



# WPL MATTERS

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK



Click for more information on House Bill 1343:  
<http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2019/bills/house/1343>

Welcome back: Sunshine. The emergence of spring has graced us with brighter days and warmer weather, and we're glad for it. As we step into April, let's look for bright crocuses, green grass, and maybe a yard sign, or two, showing support for your library. National Library Week occurs annually in April, and in light of that and an important legislative issue, WPL is making it easy to show your library love.

Public libraries are bastions of fiduciary transparency, oversight, and accountability. We plan and expend funds judiciously, with an eye to the future and a memory to times when libraries lost funding. You may recall that WPL suffered a drastic budget cut in the early 2000s and nearly had to shutter its doors. WPL has worked diligently since then to continue to make prudent

financial decisions and build reserves as permitted under law. We have great buildings chock full of character (and characters), but with the charm of old buildings comes the fact of significant building maintenance projects.

Due to our steadfast planning, we can address many of those projects without asking for bonds or adjustments to tax rates. However, last month, we alerted you to legislation (House Bill 1343) in the works that could harm public libraries in Indiana. How so? By putting public library budgets and reserves into the hands of other governmental units, who could then reallocate and cut library funds. If that happens, there go our carefully saved reserves.



When we told you how to find information about HB1343, and how to contact the senators on its committee, you made your voices heard. They are still trying to pass HB1343, so please keep using your voices and votes to protect WPL and all Indiana public libraries.

Thank you for supporting WPL. Starting April 1st, come in and check out some books and music and movies, and pick up a free "I Love Libraries" license plate holder or "We Love Our Library" yard sign (while supplies last). Then, along with the crocuses and other bright flowers, plant them and watch your library blossom.

Lisa



# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

## SPRING BOOK SALE

**APRIL**

**SAT. 27 & SUN. 28**

**9 AM - 4 PM**

**MEMBER ONLY PREVIEW ON FRIDAY, APRIL 26, FROM 4- 8 PM**

## THOMAS BRANCH

**200 W. INDIANA AVE.  
CHESTERTON, IN  
219-926-7696  
WPL.LIB.IN.US**

Join the Friends of the Westchester Public Library for their Spring Book Sale. Books and movies of all genres will be available on the second floor of Thomas Library at low prices.

Membership to Friends of the Library may be purchased at the Thomas Circulation desk, or at the door the first night of the sale.

Proceeds from the sale are donated to WPL and help fund programs for all ages.





# Community Conversations

A CONVERSATIONAL APPROACH TO HEALTH-RELATED TOPICS LED BY LOCAL PROFESSIONALS

## Understanding our Relationship with Stress

Join Ann Macker, Executive Director of Mental Health America of Porter County, for a beginner's guide to understanding our relationship with stress, including common misconceptions.

Since 1953, MHA of Porter County has been a voice for those with mental illness in our community. They are dedicated to promoting mental health, preventing mental illness, and achieving victory over mental illness and addiction through education, research, and service.

Registration is not necessary but suggested to guarantee seating. Call 926-7696, or RSVP through: [COMMUNITYCONVOSTRESS.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-convo-stress)

Tuesday, April 23 at 6 PM  
WPL - Baugher Center



# *DIY Dreamcatchers*



**MONDAY,  
APRIL 29**

**6:30-7:30 PM**

**THOMAS  
BRANCH  
BERTHA WOOD  
MEETING ROOM**

Westchester Public Library invites adults for an evening of dreamcatcher crafting. You will learn the history of traditional dreamcatcher making and how to make your own. Let only the good dreams through! All materials will be provided. Registration is required. For more information or to register, please contact Marta at 219-926-7696.

# NEW WPL HOURS



STARTING MAY 1, 2019

## **THOMAS BRANCH**

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| Monday- Thursday | 9 AM - 9 PM |
| Friday           | 9 AM - 6 PM |
| Saturday         | 9 AM - 5 PM |
| Sunday           | 1 PM - 5 PM |

## **HAGEMAN BRANCH**

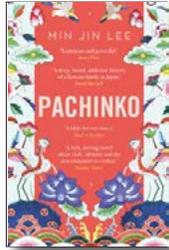
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| Monday- Friday | 9 AM - 6 PM |
| Saturday       | 1 PM - 5 PM |
| Sunday         | CLOSED      |

# THOMAS PROGRAMS

## Popular Books DISCUSSION GROUP

**April 1: Pachinko**  
By: Min Jin Lee

In the early 1900s, teenaged Sunja, the adored daughter of a crippled fisherman, falls for a wealthy stranger at the seashore near her home in Korea. He promises her the world, but when she discovers she is pregnant--and that her lover is married--she refuses to be bought. Instead, she accepts an offer of marriage from a gentle, sickly minister passing through on his way to Japan. But her decision to abandon her home, and to reject her son's powerful father, sets off a dramatic saga that will echo down through the generations.



