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CHESTERTON'S 1952 CENTENNIAL



In 1952, Chesterton hosted what may be the largest event in its history: The Chesterton Centennial. Over the course of the year, the town celebrated its history and community with dozens of events—parades, games, contests, luncheons, cookouts, and more. Thousands participated. Many even returned to their childhood homes just for the occasion. In fact, the *Chesterton Tribune* reported that 25,000 people came to town just to attend the parade. This event was a huge moment in local history. It even made the Chicago newspapers!



In time for the 70th anniversary of the centennial celebration, the Westchester Township History Museum is looking back at the people, the activities, and the lasting effects of the celebration of the century. The new exhibit *The Chesterton Centennial* will run July 9 through the end of the year. Photos, stories, posters, ribbons, costumes, and more will be on display. Learn about *The Chesterton Centennial*, spark some memories, and get a look at the fun locals had celebrating the town.

There will be many photos on display at the Museum capturing the 1952 Chesterton Centennial celebration.

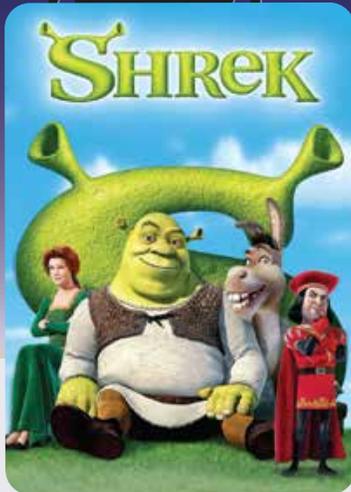
The Westchester Township History Museum is open 12 – 5 PM Wednesdays and the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. Visits are also available by appointment Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Call 219-983-9715 for more information.

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



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

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, 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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WESTCHESTER TOWNSHIP HISTORY MUSEUM

The

Chesterton Centennial

ON DISPLAY

JULY 9-DECEMBER 30

The Museum presents an exhibit about one of the biggest events to take place in our community, the Chesterton Centennial. Original souvenirs, posters, costumes, and many photos will be on display. Learn about the event that brought thousands into town, and take a look at what times were like in Chesterton in 1952.

The Westchester Township History Museum is open:
12pm - 5pm Wednesdays and the 2nd and 4th
Saturdays of the month. You can also visit on
Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday by appointment.
Call 219-983-9715 to reserve a time.





