



WPL NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2023

ALL THE FEELS



Sign up for Winter Reading,
February 1-28

Experience all the feels this February with Westchester Public Library's 2023 Winter Reading Challenge! Adults (ages 18 and up) and young adults (grades 5-12) are invited to join in the Challenge. Adults participate by reading (the more you read, the better your chance to win!), and young adults participate through a combination of reading, writing, and other engaging activities.

Both age groups can choose between two options to play:
In-Person, Using Paper Tickets

- Register in-person at either Library branch to receive a booklet of tickets
- Drop off your completed tickets at either Library branch

OR

Virtually, Using Beanstack

- Download the Beanstack app or visit wplin.beanstack.com to log your progress
- Earn virtual badges while you participate

Either way, every ticket submitted or badge earned counts as one entry. Each week, we'll randomly select one person from each age group to win a gift card!

Feeling unsure where to begin? Stop by the Library, or utilize [Libby](#) or [Hoopla](#) online to check out our books, audiobooks, and magazines.

Embark on a reading-fueled emotional journey, February 1-28. Sign up for the 2023 All the Feels Winter Reading Challenge today!

WPL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY.
ALL WPL LOCATIONS WILL RESUME REGULAR HOURS ON FEBRUARY 21.

2023 WINTER READING

ALL THE FEELS

February 1 - 28

Westchester Public Library challenges adults (ages 18+) and young adults (grades 5-12) to read more during the month of February.

Feeling unsure where to begin?

There are lots of ways to read: Check out books or audiobooks in-person, or discover eBooks, eAudiobooks, or eMagazines from the Library through Libby or Hoopla.

Choose between two options to participate:

- Register in-person at either branch to receive a booklet of tickets, or
- Participate digitally through the Beanstack app or by visiting <https://wplin.beanstack.com/reader365>

Each week, we'll do prize drawings for gift certificates to local businesses!



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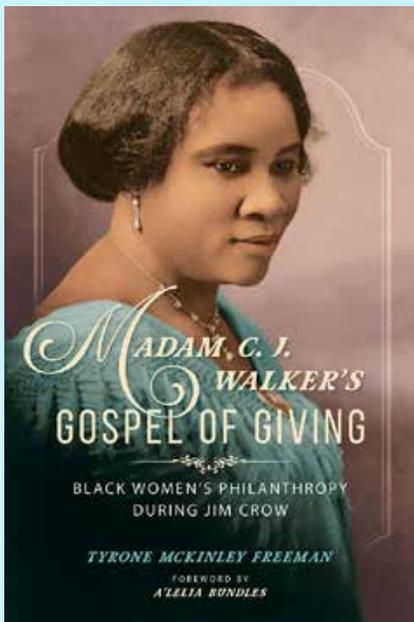
INDIANA AUTHORS AWARDS

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Meet the Author: Tyrone McKinley Freeman

Tuesday, February 21 ~ 6:30 PM
at the Baugher Center



Join award-winning Indiana author and Associate Professor of Philanthropic Studies at the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Dr. Tyrone McKinley Freeman, for a discussion of his biography, *Madam C.J. Walker's Gospel of Giving: Black Women's Philanthropy During Jim Crow*.

His book, recognized in the 2022 Indiana Authors Awards as a Debut Shortlist Honoree, reexamines the life and generosity of the adopted Hoosier entrepreneur who became known as America's first self-made millionaire.

Following the discussion, there will be a moderated and audience-led Q & A session. Light refreshments will be served. For adults ages 18 and up.

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

Sponsored by the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana Authors Awards, powered by Indiana Humanities.

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Adult Craft Night:
**Conversation
Heart
Votives**

**Monday,
February 6
6:30 PM**



Baughner Center

Come in out of the cold and craft with us! Use classic conversation heart candies, raffia, and more to craft a sweet Valentine's Day votive, perfect for giving or keeping. For adults ages 18 and up.