2- 3:30 PM

THOMAS  
BERTHA  
WOOD  
MEETING  
ROOM

### Next Month's Book

**May 6: The Professor and the Madman**  
By: Simon Winchester

Registration is not necessary for Popular Books. Extra copies of the book will be available for checkout at the Thomas Branch.

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## CHESTERTON CUBING CLUB

Sunday, April 7  
1 - 3 PM

THOMAS BRANCH  
BERTHA WOOD MTG. ROOM

All Levels Welcome!

Want to learn how to solve  
a Rubik's Cube?  
Already know how to solve?  
Already a speed cuber?  
We welcome all abilities!



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WPL'S APRIL SUNDAY MATINEE

INSPIRED BY A TRUE FRIENDSHIP



GREEN BOOK

RATED PG-13

DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 7 TIME: 1:30 PM  
BAUGHER CENTER  
100 W. INDIANA AVE. | CHESTERTON, IN



## ALZHEIMER'S

### Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body

Positive lifestyle changes for healthy aging

Tuesday, April 9 from 3 - 4 PM  
Thomas Branch ~ Bertha Wood Meeting Room

Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Please call 926-7696 for more information.

The program is presented by the Alzheimer's Association of Greater IN. The Association provides educational programs to the public at no charge. For more information about the Association, visit [alz.org/indiana](http://alz.org/indiana) or call the 24/7 Helpline at (800) 272-3900.

[alz.org](http://alz.org) 

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# Bits & Bytes



Attendees will meet in the computer classroom located on the second floor of Thomas. The classes are free, but registration is required as computer stations are limited.

## APRIL CLASSES

### MANAGE YOUR PASSWORDS

April 4, 1-2:30 pm

Have one password for every site? Or so many you can't keep them all straight? Learn how to use a password manager to make your life easier AND more secure!

### ANDROID FOR BEGINNERS

April 11, 1 - 2:30 PM

Have an Android phone or tablet and want to get the most out of it? Join us as we discuss the basics and try to answer your questions.

### FIVE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO BE MORE SECURE

April 18, 1 - 2:30 PM

We will look at how to secure your devices, online accounts and your home network. Our focus will be on Security as a Process.

### iPHONE & iPAD

April 25, 1 - 2:30 PM

Do you have an Apple product but are struggling to get the most out of it? Join us as we discuss iOS devices, we will cover the basics and try to answer your questions.

Register by visiting or calling the Thomas IT Department, (219) 926-7696



## WPL WILL BE CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER SUNDAY

The Westchester Public Library system will be closed Friday, April 19 & Sunday, April 21 in observance of Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

The Thomas Branch will be open Saturday, April 20, from 9 am-5 pm

The Hageman Branch will be open Saturday, April 20, from 1-5 pm

The Westchester Township History Museum will be open Saturday, April 20, from 1-5 pm

The WPL system will resume regular hours Monday, April 22.

## WPL TECH HELP

Get help with technology problems including email, software, hardware, eReaders, tablets, and smartphones.

### THOMAS BRANCH

Monday - Friday  
9 AM - 4:30 PM



### FREE SERVICE

Call 926-7696 about Tech Help availability



# TEEN Scene



Teens in grades 6 - 12

Join us on Wednesday afternoons from **3:30 - 4:30 PM**  
to eat snacks and try something new.

Thomas Branch - Bertha Wood Meeting Room

## April 3: Guacamole Day

It's Money Smart Week! Discover how much money you can save by making your own food instead of eating out. We will be making our own guacamole, and comparing the cost to ordering it out.



#guacamole



#diyterrarium

## April 10: DIY Terrariums

Create your very own terrariums!  
We will discuss ways to keep the earth healthy as we make joyous jars of colorful sand, plants, and tiny dinosaurs.