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Summer Reading

Continues through Saturday, July 16

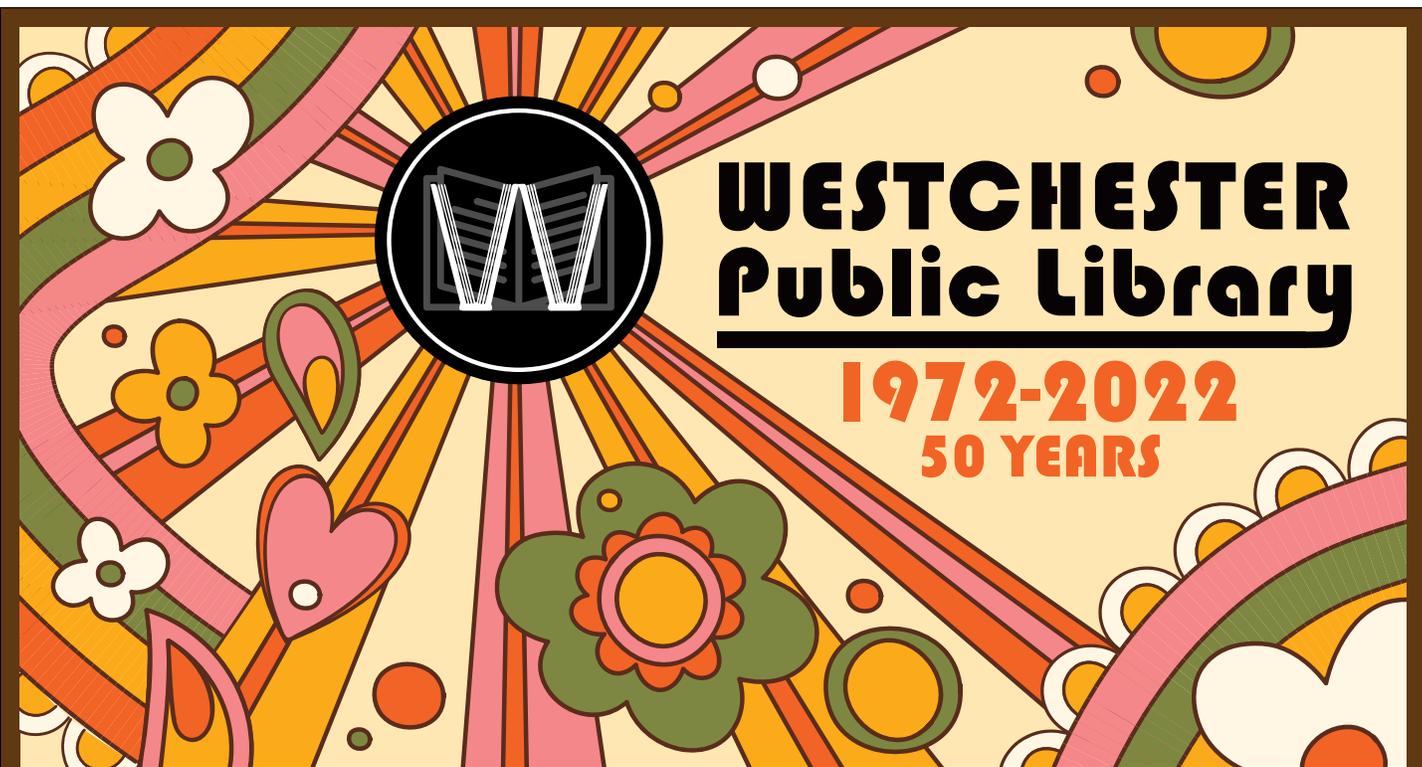
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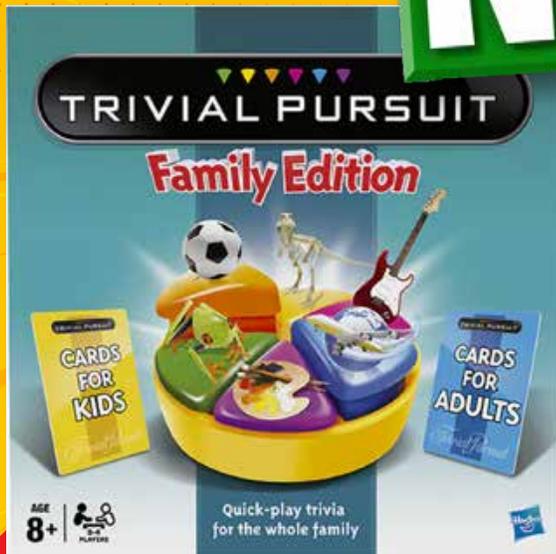


Get groovy with us in August as we celebrate our 50th birthday!
*Join us for monthlong activities and giveaways
to commemorate the occasion.*

For adults and children
ages 8 and up.

FAMILY

GAME NIGHT



**Tuesday, July 19
6:30-7:30 PM
BAUGHER CENTER**

Join us for a family game night that's sure to kick up some competition. Teams of four participants will put their trivia knowledge to the test, battling other teams to win the Family Game Night prize package. Each registered team consists of a maximum of four participating players; one of the four players must be an adult.

Registration opens July 12.

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



LEARN LOCAL

Olive Oil Tasting Night with



When it comes to olive oil, fresher is better. Join the staff from Olivezia to learn about the different kinds of olive oils, how to store them, and how to use them.

This program is for adults 18 and up.

Wednesday, July 20 • 6:30 PM

Baughner Center

Registration opens JULY 13.

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

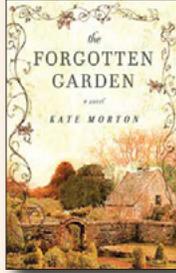
Popular Books

DISCUSSION GROUP

Monday, July 11 at 2 PM

The Forgotten Garden By: Kate Morton

Abandoned on a 1913 voyage to Australia, Nell is raised by a dock master and his wife who do not tell her that she is not their child until she is an adult. Nell eventually returns to England to uncover the truth, but ultimately, her quest is handed down to her granddaughter, Cassandra, after her passing. Cassandra must investigate the sometimes dark details of the past to find the answers to her family's origins.



