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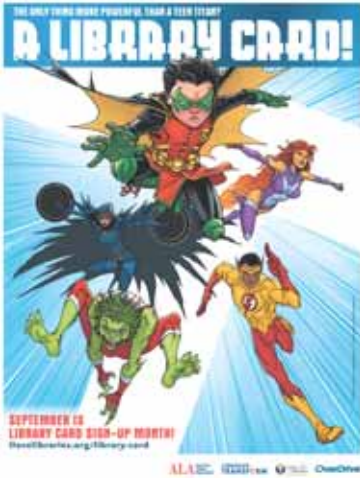
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September —
Library Card Sign-up Month

Fall 2017

Featured Programs



September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

DC Super Heroes, the Teen Titans, have teamed up with the American Library Association and libraries nationwide to promote the importance of having a library card. Parents, get your children ready for the new school year by getting them the most important school supply of all – a free library card! The only thing more powerful than a teen titan? A library card – sign up for yours today!

Celebrate Your Freedom to Read

September 24 - September 30

We will have a prize drawing for a signed copy of John Green's upcoming *Turtles All the Way Down*. Teens, in grades 6-12, can enter to win by submitting their favorite book title to a librarian at one of the 2nd floor reference desks. A randomly drawn winner will be contacted Monday, October 9th (the book will be published on the 10th).

Pirates Cove

Saturday, October 21 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Avast ye hearty! There be a pirate ship in our midst and a band 'o pirates be comin' from Davy Jones' Locker! Come all ye landlubbers and explore the many adventures that await ye at the library. Swashbuckling games, crafts, and booty a plenty will be waiting for any buccaneer brave enough to enter Pirates Cove.

Food for Fines

Wednesday, November 1 – Wednesday, November 22

During this period, the Library will accept donations of non-perishable canned or boxed food as payment for overdue fines. One item will equal \$1 in fines forgiven, up to a maximum of \$10 per card. All proceeds will benefit the Neighborhood Food Pantries, a Northern Illinois Food Bank in West Chicago. For more information please call the Circulation Services Department at 630-231-1552, ext. 2.

Holiday Open House

Friday, December 1 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Join us for an evening of holiday activities, refreshments, and entertainment for the entire family! Performance by the Canterbury Carollers 6:30 PM-8:30 PM.

Adult Computer Classes

Smartphones and Tablets - Open Lab

Tuesday, September 5 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Computer Basics

Wednesday, September 6 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Wednesday, November 1 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Saturday, November 4 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Introduction to Email

Tuesday, September 19 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Tuesday, November 7 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM



Facebook

Tuesday, October 3 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Microsoft Word

Wednesday, October 4 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Tuesday, November 14 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM



Introduction to Video Calling (Skype)

Tuesday, October 17 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Microsoft Excel

Wednesday, October 18 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Wednesday, November 15 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM



Apple Devices for Beginners

Tuesday, December 5 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Android Devices for Beginners

Wednesday, December 6 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

New Device Advice

Tuesday, December 26 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Wednesday, December 27 2:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Friday, December 29 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Films with Friends

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Grab a friend and join us at the library for a relaxing afternoon while watching a film with friends. Refreshments will be served.

La La Land

Friday, October 13 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM

A Dog's Purpose

Friday, December 8 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM



Featured Adult Events

Garden Appetizers with Chef Cherise

Wednesday, September 13 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Chef Cherise will share garden-fresh appetizers: Grilled Corn Crostini, Strawberry Cilantro Salsa and Chips, and Zucchini Thyme Bruschetta. Tasty bites and recipes included.

How to Spot Fake News

Wednesday, September 20 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

There's so much information everywhere that it can be hard to tell truth from fiction. We'll look at websites and print publications and show you how to check facts to get a more well-rounded picture of current issues.

