



WPL NEWSLETTER

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DUNELAND'S RICH RAIL HISTORY



"Duneland Railroads" is on exhibit at Westchester Township History Museum through December 2021

For the rest of 2021, the Westchester Township History Museum is celebrating our early railroad history with the new temporary exhibit *Duneland Railroads*.

In this exhibit, we highlight the development of new railroad lines through Duneland between 1855 and 1921, the importance of the railroads to time zones, the danger of railroad work, the advent of electric lines and interurban rails, and some of the tragic railroad accidents that happened in Porter County. Visitors can also learn about some local industries most impacted by railroads, and why the Pinkerton Detective Agency held a sting operation in Baillytown.

On display, we have a 1902 railroad engineer's pocket watch; you'll learn why it was so important for railroad workers to have accurate watches. There are several photographs of old stations, workers, and railroad construction. We also have a 1911 map of the Valparaiso & Northern Railroad (the interurban line) from Valpo to Chesterton, featuring the line's route through the resort area of Flint Lake. Nineteenth century railroad timetables and New York Central paperwork from the Chesterton station are also on display.

On September 1 at 6:30PM, we will host Dr. Larry McClellan, who will conduct a Zoom presentation about the *Underground Railroad in Northwest Indiana*. He has some fascinating details about how the two earliest Duneland railroad lines played a role in helping men and women find freedom.

The exhibit will be open through December 2021. Please call ahead to reserve a time to see the exhibit in person. You can make your reservation by calling the Museum at 219-983-9715.

**We will be closed Sunday, July 4
in observance of Independence Day.**



CURBSIDE PICKUP



1. Use your Library card to place holds (online or by phone) for up to 5 DVDs and 10 other items per card, based on the following item limits: 5 DVDs, 10 Music CDs, 5 New Books, 2 Electronic Games, 10 General Books.



2. After you receive notice that your holds are ready, drive to your branch during Curbside Pickup hours. Pull into a specially-numbered parking space.



3. Call the Library phone number posted on the numbered parking space sign and staff will check-out and bring your holds to your parking space.



4. TWO options for pickup. Staff will place your holds on the table attached to your parking space for you to get, OR, pop your trunk and staff will place your holds inside the trunk and will then close it for you.



5. Enjoy your Library materials!

Curbside Pickup hours:
Monday-Friday 1pm-6pm at Thomas Branch & Hageman Branch
Saturday 11:30am-4:30pm at Thomas Branch; Saturday 1:30pm-4:30pm at Hageman Branch
Sunday 1:30pm-4:30pm at Thomas Branch

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Summer Reading

June 1 - July 24

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Summer Reading is back and better than ever, with exciting prizes and two different ways to participate—choose what works best for you. Register in-person at either Library location to receive your own paper reading log, or participate virtually with the [Beanstack app](#).

All summer long, we're hosting engaging events and creative craft kits for children, teens, and adults—check our [online calendar](#) for what's happening at wpl.lib.in.us.





FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

SUMMER BOOK SALE

JULY
SAT. 17 & SUN. 18
9 AM - 4 PM

MEMBERS ONLY PREVIEW ON FRIDAY, JULY 16, FROM 4 - 8 PM

BAUGHER CENTER

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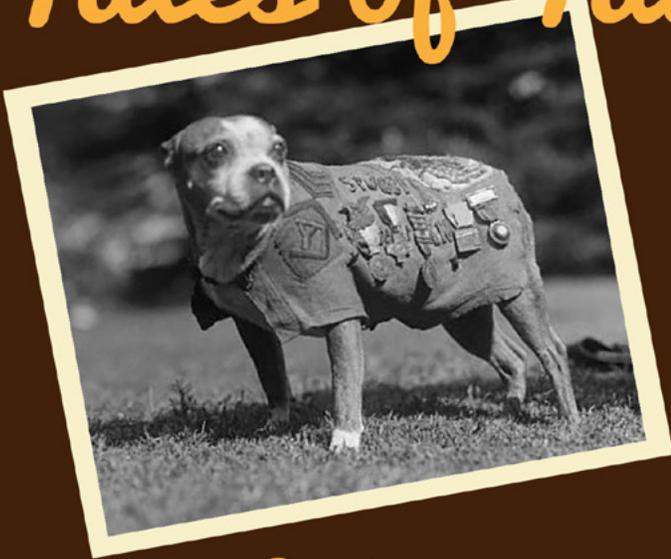
Join the Friends of the Westchester Public Library for their Summer Book Sale. Books and movies of all genres will be available at low prices.