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

Next Month's Book

August 1: *Blood and Treasure: Daniel Boone and the Fight for America's First Frontier*
By: Bob Drury and Tom Clavin

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100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton

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ADULT
CRAFT KIT:

Make Your Own Wind Chime

"Summer breeze...makes me feel fine..."
especially with a homemade wind chime!
Included in this kit is everything you need to create your own chime, to help you relax and enjoy those summer nights.
For adults ages 18 and up.

Registration for this craft kit opens
JUNE 30.

Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your kit.
This craft kit is picked up at THOMAS from July 7-14.

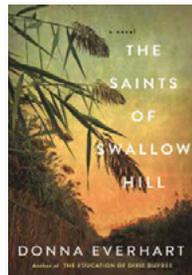
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BI-FOCAL BOOKIES

The Saints of Swallow Hill by Donna Everhart

Donna Everhart's latest novel immerses readers in its unique setting—the turpentine camps and pine forests of the American South during the Great Depression. This captivating story of friendship, survival, and three vagabonds' intersecting lives will stay with readers long after turning the final page. Join us for a lively, informative, and interactive discussion.



Limited copies are available at Hageman.

TUESDAY, JULY 12
1-2 PM

HAGEMAN BRANCH

This program is for adults 18+. Registration is required.

Registration opens JULY 5.

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

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ADULT
DIY
CRAFT NIGHT

CUP HOLDERS

Wednesday,
July 13
6:30-7:30 PM

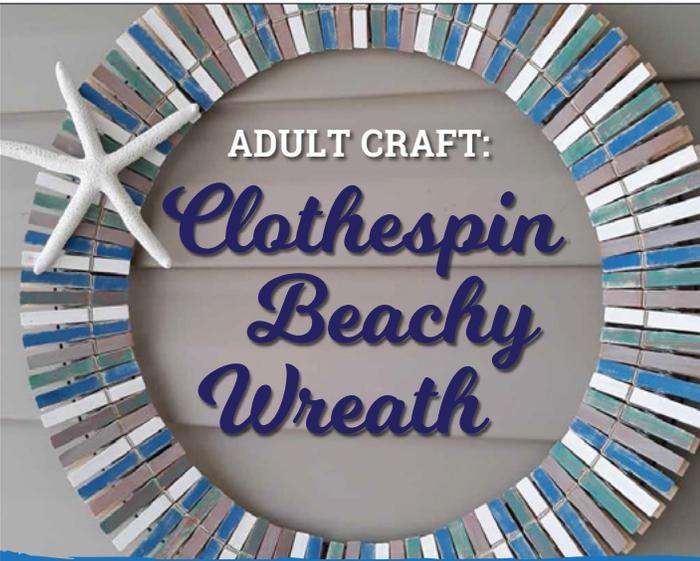
Baughner Center

Up the convenience level at your next barbeque, and show off your DIY skills to boot! We will be upcycling tin cans into backyard cup holders using fabric, Mod Podge, and threaded rods.
For adults ages 18 and up.

Registration opens July 6.

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

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ADULT CRAFT:

Clothespin Beachy Wreath

Join us to see how we transform ordinary clothespins into a beautiful beach-themed wreath.

TUESDAY, JULY 19
1 - 2 PM

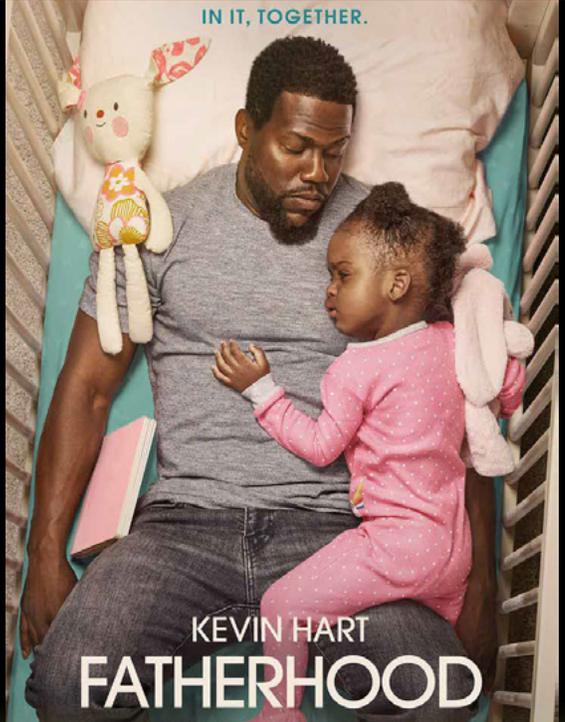
Hageman Branch

For adults ages 18 and up. Registration opens JULY 12. Register online or call 219-926-9080 to reserve your spot.

