



WPL NEWSLETTER

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WPL CONSTRUCTION NEWS

We have big news! Beginning in mid-October and lasting for approximately one year, the Thomas (Main) Branch will undergo construction to replace its entire HVAC system, along with replacing all ceilings and all lighting. This project has been in the works for a while, but problems with the national supply chain (due to the pandemic) caused some delays. Regardless, we are looking forward to starting (and eventually finishing!) this huge project.

We anticipate the interior part of the construction to begin in January 2023, and will keep you updated when we have firm dates and other important details. There will be periods of time when portions of the Thomas Branch will be closed to the public. During those times, you'll be able to place holds on materials from those departments, and we'll of course keep offering Curbside Delivery. During the Thomas Branch construction work, the Hageman Branch, Westchester Township History Museum, and Baugher Center locations will be fully open.

We'll keep everyone up-to-date on our social media pages, our website, our newsletter, and through the local newspaper and other sources. Throughout the year, look for this "Westchester Public Library Construction Info" graphic for the latest news and open/closed dates. We appreciate your support and patience in advance as we get our main branch up to modern times in HVAC and lighting!



Look for our WPL construction graphic to stay up to date with current construction info.



**Westchester Public Library System
will be closed on
Monday, September 5
in observance of Labor Day.**

We will resume regular hours on Tuesday, September 6.



¡CELEBRAMOS! In September 1968, public law authorized the declaration of a National Hispanic Heritage Week to take place annually beginning on September 15. In September 1989, President George H.W. Bush became the first president to declare September 15 to October 15 National Hispanic Heritage Month. Throughout the month, WPL is celebrating the rich history and diversity within the American Latino/a/x and Hispanic communities by offering a variety of enriching programs for all ages. Visit our Events Calendar for registration details.

For Adults Ages 18 and Up...

[Bifocal Bookies: *Afterlife* by Julia Alvarez](#) - Tuesday, September 13, 1 PM

Dominican American immigrant Antonia grapples with the loss of her husband, an unexpected reappearance from her unstable sister, and an entreaty for help from a pregnant, undocumented teen. She embarks on a journey of grief and self-discovery, ultimately gaining strength from familial bonds thought long gone.

[Papel Picado Banner Making](#) - Wednesday, September 28, 6:30 PM

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month through the festive art of papel picado (“pecked paper”). Snip your own designs, or use a pattern to create a colorful paper banner, like those traditionally used in Mexican celebrations.

[Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month](#) - Wednesday, October 5, 1 PM

Cartoneras are hand decorated books with cardboard covers. La Loteria is a quintessential Mexican game. Learn the history behind these, decorate your own cartonera, and enjoy some rounds of La Loteria.

For Tweens in Grades 5-8...

[Culture Club: Mexico](#) - Thursday, September 15, 6 PM

Explore the world with us, one country (and snack) at a time. The world is an exciting place full of amazing sights and food, and we want to share it with you! This month we will be learning about Mexico. We will also eat snacks and play trivia! Join us to learn more about this amazing world we live in.

For Kids Ages 4-6...

[Little Explorers: Fairy Tales, Folktales, & Fables](#) - Wednesday, September 21, 4 PM

Join Miss Justine for a reading of a classic Brazilian folktale. Then, journey to Mexico to learn about the cultural significance of corn husk dolls, and make one of your own.

For Kids in Grades 1-4...

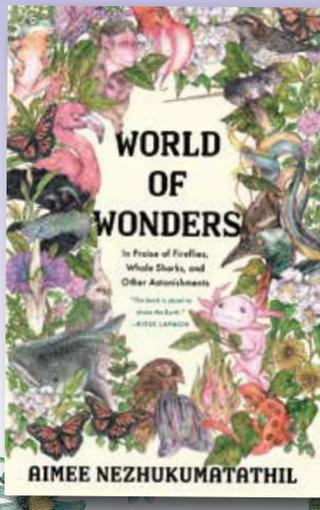
[Tinker & Create: Nazca Lines of Peru](#) - Monday, October 10, 4 PM

In this hands-on project you will learn about the ancient and mystical Nazca Lines of Peru and create your own to take home.

September is LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH!



Every person who registers for a new Westchester Public Library card this month will receive a beautiful, botanical bookmark, and they will be entered into a drawing to win a copy of Aimee Nezhukumatathil's *World of Wonders*. Gain access to a world of information and entertainment right here in your community by signing up for a library card!