Membership to the 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.



Daily Facebook Posts *Tales of Tails* Animals in History



Everyone knows that people have had plenty of historical accomplishments, but what about the animals that were by their side? From spiders helping the Allies in WWII, to a cat paving the way for space travel, it's clear that animals deserve a place in the history books. The Westchester Township History Museum will celebrate these trailblazers with daily Facebook posts about animals in history.

July 1 - 31



WESTCHESTER TOWNSHIP HISTORY MUSEUM



EXHIBIT OPEN THROUGH 2021.

All visits must be scheduled by reservation; call 219-983-9715.
Check with the museum for the most current mask requirements.
Social distancing is required at all times.

ZOOM CRAFT NIGHT FOR ALL AGES

Paint with a Partner: Sunflower Painting

Tuesday, July 6 • 6:30 PM

Each kit will contain 2 canvases for 2 people to paint 2-gether. When you put the canvases side by side, you'll see the full picture: a beautiful sunflower! Parents, kids, friends, and significant others all make good partners for a creative night of painting.

Registration opens June 29

- Only 1 person needs to register for this kit for two.
- This kit is picked up at THOMAS from June 29 - July 5.
- This program will take place virtually via **zoom**

Register for this program online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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BIRDS, BEES, AND BUTTERFLIES:



ALL ABOUT POLLINATOR CONSERVATION

**Tuesday,
July 20
6:30-7:30 PM**



Learn about the ways to create a more welcoming environment for pollinators. Create a bee hotel to help protect bees over the winter and wildflower seed bombs to beautify your outdoor space while also increasing their feeding and nesting habitats.

LIBRARY LOT at 2nd St & Indiana Ave, Chesterton

- Program is located outside, bring your own blanket or chairs.
 - Masks are encouraged to be worn at all times.
- Social distancing is required. • Registration is required.

Registration opens July 13.

Register for this program online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot. 

Adult Craft Afternoon



DINOSAUR SUCCULENT PLANTER

Want a funky and fun succulent planter for your living space? Together we will make a succulent planter from a dinosaur toy.

Saturday, July 10
1 - 2 PM

LIBRARY LOT at 2nd St & Indiana Ave, Chesterton

Reserve your spot starting July 3.

- Program is located outside, bring your own blanket or chairs.
 - Masks are encouraged to be worn at all times.
 - Social distancing is required. • Registration is required.

Register for this program online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.



BI-FOCAL BOOKIES

Under the Tulip Tree by Michelle Shocklee

Lorena Leland's dreams of a rich and fulfilling life as a writer are dashed when the stock market crashes in 1929. Eager for any writing job, Rena accepts a position interviewing former slaves for the Federal Writers' Project. There, she meets Frankie Washington, a 101-year-old woman.



Limited copies are available at Hageman.

TUESDAY, JULY 13
1-2 PM
Hageman Lawn

- Program is located outside, bring your own blanket or chairs.
- Masks are encouraged to be worn at all times.
- Social distancing is required. • Registration is required.

Register for this program online or call 219-926-9080 to reserve your spot starting July 6.

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Craft Kit: Boba Tea

Try a trendy drink at home with our boba tea kits! Each kit includes supplies to make one authentic taro milk tea, with tapioca pearls included. Just microwave and add water.

**Registration for this Craft Kit opens
July 20.**

Adults 18 and up, reserve your kit online or call the Thomas Branch at 219-926-7696. This kit is picked up at **THOMAS** from July 27 - August 3.

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ADULT CRAFT:

Rope Coasters

These nautical-style rope coasters are perfect for coastal-inspired dining rooms and outdoor entertaining.

Thursday, July 22
1 - 2 PM
HAGEMAN LAWN

- Program is located outside, bring your own blanket or chairs.
- Masks are encouraged to be worn at all times.
- Social distancing is required. • Registration is required.

Register for this program online or call 219-926-9080 to reserve your spot starting July 15.