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WPL'S SUNDAY MATINEE

IN IT, TOGETHER.



KEVIN HART
FATHERHOOD

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SUNDAY, JULY 17 AT 1:30 PM

BAUGHER CENTER

100 W. INDIANA AVENUE, CHESTERTON, IN

ADULT
DIY
CRAFT KIT

Hair Mask

Have the sun and water done a number on your hair this summer? We've got the supplies you need to make a rejuvenating hair mask. Instructions on how to use the mask and recipes are included. For adults ages 18 and up.

Registration for this kit opens **JULY 20**

Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your kit. This kit is picked up at THOMAS from July 27- August 3.

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Knit-wits and Purls of Wisdom

Whether you are a skilled knitter or crocheter or need some help with a project, this group is a mixture of all skill levels who are willing and eager to help and guide. If you are looking for a place to work on a project in a group, join us on Thursdays. This program is for adults and seniors.



THURSDAYS; 9AM - NOON

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FOR TEENS & TWEENS

POP-TART BEACH HOUSE



For tweens entering grades 5 - 8

Come join us as we build beach houses out of Pop-Tarts and other delicious candies.

Wednesday, July 6
6 - 7 PM

BAUGHER CENTER
100 W. Indiana Ave, Chesterton

Registration opens **JUNE 28**
Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.



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CRAFT KIT: Boba Tea Keychain



FOR TEENS & TWEENS IN GRADES 5 - 12

Show your love of boba everywhere you go by making your own boba tea keychain!

Registration for this kit opens **JULY 11.**

Reserve your kit online or call 219-926-7696. This kit is picked up at **THOMAS** from July 18-25.

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WRITE TOGETHER

FOR TWEENS IN GRADES 5 - 8



Let's write stories together, one sentence at a time. Each person will take a turn writing a part of a story, then they'll pass them on to the next person to continue the tale. There is no telling where these stories might go!

Wednesday, July 13
2-3 PM

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Craft Kit Paint with Stickers



For Tweens and Teens in Grades 5-12

It's painting made easy! This kit will provide you with numbered stickers that correspond with a numbered image. Simply match them up to create a book of "painted" oceanic masterpieces.

Registration for this kit opens **JULY 18.**

Reserve your kit online or call 219-926-9080. This kit is picked up at **HAGEMAN** from July 25-August 1.

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TEEN IMPROV WORKSHOP

For teens entering grades 9-12.

THURSDAY, JULY 7

6 - 7:30 PM

@ BAUGHER CENTER

Attention high schoolers...Learn the art of IMPROV!

Join Matt from Well Suited Improv Theater for a 90-minute workshop where you can learn the fundamentals of improvisation. Never been on stage? No problem! Beginners and experienced players welcome.

Registration opens JUNE 29.

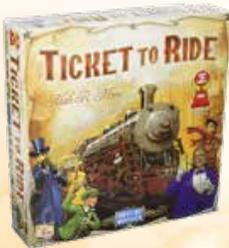
Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

TEEN HANGOUT

Teens entering grades 9 - 12

TUESDAYS • BAUGHER CENTER @ 2PM

Come hang out with your friends!
We will have board games and coloring sheets available every week in addition to our weekly activity.



July 5:
Play
"Ticket to Ride"

July 12:
Explore a variety
of ways to level-up
ramen noodles.



Registration is open.
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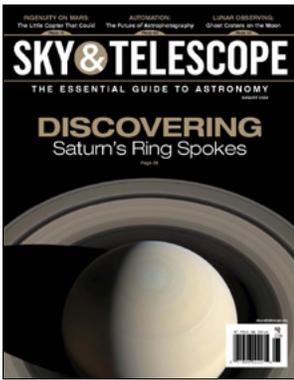
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Follow us on Instagram at
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to get the scoop on programs,
services, monthly book challenges
and book reviews just for you!



