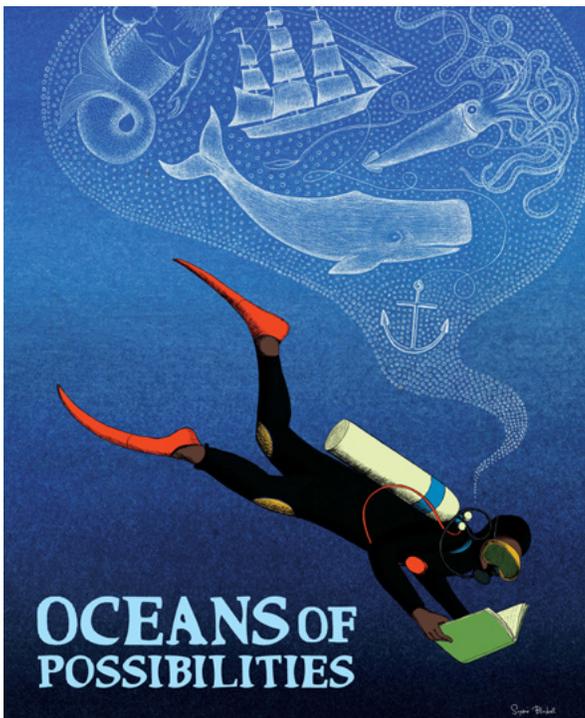




WPL NEWSLETTER

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DIVE INTO SUMMER READING!



Explore new depths with Westchester Public Library as we dive into “Oceans of Possibilities” for this year’s Summer Reading. Registration begins Thursday, May 26th at your local branch, or join us online at wplin.beanstack.com to log your reading virtually. All ages are welcome to participate: babies to preschool, K-4th grade, 5th-12th grade, and adults. Discover treasures through the joy of reading.

Each registrant will receive a bookmark, a color-changing pencil, and Swedish Fish candy. But wait—there’s more! The more you read, the more chances you have to win a weekly prize. Preschoolers can win a shark stuffy, harmonica, a Pout-Pout fish, or an oceanic puzzle. Children in grades K-4th can win geodes, a Star Wars fishing pole, a planetarium projector, or a magic plasma light. Tweens and teens’ weekly prizes are vinyl stickers, a Dairy Queen gift card, color-changing string lights, and more. And adults can earn a chance to win a toolbox, a macrame herb drying rack, a Lodge cast iron griddle, or a birdbath.

Resident cardholders that complete all seven weeks of Summer Reading will have a chance to win our grand prizes. This year’s adult grand prize is an outdoor fun package: a firepit, a bundle of firewood, and a s’mores kit. Tweens and teens will be entered to win a hammock. The grand prize for children in grades K-4 is an underwater video camera AND a Tamagotchi digital pet. Preschoolers will have a chance to win their very own splash pad.

Every child that finishes all seven weeks of Summer Reading will receive a free book and food coupons to Culver’s and The Port. Explore an ocean of wonders by helping young people build literacy skills and prepare for a successful school year.

All ages are welcome to cruise the uncharted waters of our blue planet together as we participate in this year’s Summer Reading. Our reading program runs May 26 - July 16. See you at the library!



WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Summer Reading

May 26 - July 16

SIGN UP • READ • WIN PRIZES!!

Dive into WPL's Summer Reading.

Register in-person to receive paper logging materials,
OR

Participate digitally through the Beanstack app,
or visit wplin.beanstack.com/reader365

There are reading challenges for everyone!

Children ages 0-4 • K-4th graders
5th-12th graders • Adults ages 18+

Check out the engaging events we're hosting all summer long
by visiting our online Events Calendar at wpl.lib.in.us.

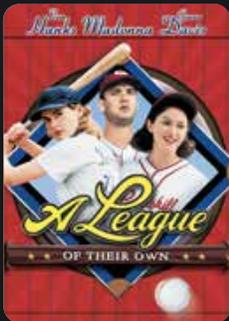
**Sign up during Kickoff Week (May 26 - June 2),
and visit either branch to receive:**

- A color-changing pencil • An oceanic fact bookmark
- Swedish Fish candy and
- A Polaroid taken at one of our photo ops



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MOONLIGHT MOVIES



Enjoy summer under the stars
while taking in a classic family film!