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ADULT
DIY

CRAFT NIGHT

Tie-Dye Fabric Napkin Set

Thursday, July 29 • 6:30 PM

LIBRARY LOT at 2nd St & Indiana Ave, Chesterton

Create a set of colorful, eco-friendly napkins to use at home. Wear clothing you can get messy in and get groovy with tie-dye.

- Program is located outside, bring your own blanket or chairs.
- Masks are encouraged to be worn at all times.
- Social distancing is required. • Registration is required.

REGISTER ONLINE AT WPL.LIB.IN.US OR CALL 219-926-7696 TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT

FOR TEENS & TWEENS



Seed Bombs

FOR TWEENS IN GRADES 5 - 8

Come learn how to make seed bombs with us.
Then watch them grow to brighten up your yard.

*Saturday, July 17 * 3 - 3:45 PM*

*** HAGEMAN LAWN ***

- Program is located outside, bring your own blanket or chairs.
- Masks are encouraged to be worn at all times.
- Social distancing is required. • Registration is required.

Reserve your spot online or by calling 219-926-7696 starting July 10.

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CRAFT KIT:
Animal Print Coasters

CRAFT KIT FOR TWEENS IN GRADES 5 - 8

Drink coasters don't have to be boring! Register for this craft kit to make your own animal print coasters.

Registration for this Kit opens JUNE 29

This kit is picked up at THOMAS from July 6 - 13.

Reserve your kit online or call the Thomas Branch at 219-926-7696.

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PHOTO Scavenger Hunt
zoom

Do you like taking pictures? Join our photo scavenger hunt! Pick up the prompts and instructions the week before the program and then over Zoom we will share photos and see how everyone interpreted the prompts.

Teens in grades 9 - 12

Friday, July 9

4:30-5:30 PM

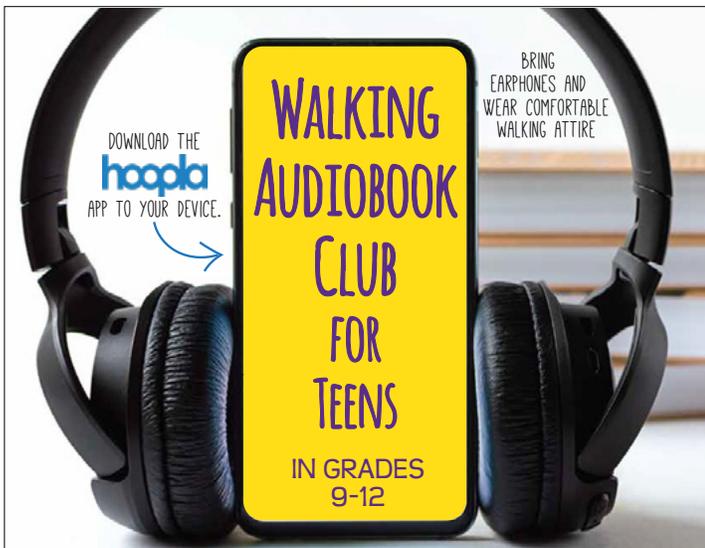
Registration opens July 1.



The accompanying kit can be picked up at **THOMAS** from July 1 - 9.

Reserve your spot online or call the Thomas Branch at 219-926-7696. We will be sharing our photos online via ZOOM.

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A NEW TYPE OF BOOK CLUB!

Join us as we walk around the park while listening to an audiobook. Meet at the Museum's entrance sign. We'll download the book onto our smartphone or other listening device. We'll walk and listen to the book for 30 minutes, then have a book discussion.

Thursday, July 19
10 - 11AM

Westchester Twp. History Museum
700 W. Porter Ave., Chesteron

- Program is located outside • Masks are encouraged to be worn at all times.
- Social distancing is required. • Registration is required.

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LET'S MAKE FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

CRAFT AFTERNOON FOR TEENS IN GRADES 9 - 12

Come make bracelets for you and your friends. We will have multiple colors for you to use and instruction sheets of designs you might not have used before.

FRIDAY, JULY 23 • 3-4 PM

LIBRARY LOT

2nd St & Indiana Ave, Chesterton

- Program is located outside, bring your own blanket or chairs.
- Masks are encouraged to be worn at all times.
- Social distancing is required. • Registration is required.

