



# WPL NEWSLETTER

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## STEEL: THE REGION'S LEGACY INDUSTRY



Steel mills have been a driving force behind Northwest Indiana's economy for over 100 years. From Inland Steel's Indiana Harbor plant to the last integrated steel mill built

in the U.S. at Burns Harbor, the Region's connection to the steel industry has brought a lot of growth, a lot of development, and a lot of controversy.

On July 8, the Westchester Township History Museum will open a new exhibit that looks back at the 122-year history of steel in the Region and its impact on local towns, the economy, population growth, and transportation. Visitors will be able to see photographs and maps from early mills in East Chicago and Gary, and view some of the artifacts from the Museum collection as well as some on loan from the Northwest Indiana Steel Heritage Group. Visitors can also check out a 4-foot-long wrench and see for themselves how difficult it must be to work with these giant tools.

*Steel: The Region's Legacy Industry* will run through the end of the year. The Museum is open Wednesday 12 – 5 PM, the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of every month from 12 – 5 PM, or by appointment. Call 219-983-9715 for more information.



Top right: Bethlehem Steel Company, Burns Harbor Plant, 1964. Bottom right: Women at work at Inland Steel, 1940. Calumet Regional Archives, IUN.



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



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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 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 Street

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

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**Starting July 1st, all eligible, checked-out WPL items will automatically be renewed!\***

\*Automatic renewals will not apply to new items, or items that are on hold for another patron. As your due date approaches, you will receive a notification if your items have been automatically renewed, along with your new due date. Save time and enjoy all that WPL has to offer for a little while longer!



**ALL TOGETHER NOW**

**SUMMER READING**  
Continues through Saturday, July 15

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# INDIANA AUTHORS AWARDS

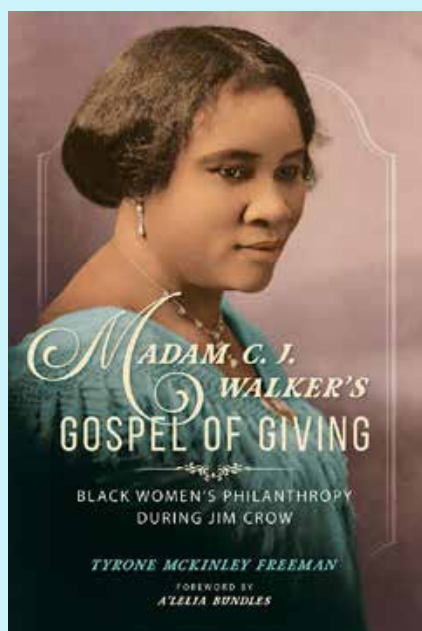
POWERED BY INDIANA HUMANITIES



## Meet the Author: Tyrone McKinley Freeman

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 • 1-2:30 PM**

**Westchester Public Library-Baughner 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 richly detailed biography, *Madam C.J. Walker's Gospel of Giving: Black Women's Philanthropy During Jim Crow*.

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

Following the discussion, there will be a Q & A session, moderated by Reference Library Manager and PNW University Archivist, Joseph Coates. Light refreshments will be served. For adults ages 18 and up.

**Registration opens JULY 23. 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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# PROGRAMS & CRAFT KITS FOR ADULTS

## What's Going On With My Plants?

Wednesday,  
July 5  
6:30-7:30 PM

Join Master Gardener and Purdue Extension Educator, Nikky Witkowski for an interactive program about what your plants are trying to tell you. Nikky can answer your questions about vegetables, fruit, turf and lawn, trees and shrubs, as well as annuals and perennials. This program is for adults ages 18 and up.



