



# WPL NEWSLETTER

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## SUMMER READING IS HERE!

This year's Summer Reading theme, All Together Now, will celebrate unity, kindness, and our community. All ages can participate: Babies – Age 4, Grades K-4, Tweens & Teens, and Adults.

We invite you to come together and join Westchester Public Library for our Summer Reading Kick-off on May 25 at the Baugher Center. Drop-in between 3:30-6:30 PM to register for Summer Reading, watch the landmark *Summer of Soul* documentary on the big screen, eat free popcorn, participate in the "Books Around the Block" Scavenger Hunt to claim a reward, and earn a raffle entry to win a Kindle Fire.

Not able to attend the Kick-off? Register for Summer Reading any time after May 25 at either branch, or virtually on our Beanstack app. Summer Reading runs May 25 – July 15.



Participants earn a chance to win prizes each week, which include games, Squishmallows, vinyl stickers, and more! During the final week, readers are entered into the Grand Prize raffle.

Check out our grand prizes:

- Babies - Age 4: Sky Nook
- Grades K-4: Nintendo Switch
- Tweens & Teens: Chromebook
- Adults: Ninja ice cream maker

WPL will also offer special events for all ages, all summer long. Let's have a great summer at the Library, all together now!

We will be closed Monday, May 29  
in observance of Memorial Day.

# 2023 SUMMER READING PROGRAM



## ALL TOGETHER NOW

**Thursday, May 25**  
**3:30-6:30 PM**  
**BAUGHER CENTER**

Come together...right now! **ALL AGES** are invited to drop in to:

- 🌸 Register for Summer Reading
- 🌸 Watch *Summer of Soul* on the big screen
- 🌸 Eat free popcorn
- 🌸 Participate in the "Books Around the Block" Scavenger Hunt and claim a reward
- 🌸 Enter to win a Kindle Fire!

Not able to attend? No worries--register for Summer Reading anytime after May 25 at either branch. **SUMMER READING RUNS MAY 25 - JULY 15.**

Check out all of our engaging programs this summer  
by visiting our Events Calendar at [wpl.lib.in.us](http://wpl.lib.in.us)!

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**SPINE**



**POETRY**



**CHALLENGE**



**MAY 1-31**

In honor of Mental Health Awareness month, we are calling on our patrons to take the Spine Poetry Challenge.

Come to the THOMAS OR HAGEMAN BRANCH and put 3-4 of our titles together to complete your spine poetry entry.

Bring your entry to the Circulation desks so we can take a snapshot and provide you with a bookmark of your spine poetry. Also, you get a chance to win 1 of 7 swag bags from the National Institutes of Health.


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# PROGRAMS & CRAFT KITS FOR ADULTS



## Raised Beds and Container Gardens




### Wednesday, May 3 6:30-7:30 PM

Join Master Gardener and Purdue Extension Educator, Nikky Witkowski for an interactive presentation about how to make beautiful and healthy raised beds and container gardens. This program is for adults ages 18 and up.

 **Baughner Center** 

**Registration opens APRIL 26**

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

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*Craft Kit:*


## SALT-DOUGH STARFISH GARLAND

Dazzle your friends with your own glorious galaxy of summery starfish! Craft a beautifully beachy garland – or set of ornaments – with this simple salt-dough kit. This kit is for adults 18 and up.

 **Registration for this craft kit opens MAY 15** 

Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your kit. This craft kit is picked up at **THOMAS** from MAY 22-26.

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## The Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's


### Wednesday, May 17 1 - 2 PM

### HAGEMAN BRANCH

This educational program will help you recognize common signs of the disease in yourself and others and next steps to take, including how to talk to your doctor.

The program is presented by the Alzheimer's Association of Greater IN. The Association provides educational programs to the public at no charge. For more information about the Association, visit [alz.org/indiana](http://alz.org/indiana) or call the 24/7 Helpline at (800) 272-3900.

**ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION**

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WPL'S SUNDAY MATINEE



**YELLOW ROSE**

SUNDAY, MAY 21 AT 1:30 PM

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RATED PG-13

**FREE POPCORN!**





All photos provided by Michael Kobe

# NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WITH MICHAEL KOBE

**MONDAY, MAY 8  
6:30 PM  
BAUGHER CENTER**

Want to take better pictures of your favorite plants and flowers? Join us for an evening with nature photographer, Michael Kobe. View some of his stunning photographs, and learn how to improve your own nature photography skills. Then, apply these techniques by taking pictures of plants and flowers we'll have on site. Two lucky door prize winners will receive a plant or flower to take home! Bringing a camera is optional. All skill levels are encouraged and welcomed. For adults ages 18 and up.

**Registration opens May 1**

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

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# *Providing for Pollinators:*

## **How to Create Your Own Microprairie**

**THURSDAY, MAY 18**

**6:30 PM**

*Baughner Center*

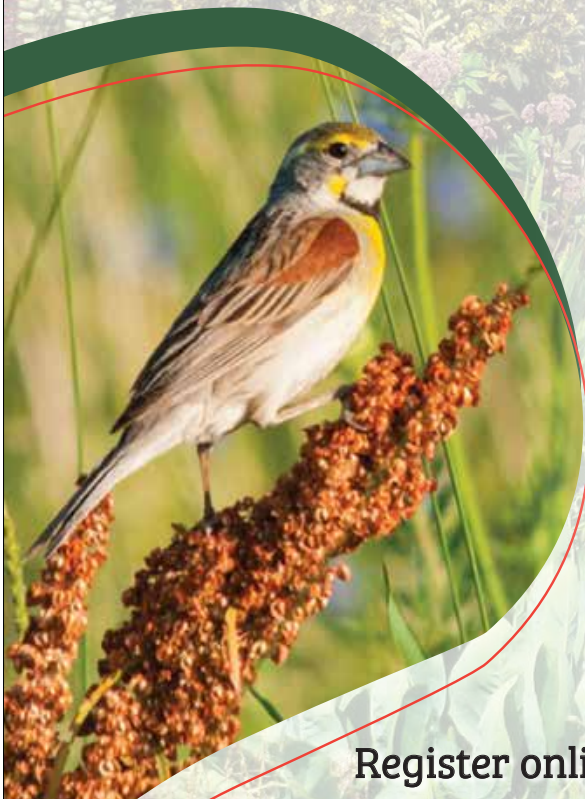


Join Scott Palla from Pheasants Forever to learn how you can protect and provide for our pollinators by creating an at-home microprairie. Then, hear from 219 GreenConnect advocate and Earth Charter IN Regional Resilience Coordinator, Kathy Sipple, to hear about native plant procurement and National Wildlife Federation Regional Habitat Certification.

Each registrant will receive a seed packet with a variety of native wildflowers. For adults ages 18 and up.

**Registration opens MAY 11**

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





FOR TEENS & TWEENS



# MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU!

For Tweens in Grades 5-8

**THURSDAY • MAY • 4**  
**6-7 PM**



**BAUGHER CENTER**



Celebrate May 4th and your love of Star Wars with us!



We'll be doing crafts, playing trivia, and  
chatting about all things Star Wars.

**Registration opens APRIL 27**



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

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**CRAFT KIT:**  
**BABY YODA  
 KEYCHAIN**

For Tweens  
 and Teens  
 in Grades  
 5-12


**Registration  
 for this kit  
 opens MAY 4**



Show your love for the cutest  
 being in the galaxy by making  
 your own baby yoda keychain.  
 Please be advised: this kit will require  
 (and does not include) a lighter to complete  
 this project. Parental guidance is advised.

Reserve your kit online or call 219-926-9080.  
 This kit is picked up at **HAGEMAN** from MAY 11-18.