Reserve your spot starting July 16.

Register for this program online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

MAGAZINES OF INTEREST



***Eatingwell* (Print)**

Get healthy recipes, cooking techniques, diets, and food news throughout the pages of this lifestyle magazine. Learn to cook healthy alternatives for all your favorite comfort foods, without depriving yourself of the things you love. Check out recipe ideas for gluten free, vegan, vegetarian, paleo, diabetic, pescatarian or any other special diet to fit your dietary needs in *Eatingwell*.



***Family Tree* (Print & Digital)**

Family Tree Magazine will help point the way toward the best research tools and practices to trace your family's history. Each issue includes tips on locating, collecting, and preserving photos, letters, diaries, church and government records, and other documentation, plus fun articles about creating scrapbooks, organizing family reunions, and vacation ideas that combine history with leisure!

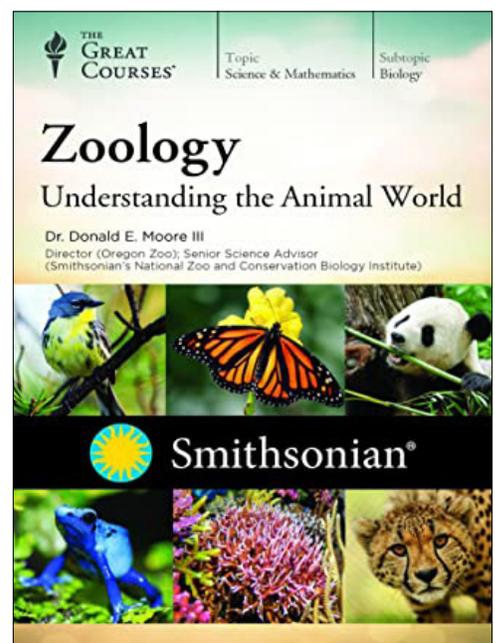
THE GREAT COURSES

***Zoology: Understanding the Animal World* (DVD)**

The Great Courses teams up with the Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute, to take you behind the scenes of the animal world. This introduction to zoology brings you up close and personal with a breathtaking variety of animal species through the eyes of a trained zoologist.

Throughout these lectures, you'll explore the fundamentals of zoology, dive into the different orders of life on our planet, and investigate special subjects intriguing today's zoologists. You'll also meet some of most incredible animals on Earth: butterflies, bears, crocodiles, tigers, giant pandas, elephants, gorillas, and more. Thanks to exclusive footage from the Smithsonian's National Zoo, you'll be able to see these animals in action, up close and without the crowds.

It's a wide, wild world out there. With this engaging and informative series, you'll be better equipped to get out there and discover the wonders that live in it, whether they're in your local zoo, aquarium, a national park, or right in your own backyard.



GROOVY DANCING JELLYFISH

CRAFT KIT

For children ages 2-5



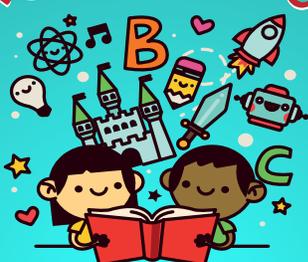
We bring the aquarium and jelly wonder straight to you! Watch a live jellyfish cam while creating your own dancing jellyfish.

Registration for this Pick-up Craft Kit opens July 2.

Reserve your kit online or call the Thomas Branch at 219-926-7696. This kit is picked up at **THOMAS** from July 10 - 17.

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Tinker & Create!

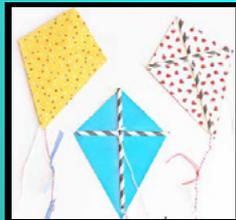


OUTDOOR PROGRAM FOR AGES 4-6

HAGEMAN LAWN

Mini Paper Kite

Monday, July 12
4:30 - 5:30 PM



It just wouldn't be summer without some kite flying. We will show you how to make and decorate a mini paper kite.

- Program is located outside, bring your own blanket or chairs.
- Masks are encouraged to be worn by everyone.
- Social distancing is required between family groups at all times.
- Registration required

Reserve your spot online or by calling 219-926-9080 starting July 5.