Registration opens JANUARY 30

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



Popular Books

DISCUSSION GROUP

Monday, February 6 at 2 PM

The Woman Who Smashed Codes: A True Story of Love, Spies, and the Unlikely Heroine Who Outwitted America's Enemies
By: Jason Fagone



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

This engaging biography describes the true story of Elizebeth Smith, a Shakespeare expert, who met and married a groundbreaking cryptologist and worked with him to discover and expose Nazi spy rings in South America by cracking Enigma machine codes. This program is for adults ages 18 and up.

Next Month's Book

March 6: *The Barbizon: The Hotel That Set Women Free*
By: Paulina Bren

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100 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton

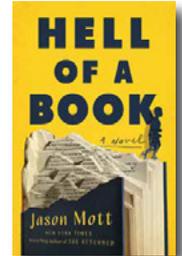
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BI-FOCAL BOOKIES

Hell of a Book
by Jason Mott

In honor of Black History Month, join Ronnie for a lively, interactive discussion of an astounding work of fiction from the New York Times bestselling author, Jason Mott. Always deeply honest, at times electrically funny, the book goes to the heart of racism, police violence, and the hidden costs exacted upon Black Americans and America as a whole.



Limited copies are available at Hageman.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
1-2 PM

HAGEMAN BRANCH

This program is for adults ages 18 and up

Registration opens FEBRUARY 7

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

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Sock Draft Stoppers

Help combat the high energy costs of winter by joining us to make draft stoppers out of socks. You might be amazed to find out how much it helps with the chilliness of winter winds. For adults ages 18 and up.

Baugher Center

WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 15
6:30 - 7:30 PM

Registration opens FEBRUARY 8

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

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WPL BOOK CLUB KITS



Over 30 fiction and non-fiction Book Club Kit titles available to check out.

Host your own book club with a kit from Westchester Public Library! Each kit includes 20 copies of the same title, and a list of discussion questions.

Create new friendships, strengthen bonds, and learn all sorts of interesting things by sharing a book together.



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WPL'S SUNDAY MATINEE

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BASED ON THE TRUE STORY



RATED
PG-13

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 AT 1:30 PM
BAUGHER CENTER
100 W. INDIANA AVENUE, CHESTERTON, IN

POCKET HUGS | Adult Craft Night

**Monday,
February 27
6:30 PM**

BAUGHER CENTER

Share the love! Join us for a craft night focused on thoughtful little treats to give and cherish. Create soft felt "pocket hugs" with custom message tags and more. For adults ages 18 and up.

Registration opens FEBRUARY 20

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Adult Craft: Ribbon Macrame Luminary

**WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 1
1-2 PM**

Spring really will be here soon. Join us at Hageman to make a Ribbon Macrame Luminary that will look beautiful hanging on your porch or deck. This program is for adults ages 18 and up.

Hageman Branch

Registration opens FEBRUARY 22

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

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Discovering Naomi Anderson: Library Archives and Forgotten History



Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30 PM

Naomi Anderson was an important and well-known leader for women's and African-Americans' rights in the 19th Century, yet she is barely known nationwide and hardly at all in her hometown of Michigan City, Indiana.

Join us as Joseph Coates, Reference Library Manager and PNW University Archivist, discusses the life of Naomi Anderson, touching on women's rights, voting rights, and the vital importance of archives in preserving our public history.

For adults ages 18 and up.

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Registration opens FEBRUARY 27