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Chesterton HISTORY HUNT

Saturday, September 10 • 2 - 4 PM



Westchester Township History Museum's History Hunt is back!

The history hunt takes participants to historic buildings and areas around downtown Chesterton.

WALK • BICYCLE • DRIVE

Begin the hunt at the Museum before 3 p.m. to get your first clue.
Registration is not required.

Follow the clues • Complete the challenges • Visit historical sites

The hunt is fun for all ages, but parents or guardians should accompany children. A treat awaits those who complete the hunt.

If you have questions or want further details, call 219-983-9715 or visit the Museum during operating hours.

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Wednesday, September 28
6:30 PM

BAUGHER CENTER

For Adults Ages 18 and Up.
Registration opens **SEPTEMBER 21.**

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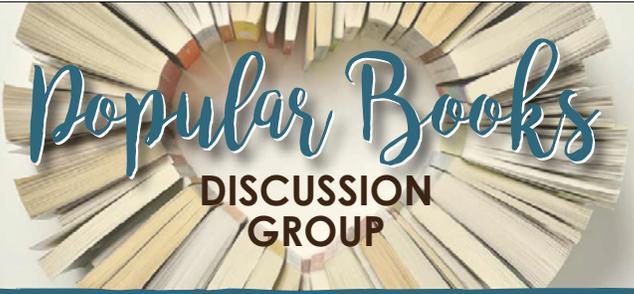


Preparing Your Garden for Fall

**Wednesday, September 7
6:30 - 7:30 PM
Baugh Center**

Join Nikky Witkowski, the Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Educator and the Porter County Extension Master Gardener Coordinator. She will focus on tips to get your garden ready for the fall. She will cover turf as well as landscape and edible garden plants. This program is for adults ages 18 and up.
Registration opens August 31.
Register online or call 219-926-9080 to reserve your spot.

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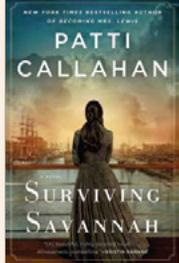


Popular Books DISCUSSION GROUP

Monday, September 12 at 2 PM

Surviving Savannah
By: Patti Callahan

When Savannah history professor Everly Winthrop is asked to guest-curate a new museum collection focusing on artifacts recovered from the steamship Pulaski, she's shocked. The ship sank after a boiler explosion in 1838, and the wreckage was just discovered, 180 years later. Everly can't resist the opportunity to try to solve some of the mysteries and myths surrounding the devastating night of its sinking.



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

For adults ages 18 and up.

Next Month's Book
October 17: Yale Needs Women
By: Anne Gardiner Perkins

BAUGH CENTER
100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton

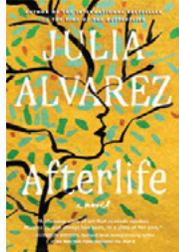
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BI-FOCAL BOOKIES

Afterlife
by Julie Alvarez

Set in this political moment of tribalism and distrust, *Afterlife* asks: What do we owe those in crisis in our families, including—maybe especially—members of our human family? How do we live in a broken world without losing faith in one another or ourselves? And how do we stay true to those glorious souls we have lost?

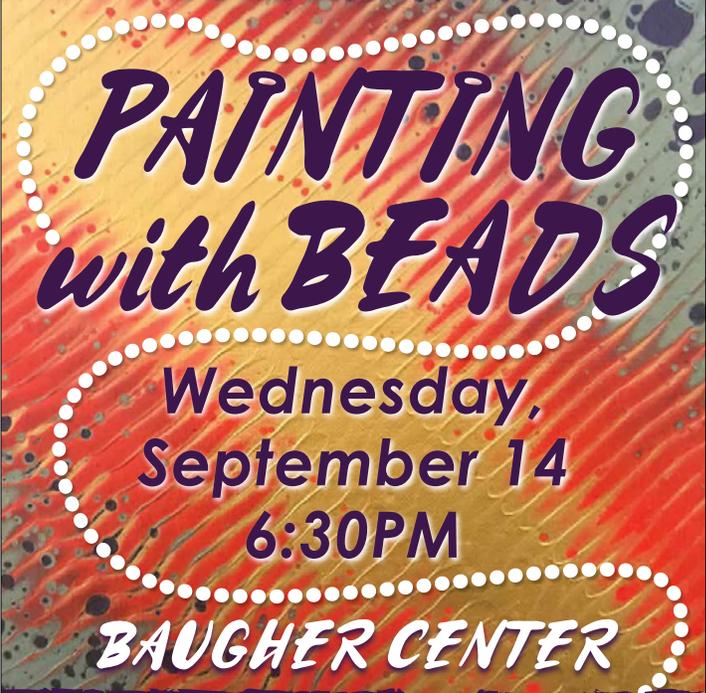


Limited copies are available at Hageman.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
1-2 PM
HAGEMAN BRANCH**