**Baughner Center**

Registration opens JUNE 28

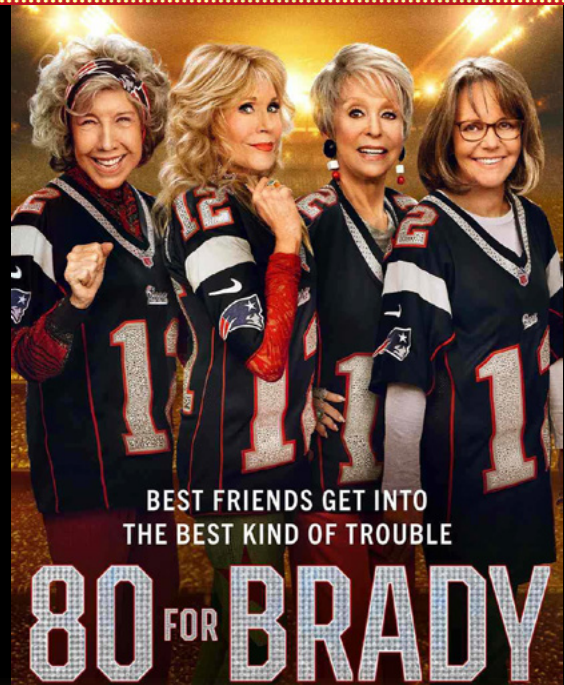
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WPL'S SUNDAY MATINEE



BEST FRIENDS GET INTO  
THE BEST KIND OF TROUBLE

**80 FOR BRADY**

RATED  
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SUNDAY, JULY 16 AT 1:30 PM

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FREE  
POPCORN!

ADULT CRAFT NIGHT

## Indestructible Cactus Garden

Tuesday, July 18, 6:30 PM

Curating your own colorful cactus collection has never been easier. Use rocks and paint to create custom cacti tucked into their own little pot, then finish off your mini-garden with gravel. No prickles, no spills, and no watering needed. For adults ages 18 and up.

**BAUGHNER CENTER**



Registration opens JULY 11

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

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Parents or Caregivers  
of Rising Kindergarteners

## FIRST DAY CHEER BRACELETS AND BAGS



Wednesday, July 19 • 1-2 PM

If you are the parent or caregiver of a child entering Kindergarten, join us to make a name bracelet for you and your child as a reminder that they are being thought of all day. You will also make a bag of items to help encourage and support your child through this significant occasion. For adults 18 and up.