DIY: Button and Canvas Craft

Wednesday, September 27 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Love the colors of fall? Come craft with us and make a beautifully vibrant seasonal decoration. Using a canvas, acrylic paints or markers, and an array of colorful buttons, you will amaze yourself with your creativity.

Before You Call the Handyman: Common Home Repair Fixes

Wednesday, October 11 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Wondering what tools you need in your toolbox? Join us as we learn basic home repair (electrical, plumbing, and structural) from handyman Daniel Findley and discover what we can do before we call the experts.

Learn Basic Guitar Chords

Wednesday, October 25 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Librarian Austin Hall will show you how to form and play the basic major and minor chords on guitar, and will show you some basic exercises to make music out of them. Bring your guitar.

The Magic of Harry Houdini

Wednesday, November 8 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Historical presenter William Pack will portray legendary magician Harry Houdini and tell the story of Houdini's life through recreations of some of Houdini's famous magic tricks! This event is suitable for all ages.

DIY: Holiday Centerpieces

Wednesday, December 13 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Come in from the cold, take a break from holiday preparations and create a festive centerpiece using household items and candy canes. Your table will be ready for winter!

Relaxation Series

Reducing stress through meditation

Thursday, November 9 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Wondering about the science behind meditation? Join Michael Ribet, who has been meditating for over 40 years, as he discusses ways meditation reduces stress and improves concentration, and presents a simple meditation technique.

Chair Yoga

Tuesday, November 14 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Chair yoga is "Yoga for EveryBody." Instructor Marti Anne will guide you through a gentle session where you'll learn several ways to practice yoga while seated or standing by a chair. No prior yoga experience necessary.

Coloring for Relaxation

Tuesday, November 28 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Slow down and unwind by coloring with us! We'll provide the coloring supplies, music, and light refreshments. Feel free to bring your own materials, if you'd like.

Beginner Yoga

Thursday, November 30 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Join yoga instructor Marti Anne for this class designed for first time yoga students. Learn a series of gentle poses while calming the body and the mind. If you have your own yoga mat, you are encouraged to bring it.

Business Round Table

SCORE: General Business Discussion Round Table

Last Wednesday of the Month

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

September, 27

October 25

November 29

December 27

All who are interested in starting their own small business or wish to improve their existing small business, join with others for 90 minutes of open discussion. No registration required.



Book Discussions

Between the Lines

2nd Monday of the Month

7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Copies of each book discussion title are available at the main desk on the first floor.

Nine Women, One Dress by Jane Rosen
Monday, September 11

The Case of the Missing Servant
by Tarquin Hall
Monday, October 9

Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty
Monday, November 13

The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho
Monday, December 11



Bagels and Biographies

Last Monday of the Month

10:00 AM-11:00 AM

There's a new book club at the library! We'll be showcasing the best in biography, memoir, true crime, and non-fiction each month. And we'll bring the bagels for brunch! Copies of each book discussion title are available at the main desk on the first floor.

H is for Hawk by Helen Macdonald
Monday, September 25

Thunderstruck by Erik Larson
Monday, October 30

A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson
Monday, November 27



ES

Eventos en español

Adultos

Por favor, regístrese para los siguientes programas

Club de Lectura en español e inglés

Club de Lectura es un grupo de personas que leen el mismo libro. Hablaremos en español e inglés, como usted lo desee.

Escrituras de Frida Kahlo/ The Diary of Frida Kahlo by Frida Kahlo
jueves, 14 de septiembre, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

El Arroyo de la Llorona/Woman Hollering Creek by Sandra Cisneros
jueves, 14 de diciembre, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

TVDL

jueves, 12 de octubre, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Revisaremos el manual de las Normas de Tránsito de Illinois prepararnos para el examen de la Licencia de Conducir para Visitantes Temporales (TVDL) del Estado de Illinois.

Clases de Computación

Computación Básica

jueves, 7 de septiembre, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Cubriremos iniciar/cerrar programas y documentos, guardar documentos, y el vocabulario de la computadora. No necesita tener experiencia.