This program is for adults ages 18 and up.
Registration opens SEPTEMBER 6.
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PAINTING with BEADS

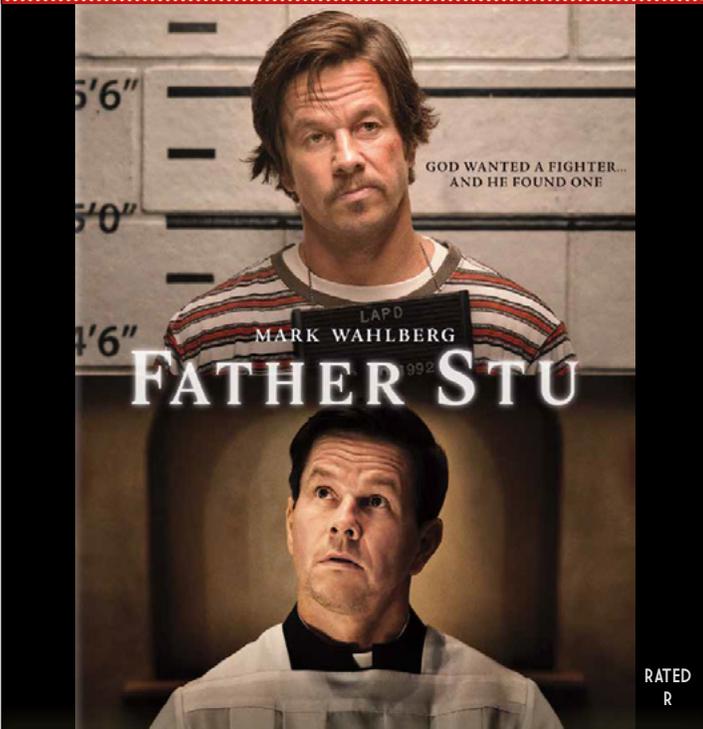
**Wednesday, September 14
6:30PM
BAUGH CENTER**

Join us as we make a favorite fashion accessory functional. You'll learn a new painting technique using strings of beads, paint, and canvas. For adults ages 18 and up.

Registration opens SEPTEMBER 7.
Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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WPL'S SUNDAY MATINEE



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AT 1:30 PM
BAUGHER CENTER
100 W. INDIANA AVENUE, CHESTERTON, IN

Adult Craft Night Unkillable Houseplant



Monday,
September 19
6:30 PM

Craft your way to plant parenthood. Add a pop of outdoor charm to your space, no green thumb (or maintenance) required. Create your own adorable mini-succulents from felt, tucked into a tiny terracotta pot. For adults ages 18 and up.

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NAVIGATING MEDICARE



Wednesday, September 21
1 - 2 PM

Join Megan Rogers, the Northwest Region's Volunteer Supervisor for SHIP for an interactive presentation that will provide you the What, Why, Where, and How of SHIP (State Health Insurance Program). She will also discuss the Open Enrollment Period that is coming for all Medicare beneficiaries. This program is for adults 18 and up.

Hageman Branch

Registration opens SEPTEMBER 14
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Dryer Hose Pumpkins



Turn a mundane household item into seasonal decor! We'll be using dryer hose, wire, and spray paint to create a pair of perfect pumpkins. For adults ages 18 and up.

Monday, October 3 • 6-7 pm

LIBRARY LOT

at 2nd St & Indiana Ave, Chesterton
Program is located outside, bring your own blanket or chairs.
Registration opens September 26.

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FOR TEENS & TWEENS

LET'S MAKE LEVITATING LANTERNS

**For Tweens in
Grades 5 - 8**

Join us as we make
levitating lanterns.
No, it isn't magic –
it's science!

**Thursday,
September 29
6 - 7 PM**



BAUGHER CENTER

Registration opens
SEPTEMBER 22

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

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Craft Kit: Tracing Light Table



For Tweens and Teens in
Grades 5-12

Drawing can be difficult. Sometimes you just want to trace something and color it in your own way. Everything is included to construct your own light table to make image tracing a whole lot easier.