Registration is required. Call (219) 926-7696.

# MAKER MONDAYS

Interested in robots? Programming?  
Join volunteer and engineer Adam Johnson  
for a cool Maker Monday project. This program  
is for ages 8+ and up. Parents are welcome  
to attend but are required for children under 10.

**APRIL 15**  
**MAY 20**  
**JUNE 17**  
**6:30-8 PM**

**THOMAS BRANCH  
COMPUTER CLASSROOM**



Register at the Thomas Reference Desk,  
Computer Classroom, or by phone, 926-7696.

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WPL'S APRIL MOVIE

RATED PG-13



**BUMBLEBEE**

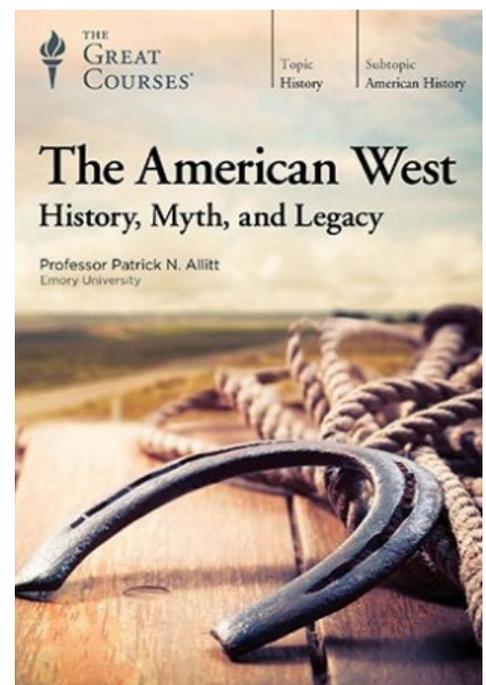
**DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 20 TIME: 3:00 PM**  
**BAUGHER CENTER**  
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## THE GREAT COURSES

### *The American West: History, Myth, and Legacy (CD Book)*

Our understanding of the American West has moved far beyond pop culture in recent years. The legendary people and events we associate with the Wild West - the last stand at the Alamo, the Battle of Little Bighorn, the exploits of Calamity Jane, the hardships of the Oregon Trail - are even more fascinating once the historical realities have been separated from the myths.

You'll cover more than 200 years of history and the most important events, themes and ideas that form the backbone of the frontier's reality - and legend. Among these: the Transcontinental Railroad, the idea of Manifest Destiny, the Gold Rush, the Trail of Tears, and (yes) cowboys. You'll also learn how popular culture - novels like Little House on the Prairie, paintings by artists like Frederic Remington, and decades of Western films - can actually clue us in to the intimate details of life for everyday men and women. Saddle up for an exciting adventure in learning.



# RHONDA RECOMMENDS



## **Prevention**

Prevention magazine uses informational articles, combining the latest health trends with time-tested advice on getting and staying healthy. The magazine profiles fitness experts, groundbreaking medical studies, and people who are leading the way in healthy eating and living. The articles include new exercise tips, healthy recipes, and the equipment needed to make a healthy lifestyle work. They also offer advice for applying the information to your life.

Prevention magazine doesn't discount the importance of beauty with the newest beauty finds that will help you keep your hair and skin as healthy as the rest of your body. Other important features tackle such topics as preventing cancer, minimizing skin damage due to aging, and battling the flu. Learn the best foods to eat, the importance of sleep, and how to take good care of yourself even if weight is not an issue.

Prevention magazine is designed to help you improve your body and mind. Weight loss is one of the featured topics, but it isn't the crux of the magazine. Each issue is designed to help anyone on the journey to good health, no matter what type of health is desired.



## **Handwoven** (RBdigital Magazine)

*Handwoven* is a weaver's constant companion. Issues offer a stunning collection of enticing projects. But the magazine is so much more than that: it's a textile travelogue, pattern book, and weave structure textbook. Learn how to create original designs and find solutions to weaving challenges.

# TRACY'S TAKES // NEW MOVIES

### **Movie Title:** *The Mule* // **Rating:** R

**Synopsis:** Broke, alone and facing foreclosure on his business, 90-year-old horticulturist Earl Stone takes a job as a drug courier for a Mexican cartel. His immediate success leads to easy money and a larger shipment that soon draws the attention of hard-charging DEA agent Colin Bates. When Earl's past mistakes start to weigh heavily on his conscience, he must decide whether to right those wrongs before law enforcement and cartel thugs catch up to him.