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FOR TEENS & TWEENS



Cupcake Decorating Contest

FOR TEENS IN GRADES 9-12

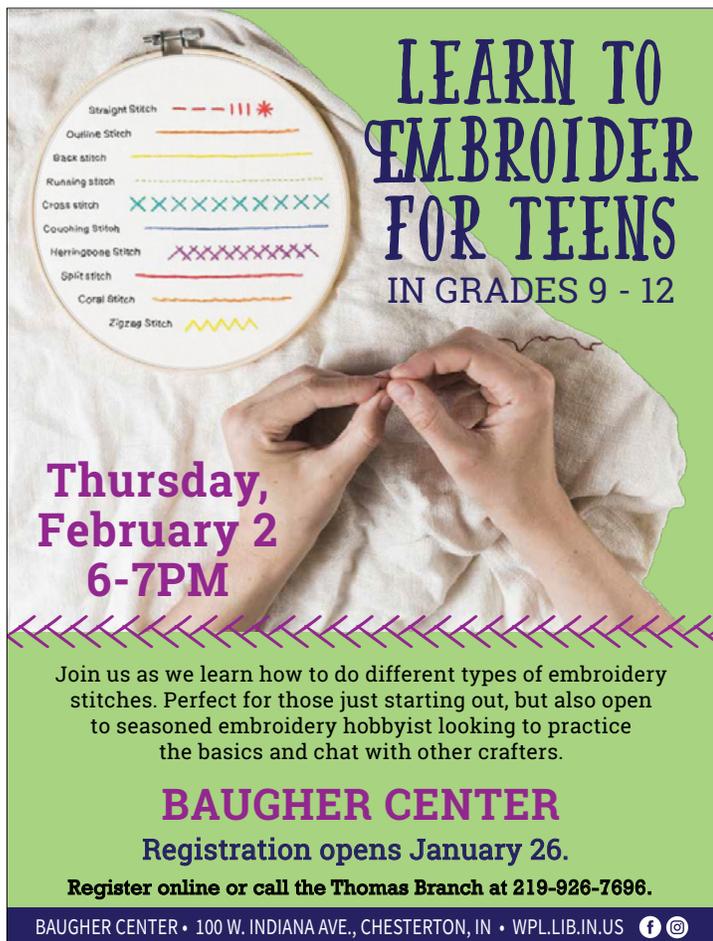
Can you creatively decorate a cupcake?
We will give you cupcakes, frosting, sprinkles,
and more, so let's see what you can do.

**Thursday, February 23
6-7 PM**

Baughner Center

Registration opens **FEBRUARY 15**.
Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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LEARN TO EMBROIDER FOR TEENS

IN GRADES 9 - 12

Thursday, February 2
6-7PM

Join us as we learn how to do different types of embroidery stitches. Perfect for those just starting out, but also open to seasoned embroidery hobbyist looking to practice the basics and chat with other crafters.

BAUGHER CENTER
Registration opens January 26.
Register online or call the Thomas Branch at 219-926-7696.

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CRAFT KIT: SCRATCH PAPER BOOKMARK