**HAGEMAN BRANCH**

Registration opens JULY 12

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

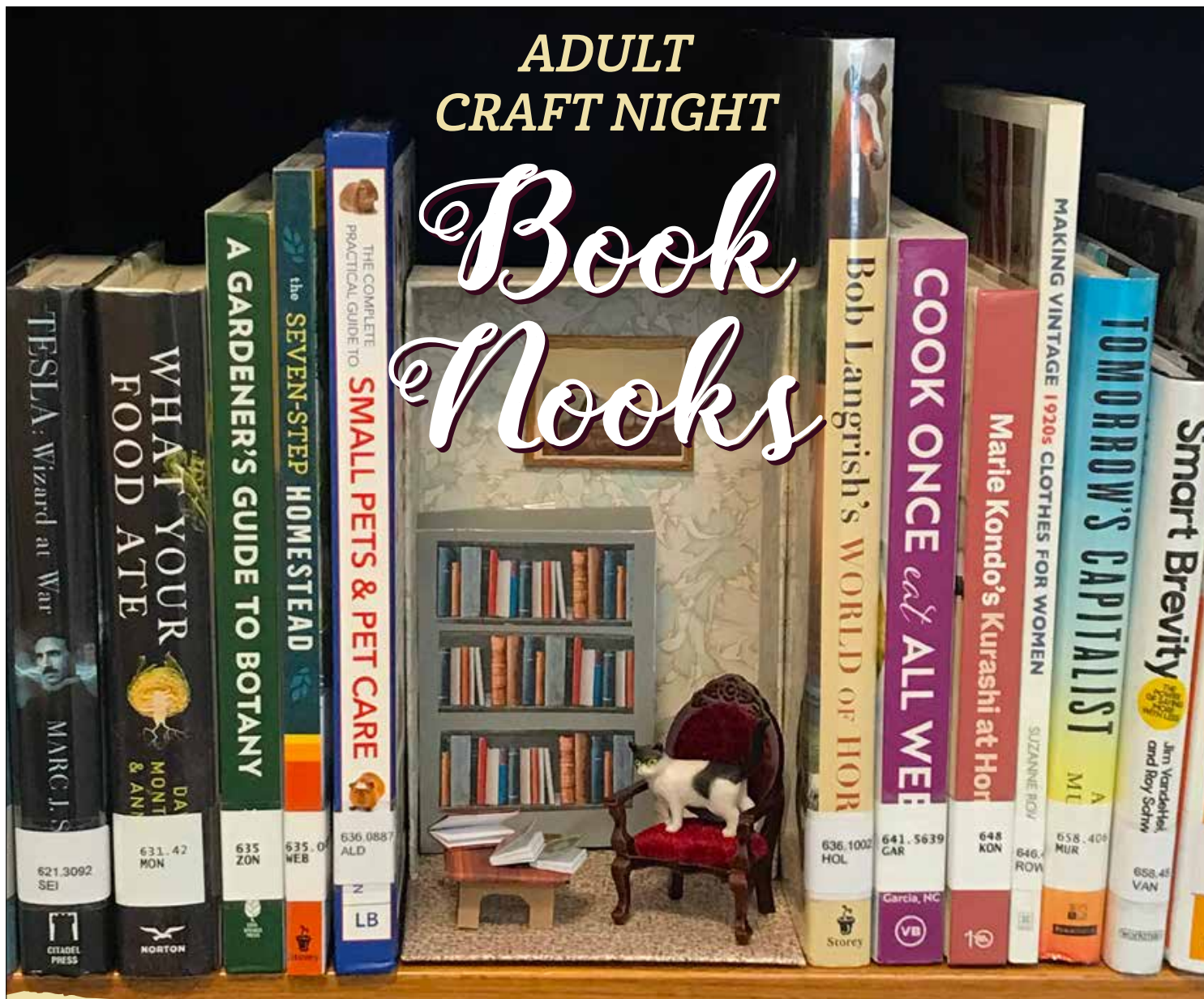
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## ADULT CRAFT NIGHT

# Book Nooks



**Monday, July 24, 6:30 PM**

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Create the reading corner of your dreams - in miniature.

Transform an ordinary school box into an adorable nook for your bookshelf. We'll help you craft your cozy space with papers and templates to make tiny books, accessories, and basic furniture. One upholstered chair and a miniature cat provided! For adults ages 18 and up.

**Registration opens JULY 17**

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

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# Yoga with Cats



**SATURDAY, JULY 29**  
**10 - 11 AM**

**BAUGHER CENTER**

Move over downward dog. Bring your mat for a yoga session among many fabulous felines! The Independent Cat Society will bring a conglomeration of adoptable cats and kittens to socialize and stretch with you, while Misty from Essential Wave Studios will lead a yoga class for all levels.


For adults ages 18 and up. **Registration opens JULY 22.**  
Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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# FOR TEENS & TWEENS

**CRAFT KIT:**  
**DRAWING**  
**OPTICAL ILLUSIONS**



**For Tweens and Teens in Grades 5-12**

Like to look at optical illusions?  
Learn how to make your own with this kit!  
**Registration for this kit opens JULY 6**  
Register online or call 219-926-9080.  
This kit is picked up at **HAGEMAN** from **JULY 13-20**.

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**Let's Make**  
**Roller Coasters**

**FOR TWEENS IN GRADES 5-8**

**TUESDAY, JULY 11, 6 PM**  
**BAUGHER CENTER**



Design and construct your own paper roller coaster and be entered in a raffle to win a gift card to Zao Island!

**Registration opens JULY 3**  
Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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**WRECK A MASTERPIECE**

**Teens in grades 9-12**

**THURSDAY, JULY 20**  
**5 - 6 PM**

If you've ever wanted to tweak a masterpiece, this is the program for you! Join us as we add our own personal touches to famous (and not so famous) works of art.