### **Movie Title:** *Vice* // **Rating:** R

**Synopsis:** Governor George W. Bush of Texas picks Dick Cheney, the CEO of Halliburton Co, to be his Republican running mate in the 2000 presidential election. No stranger to politics, Cheney's impressive résumé includes stints as White House chief of staff, House Minority Whip and defense secretary. When Bush wins by a narrow margin, Cheney begins to use his newfound power to help reshape the country and the world.

### **Movie Title:** *Glass* // **Rating:** PG-13

**Synopsis:** From M. Night Shyamalan, Bruce Willis returns as David Dunn, as does Samuel L. Jackson as Mr. Glass, from *Unbreakable*. Joining them from *Split* are James McAvoy, reprising his role as Kevin Wendell Crumb and the multiple identities who reside within. Following the conclusion of *Split*, Glass finds Dunn pursuing Crumb's superhuman figure of The Beast in a series of escalating encounters.

# THOMAS CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS // BIRTH-AGE 12

## April

## 2019



## THOMAS BRANCH CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

| DETAILS   | SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
|---|---|--|-----------|--|---|--|---|
| <p>Registration for Storytimes is required.</p> <p>Call 926-7696 to register today.</p> |   | <p>1</p> <p>10 AM:<br/>Stories &amp; Kicks</p>   | <p>2</p>  | <p>3</p> <p>9:30 &amp; 10:30 AM:<br/>Play Date</p> <p>10 &amp; 11 AM:<br/>Tickle Tales</p> <p>4 PM:<br/>Minecraft Meet-Up</p>                                      | <p>4</p> <p>10 &amp; 11 AM:<br/>Toddler Time</p> <p>4 PM<br/>Project Play-Doh</p> | <p>5</p> <p>10 AM:<br/>Toddler Time</p>  | <p>6</p>  |
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| <p>Stories &amp; Kicks<br/>4 - 6 years old</p> <p>Play Date<br/>0 - 24 months</p>       | <p>14</p>   | <p>15</p> <p>10 AM:<br/>Stories &amp; Kicks</p> <p>6:30 PM:<br/>Maker Monday<br/>(8 years old &amp; older)</p> | <p>16</p> | <p>17</p> <p>9:30 &amp; 10:30 AM:<br/>Play Date</p> <p>10 &amp; 11 AM:<br/>Tickle Tales</p> <p>4 PM:<br/>Minecraft Meet-Up</p> <p>6 PM: Spring Egg-Stravaganza</p> | <p>18</p> <p>10 &amp; 11 AM:<br/>Toddler Time</p>                                 | <p>19</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY<br/>Library Closed</p>  | <p>20</p>   |
| <p>Tickle Tales<br/>9 - 24 months</p> <p>Toddler Time<br/>2 - 3 years old</p>           | <p>21</p> <p>EASTER<br/>Library Closed</p>                        | <p>22</p> <p>10 AM:<br/>Stories &amp; Kicks</p>  | <p>23</p> | <p>24</p> <p>9:30 &amp; 10:30 AM:<br/>Play Date</p> <p>10 &amp; 11 AM:<br/>Tickle Tales</p>  | <p>25</p> <p>10 &amp; 11 AM:<br/>Toddler Time</p>                                 | <p>26</p> <p>10 AM:<br/>Toddler Time</p>   | <p>27</p> <p>9-4 PM:<br/>Friends of the<br/>Library Book Sale</p> |
|   | <p>28</p> <p>9-4 PM:<br/>Friends of the<br/>Library Book Sale</p> | <p>29</p>  | <p>30</p> |  |   |  |   |

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## Thomas Branch Spring StoryTimes

REGISTRATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>  
STORYTIMES BEGIN THE WEEK OF MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>

### MONDAYS

10 AM:  
Stories & Kicks  
(Ages: 4-6)

### WEDNESDAYS

9:30 & 10:30 AM:  
Play Date (0 - 24 Mo)

10 & 11 AM:  
Tickle Tales (9 - 24 Mo)

### THURSDAYS

10 & 11 AM:  
Toddler Time  
(Ages: 2-3)

### FRIDAYS

10 AM:  
Toddler Time  
(Ages: 2-3)

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# LEGO CLUB

Children age 6 and up are invited to imagine, create, and build with the library's Lego collection. Lego designs will be put on display in the Children's Department at the Thomas Branch. Registration is necessary; call 926-7696 to sign up each month.