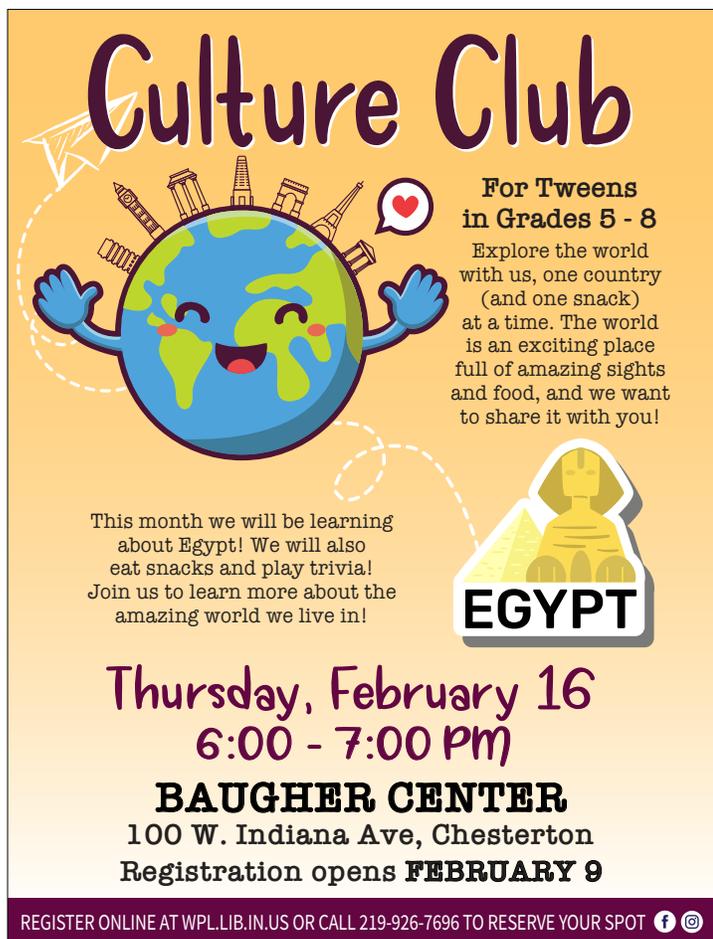
FOR TWEENS & TEENS
IN GRADES 5-12

Craft your own bookmark with scratch art paper and embroidery thread.

REGISTRATION FOR THIS KIT OPENS
FEBRUARY 2

This kit is picked up at HAGEMAN from February 9-16.
Reserve your kit online or call the Hageman Branch at 219-926-9080.

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Culture Club

For Tweens in Grades 5 - 8
Explore the world with us, one country (and one snack) at a time. The world is an exciting place full of amazing sights and food, and we want to share it with you!

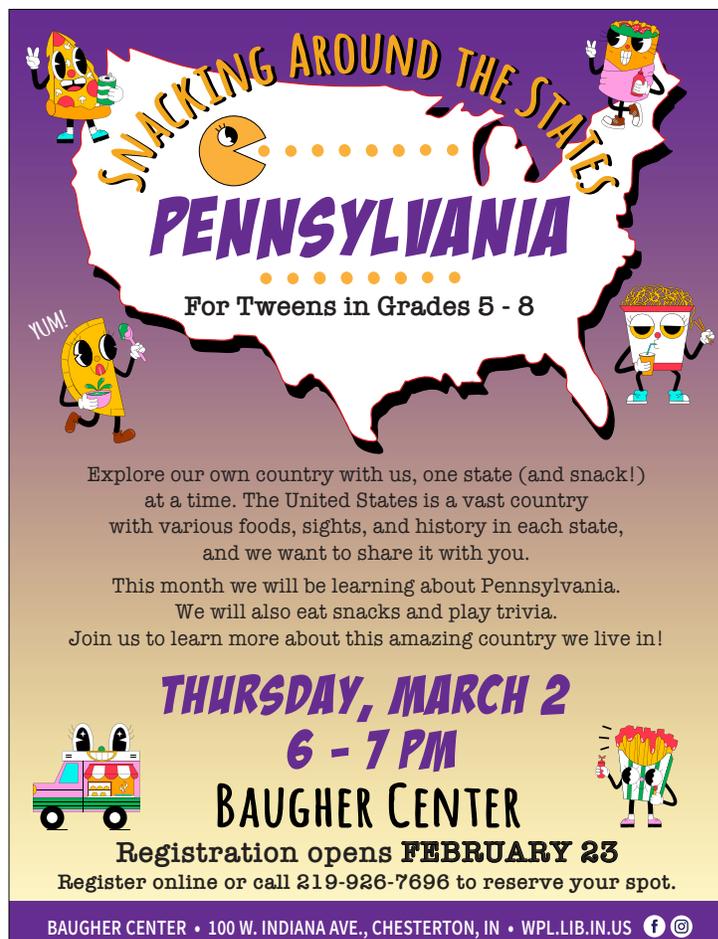
This month we will be learning about Egypt! We will also eat snacks and play trivia! Join us to learn more about the amazing world we live in!

EGYPT

Thursday, February 16
6:00 - 7:00 PM

BAUGHER CENTER
100 W. Indiana Ave, Chesterton
Registration opens **FEBRUARY 9**

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SNACKING AROUND THE STATES

PENNSYLVANIA

For Tweens in Grades 5 - 8

Explore our own country with us, one state (and snack!) at a time. The United States is a vast country with various foods, sights, and history in each state, and we want to share it with you.