Registration for this kit
opens **AUGUST 31**.

Reserve your kit online or call 219-926-9080.

This kit is picked up at **HAGEMAN** from September 8-15.

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Culture Club



For Tweens
in Grades 5 - 8

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Thursday, September 15
6:00 - 7:00 PM

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100 W. Indiana Ave, Chesterton

Registration opens **SEPTEMBER 8**

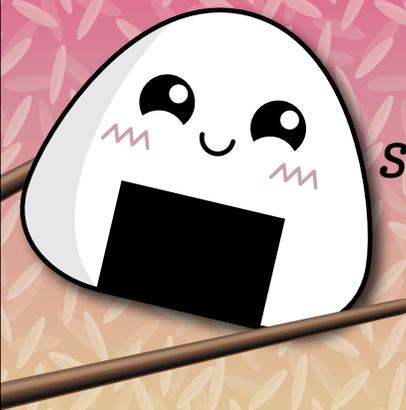
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Sew Your Own Onigiri Plushie

FOR TEENS IN
GRADES 9-12

Tuesday,
September 22
6-7 PM

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It is both National Sewing Month AND National Rice Month, so why not celebrate both by sewing an onigiri plushie?

Registration opens
September 15

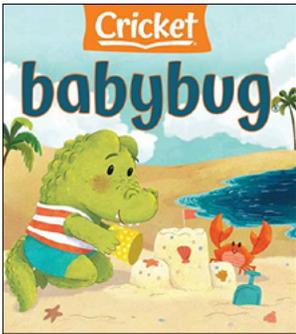
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monthly book challenges and
book reviews just for you!

MAGAZINES OF INTEREST



***Babybug* (Thomas juvenile collection)**

Babybug begins a lifelong love of books for infants and toddlers 6 months to 3 years. For babies who love to be read to and parents who love to read to them. It's filled with colorful pictures, simple rhymes, and stories that babies and parents will delight in reading together over and over again.



***In Pickleball* (Thomas print collection)**

In Pickleball Magazine offers an independent and inclusive look at America's fastest-growing sport, geared toward players of all skill levels—whether you're one of the millions of people who play pickleball regularly or a first-timer who wants to see what all the fun is about.

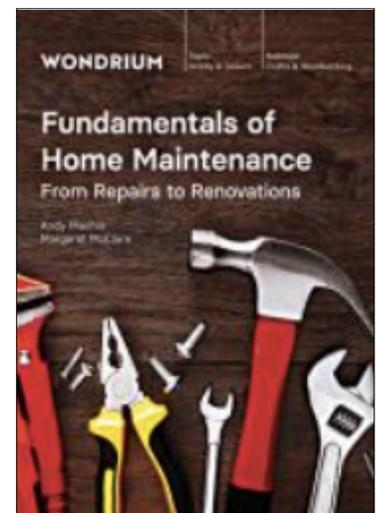
THE GREAT COURSES

Fundamentals of Home Maintenance: From Repairs to Renovations (DVD)

Millions of American homeowners report not having the expertise to implement even basic household maintenance—much less perform the more complicated jobs of installing a backsplash, hanging sheetrock, or repairing sprinklers. Knowing how to repair a leaking toilet, install a dimmer switch, and hundreds of other home improvements can save you stress, time, and thousands of dollars over the course of owning your home. With the right toolbox, some basic understanding, and a bit of practice, you can roll up your sleeves and take charge of household repairs.

Taught by home and landscape experts Andy Machin and Margaret McClure, these 41 practical lessons will jump-start your understanding of how to perform home maintenance. Over this course, you will tour the standard plumbing, electrical, and HVAC systems of the average home to understand the fundamentals of how your house is constructed. You'll peer into walls to investigate insulation, crawl under the house to get an up-close look at the foundation, and step back to the street to reflect on curb appeal. So, you will quickly gain the information you need—each lesson is short, clear, and visual.

Your home and landscape experts will walk you through the tools you need—many of which you probably already have. With the insights you gained, you will find yourself transformed from helpless to confident in no time.





STORYTIMES Toddler Time

For Kids Ages 2-3 and Their Caregivers
Join Miss Cyndi and Grandma Ann for a very active, musical storytime session.