MEETS ONCE A MONTH ON FRIDAYS

**APRIL 12**

**4 - 5 PM**

(new after-school time!)

**THOMAS CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT**

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# PROJECT PLAY-DOH



**Thursday, April 4 • 4-5 PM**  
**Thomas Branch Children's Department**

**Squish, squash, roll, shape, and design!**

Use your imagination to create and explore simple STEAM concepts using Play-Doh. Develop fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and build muscle tone in those little hands. For children ages 2 - 5 with a parent.

Registration is required, call 926-7696

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# MINECRAFT

Children ages 8 and up who enjoy playing the educational game Minecraft are welcome to attend the Thomas Branch Minecraft Meetups.

**WEDNESDAY,**  
**APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> & 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**4 - 5:30 PM**

**THOMAS: Upstairs Computer Classroom**

Register by visiting or calling the Thomas Branch's IT Department, 926-7696.

WPL Gaming Policy and Rules of Conduct need to be signed upon registration.

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# SPRING EGG-STRAVAGANZA

**Wednesday, April 17**  
**6-7 PM**

Thomas Branch  
Bertha Wood Room

**Are you ready for some egg-stravagance?**

Join us as we learn the science of how to dye eggs organically using everyday ingredients. To top things off, we're making a dapper hat--perfect for any spring occasion! For children ages 6 - 11. Registration is required, call 926-7696 to reserve your spot.

# HAGEMAN PROGRAMS

## ADULT Coloring

April 2  
at 6 pm

Looking for an evening of relaxation and creativity?

Attend Adult Coloring at the Hageman Branch.

This group meets the first Tuesday of each month.

Colored pencils, markers, gel pens, and coloring books will be provided. Feel free to bring your own supplies as well.

## Hageman Branch

Registration is necessary and can be done by visiting the Hageman Branch or calling 926-9080.

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## BI-FOCAL BOOKIES

April 9: *The Well and the Mine*  
by Jin Phillips

In a small Alabama coal-mining town during the summer of 1931, nine-year-old Tess Moore sits on her back porch and watches a woman toss a baby into her family's well without a word. This shocking act of violence sets in motion a chain of events that forces Tess and her older sister Virgie to look beyond their own door and learn the value of kindness and lending a helping hand. As Tess and Virgie try to solve the mystery of the well, an accident puts their seven-year-old brother's life in danger, revealing just what sorts of sacrifices their parents, Albert and Leta, have made in order to give their children a better life, and the power of love and compassion to provide comfort to those we love.

May 14: *I Shall Be Near You*  
by Erin Lindsay McCabe

HAGEMAN BRANCH

SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

1-2 P.M.

Limited copies of each selection are available at the Hageman Branch circulation desk

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## INQUIRING Minds

A monthly gathering on different topics or skills



*Recycle It Right!*

Thursday,  
April 11  
1 - 2:30 PM

*Hageman Branch*

Recycling contamination is causing good materials to be land-filled and processing rates to soar. Now more than ever, everyone needs to recycle the right materials. Porter County Recycling's Public Education Coordinator, Donna Stuckert, will present what's recyclable in NWI and help attendees improve their recycling skills.

Seating is limited. Registration is required. Call 926-9080 or stop by the Hageman Branch to register.

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## KNIT~WITS AND PURLS OF WISDOM



Like to Knit or Crochet?

Join the Knit-Wits and Purls of Wisdom knitting group at the Hageman Library. Whether you are a master knitter or a knitting novice, you will enjoy meeting, learning and sharing with fellow knitting and crochet enthusiasts.