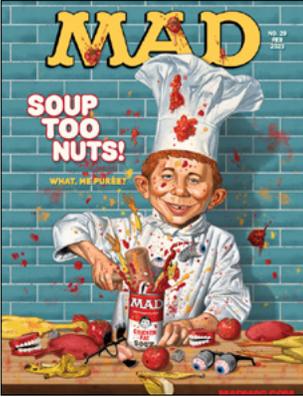
This month we will be learning about Pennsylvania. We will also eat snacks and play trivia. Join us to learn more about this amazing country we live in!

THURSDAY, MARCH 2
6 - 7 PM

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MAGAZINES OF INTEREST



Mad Magazine (Thomas print)

MAD Magazine is an American humor magazine that was launched in 1952. It offers up satirical representations of all aspects of popular culture, including movies and television, politics, celebrity lifestyles, and more.



Linn's Stamp News (Thomas print)

Each week *Linn's* staff of stamp-collector journalists provides accurate, timely and detailed news coverage as well as a wide variety of columns and features of interest to stamp collectors all over the globe. In addition to this wide-ranging editorial content, each issue of *Linn's* features many hundreds of display and classified advertisements.

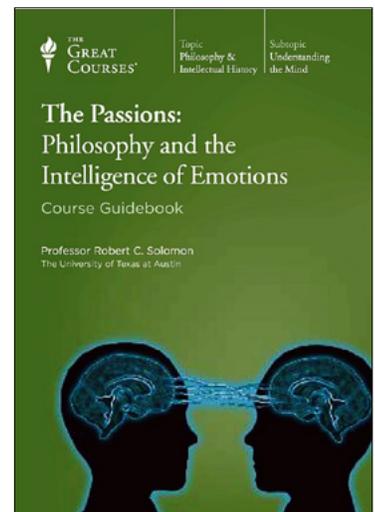
THE GREAT COURSES

The Passions : Philosophy and the Intelligence of Emotions (Book & Audio Discs)

Fear, joy, grief, love, hate, pride, shame. We all have emotions, and we recognize emotions in others. But do we really understand what emotions are and what they signify? It is remarkable how often we are wrong about our own emotions and misread the emotions of others.

Far from being routine, emotions are “the key to the meaning of life,” says distinguished philosopher and author Robert C. Solomon, who in these 24 lectures takes you on a tour of his more than three-decade-long intellectual struggle to reach an understanding of these complex phenomena.

Throughout the course, Professor Solomon returns again and again to his thesis that emotions have intelligence, an idea that has roots in Western philosophy tracing back to Aristotle. The notion of “emotional intelligence” gained notoriety through a 1990s bestseller by psychologist Daniel Goleman, but while Goleman and other popular writers on the subject primarily discuss learning how to control emotions, Professor Solomon digs deeper to reach the core of how emotions themselves contain intelligence—indeed many kinds of intelligence—and to explore the complex emotional repertoire that makes us uniquely human.





TODDLER PROM

For Toddlers Ages 1-5 and Their Caregivers

Don't be late for this very important date as we join Alice on her journey down the rabbit hole in Wonderland.

The Queen of Hearts requests that you dress to impress and come get your topsy turvy groove on.

Refreshments will be served.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Choose one of two sessions



10 AM or 11 AM



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A ticket is required for each person attending the event.

Free tickets are picked up at THOMAS on Saturday, February 4

beginning at 9 AM and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Call the Thomas Children's Department at 219-926-7696 with any questions.