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MAGAZINES OF INTEREST



***Sky & Telescope* (Thomas)**

Sky & Telescope has been the complete resource for amateur astronomers for over 60 years. It provides readers with information on observing the sky, offering reviews and buyer's guide information on the latest products, as well as tips, how-to's and much more.



***Scout Life* (Hageman)**

Scout Life magazine is focused on the traditional values of citizenship and service. Each issue contains a proven mix of subjects ranging from history and sports to fiction and comics.

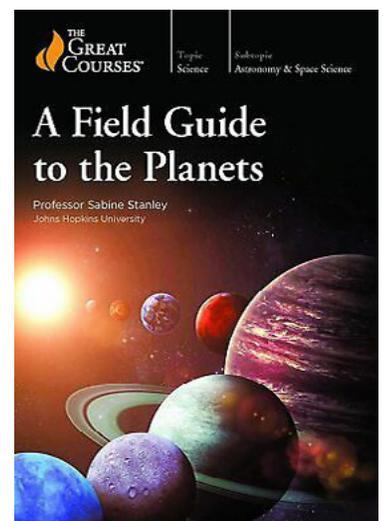
THE GREAT COURSES

***A Field Guide to the Planets* (DVD)**

Humanity's first steps on the Moon were an immense accomplishment in 1969 and a fantastic milestone in the history of space exploration. And yet, how little we knew about our solar system as compared to what we know now!

Since those famous steps were taken, we've discovered what is approaching 200 additional moons of all shapes, sizes, and compositions. We've sent spaceships and robotic laboratories to photograph and study each of the planets, dozens of moons, and even the Sun. We've discovered ring systems around three additional planets; landed robotic explorers on Mars, on asteroids, and even on comets. We've also found thousands of exoplanets around other stars.

Your instructor, Sabine Stanley, Ph.D., a Bloomberg Distinguished Professor at Johns Hopkins University, guides you on a thrilling ride of discovery, illustrated by the phenomenal images NASA has gathered through its telescopes, cameras, and laboratories on Earth; in low-Earth orbit; and throughout the solar system. The solar system that began its formation 4.5 billion years ago is still a work in progress today, a three-dimensional, dynamic, ever-changing system of energy and matter all gravitationally bound to our star. With *A Field Guide to the Planets*, you will experience the journey of a lifetime—to the edges of our solar system and beyond. You will look to humanity's next space missions with new excitement and appreciation.



CRAFTERNOONS PICK-UP CRAFT KIT

at the Hageman Branch



POOL NOODLE MONSTER



This craft kit is for ages 2-5. It includes pieces of pool noodle, googly eyes, chenille stems, straws, pompoms, and glue to create your own silly monster.

Registration for this craft kit opens JUNE 25.

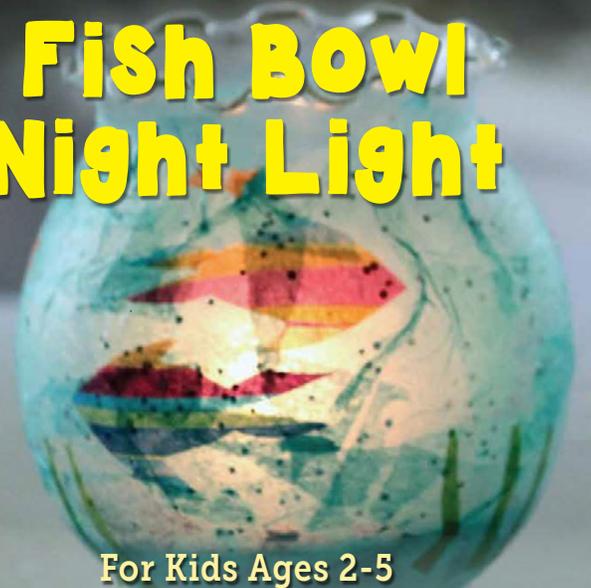
Register online or call 219-926-9080 to reserve your craft kit.

This craft kit is picked up at HAGEMAN starting Saturday, July 2.

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CRAFT KIT:

Fish Bowl Night Light



For Kids Ages 2-5

Get cast away to dreamland with this fish bowl night light craft. With everything you need to make an aquarium scene, its soft glow will surely drift your little one to sleep. A list of some of our favorite resources is included.