MONDAYS
10-10:30 AM or 11-11:30AM
9/12 • 9/19 • 9/26
10/3 • 10/10 • 10/17

HAGEMAN BRANCH

Registration opens **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.**

Register for this six-week session online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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STORYTIMES Tickle Tales

For Babies 9-24 Months and Their Caregivers
Join Miss Ronnie for an interactive program filled with songs, short books, fingerplays, puppets, and nursery rhymes.

TUESDAYS 10-10:30 AM or 11-11:30AM
9/13 • 9/20 • 9/27
10/4 • 10/11 • 10/18

HAGEMAN BRANCH

Registration for this program opens **SEPTEMBER 6.**

Your one-time registration will reserve your spot for the duration of this **6-week series.**

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

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STORYTIMES Little Explorers

Fairy Tales, Folktales, and Fables

For Kids Ages 4-6 and Their Caregivers
Join Miss Justine for stories from around the world, near and far.

WEDNESDAYS 4-4:30 PM
9/14 • 9/21 • 9/28
10/5 • 10/12 • 10/19

BAUGHER CENTER

Registration opens **SEPTEMBER 7.**

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PLAYDATE

For Babies Ages 0-2 and Their Caregivers

Bring your little one to socialize with other children. Whether you are new to the area, are looking for a group of moms, or just want to get out of the house, this is a wonderful way to meet other mothers and caregivers to share stories and information. Siblings are welcome.

TUESDAYS 9-10 AM
9/13 • 9/20 • 9/27
10/4 • 10/11 • 10/18

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SATURDAY CRAFTERNOONS

at the Hageman Branch

For Kids Ages 2-5

SEPTEMBER 3
2-4 PM



Join Miss Ronnie for a monthly, Saturday afternoon crafting event. Families can stop in anytime between 2 and 4 PM to make a pom-pom caterpillar.

Registration opens August 27.

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

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For Kids Ages 2-5 and Their Caregivers.

SHAPE ART

Owls and foxes and bears, oh my. Come and learn how to draw some of your favorite animals by using basic shapes. We'll explore shapes through songs, reading a story, and by using several types of materials to create shape art.

Thursday, September 8 • 4-5 PM

BAUGHER CENTER

Registration opens on September 1.
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Tinker & Create!

FOR KIDS IN GRADES 1-4

Reflection Art

We will discuss how math and art come together to create this amazing project!

**Monday
September 12
4:30-5:30 PM**

Registration opens September 5.
Register online or call 219-926-9080 to reserve your spot.

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FOR KIDS IN GRADES K-4

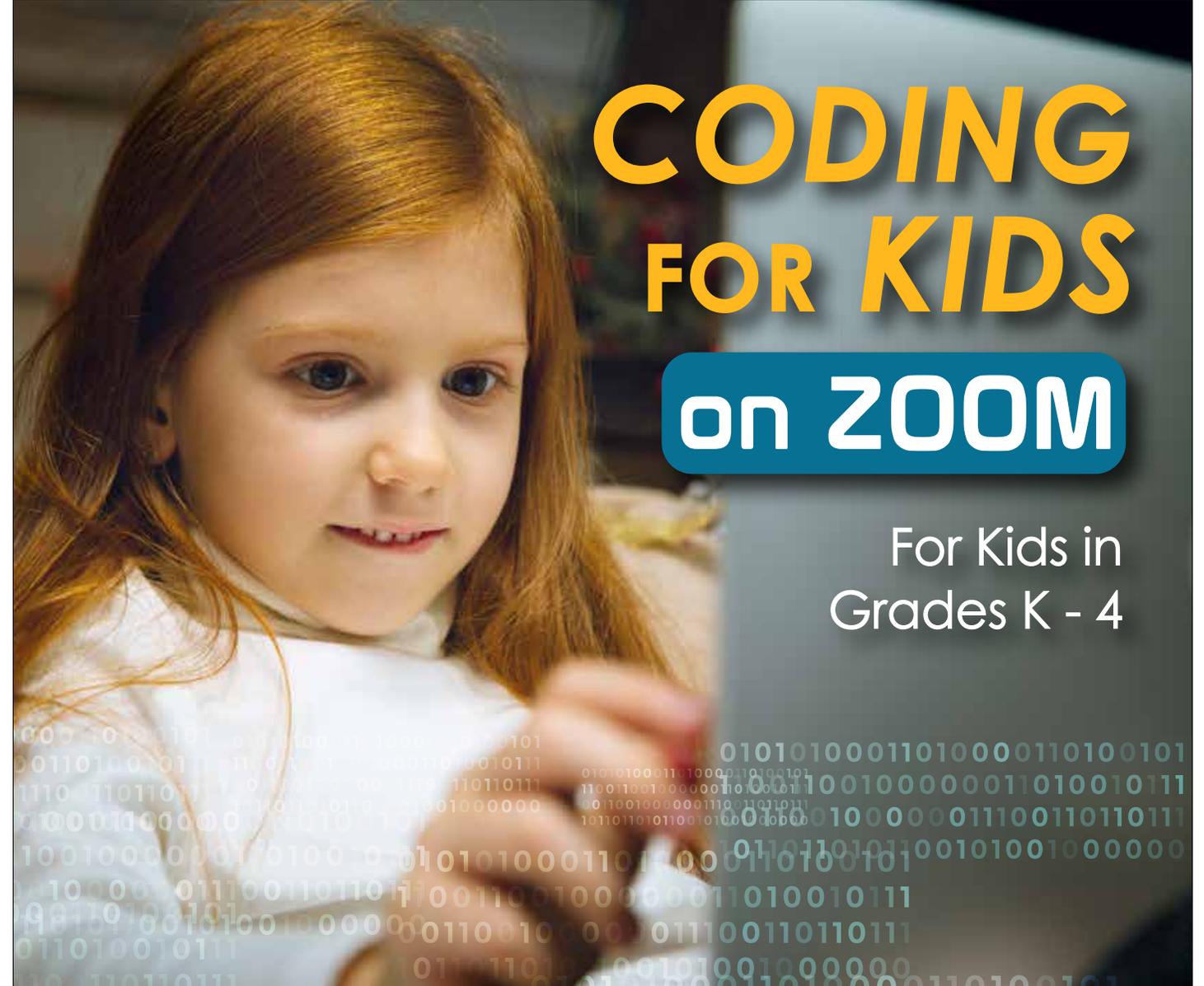
Let's cut to the chase in an unpluckable mission as we celebrate all things Bad Guys.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22
4 - 5 PM**