STORYTIMES

Toddler Time

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

MONDAYS 10-10:30 or 11-11:30 AM
2/13 • 2/27 • 3/6 • 3/13

HAGEMAN BRANCH

Registration opens **FEBRUARY 6**

Tickle Tales

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

TUESDAYS 10-10:30 or 11-11:30 AM
2/14 • 2/21 • 2/28 • 3/7 • 3/14

HAGEMAN BRANCH

Registration opens **FEBRUARY 7**

Little Explorers

MINDFULNESS & MOVEMENT

BAUGHER CENTER

For Kids Ages 4-6 and Their Caregivers

Join Miss Justine for stories about mindfulness, inclusivity, and social and emotional learning.

WEDNESDAYS 4-4:30 PM
2/15 • 2/22 • 3/1 • 3/8 • 3/15

Registration opens **FEBRUARY 8**

Register for this **five-week session** online at wpl.lib.in.us or call to reserve your spot.



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PLAYDATE

For Babies Birth-24 Months and Their Caregivers

This program offers babies and their caregivers the opportunity to meet other children their own age. As the babies practice social skills such as taking turns and sharing, caregivers can exchange hints, tips, and other information, sometimes forming lifelong friendships along the way.



TUESDAYS 9-10 AM
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Tinker & Create: BE HEART SMART FOR KIDS IN GRADES 1-4



Have you ever wondered how your heart works and why it is so important to take good care of it? Join us as we explore and create in honor of National Heart Month.

Monday, February 13
4:30-5:30 PM
Hageman Branch

Registration opens **FEBRUARY 6**

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

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CRAFTERNOONS PICK-UP CRAFT KIT

at the Hageman Branch



BUBBLE WRAP SHEEP



Create your very own bubble wrap sheep, complete with googly eyes and a sweet bow. This program is for kids ages 2-5.

Registration opens
FEBRUARY 28

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

This craft kit is picked up at
HAGEMAN from March 4- 11.

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MAKE IT A GAME NIGHT

Our Thomas and Hageman Branches have over 500 games available to check out for patrons of all ages.



HIP HOP DANCE CLASS

   
**Featuring Dancebizz
Centre for Dance**

For Kids in Grades K-4 

**Thursday, February 16
4 - 5 PM**

BAUGHER CENTER

Join us as we learn the roots and moves of hip hop
in celebration of Black History Month.

Registration opens FEBRUARY 9
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URBAN LEGENDS

TRIVIA NIGHT

Tuesday, February 28
7-8 PM

**WESTCHESTER TOWNSHIP
HISTORY MUSEUM**

From Bigfoot to Bloody Mary, test your knowledge of mysterious creatures, cautionary tales, and internet hoaxes. Teams of 1-4 can vie for the prize.

For more information call 219-983-9715.



MUSIC AT THE MUSEUM

Join the Flashbacks for a blast from the past as they present hits from the past 500 years. They focus on folk music from various countries and include some classics that you may have heard before.

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,
FEBRUARY 16

THE BROWN MANSION

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Sunday & Monday
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 Open 12 - 5 pm

2nd & 4th Saturday of the month
 Open 12 - 5 pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
 by appointment only

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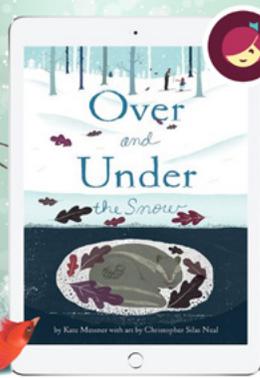


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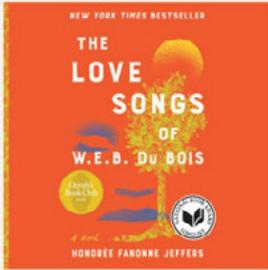
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ebooks are calling!*