Every Thursday at 9 am • Hageman Library

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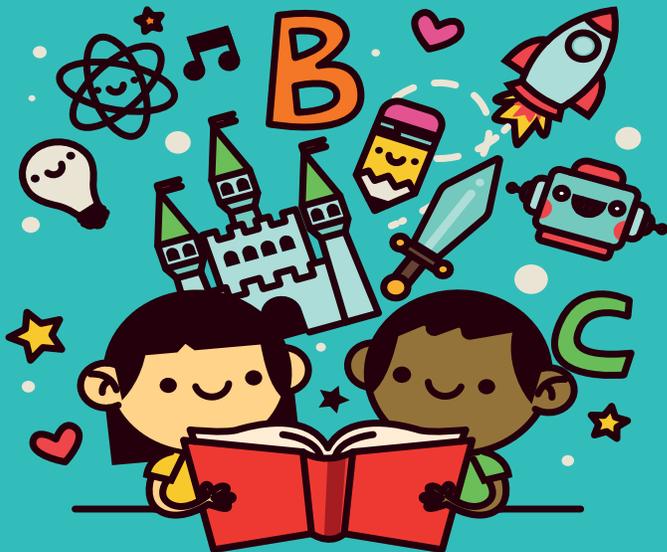
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# Tinker, Create, Invent, and Have Fun!



Come to a place for making, creating, designing, and inventing. Classes revolve around science, design, engineering, and art through hands-on, project-based work for ages 4, 5, & 6. Spaces are limited and pre-registration required.

## Hageman Branch

### APRIL 8

### 3:30 - 4:30 PM

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# SATURDAY CRAFTERNOONS

at the Hageman Branch

## APRIL 20 2-4 PM



Children ages 2 to 5 may join Miss Ronnie for a monthly, Saturday afternoon crafting event. Families can drop in anytime during the two hours of Crafternoon time. This month we will be making a handprint lamb.

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# HISTORY MUSEUM PROGRAMS

## knitting together AT THE MUSEUM

Area knitters, those who crochet or do needlework are invited to gather at the Westchester Township History Museum for a cozy afternoon of knitting, conversation, and refreshments.

1<sup>st</sup> + 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month • 1-5 pm

SUNDAY

April 7

May 5 + 19

June 2, 16 + 30

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## MAD ABOUT MYSTERY

### DISCUSSION GROUP

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

JANE RYLAND MYSTERY SERIES  
BY HANK PHILLIPPI RYAN

Hard-headed, principled Boston reporter Jane Ryland was canned from her plush TV gig for refusing to reveal a source, but that doesn't seem to have slowed her down very much. She still has a nose for dirt, and the fecund fields of Boston politics gives her more than enough material to work with in her new career as a reporter. And, of course, it doesn't hurt that Detective Jake Brogan's cases seem to always somehow overlap with the stories she's working on.



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## MUSIC AT THE MUSEUM

Join the musical group "The Flashbacks" as they present the top tunes of the last 300 years. The group specializes in the kind of music folks have played through the centuries, entertaining themselves and their friends in their own homes.

The group is composed of Suzanne Keldsen, playing guitar, recorders, and fiddle; Julietta Raby playing fiddle, mandolin, and guitar; Jim Nelson on guitar; Nancy Cairns on dulcimer and ukelele; Paul Mache playing guitar and banjo; and Marti Pizzini on autoharp, dulcimer, and guitar.

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

THE BROWN MANSION

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## BOOKMARKS | AT THE MUSEUM

Thursday, April 18  
2:00 PM

*Washington Black: A Novel*  
by Esi Edugyan



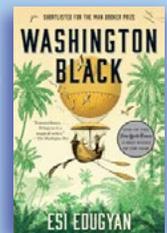
This series takes place the third Thursday of each month at the Westchester Township History Museum, 700 West Porter Ave. Chesterton and the following day at Michigan City Library 100 E. Forth Street Michigan City, at 2 pm.

It is not necessary to read the book in advance.

Coffee, tea, and cookies will be served.

For more information, contact Westchester Township History Museum at 983-9715 or Michigan City Library at 873-3049

George Washington Black, or "Wash," an eleven-year-old field slave on a Barbados sugar plantation, is terrified to be chosen by his master's brother as his manservant. To his surprise, the eccentric Christopher Wilde turns out to be a naturalist, explorer, inventor, and abolitionist. Soon Wash is initiated into a world where a flying machine can carry a man across the sky, where even a boy born in chains may embrace a life of dignity and meaning—and where two people, separated by an impossible divide, can begin to see each other as human. But when a man is killed and a bounty is placed on Wash's head, Christopher and Wash must abandon everything. What brings Christopher and Wash together will tear them apart, propelling Wash in search of his true self.