Correo Electrónico

jueves, 21 de septiembre, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

jueves, 16 de noviembre, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Crear su propia cuenta de correo electrónico, enviar y recibir mensajes. Debe tener conocimientos básicos de computación para tomar esta clase.

Microsoft Word en español

jueves, 5 de octubre, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Revisaremos los elementos indispensables para cambiar formatos, cortar/copiar y pegar, chequear la ortografía, y mucho más.

Microsoft Excel en español

jueves, 19 de octubre, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

La creación de hojas de cálculo, añadir / borrar columnas y filas, cálculos simples, y la terminología. Debe tener conocimientos básicos de computación para tomar esta clase.

Facebook en español

jueves, 2 de noviembre, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Aprenda los conceptos básicos de Facebook, la red de medios sociales más popular del mundo.

Tabletas y teléfonos para principiantes

jueves, 7 de diciembre, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Traiga tu aparato electrónico a la clase y te ayudaremos con lo básico.

Dispositivos nuevos

jueves, 28 de diciembre, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

¿Has recibido dispositivo nuevo que no está seguro cómo usar? Tráigalo a este taller y te ayudaremos con lo básico.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ADULT PROGRAMS,
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Young Adult

Ongoing YA Programs



Gamer's Haven

Mondays, 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**September 11, 18, October 2, 9, 30, November 6, 13, 20,
December 4, 11, 18**

Come and play with gamers of all kinds. Snacks and competition provided.

New: Artist's Alley

Tuesdays 6:00 PM-7:00 PM

September 5, November 7

Sketch, color, and write to your heart's content at the YA Artist's Alley, right before the YA Council meeting. Bring your own supplies and paper or use what we provide. There will be time for voluntary sharing at the end.

ANIMEniacs

Tuesdays, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

October 3, December 5

Love anime? Watch an episode or more with us at ANIMEniacs!

Young Adult Advisory Council

Tuesdays, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

September 5, October 3, November 7, December 5

Make a difference and join the YA Council; a group of teens who help make the library a teen-friendly place. Applications are available in Adult Services.

Blue Moon Café

Chill with us at the Blue Moon Café. Cozy up to some warm drinks and feel free to work on the activity of the night.

DIY Ice Cream

Tuesday, September 12 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

LEGOs

Tuesday, December 19 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Special YA Events

The Book Was Better

Tuesdays 6:00 PM-8:30 PM

Kick back, enjoy some fresh popcorn, and a movie based on a book, with the OPTION to read the book before (or after). Copies of the book will be available for checkout at the circulation desk for a month before and a week after the movie night.

September 26

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins (PG-13)

October 10

A Monster Calls by Patrick Ness (PG-13)

December 26

Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis (PG)

Mad Scientist's Lab

Tuesday, September 19 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Mwuahahahaha! Start working on your mad scientist laugh for tonight's program: we'll make slime, juice caviar, and conduct simple chemical reactions.

Gothic Masquerade Ball

Tuesday, October 24 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Come dressed in your best gothic attire; we'll be decorating masks, enjoying witch's brew and telling scary stories to get in the mood for Halloween.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament

Tuesday, November 21 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Many will enter; only one will be victorious! Show us your skills with a Wii-mote, or cheer on others while enjoying friendly competition and pizza. Prizes include GameStop gift cards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners.

DIY Lightsabers

Tuesday, December 12 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

We'll have the Clone Wars animated series playing in the background while we make our own lightsabers. What color will yours be? We are also giving away a pair of tickets to see *The Last Jedi*, which opens this week!



Please note: Parents of children under the age of 9 must remain in the library while children are attending library programs.

Featured Youth Events

D.I.Y. Fidget Spinners

Wednesday, September 6 5:00 PM – 5:45 PM

Want to learn how to make your very own fidget spinner? Well this is the place to be! We will show you how to make and design your own spinner. Space is limited to the first 20 participants.