**Bring a blanket or lawn chairs,
and enjoy free popcorn from
the Chesterton-Porter Rotary Club.
Bottled water and soft drinks
will be available for \$1.00.**

Friday, May 27 • 8 PM • Thomas Centennial Park
Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory

Friday, June 10 • 8 PM • Lakeland Park (Burns Harbor)
Up

Friday, June 24 • 8 PM • Thomas Centennial Park
A League of Their Own

Friday, July 15 • 8 PM • Hawthorne Park (Porter)
Shrek

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SUMMER TUNES

Get out and
enjoy summer
with live music!

Bring a blanket or lawn chairs,
and enjoy free popcorn from the
Chesterton-Porter Rotary Club.
Bottled water and soft drinks
will be available for \$1.00.

Friday, June 3 • 7 PM
*Valparaiso Community/
University Concert Band*

Thomas Centennial Park, Chesterton

Friday, June 17 • 7 PM
SongSisters

Thomas Centennial Park, Chesterton

Friday, July 8 • 7 PM
Lee Murdock

Thomas Centennial Park, Chesterton

Friday, July 22 • 7 PM
South Shore Brass Band
Hawthorne Park, Porter

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ADULT CRAFT NIGHT

**CLAY POT
PAINT
POUR**

*Tuesday,
May 10
6:30 - 7:30 PM*

Get your creative juices “flowing” with this fluid art form. We’ll be pouring acrylic paints over a terracotta pot and saucer.

LIBRARY LOT
at 2nd St & Indiana Ave., Chesterton

- Program is located outside, bring your own blanket or chairs.
- For adults ages 18 and up. • Dress to get messy.

Registration opens May 3

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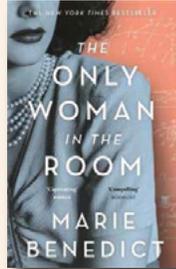
Popular Books

DISCUSSION GROUP

Monday, May 2 at 2 PM

The Only Woman in the Room By: Marie Benedict

After fleeing Austria and her abusive, military arms-dealing husband in 1937, Hedy makes her way to Hollywood, vowing to never be under another man's thumb again. Shortly after arriving, she strikes a lucrative contract with MGM, and is billed "the most beautiful woman in the world." But, her beautiful facade masks a keen intelligence--Lamar was hiding a secret double life as a Jewish scientist, inventor, and Third Reich informant.



Copies of the book will be available for checkout at the Thomas Branch.

Next Month's Book

June 6: *Lab Girl*
By: Hope Jahren

LIBRARY LOT

at 2nd St & Indiana Ave, Chesterton

Program is located outside, bring your own blanket or chairs.
Registration is required.

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CRAFT KIT:

Sumi-e Art

Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with Sumi-e art. Included in this kit will be rice paper, ink, and brushes to create your own Sumi-e ink painting. Also included will be painting ideas, tips, and a history of the art form.
For adults ages 18 and up.



Registration for this Craft Kit opens

APRIL 27

Reserve your kit online or call the Thomas Branch at 219-926-7696.
This kit is picked up at **THOMAS** from May 4 - 11.

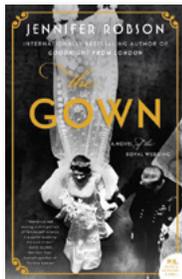
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BI-FOCAL BOOKIES

The Gown by Jennifer Robson

Jennifer Robson takes us inside the workrooms where one of the most famous wedding gowns in history was created. Balancing behind-the-scenes details with a sweeping portrait of a society left reeling by the calamitous costs of victory, she introduces readers to three unforgettable heroines, their points of view alternating and intersecting throughout its pages.



Limited copies are available at Hageman.

TUESDAY, MAY 17
1-2 PM

HAGEMAN LAWN

Program is located outside, bring your own blanket or chairs.
This program is for adults 18+. Registration is required.
Register for this program online or call 219-926-9080 to reserve your spot starting MAY 10.