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**MAKE  
 ICE CREAM  
 WITH SCIENCE**


FOR TWEENS IN GRADES 5 - 8

**Friday, June 2  
 2:30-3:30 PM  
 BAUGHER CENTER**

Join us as we learn how to make  
 ice cream by hand, using only salt and ice  
 to freeze our tasty concoctions.

**Registration opens MAY 25**

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

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 to get the scoop on programs,  
 services, monthly book challenges  
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# MAGAZINES OF INTEREST



## ***Birds & Blooms* (Thomas & Hageman print)**

*Birds & Blooms* is North America's #1 bird and garden magazine, celebrating the beauty in your own backyard. Each issue features vivid photographs, useful tips and expert advice to inform, inspire and connect enthusiasts who share a passion for backyard birds and gardening.



## ***BirdWatching* (Thomas)**

*BirdWatching*, the premier magazine about wild birds and birding in North America. They publish columnists and contributors who are among the most well-known names in birding. In-depth articles, bird-ID insights, hotspot reports, and high-quality photography inspire and instruct avid birders as they seek to better understand birds.

# THE GREAT COURSES

## ***Why Insects Matter: Earth's Most Essential Species* (DVD)**

Having established themselves on Earth 480 million years before any of our genus arose in Africa, insects have survived three mass extinctions; while 75% of all living species were extinguished, these animals endured.

In many ways, insects are just like us. Elaborate mating rituals, a variety of parenting styles, and a plethora of jobs—from architects and engineers to farmers and ranchers. They're able to share complex information essential for survival, significantly impact their environment, and recycle. But insects outdo us in so many respects. They are mostly terrestrial, but some can live underwater. Their six legs are great for walking or running, but some can glide through the rainforest canopy, and many can fly. And some, as a solitary task on any old day, can create a material many times stronger than steel. Just imagine all that we can learn from them!

In 24 captivating lectures beautifully illustrated with graphics, photos, and video footage, Professor Scott Solomon shares his passion for these extraordinary creatures. *Why Insects Matter: Earth's Most Essential Species* will open your eyes to evolutionary accomplishments you had never even imagined. As many biologists have pointed out, if *Homo sapiens* simply disappeared one day, the loss would not be terribly disruptive to the rest of life on Earth. But if the insects disappeared, life on this planet would descend into chaos. Insects are Earth's most essential species.



# Westchester Township History Museum **SUMMER CAMP 2023** **JOURNALISM**



**Ages 9-11:**  
**JULY 11 - JULY 14**  
**9 AM to NOON**

**Ages 12-14:**  
**JULY 18 - JULY 21**  
**9 AM to NOON**

Join the Museum at our annual summer camp!  
Campers will learn about the history of newspapers in Duneland,  
tour a radio studio, hear from a reporter, and learn about podcasting!  
Camp is FREE and snacks and water are provided.

**REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 22**

Register online or at the Westchester Township  
History Museum to reserve your spot.






**CRAFT KIT:**  
**Relaxing with Rainbows**  
For Kids  
Ages 3-5

This cheery craft will keep kids busy as they glue on colorful pom-poms to make the arc of the rainbow. Additional resources are included to learn relaxation techniques.

**Registration for this craft kit opens  
MAY 6**

Reserve your kit online or call the Thomas Branch at 219-926-7696. This craft kit is picked up at **THOMAS** from May 13 - 20.

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**Nailed it!**  
**FOR KIDS**  
For Kids  
in Grades  
K-4