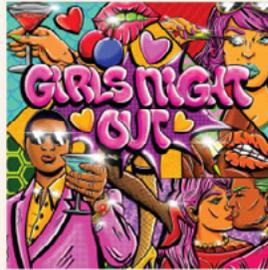
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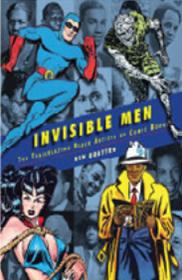
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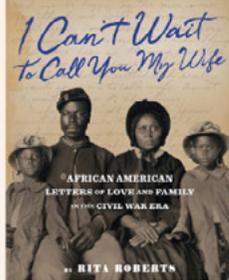
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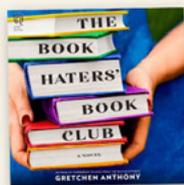
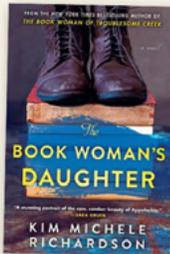


Movies & TV



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Check out the 24/7 digital lineup at wpl.lib.in.us, including: ebooks audiobooks • comics/graphic novels • movies • TV • magazines • music



LIBRARY Lovers MONTH



Bonus Borrowes Return in February!



What will you watch?

Movies



Documentaries



Television Series



Kids Shows



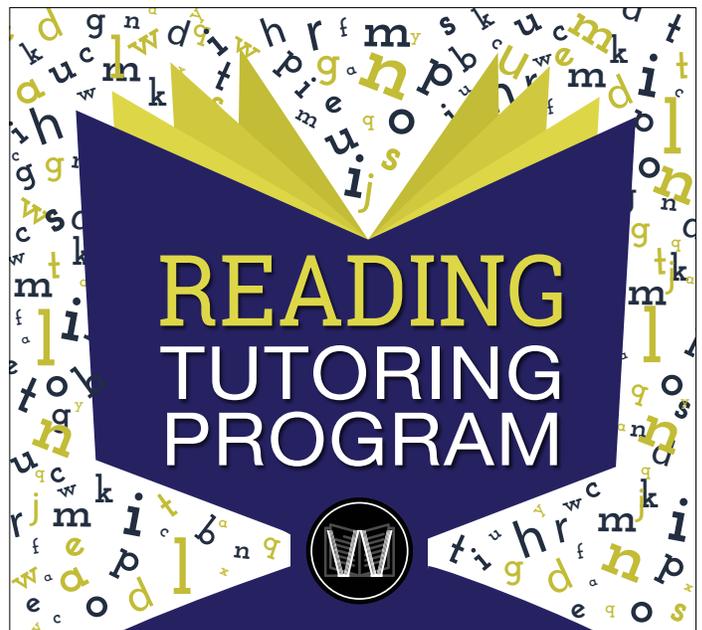
Ideas



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Films that matter

Start watching at
wplin.kanopy.com



If your child in grades K through 12 is in need of reading help, this program is for you! Designed to assist your child with his/her academic reading, the library's tutoring program offers a safe and welcoming learning environment with volunteer tutors who will work one-on-one with your child in half-hour increments.

Student sign-up sheets are available at Thomas or online at wpl.lib.in.us/volunteer/.



WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

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: *Blaze and the Monster Machines: Big Rig to the Rescue* // **Rating:** TV-Y

Synopsis: Blaze transforms into a Big Rig Monster Machine and comes to the rescue! He delivers supplies all over Axle City, hauls decorations to Stripes' party, and helps a dolphin named Flippy travel cross country to reunite with his family in the ocean.

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

Synopsis: Mamie Till Mobley relentlessly pursues justice for her 14-year-old son, Emmett Till, who was lynched in 1955 while visiting his cousins in Mississippi. In Mamie's poignant journey of grief turned to action, we see the universal power of a mother's ability to change the world.

TV Series Title: *The Staircase* (Mini-Series) // **Rating:** TV-MA

Synopsis: Inspired by a true story...On December 9, 2001, Michael makes a frantic 911 call reporting that his wife Kathleen has fallen down the stairs. But when the district attorney brings murder charges, the case becomes engulfed in a media circus. Intertwining multiple perspectives and timelines, this gripping limited series explores the elusive nature of truth, while serving as an intimate portrait of a family's grief.

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