Dino Party

Saturday, September 9 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Dinosaur lovers unite! Children of all ages are invited to join us for games, crafts, and snacks celebrating our prehistoric friends.

Talk Like a Pirate

Tuesday, September 19 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Yo Ho, Yo Ho, a Pirates life for me! Ahoy mateys, it be Talk Like A Pirate Day! Learn how to be a pirate, with crafts, activities and more.

El Día de los Muertos

Jueves 2 de noviembre 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

El Día de los Muertos es un tiempo para que las familias se reúnan para recordar y celebrar la vida de sus seres queridos que han fallecido. Las familias de todas las culturas están invitados a unirse a nosotros en la biblioteca para esta celebración especial que, incluirá comida tradicional, manualidades y actividades.

Posadas

Miércoles 20 de Diciembre 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Las Posadas es una tradición latino americana que conduce a la Navidad en recuerdo del viaje de la Sagrada Familia y el intento de encontrar refugio. Las familias podrán disfrutar de manualidades y comida. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Families

Family Lotería Nights

Tuesdays, 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

September 19, September 26, October 3, October 10

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with us (September 15th-October 15th) with our Family Lotería Nights. Enjoy time with your family, learn some Spanish words and win some prizes. Anyone can join in on the fun!

Homeschool Hangout

Thursdays, 2:00 PM-3:30 PM

September 21, October 12, November 16, December 14

Calling all homeschoolers! Come hang out with other homeschoolers at the library! We'll have snacks, games, books, and more. All ages.

Donuts with Dad

Saturdays, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

September 23, October 28, November 25

Bring Dad, Uncle or Grandpa to the Library for a donut and juice (or coffee!) and read, play, or discover in our Imagination Station. Just drop-in!

LEGO Brick Party

Sundays, 2:00 PM-4:00 PM

September 24, October 29, November 26

Drop-in for a building bonanza! We'll have LEGO brick challenges and building templates to help spark your creativity, or go wild and build anything you can imagine.

Ask a Stupid Question Day

Thursday, September 28 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Celebrate this goofy holiday by searching for silly questions posted throughout the Youth Services Department. Feel free to bring your own wacky questions to ask!

Family Pumpkin Carving Contest

Monday, October 1 – Wednesday, October 18

Pumpkins, and Guts, and Tools, Oh My! Sign up for our Family Pumpkin Carving Contest! Be creative, be spooky, but most importantly have fun with your design. Families must register in person at the Youth Services desk, and at least 1 member of the family must be 11 or under to participate. The winning family will receive a gift card to Regal Cinemas. *Please note that pumpkins and tools are not provided.*

Star Wars Reads Day

Saturday, October 14 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

If you love Star Wars, you'll want to stop by the library on Star Wars Reads Day! Crafts and activities will be provided all day or as supplies last.

Not So Spooky Halloween Spectacular

Tuesday, October 31 10:15 AM – 11:00 AM

Join us for some not so spooky fun! Drop-in for Halloween crafts, songs, dancing, stories, trick-or-treating, a costume parade through parts of the library and a special treat. While supplies last.





Storytimes



1000 Books Club

Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 AM
September 7, October 5,
November 2, December 7

Join us once a month to read books and celebrate landmarks as you aim towards reading 1000 books before Kindergarten!

Stories to Grow On

Mondays, 10:30 AM – 11:15 AM
September 11, 18, 25, October 2, 9, 23, 30,
November 6, 13, 20, 27, December 4

Stories, songs and crafts...oh my! This family storytime for preschoolers and their siblings will have stories, activities, and crafts based on a changing weekly theme.

Wiggle Worms

Tuesdays, 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM
September 12, 19, 26, October 3, 10, 24,
November 7, 14, 21, 28, December 5

Get your toes tappin', hands clappin', and dancing shoes on with this music and movement storytime. Join us as we sing, dance and move through a story or two!