Registration for this craft kit opens JULY 2.

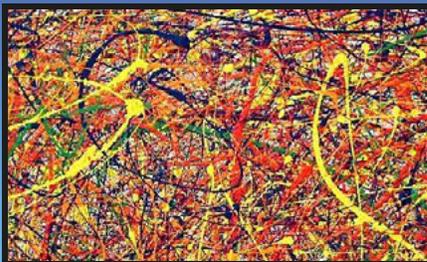
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For kids in grades K - 4



JACKSON POLLOCK

Learn about the art of Jackson Pollock as you splatter paint your own beach blanket.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 6
4-5 PM**

HAGEMAN LAWN

Registration opens JUNE 29.

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

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The Messier The Better

For children ages 1 - 3

Hageman Lawn
Wednesdays, 10-10:30 am
July 6, 13, 20 & 27



Join Miss Ronnie for a program designed to encourage social interactions and develop emotional skills like taking turns, 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 the week prior.

Wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty!

It's a great idea to bring along a change of clothes and a towel. 

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A Journey Through a Watershed with Freddy the Fish

Have you ever wondered where the water goes when it rains?
We will explore the Water Cycle, learn about
water pollution, and discuss ways to lessen it as
you follow Freddy the Fish's journey down a river.



FOR GRADES 1-4

Monday, July 11

4:30-5:30 PM

HAGEMAN LAWN

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

Registration opens **JULY 3**.
Register online or call
219-926-9080 to reserve your spot.



HOUR OF CODE FOR KIDS on ZOOM

SAVE THE BEACH ANIMALS



For Kids in Grades K - 4

Learn to program using basic commands and clean up the beach to protect ocean life. Join Miss Justine in this nationwide effort to demystify the computer science language of code.

THURSDAY, JULY 14

4 - 5 PM

Registration opens JULY 7.

The 'Hour of Code™' is a nationwide initiative by Computer Science Education Week and Code.org to introduce millions of students to one hour of computer science and computer programming.

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For Kids in Grades 1-4

INSIDE A POKEBALL MYSTERY BOX CRAFT KIT



What does the inside of a pokeball look like? Design your own pokeball terrarium with this craft kit for your mystery pokemon.

This kit is full of surprises.

Registration for this craft kit opens JULY 23.

Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your kit. This craft kit is picked up at THOMAS from July 30-August 6.

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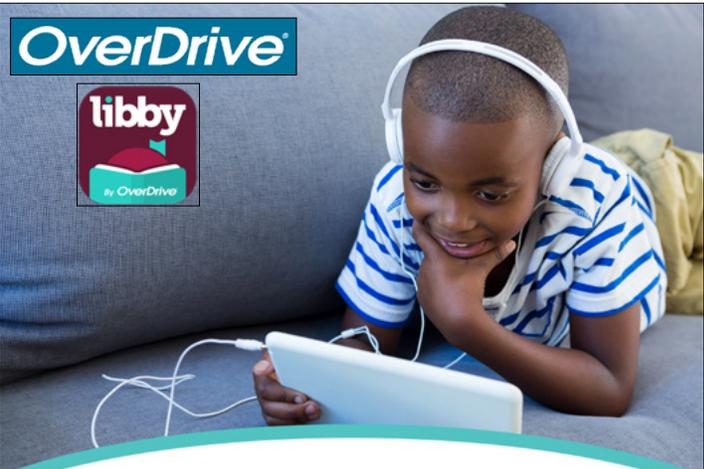
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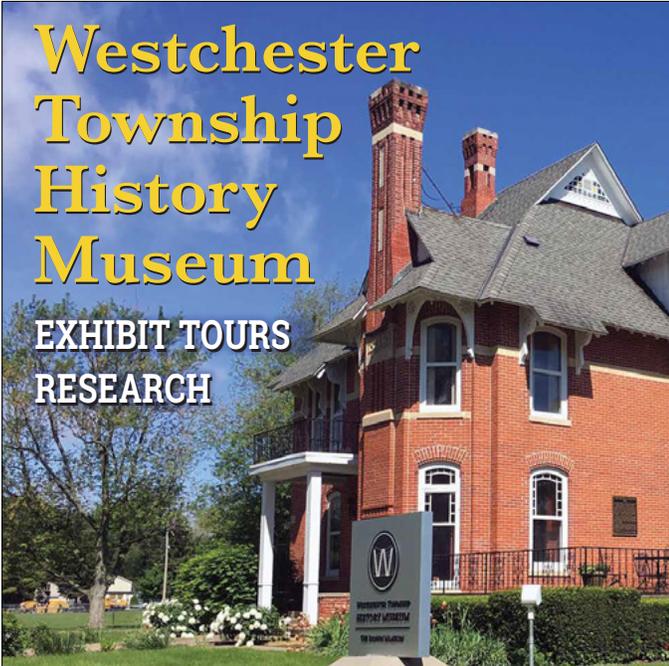