**BAUGHER CENTER**  
**Registration opens JULY 13**  
Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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# MAGAZINES OF INTEREST



## **Food Network Magazine (Print & Digital)**

*Food Network Magazine* brings passion, fun, and famous food personalities to the table. It is the only epicurean magazine to offer unprecedented access to America's favorite TV chefs and reflects the fun, playful sensibility of the Food Network. Each issue features your favorite *Food Network* talent, plus a behind-the-scenes look at their shows and kitchens, and includes hundreds of accessible recipes and tips for entertaining.



## **Cook's Country (Thomas print & digital)**

*Cook's Country* brings you the very best of home-style country cooking in every issue and is published with absolutely zero advertisements! The magazine is jam-packed with quick and easy-to-follow recipes for a delicious meal that is guaranteed to be enjoyed by all. Taste tests, kitchen equipment reviews, and the latest in appliances fill the remaining pages of this must-have cooking guide. *Cook's Country* will provide you with all of the information you need to have three wholesome and tasty meals on the table every day.

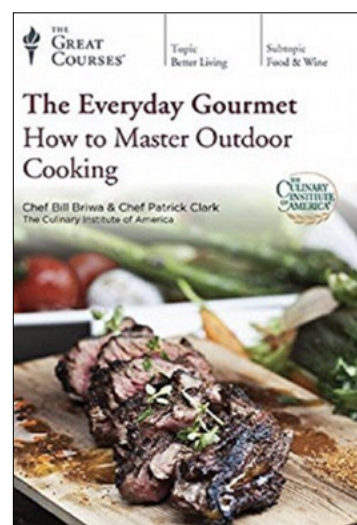
# THE GREAT COURSES

## ***The Everyday Gourmet: How to Master Outdoor Cooking (DVD)***

On warm weather days when family or friends are near, nothing beats firing up the grill for a great meal. Most of us, however, don't take full advantage of all the possibilities for outdoor cooking. Not only can the grill provide a savory seared crust on a juicy steak or add smoky flavor to some barbecue chicken, the grill can also enhance salads, side dishes, and a variety of meats beyond your traditional hamburgers and hot dogs.

Whether you're just starting out or you have a wide range of skills, *The Everyday Gourmet: How to Master Outdoor Cooking* gives you the chance to boost your culinary repertoire and take full advantage of the grill—your "outdoor kitchen." Taught by Bill Briwa and Patrick Clark, two highly acclaimed chefs at the Culinary Institute of America, these twelve informative lectures are filled with detailed demonstrations of techniques and recipes from around the world that will liven up your summer meals.

The beauty of outdoor cooking is in going back to basics, using simple tools and your own sensual awareness of the process to make delicious food. Whether it's the feel of heat from the grill, the sweet smell of fire-roasted onions, or the sound of a sizzling steak over flame, all of your senses play a role in success with the grill. Your instructors show you what the various sights, sounds, and smells mean—and how to make adjustments as you go to create the perfect dish. This course will give you masterful instruction to take your grilling skills to the next level.







## MAKE YOUR OWN BOARD GAME

**FOR KIDS IN GRADES K-4**

Design your own board game – the players, the cards, the board, and the rules. We supply the materials, and you bring the story and the journey. Together, we will create a board game that you can take home to play with your family and friends.

**Thursday, July 6 • 4 PM**  
**BAUGHER CENTER**  
 Registration opens JUNE 28

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

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## Daniel Tiger Be My Neighbor

**For Kids 2-5 and Their Caregivers**

Daniel Tiger fans are invited to come and learn about the people in their neighborhood through interactive role-playing, songs, and stories. Together, we will also create a community art project to display in the Children's Department of the Thomas Branch.