Reviewed by Ronnie Earley

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# INDIGENOUS PLANTS

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of Northwest Indiana

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BY

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MARSHALL D'ARCY

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Exhibit Opening March 6



## Westchester Township History Museum

In 1999, Marshall D'Arcy ventured out his back door with a new Olympus digital camera, taking photos of plants he had seen while growing up in his Ogden Dunes home.

Armed with his camera and GPS, Marshall recorded the location, plant genus, and time of day of each photograph.

He returned over months and years to photograph the plants that grow in Northwest Indiana.

Marshall repeated this practice for 15 years, amassing over 6,000 photos of 245 plant species.

**This exhibit runs through May 12**

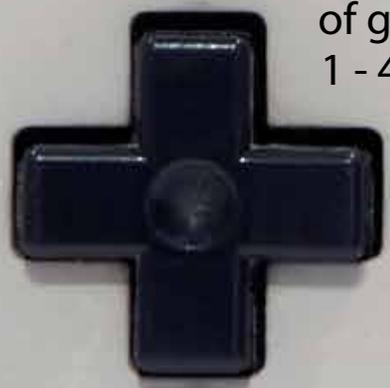


# TRIVIA NIGHT

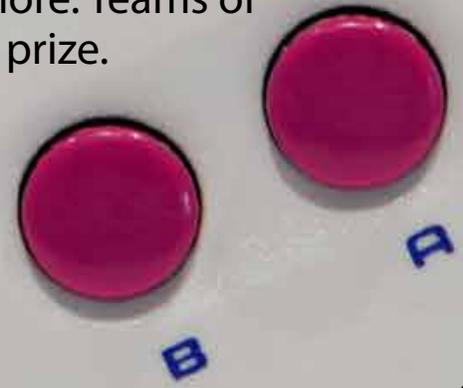
**TUESDAY, APRIL 30 • 7 PM**

**Westchester Township History Museum**

Join us for Nintendo trivia! Questions will cover the history of Nintendo from 1980 to the present. Show off your knowledge of games, movies, tv and more. Teams of 1 - 4 people can vie for the prize.

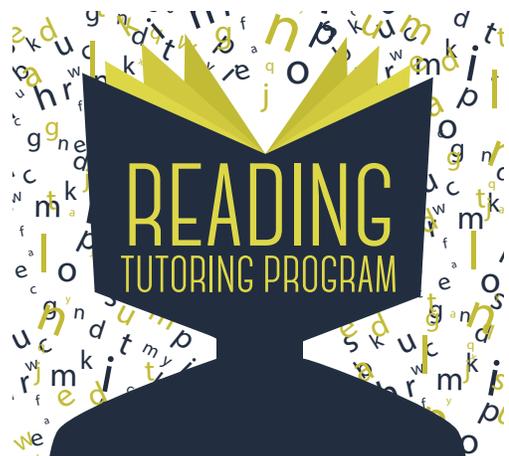


Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and will remain open until the event is full.



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# RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT WPL



If your Pre-K through 12th grade child is in need of reading help, this program is for you!

Designed to assist your child with his/her academic reading, the library's tutoring program offers a safe and welcoming learning environment with volunteer tutors who will work one-on-one with your child in half-hour increments.

Student sign-up sheets are available at both libraries or online.

Patrons interested in volunteering to be tutors may pick up and return applications at the Circulation desk of either branch (note interest in tutoring). The coordinator will contact you to schedule an interview.

Volunteers will be asked to complete the library's volunteer application, waiver, background check form, and volunteer confidentiality agreement all available on the library's website.

## FREE BLOOD PRESSURE & BMI SCREENINGS



Free blood pressure and BMI screenings at the Thomas and Hageman Branches of WPL are provided by NorthShore Health Center once a month.

**THOMAS BRANCH**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
**10 AM - 11 AM**

200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton, IN  
Thomas Branch Reference Department

**HAGEMAN BRANCH**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**10 AM - 12 PM**

100 Francis St., Porter, IN



## Homebound Service

Are you, or is someone you know, homebound due to an extended illness, injury, or disability?

Residents of Westchester Township who are unable to visit the Library for those reasons may be eligible for free homebound service, in which personalized selections of Library materials are delivered to them.

**To learn more about homebound service, please call the Thomas Library Branch at 926-7696.**