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For children ages 6-9

FANTASTIC BEASTS MYSTERY BOX



Love Harry Potter and the Wizarding World? Learn about some of the fantastic beasts and then create one of them.
Hint: this beast really likes trees...

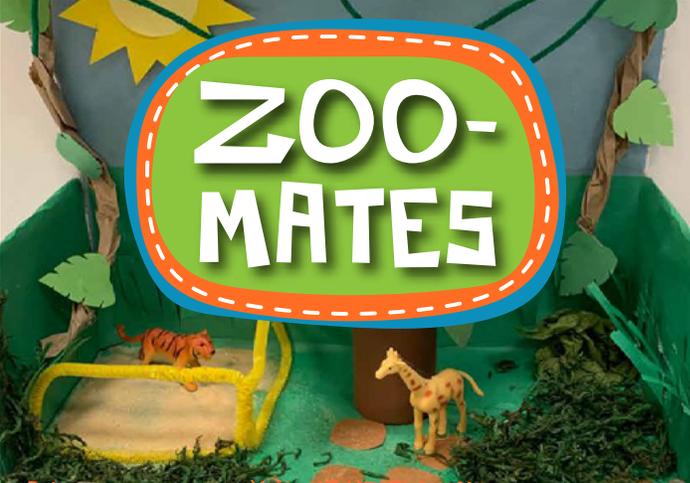
- Registration starts **JULY 7**
- This kit is picked up at **THOMAS** from **JULY 7 - 14**.
- This program will take place virtually via **ZOOM**
- We will use the supplies inside the box during the program on

Thursday, July 15
4:30-5:30 PM

Register for this program/Mystery Box online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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ZOO-MATES



For children ages 2-5, with a caregiver

Zoo animals need your help to get out of some messy situations. You'll rescue, learn how to take care of, and create a safe new habitat for your zoo animal to live in. Then, take your animal home to become your new Zoo-Mate.

Thursday, July 15 • 10:30 - 11AM
HAGEMAN LAWN

- Program is located outside, bring your own blanket or chairs.
- Masks are encouraged to be worn at all times.
- Social distancing is required. • Registration is required.

Reserve your spot online or by calling 219-926-7696 starting July 8.

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ANIMAL JAMS

ZOOM PROGRAM



Have a roaring good time with Miss Cyndi and Grandma Ann! Learn about animals, create a mask, and discover new ways to monkey around. We'll dance, sing, and freeze to some of our favorite animal songs.

July 19
10:30 - 11AM



For children ages 2-5

- **Registration for this program/kit starts JULY 11**
 - This kit is picked up at THOMAS from JULY 11-18.
 - This program will take place virtually via **ZOOM**

Register for this program/kit online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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OWL MEET AND GREET

For children ages 6-9, with an adult present

Join us for an owl meet and greet with Humane Indiana Wildlife. We'll dissect owl pellets, learn all about owls, and meet one of these majestic, winged creatures!

TUESDAY, JULY 20 • 4:30-5:30 PM
HAGEMAN LAWN

- Program is located outside, bring your own blanket or chairs.
 - Masks are encouraged to be worn at all times.
 - Social distancing is required. • Registration is required.

Reserve your spot online or by calling 219-926-7696 starting July 13.

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Indiana Early Literacy 2021 Firefly Award

Indiana children ages 0-5 can vote with a caregiver.

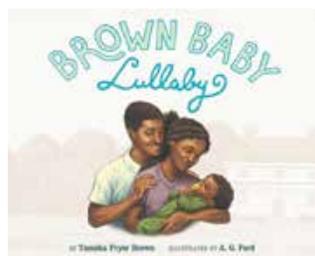
Every child in Indiana, ages 0-5 may vote one time for the Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award.

Check out these books from WPL and vote for your favorite at: <https://www.in.gov/library/icb/firefly/indiana-early-literacy-firefly-award-remote-voting-for-indiana/>

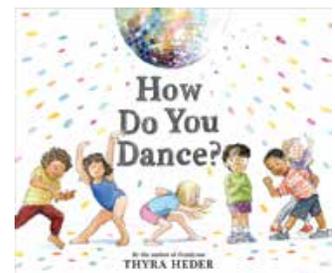
The last day to vote is July 31, 2021.