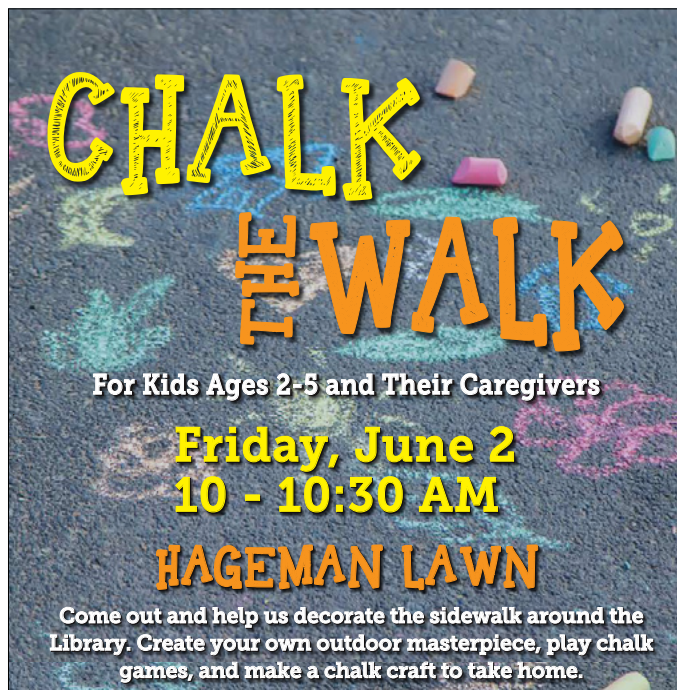
**THURSDAY, JUNE 1  
4-5 PM**

Decorate your own cake masterpiece (sort of). When you arrive, we will unveil the cake decorating challenge, provide you with all the sweet supplies, and you will do your best to recreate it. Get ready to have some laughs.

**BAUGHER CENTER**

Registration opens **MAY 24**  
Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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**CHALK  
THE WALK**  
For Kids Ages 2-5 and Their Caregivers

**Friday, June 2  
10 - 10:30 AM**  
**HAGEMAN LAWN**

Come out and help us decorate the sidewalk around the Library. Create your own outdoor masterpiece, play chalk games, and make a chalk craft to take home.

**Registration opens MAY 25**

Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot. This program is held outside on the Hageman Lawn. Please bring your own blanket or chairs.

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**KINDNESS ROCKS  
GARDEN**  
For Ages 2-5  
and Their  
Caregivers

**Monday, June 5 • 10 AM**  
**Baughner Center**

Let's pass along kindness one rock at a time. Come help beautify our Kindness Rocks Garden by planting flowers in pots and painting rocks to add to the garden.

**Registration opens MAY 26**  
Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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# TODDLER ROUND-UP

For Kids Ages 2 - 3 and Their Caregivers

**Thursdays, 10-10:30 am**

**June 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29**

**July 6 & 13**

## HAGEMAN BRANCH

Miss Alison has designed lots of fun, interactive activities for babies and toddlers to get messy, explore their environment, and practice social skills such as taking turns and sharing.

**Registration for each session  
is required and opens MAY 25**

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



# JEDI TRAINING



For Kids in Grades K-4

Tuesday, June 6  
4 - 5 pm

**BAUGHER CENTER**

Join the Light Side of the Force in this Jedi Training featuring Chesterton's Tiger Martial Arts. Learn the way of the Force to overthrow the Dark Side and restore balance in the universe through taekwondo and Korean Gumdo sparring.



**Registration opens MAY 30**

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



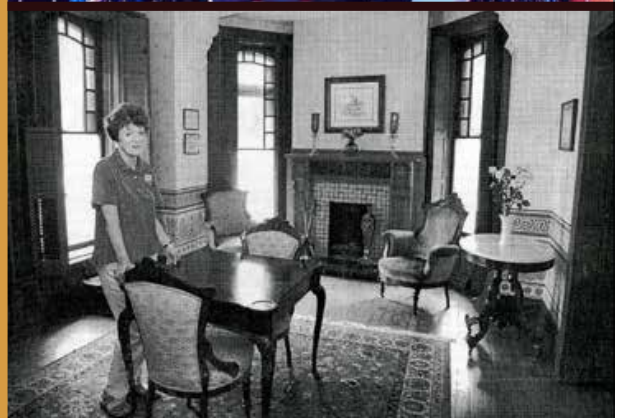
## WESTCHESTER TOWNSHIP 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY EXHIBIT HISTORY MUSEUM

**On display through May 31, 2023**

In 1998, the Westchester Township Historical Museum opened its doors to the public for the first time.