**Monday, July 10 • 10 AM**  
**Baugher Center**  
 Registration opens JUNE 30

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

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## Tinker & Create: LIVING LIGHTS

**FOR KIDS IN GRADES 1-4**

We're wild about bioluminescence and iridescence! Join us for glo-sticks, movies, experiments, an art project, and more that will show the differences between these two phenomena and how and where they occur in nature.



**Monday, July 10**  
**4:30-5:30 PM**  
**Hageman Branch**  
 Registration opens JULY 3

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

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## TODDLER ROUND-UP

**For Kids Ages 2 - 3 and Their Caregivers**

**Thursdays, 10-10:30 am**  
**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 June 29.**

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

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# SLIME TIME

**Make Your Favorite**

**For Kids in Grades K-4**

**Wednesday, July 12**  
**4 - 5 PM**

**Crunchy, fluffy, cloudy, shiny: the slimes you know and love.**  
Make your favorite variety to take home and enjoy your own  
satisfyingly gooey, squishy, stretchy slime.

 **Baughner Center**

**Registration opens JULY 5**

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

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# CRAFT KIT: SQUISHY KEYCHAIN



## CRAFT KIT FOR KIDS IN GRADES K-4

Get ready for your back-to-school days by decorating your own squishy keychain. Add it to your reusable water bottle, lunch box, or backpack so you can easily identify your gear at school.

**Registration opens JULY 27.**

Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your kit.  
This craft kit is picked up at THOMAS from AUGUST 3-10.

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# CRAFTERNOONS PICK-UP CRAFT KIT

at the Hageman Branch



## TISSUE PAPER BUMBLE BEE

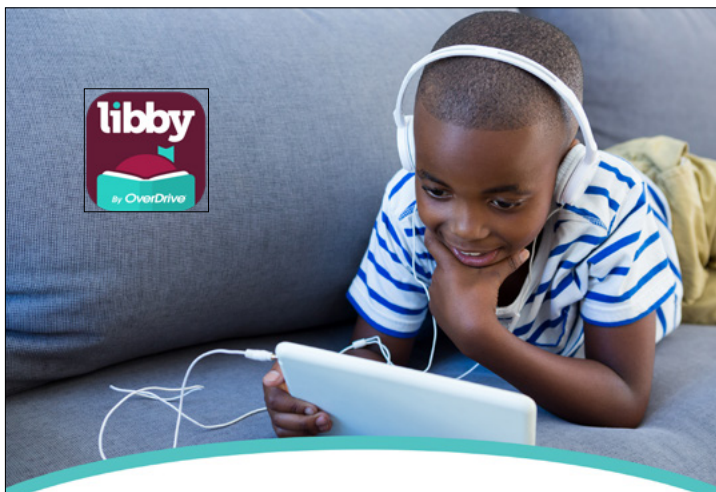


The kit includes everything you need to make your own 3-D textured, tissue paper bumble bee. This craft kit is for ages 2-5.

**Registration opens  
JULY 29**

Call the Hageman Branch at 219-926-9080 to reserve your Craft Kit, or register online. This kit is picked up at the HAGEMAN BRANCH August 5-11.

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# 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 our annual summer camp at the Museum!  
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.

# STEEL

## THE REGION'S LEGACY INDUSTRY

**ON DISPLAY THROUGH 2023**

**WESTCHESTER TOWNSHIP HISTORY MUSEUM**

Look back at the 122-year history of steel in the Region and its impact on local towns, the economy, population growth, and transportation.

The exhibit includes photographs, maps, and artifacts from the Museum collection, as well as some on loan from the Northwest Indiana Steel Heritage Group. Come see the 4-foot-long wrench and try it out to see how difficult it must be to work with these giant tools.

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.