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Westchester Township History Museum

EXHIBIT TOURS
RESEARCH



Sunday & Monday

Closed

Wednesday

Open 12 - 5 pm

2nd & 4th Saturday of the month

Open 12 - 5 pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday by appointment only

Call 219-983-9715 to reserve a time.

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The Battle of Petit Fort

1780

On Dec. 5, 1780, Northwest Indiana played host to its only Revolutionary War action between American allies and British allies.

The battle's legend, including the mysterious Petit Fort, have intrigued locals for over a century. Museum Curator Serena Ard will discuss the battle, the fort, and the research materials that clarify some questions while leaving many more unanswered.

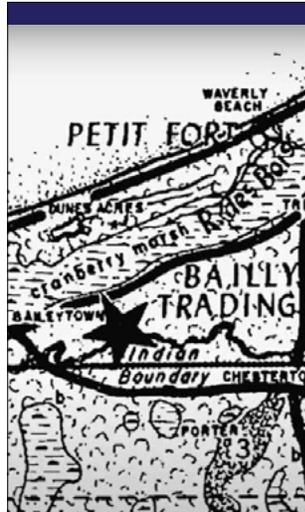
Saturday, July 9
10 - 11 AM

Attend in person at the Museum
or on **zoom**.

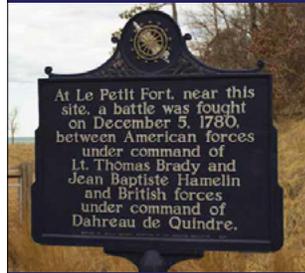
Registration for the Zoom
presentation opens JULY 2.

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Westchester Township
History Museum



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MUSIC AT THE MUSEUM

Music is back at the Museum!

Join the Flashbacks and the return of beloved top tunes from the last 500 years. The program will be held indoors in the exhibit area.

The group is composed of Suzanne Keldsen, playing guitar, recorders, and fiddle; Jim Nelson on guitar; Lynn Edgemon playing guitar and banjo; and Marti Pizzini on autoharp, dulcimer, and guitar.