In celebration of this milestone, the Museum will have a temporary display of photos, artifacts, and information about the development of the Museum from conception to today. Learn about how the

Museum came to be part of Westchester Public Library, how and when it moved to the Brown Mansion, and revisit some of the events and people of the Museum's past.



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

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# ARTISTS OF THE DUNES



Hazel Hannell



William D. Richardson, glass slide

For over 100 years, the Indiana dunes have inspired the works of painters, etchers, photographers, and sculptors, and some even made the dunes their home.

Museum Curator Serena Ard will discuss some of the dunes artists whose works are housed at the Westchester Township History Museum (and some that aren't) and the growth of the dunes area as a center for art and artists.

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

Registration opens **APRIL 29**

**SAT., MAY 13**  
**10 - 11 AM**

**Westchester Township  
History Museum**



J.H. Euston etching



William D. Richardson photograph





# 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,**  
**MAY 11**


**THE BROWN MANSION**

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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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## What will you watch?

**Movies**

**Documentaries**

**Television Series**

**Kids Shows**

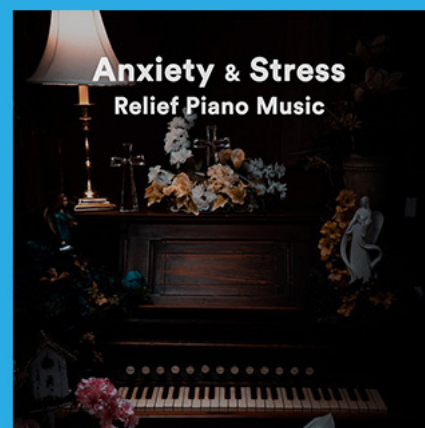
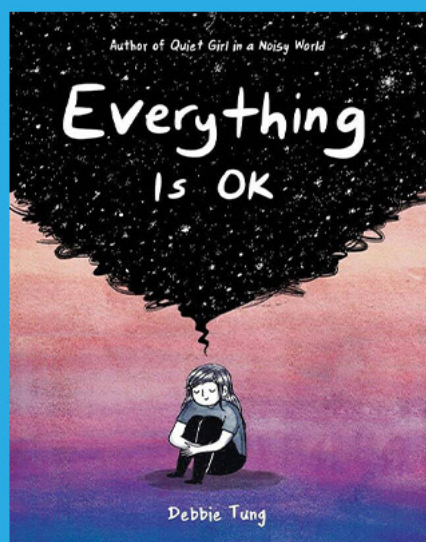
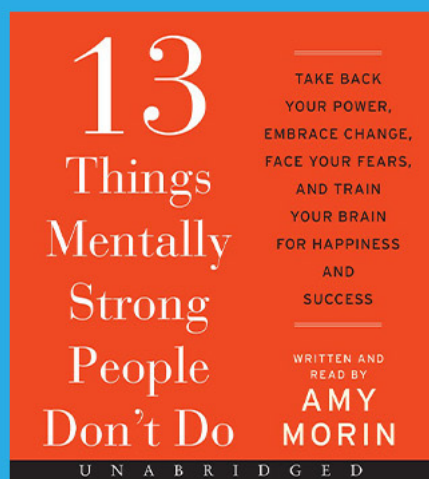
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Films that matter

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# MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH



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

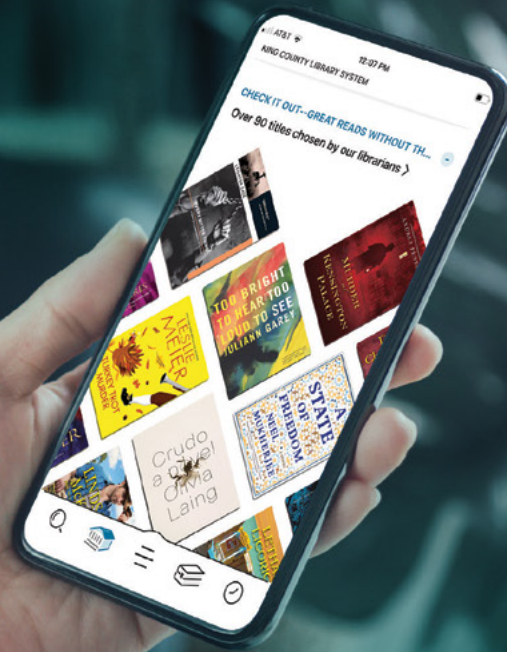


## Bonus Borrows Return in May!

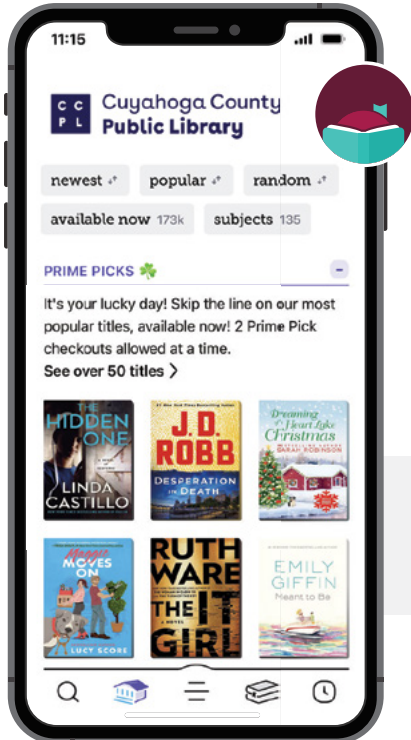


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iOS app user review



Very intuitive and easy to use.  
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App Store review.





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

**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. Pull out and enjoy your Library materials!**

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To learn more about WPL's Homebound Service, please call the Thomas Library Branch at 219-926-7696.

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## NEW MOVIE & TELEVISION SERIES RELEASES

**TV Series Title:** *Paw Patrol: Aqua Pups* // **Rating:** TV-Y

**Synopsis:** The PAW Patrol returns to the magical, underwater city of Puplantis! The pups prevent Puplantis from floating to the surface, participate in the big Mer-race, and chase down the stolen Whale Patroller.

**Movie Title:** *80 for Brady* // **Rating:** PG-13

**Synopsis:** As the New England Patriots reach the Super Bowl in Houston, four female fans become determined to go to the game and meet quarterback Tom Brady, which proves a more memorable experience than they anticipated after the Patriots fall behind by four touchdowns.

**TV Series Title:** *Recipes for Love and Murder. Series 1* // **Rating:** TV-14

**Synopsis:** When Tannie Maria becomes the newspaper's advice columnist, she peppers her responses with delectable recipes to help people fix their problems. But after a woman who wrote to her turns up dead, Maria and her colleague, rookie journalist Jessie, spring into action. They're determined to solve the murder in their small South African town, to the annoyance of a local police detective.

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Every month WPL will send an email about upcoming programs, classes, and events happening at the library. WPL will absolutely never sell or give your email address to anyone else.

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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 2 • 7 PM  
*Valparaiso Community/  
University Concert Band*  
Hawthorne Park, Porter  
500 Rankin St

Friday, June 9 • 7 PM  
*SongSisters*  
Chesterton Park, Chesterton\*  
Morgan Avenue and 5th Street

Friday, June 16 • 7 PM  
*Who's Following Who*  
Chesterton Park, Chesterton\*  
Morgan Avenue and 5th Street

Friday, July 23 • 7 PM  
*Lee Murdock*  
Lakeland Park, Burns Harbor  
1200 Lakeland Drive

Friday, June 30 • 7 PM  
*Vintage Postcard*  
Chesterton Park, Chesterton\*  
Morgan Avenue and 5th Street

Friday, July 14 • 7 PM  
*South Shore Brass Band*  
Hawthorne Park, Porter  
500 Rankin St

\*Please note the new location for all the Chesterton dates!



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