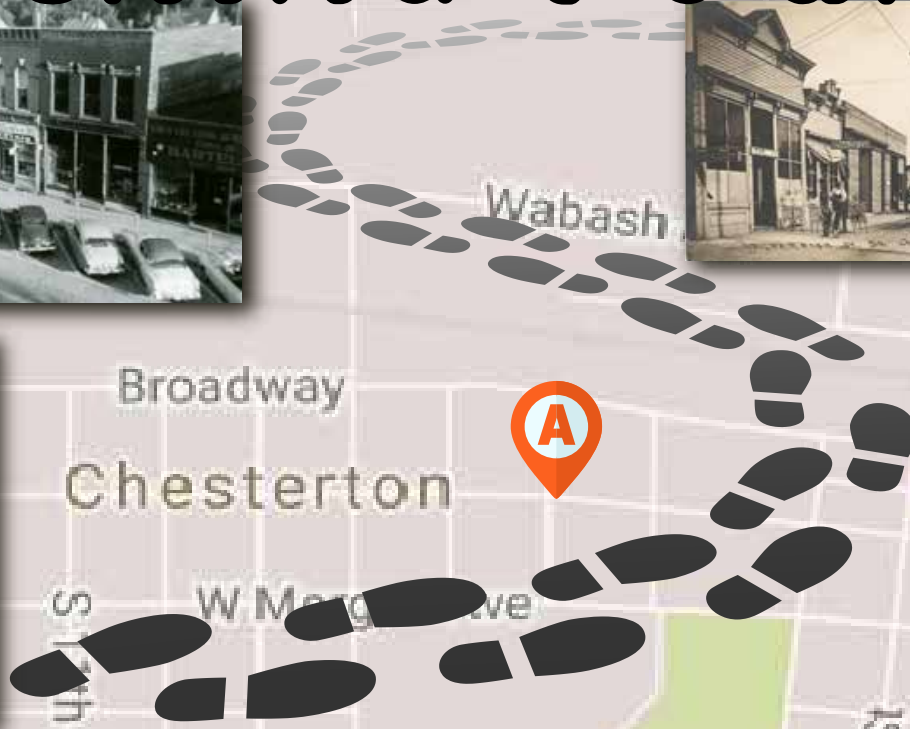
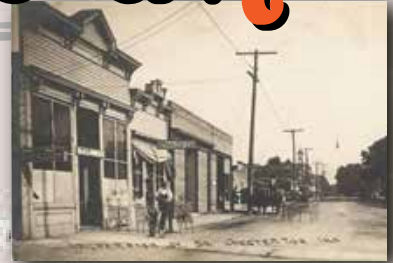


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# Historic Chesterton

# WALKING TOUR



**Friday, July 21 or August 18  
4-5:30 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. Tour lasts approximately 90 minutes.

**Registration is required and limited to 20 people.  
Registration opens 2 weeks before program date.**

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## MINERAL SPRINGS RACE TRACK

Porter's Mineral Springs Race Track was short-lived but very lively in that short time. It was meant to be the beginning of a grand resort, with entertainment, a spa, and more. But it was shut down by the governor of Indiana for gambling—twice. Museum Curator Serena Ard will explore the history of the track and the lingering questions about political dealings surrounding the track's closure.

**SATURDAY, JULY 8  
10 - 11 AM**

Attend in person at the Museum  
or on **zoom**.  
Registration opens JUNE 24

**Westchester Township  
History Museum**

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## 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.

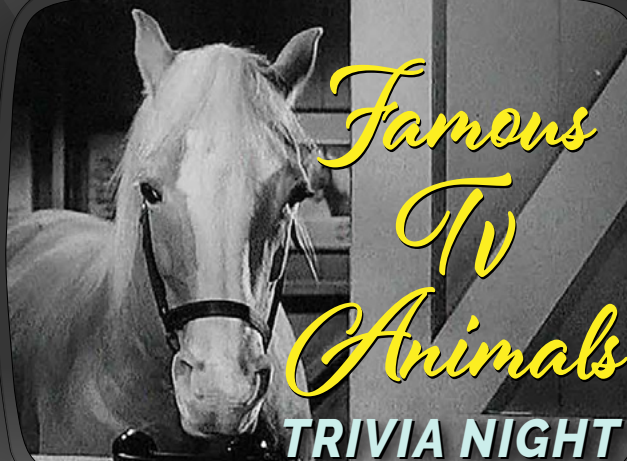
The group is composed of Suzanne Keldsen, playing guitar, recorders, and fiddle; Jim Nelson on guitar; Lynn Edgemon playing guitar and banjo; and Marti Pizzini on autoharp, dulcimer, and guitar.