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

THURSDAY,
JULY 21

THE BROWN MANSION

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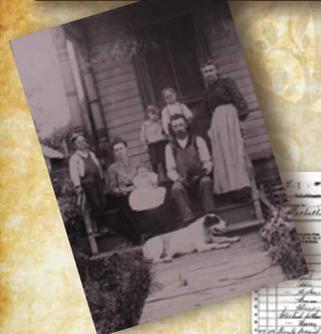
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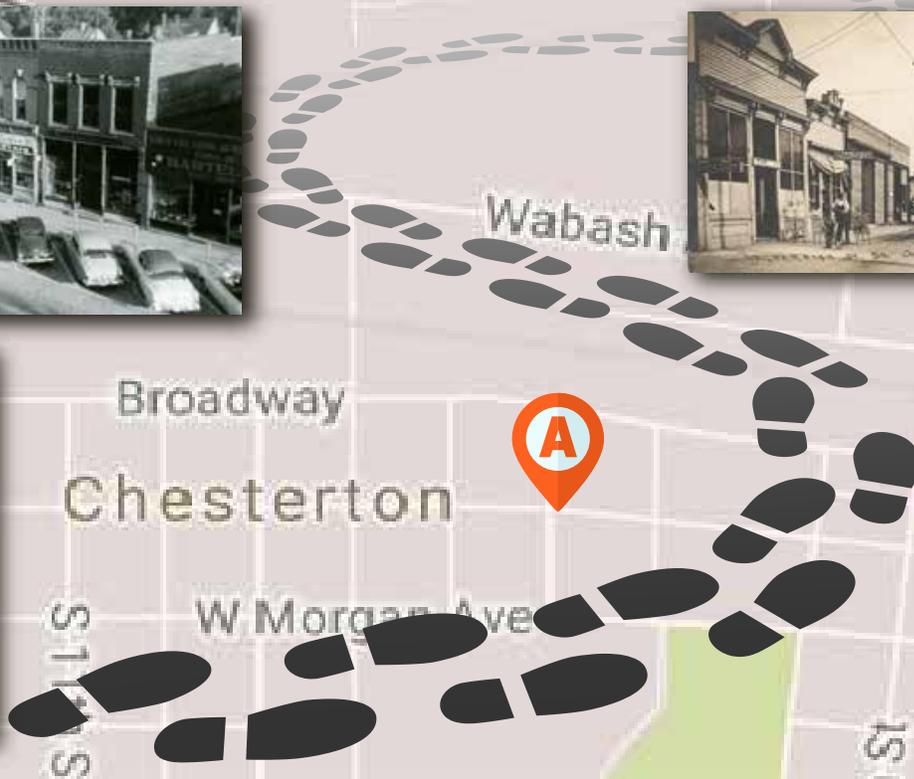
Now Available at our Thomas Branch, Hageman Branch, and Westchester Township History Museum



NAME	RESIDENCE	DATE	REMARKS
John Smith	100 W. Porter Ave.	1850	...
Mary Jones	200 W. Indiana Ave.	1860	...
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Chesterton WALKING TOUR



SUNDAY, JULY 10 • 2-3:30 PM

The tour will leave from the Baugher Center,
100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton

Join Westchester Township History Museum staff
to learn about the history of downtown Chesterton and
some of its most unique and historic buildings and houses.

Walking and standing required. Water bottle, hat, and
sunscreen recommended. Lasts approximately 90 minutes.

Registration is required and limited to 20 people.

Registration opens July 3.

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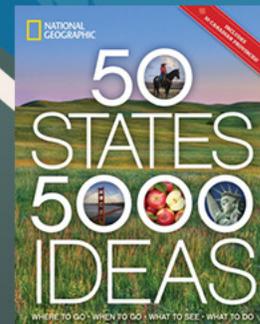
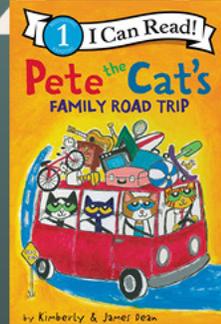
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PUBLIC MEETING ROOMS ARE BACK



Adult residents of the Library district in good standing with the Library may request a meeting room reservation. All meetings or activities occurring in Library meeting rooms must be free and open to the public.



1. Ask for a meeting room request form at the Thomas or Hageman Branches, or download and print the form at home: <https://wpl.lib.in.us/meeting-rooms/>



2. Submit your completed request form at the Circulation Desk at Thomas or Hageman. Reservations are not guaranteed and will be processed on a first-come, first served basis.

WPL TECH HELP

Get help with apps, email, and devices including phones, tablets, and laptops.



FREE SERVICE

Call 219-926-7696 for
Tech Help availability



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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NEW MOVIE & TELEVISION SERIES RELEASES

Movie Title: *Bad Guys* // **Rating:** PG

Synopsis: A crackerjack criminal crew of animal outlaws are about to attempt their most challenging con yet: becoming model citizens. Never have there been five friends as infamous as these guys, but when the gang is finally caught, they broker a deal to save them all from prison: they will now only do good.

TV Series Title: *Midsomer Murders. Series 11* // **Rating:** TV-14

Synopsis: The English village mystery gets a contemporary spin in this hit British television series that has earned a worldwide following. Bucolic settings harbor macabre crimes and eccentric characters that are no match for DCI John Barnaby and his assistant, DS Jamie Winter. 'Delightful in a murderously charming way.'

Movie Title: *The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent* // **Rating:** R

Synopsis: In this action-packed comedy, Nicolas Cage plays Nick Cage, channeling his iconic characters as he's caught between a superfan (Pedro Pascal) and a CIA agent (Tiffany Haddish).

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