Stories in the Garden at Cantigny Park

Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 AM

Join us for stories and hands-on activities in the gardens of Cantigny Park in Wheaton. Admission and parking are FREE for the day with a special ticket available for pick up in Youth Services.

September 14 | October 19
Fall Leaves Fall! | *Pumpkins!*

Creating Connections

Saturdays, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM
September 16, October 7, November 18, December 16

A sensory enhanced program designed for families with children of all abilities.

Timeless Tales

Thursdays, 10:15 AM-11:00 AM
Join the Library and the West Chicago City Museum once a month as we team up for a story-time experience! Come look, listen, create, play, and explore! All Ages. Please meet us on the second floor of the City Museum.

September 21 | October 26
Teddy Bear Picnic | *Not So Spooky Stories*
November 16 | December 14
Giving Thanks | *An Old-Fashioned Christmas*

Day off School Programs

Not sure what to do with your day off school? Come to the library! We'll have movie days, DIY crafts, games, and more for all ages to enjoy!

Movie Mania!

Join us for Movie Day at the library! Come snack, relax, and enjoy a great movie for the whole family all for FREE! Fresh popped popcorn and juice will be provided.

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs

PG (90 mins.)
Monday, October 9 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Scooby Doo and the Goblin King

G (75 mins.)
Friday, October 27 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving

G (25 mins. Movie will play continuously for duration of program time.)
Monday, November 20 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM



Crafternoon

Join us for some creativity and crafting!

Halloween

Friday, October 27 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Thanksgiving

Tuesday, November 21 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

New Year's Craft

Friday, December 29 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM



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For more information, please contact the Foundation at: westchicagolibraryfoundation@gmail.com or The Library Director, (630) 231-1552. Thank you for supporting the West Chicago Public Library.

LIBRARY INFO

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TDD 630-231-5478

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9 am – 9 pm
Friday and Saturday 9 am – 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm – 5 pm

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Monday, September 4 – Labor Day
Wednesday, November 22 – close at 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 23 – Thanksgiving Day
Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve
Monday, December 25 – Christmas Day

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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The board meets the 4th Monday of each month at 7 pm in the program room. The public is encouraged to attend.



Note from the Director

The Friends of the Library have disbanded after more than 20 years of Library service. The Library thanks the Friends for all of their support during that time. The remaining funds were given to the Library Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, which also supports the Library through financial assistance. The Library Foundation will continue the ongoing lobby book sale, but the annual book sale will be discontinued. If you would like to join the Library Foundation and help with the ongoing book sale, please contact the Foundation at westchicagolibraryfoundation@gmail.com

Survey Results...

THANK YOU to all who participated in the Library's survey series during the first half of the calendar year. Your feedback helps us understand what you would like from the Library and how we might serve you better. As with any survey however, the feedback isn't always conclusive and may require additional feedback. What was conclusive from respondents was:

- ◆ The Library is meeting your needs most of the time;
- ◆ Staff are friendly and provide great service
- ◆ You would like more new books in essentially all subject areas, DVDs, e-materials, picture books, youth kits, and Spanish materials;
- ◆ You generally like the reorganization and new layout of the library;
- ◆ You like the ability to request and obtain materials from other libraries;
- ◆ You would like handicapped parking closer to the front door, a drive-up book return, and different programming for adults, including 20s and 30s.

The aspect of the survey series that did not provide clear results was changes to the Library's service hours. The respondents were split 50/50 on whether to have the library opened longer on the weekend and keeping the hours as they are. As a result, the hours will remain as they are for now, but we will continue to review usage patterns and seek feedback formally and informally and revisit the "hours conversation" periodically.

I encourage you to visit the Library's website and subscribe to the Library's bi-monthly e-newsletter. The newsletter will feature additional information elicited from the survey series and periodic updates on how the Library will be working toward addressing what you would like from your Library so that we can continue to make it... The Place You Want To Be!

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