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Adult Craft Night

GARDEN ART ALLIUMS

WEDNESDAY,
MAY 18
6:30 - 7:30 PM

LIBRARY LOT at 2nd St & Indiana Ave, Chesterton

What do softballs, nails, a hammer, and spray paint have in common? NOTHING... until we create beautiful garden art to "WOW" your neighbors. Dust off those DIY skills as we make two garden art alliums.

- Program is located outside, bring your own blanket or chairs.
- Registration is required. • For adults ages 18 and up.

Reserve your spot starting MAY 11.

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SHINE A LIGHT: **Strategies to manage stress and help cope with loss**

Tuesday, May 17

6:30 – 7:30 PM

LIBRARY LOT

at 2nd & Indiana Ave. CHESTERTON

Licensed clinical psychologist Kathryn Schreck, PsyD, will introduce strategies to help manage stress and cope with grief and loss. She will also teach participants mindful meditation, an evidence-based intervention that has positive cognitive, emotional, and physical impact.

This program is for adults 18 and up.

Program is located outside, bring your own blanket or chairs.

Registration starts May 10.



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National Mental Health Awareness Month

Mini Zen Garden

**Tuesday,
May 24
1-2 PM**

HAGEMAN LAWN

Create your own personalized Mini Zen Garden.

Raking patterns in the sand and rearranging the stones helps increase mindfulness. They are a great way to unwind during times of stress and doubt, or even periods of success.

- Program is located outside, bring your own blanket or chairs.
- This program is for adults.
- Registration is required.

Registration opens MAY 17

Register for this program online or call 219-926-9080.

FOR TEENS & TWEENS



MAKE YOUR OWN SQUISHY CRAFT KIT

CRAFT KIT FOR TWEENS IN GRADES 5 - 8



Feeling a little stressed?
Pick up this kit to make
your very own squishy!

Registration for this kit
opens **MAY 2**.

This kit is picked up at **HAGEMAN** from May 9-16.

Reserve your kit online or call the Hageman Branch at 219-926-9080.

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CRAFT KIT: MACRAME WALL HANG

FOR TEENS
IN GRADES
9 - 12

Take some time
to relax and
make an intricate
macrame decoration
for your room.

Registration
for this kit
opens **MAY 13**.

This kit is picked up at
THOMAS from May 20 - 26.
Reserve your kit online or
call the Thomas Branch
at 219-926-7696.



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services, monthly book challenges
and book reviews just for you!



MAGAZINES OF INTEREST



Birds and Blooms (Thomas)

America's #1 bird and garden magazine brings beautiful yards, gardens and wild birds into your living room with full-color photos, and reader-shared stories. You'll love the practical gardening advice, tips and fun family projects.



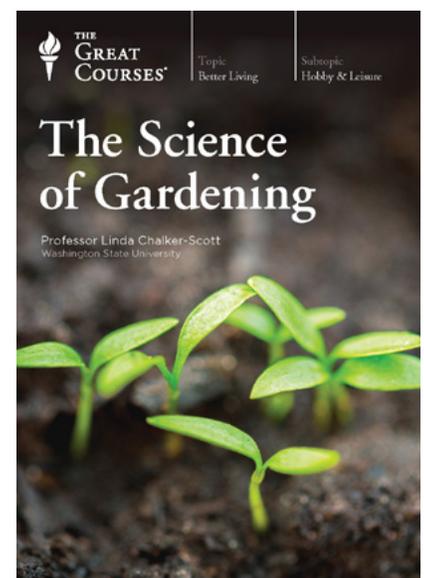
Cottage Journal

The Cottage Journal is an all-new, coffee-table quality magazine. As you flip through the beautiful pages, you will step into graceful cottages where comfort blends with tradition. Glean ideas from classic cottages to create the lifestyle of your dreams. Every issue will offer you the most delicious recipes and menus, easy entertaining ideas, fresh decorating tips, and creative inspiration for a relaxing retreat.