BAUGHER CENTER

Registration opens SEPTEMBER 15
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CODING FOR KIDS

on ZOOM

For Kids in
Grades K - 4

Demystify the world of coding and learn about digital literacy and citizenship with Miss Justine in this 4-week series.

This program will take place virtually via ZOOM.

THURSDAYS
10/6 • 10/13 • 10/20 • 10/27
4 - 5 PM

Registration opens **SEPTEMBER 29**.

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Chesterton WALKING TOUR



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9
10-11:30 AM**

**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.

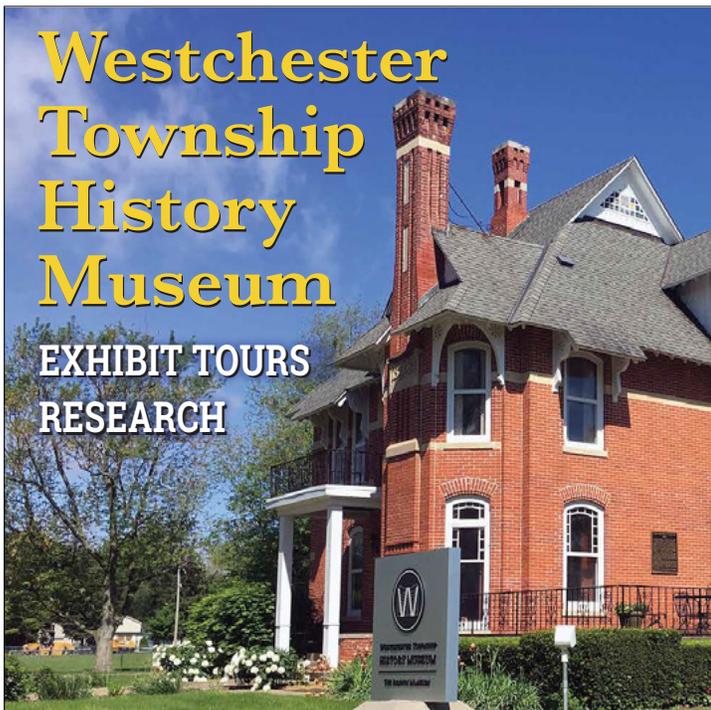
Walking and standing required. Water bottle, hat, and sunscreen recommended. Lasts approximately 90 minutes.

