.com/wpl-NAMI)

## Summer Reading Fast Approaching

**June 5th - July 31st**

Get ready for a summer of self-discovery as our Adult Reading Program kicks off on June 5th, with the theme of "Find Your Voice".

Details about submitting your entries will be in the next newsletter, as well as information about the raffle prizes and our summer programs to help you connect with your inner voice and express yourself creatively!

## Adult Monthly Book Discussions are Back!

**June 20th | 6:30 PM | Conference Room**

This month we're reading ***The Music of Bees*** by Eileen Garvin!

*Three lonely strangers in a rural Oregon town, each working through grief and life's curveballs, are brought together by happenstance on a local honeybee farm where they find surprising friendship, healing- and maybe even a second chance- just when they least expect it.*

**Books are available May 20th at the Circulation Desk. No Registration Necessary**

## Illinois Libraries Present

**Drawing Comics with Jarrett J. Krosoczka!**



Celebrate Free Comic Book Day with New York Times bestselling author and illustrator, Jarrett J. Krosoczka!

Perfect for the entire family, this live, virtual drawing workshop is sure to inspire the inner artist in everyone. This event will take place on **Saturday, May 6th at 10AM on Zoom**. Register at [tinyurl.com/wpl-comics](https://tinyurl.com/wpl-comics). So sharpen your pencils, bring out the paper, and join us for this can't miss event!



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If special accommodations are required to attend a library program, please contact us at least seven days in advance.

## Continuation...



## Teen Booktalk Tuesdays

**Every Tuesday | 4:30 PM | Teen Room**

Come to the Teen Room every Tuesday at **4:30 PM** to hang out with other bookish people and talk about your favorite book!

For ages 12-18. Snacks will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Free Personalized Book Recommendations !

Looking for your next read? We've got you covered with our online book recommendation service!

All you have to do is visit the Book Recommendations page [tinyurl.com/wpl-recs](https://tinyurl.com/wpl-recs), fill out the online form, and five to seven business days later, a staff member will email you back a list of tailored book recommendations!

(For the best results, let us know at least two books you really love, and one you *didn't* enjoy reading.)

## CELEBRATE FREE COMIC BOOK DAY 2023 ALL WEEK LONG!

### MAY 2ND

### Decoupage Comic Coaster

**6:30 - 7:30 | Teens and Adults**

We're kicking off our Free Comic Book Day Celebration by making coasters from your favorite comic book pages! All materials will be provided, and registration is required!

Sign up at [tinyurl.com/wpl-coasters](https://tinyurl.com/wpl-coasters)

### MAY 3RD

### Amigurumi Baby Yodas

**6:30 - 7:30 | Teens and Adults**

Ever wanted a crocheted Grogu to make your Star Wars Mandalorian fantasies come to life? Well now you can have one! All materials will be provided for this event, and it is recommended that patrons know how to single crochet prior to attending.

Sign up at [tinyurl.com/yoda-wpl](https://tinyurl.com/yoda-wpl)

### MAY 4TH

### R2D2 Meet and Greet

**All Day | Youth Department**

Stop by and meet everyone's favorite droid, R2D2! R2D2 will be available to meet all day in the youth department!

### Sewing Costuming/ Cosplay

**6:00-7:00 | Teens and Adults**

Now that you have your Baby Yoda, it's time to start your Mando Cosplay. Attend this very exclusive Cosplay/sewing program and make all of your favorite characters come to life!

Registration is required as spots are extremely limited - [tinyurl.com/sewing-cosplay](https://tinyurl.com/sewing-cosplay)

### MAY 5TH

### Free For All

**All Day | As Supplies Last**

Miss your chance at attending any of the above programs? The Teen and Adult departments will have all leftover materials available for walk in creation! Or stop by the Teen room to watch episodes of Star Wars the Clone Wars.

### MAY 6TH

### Super Smash Brother's Ultimate Tournament

**6:00-7:00 | Teens and Adults**

Participate in the super-est, ultimate-est, smash-est Super Smash Brother's Ultimate Tournament at the Westchester Public Library! We will also have the switch available on request for practice in the weeks leading up to the tournament.

Registration required, sign up at [tinyurl.com/may-smashbros](https://tinyurl.com/may-smashbros)



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