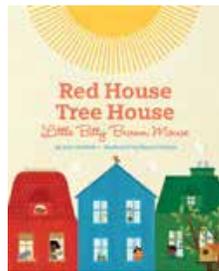
The Box Turtle
by Vanessa Roeder



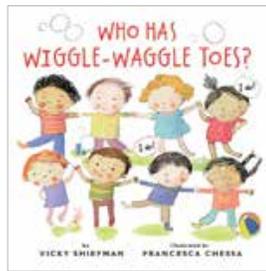
Brown Baby Lullaby
by Tameka Fryer Brown



How Do You Dance?
by Thyra Heder



Red House Tree House Little Bitty Brown Mouse
by Jane Godwin



Who Has Wiggle Waggle Toes?
by Vicky Shiefman

Bring Books to Life!

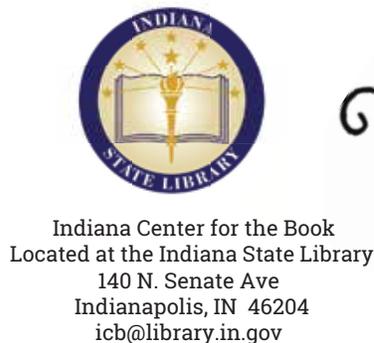
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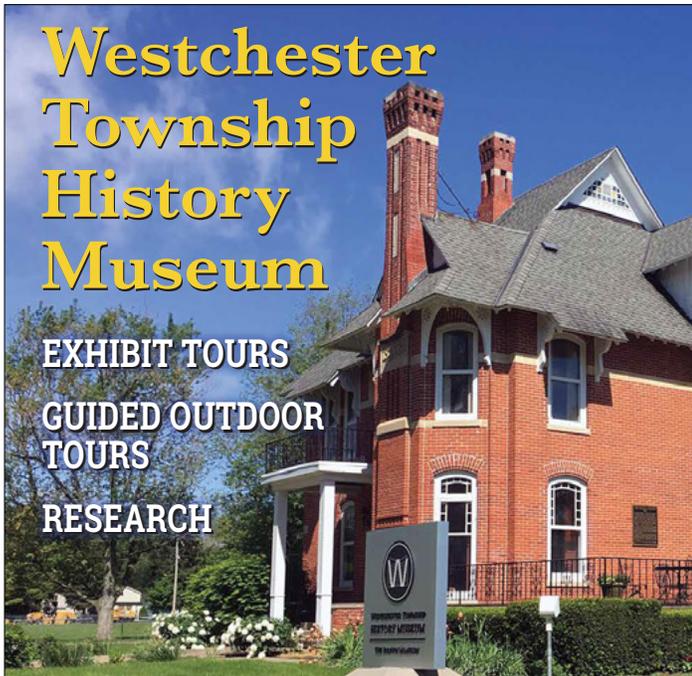
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Westchester Township History Museum

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RESEARCH

DUNELAND RAILROAD HISTORY EXHIBIT OPEN THROUGH 2021

Tuesday - Saturday by Reservation Only
Call 219-983-9715 to reserve a time.
• Limit 5 people for tours and 2 for research. • Masks are encouraged to be worn at all times. • Social distancing is required between participants.

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Westchester Township History Museum on YouTube

Check out our WPL YouTube channel and find a collection of videos from the Museum featuring Westchester history, notable Duneland residents, and facts about the dunes and lakeshore.



Duneland Ghost Towns Series



Everyday is Earth Day Series



Duneland's Swedish Immigrants Series

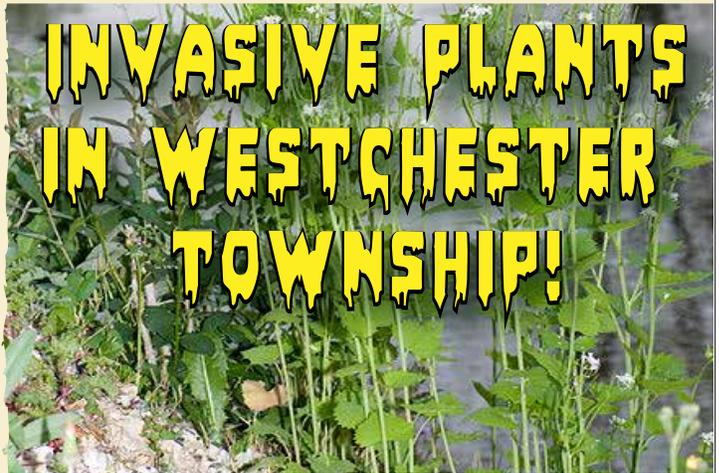


Becoming Westchester Township Series

PREMIERING ON  



MEET THE BROOD X CICADAS!