**Registration is required and limited to 20 people.
Registration opens SEPTEMBER 2.**

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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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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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MUSIC 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,
SEPTEMBER 15

THE BROWN MANSION

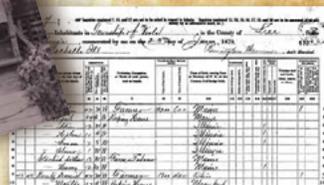
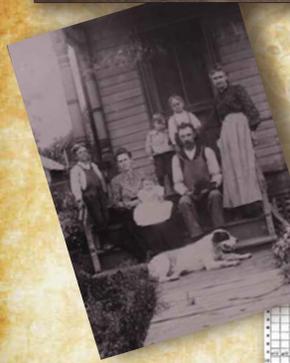
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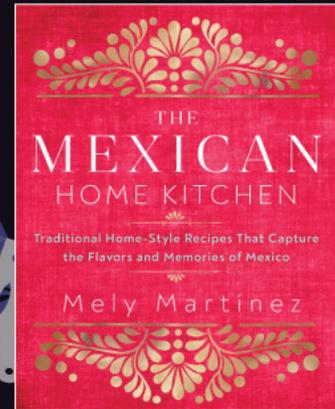
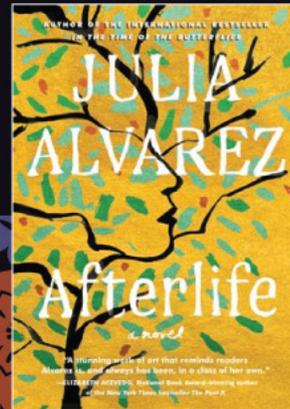
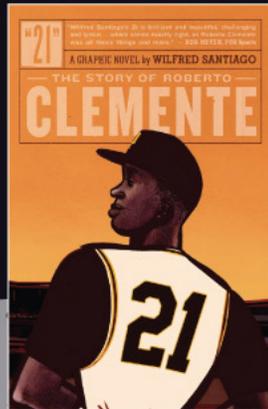
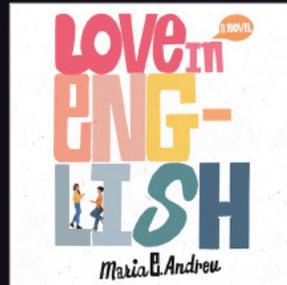
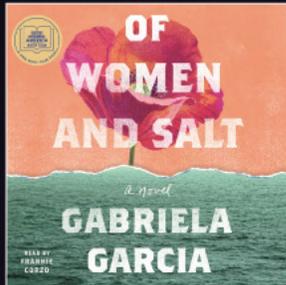
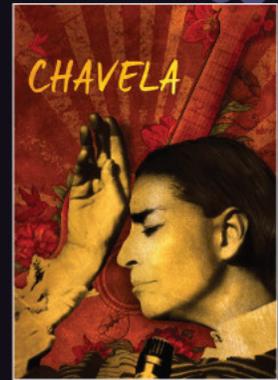
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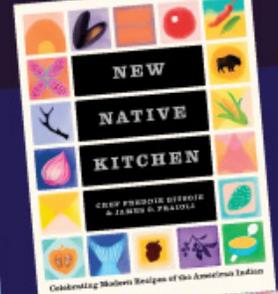
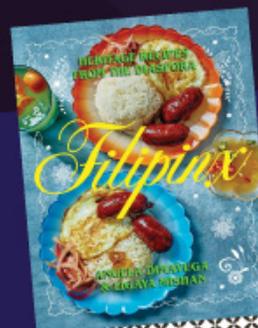
HISPANIC Heritage Month



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A WORLD OF FOOD



What will you watch?

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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.

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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!

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Movie Title: *Sonic the Hedgehog 2* // **Rating:** PG

Synopsis: When the manic Dr. Robotnik returns to Earth with a new ally, Knuckles the Echidna, Sonic, and his new friend Tails are all that stand in their way.

Movie Title: *Jurassic World Dominion* // **Rating:** PG-13

Synopsis: Dinosaurs now live and hunt alongside humans all over the world. This fragile balance will reshape the future and determine, once and for all, whether human beings are to remain the apex predators on the planet.

TV Series Title: *The Boys. Seasons 1 & 2* // **Rating:** TV-MA

Synopsis: What happens when superheroes- as popular as celebrities, as influential as politicians, and as revered as gods- abuse their superpowers rather than use them for good? “The Boys” embark on a heroic quest to expose the truth.

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