THE GREAT COURSES

The Science of Gardening (DVD)

The Science of Gardening shows how to create a beautiful and sustainable home garden guided by the newest information from applied plant physiology, biology, soils science, climatology, hydrology, chemistry, and ecology. From choosing and purchasing your trees and shrubs, to giving them the best start in your garden, to healthy maintenance and pest control, award-winning horticulturist Linda Chalker-Scott of Washington State University shows why science-based decisions are always best for your home garden, and also the most ecologically sound for the greater environment. You'll enjoy her contagious enthusiasm and wonderful sense of humor as you learn to create your own vibrant, sustainable landscape—enhanced with beautiful photographs, videos, and illustrations in this 24 lecture series.



FOR KIDS

BUBBLEPALOOZA

For children
ages 2-5,
with their
caregivers.

Come and create something found
all throughout the ocean – BUBBLES!
Be dressed to get messy as we blow bubbles,
paint with bubbles, and dance with bubbles.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2

10-10:30 AM

HAGEMAN LAWN

Program is located outside, bring your own blanket or chairs.
Registration is required and opens

MAY 26

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CRAFTERNOONS

PICK-UP CRAFT KIT

at the Hageman Branch

SHIMMERY KOALA



This craft kit is for ages 2-5. It contains everything you need to create your own shimmering koala bear. Send us a picture of you with your artwork!

**Registration open
APRIL 30.**

Call the Hageman Branch at 219-926-9080 to reserve your Craft Kit, or register online. This kit is picked up at the HAGEMAN BRANCH May 7 - 14.

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Craft
Kit:

PAPER LANTERN

For children
ages 3-5

Paper lanterns are a special kind of lantern that are associated with festivals, and are one of the symbols of the East. This kit will include everything you need to create a colorful lantern to light up the spring sky. A list of some of our favorite resources are included.

**Registration for this
Pick-up Craft Kit
opens MAY 7**

Reserve your kit online or call the Thomas Branch at 219-926-7696. This kit is picked up at THOMAS from May 14 - 21.

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OUTDOOR PROGRAM FOR GRADES 1 - 4

Hammered Nature Art



Get creative with natural materials and make your very own hammered nature art picture.

Monday, May 9 • 4:30 PM

Program is located outside, bring your own blanket or chairs.

Registration required

Reserve your spot online or by calling 219-926-9080 starting May 2.

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For kids in grades K - 4th

It's COOL to be KIND!
Celebrate positive power with these positive affirmation banners.



**Registration for this Pick-up
Craft Kit opens MAY 12**

Reserve your kit online or call the Thomas Branch at 219-926-7696. This kit is picked up at THOMAS from MAY 19 - 26.

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FAMILY CRAFT!

Shibori Indigo Dyeing

FOR KIDS AGES 6+ AND THEIR CAREGIVER

Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Month by learning a Japanese Shibori indigo dyeing method.

Indigo dye comes from the leaves of plants of the indigofera genus. We will use the natural dye to color linen drawstring bags.

Tuesday, May 11 • 4:30-5:30 PM
HAGEMAN LAWN

Program is located outside, bring your own blanket or chairs.
Registration is required.

Reserve your spot online or by calling 219-926-9080 starting May 4.

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The Messier The Better

For children ages 1 - 3-years-old
Hageman Lawn
Wednesdays, 10-10:30 am
June 8, 15, 22, & 29
July 6, 13, 20 & 27

Join Miss Ronnie for a program designed to encourage social interactions and develop emotional skills like taking turns and sharing and strengthening large and small motor skills, all while getting messy with bubbles, mud, sand, and more.

Registration for each session is required and opens June 1.

Wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. A towel and a change of clothes would be a good idea for some sessions.

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STORYTIMES Tickle Tales

For children 9 to 24 months, with their caregivers

Join Miss Ronnie for an interactive program filled with songs, short books, fingerplays, and nursery rhymes.