INVASIVE PLANTS IN WESTCHESTER TOWNSHIP!

Sunday, July 11

BroodX is here!
2021 welcomes a historic population of periodical cicadas. Join Museum Educator Susan Swarner to learn about these famous insects, what their lives are like when they emerge, and what to look for if you want to spot one up close in the wild.

Sunday, July 25

Join Museum Educator Susan Swarner to learn about which plants you don't want in your yard and garden. Susan will point out some invasive plants common to the area and give you tips on how to identify them.

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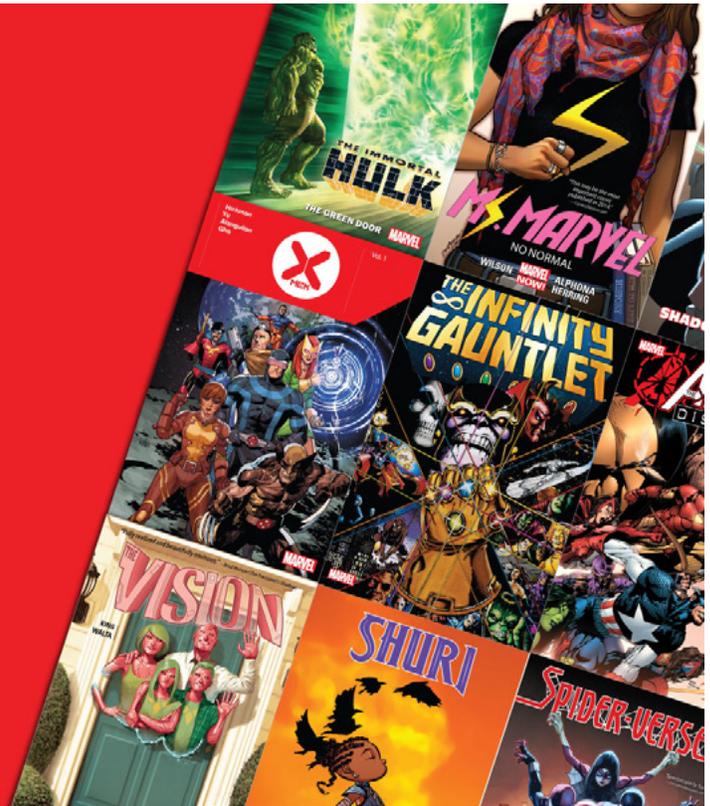
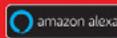
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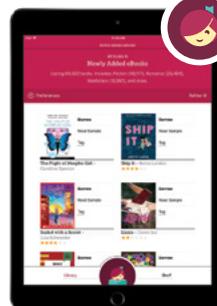
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book reviews, and more.



NEW MOVIE & TELEVISION SERIES RELEASES

Movie Title: *Earwig and the Witch* // **Rating:** PG

Synopsis: Growing up in an orphanage in the British countryside, Earwig has no idea that her mother had magical powers. Her life changes dramatically when a strange couple takes her in, and she is forced to live with a selfish witch. As the headstrong young girl sets out to uncover the secrets of her new guardians, she discovers a world of spells and potions, and a mysterious song that may be the key to finding the family she has always wanted.

Movie Title: *Ottolenghi and the Cakes of Versailles* // **Rating:** NR

Synopsis: This documentary follows chef Yotam Ottolenghi on his quest to bring the sumptuous art and decadence of Versailles to life in cake form at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

TV Series Title: *Lovecraft Country Season 1* // **Rating:** TV-MA

Synopsis: Based on Matt Ruff's novel, this series follows Korean war vet Atticus Freeman, his friend Letitia, and his Uncle George on a journey across 1950s Jim Crow America, where they face racist terrors and the terrifying monsters of an H.P. Lovecraft paperback.