**2:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**THURSDAY,  
JULY 13**

**THE BROWN MANSION**

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**TUESDAY, JULY 25 • 7-8 PM**

From Lassie and Brian to Mr. Ed and the Geico Gecko, test your knowledge of famous TV animals at this month's Trivia Night!

Teams of 1-4 can vie for the prize.

Seating is limited and is first come, first served.

Doors open at 6:45 PM.

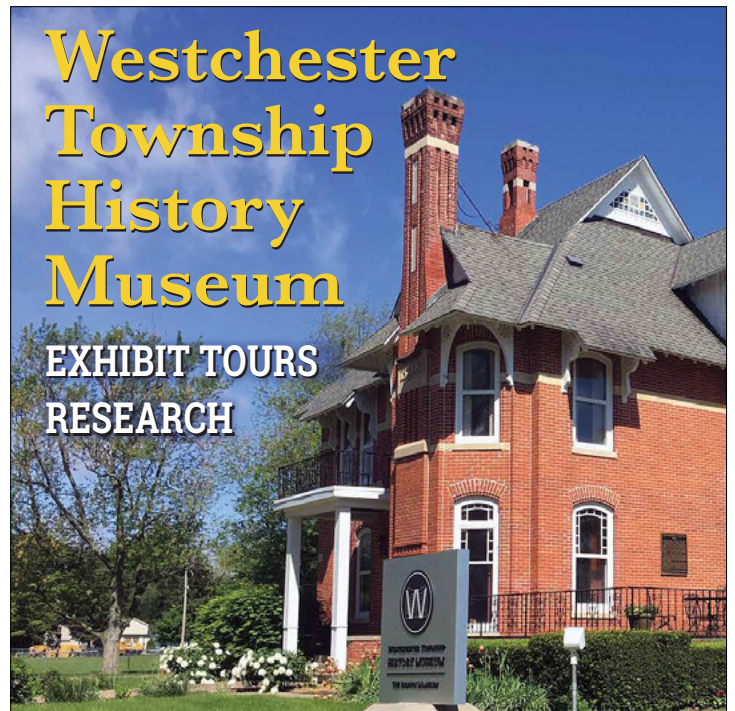
**Westchester Township History Museum**

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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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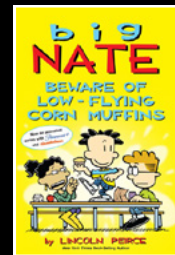


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Read with your kids on Libby, the library reading app.







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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## NEW MOVIE & TELEVISION SERIES RELEASES

**Movie Title:** *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* // **Rating:** PG

**Synopsis:** A Brooklyn plumber named Mario travels through the Mushroom Kingdom with a princess named Peach and an anthropomorphic mushroom named Toad to find Mario's brother, Luigi, and to save the world from a ruthless fire-breathing Koopa named Bowser.

**Movie Title:** *The Covenant (aka Guy Ritchie's The Covenant)* // **Rating:** R

**Synopsis:** After an ambush, Afghan interpreter Ahmed (Dar Salim) goes to Herculean lengths to save US Army Sergeant John Kinley (Jake Gyllenhaal)'s life. When Kinley learns that Ahmed and his family were not given safe passage to America as promised, he must repay his debt by returning to the war zone to retrieve them before the Taliban hunts them down first.

**TV Series Title:** *Frozen Planet II* // **Rating:** TV-PG

**Synopsis:** Life in the extreme. In a fragile world of beauty and hostility, nature finds a way to survive and thrive. Sir David Attenborough explores a planet on the brink of major change.

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