FRIDAYS 10-10:30 AM
6/3 • 6/10 • 6/17 • 6/24
7/1 • 7/8 • 7/15

HAGEMAN BRANCH

Registration for this program opens **MAY 27.**

Your one-time registration will reserve your spot for the duration of this **7-week series.**

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

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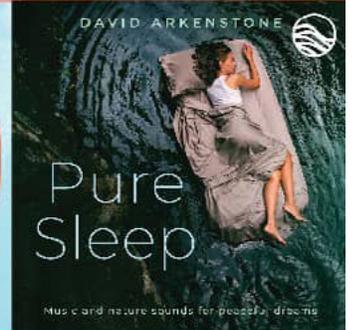
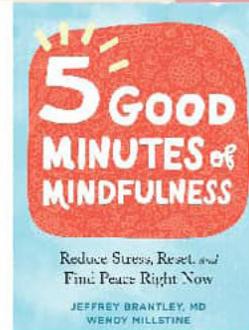
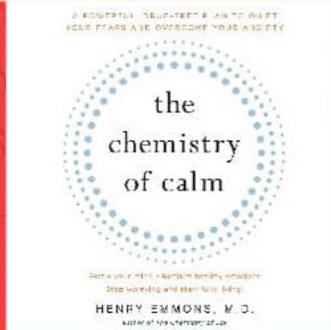
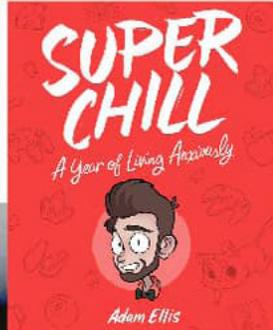
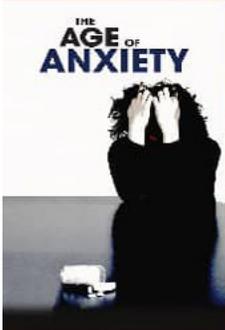
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Return in May!

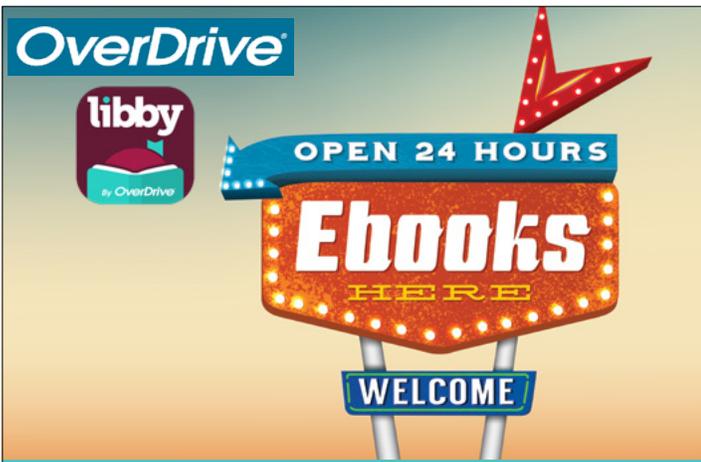
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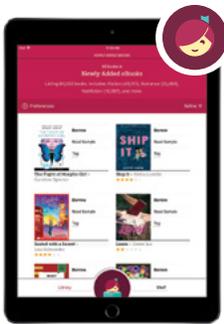
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Mental Health Awareness Month





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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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NEW MOVIE & TELEVISION SERIES RELEASES

Movie Title: *Turning Red* // **Rating:** PG

Synopsis: This year, nothing will stand in Mei's way...except turning into a giant red panda whenever she gets too excited!

Movie Title: *Cyrano* // **Rating:** PG-13

Synopsis: Cyrano de Bergerac dazzles, whether with ferocious wordplay or with brilliant swordplay. But, convinced that his appearance renders him unworthy of the love of the luminous Roxanne, Cyrano hesitates to declare his feelings for her. And, unfortunately, Roxanne has fallen in love with Christian.

TV Series Title: *Nature: My Garden of a Thousand Bees* // **Rating:** TV-G

Synopsis: Martin Dohrn, a veteran wildlife cameraman and a bee enthusiast, embarked on a special challenge during 2020: to film all the bees he could find in his tiny urban garden in Bristol, England. By the end of the summer, he became bee obsessed, and discovered many diverse species and personalities in this insect family.

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