



WPL NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2023

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL



With over 700 games in our collection, there's something for all interests and ages!



Discover a world of delight and entertainment at Westchester Public Library with our impressive collection of over 700 game titles waiting to be explored! Whether you're a fan of board games, tabletop games, card games, or video games, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

As the holiday season approaches and days grow colder, take advantage of the extensive board game collection offered at the Library. There's nothing quite like the warmth and coziness of spending time indoors with family and friends, gathered around a table, sharing laughter, and engaging in friendly competition. Games are the perfect remedy for winter doldrums, making your indoor gatherings even more memorable.

Games offer numerous benefits beyond just entertainment. They strengthen relationships and foster a sense of togetherness. They also offer a chance to exercise your brain, enhancing cognitive functions, problem-solving skills, and strategic thinking. Playing board games can teach valuable life skills, such as setting goals and being patient, as well as the importance of good sportsmanship.

Join the community of local game enthusiasts, and experience the benefits of this engaging pastime. WPL's game collections serve patrons of all ages and can be found in both the Thomas and Hageman Branches. Stop by and pick up a game today!



WPL SYSTEM WILL CLOSE AT 6 PM ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22.
WE WILL BE CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 23 AND 24 IN OBSERVANCE OF THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.





FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FALL BOOK SALE

NOVEMBER
SAT. 4 & SUN. 5
9 AM - 4 PM

MEMBERS ONLY PREVIEW ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, FROM 4 - 8 PM

BAUGHER CENTER

**100 W. INDIANA AVE.
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Join the Friends of the Westchester Public Library for their Fall Book Sale. Books and movies of all genres will be available at low prices.

Membership to the Friends of the Library may be purchased at the Thomas Circulation desk, or at the door the first night of the sale.

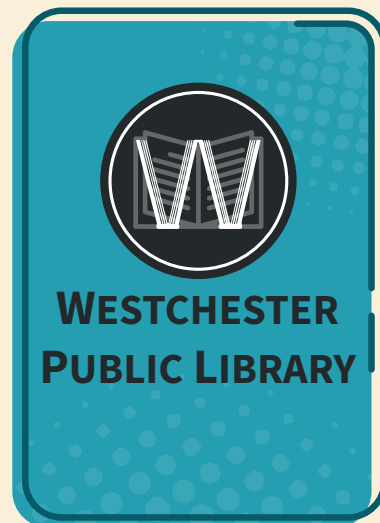
Proceeds from the sale are donated to WPL and help fund programs for all ages.



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PUBLIC LIBRARY**



Write It Up Write It Out Short Story Challenge



FOR TWEENS AND TEENS IN GRADES 5 - 12

November is **National Novel Writing Month**
and we're celebrating with a short story challenge!

Rules:

- All submissions are due by 11:59pm on November 30th
- All stories must be emailed as a PDF attachment to your friendly neighborhood YA Librarian, Sionna, at sionna@wpl.lib.in.us
- Stories must be no longer than five pages double-spaced, in Times New Roman or Arial font.
 - One entry per person.
- Stories must be your own original work, but writing fanfiction is allowed.
 - Keep the contents of your story PG-13.
- Your entry must include a cover page with the title of your short story and your name.
- In the body of your email, please include your name, and best method to reach you if you are selected in the drawing. The prize winner will be contacted by December 5th.

Cozy Reading Prize Package



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ZOOM PRESENTATION: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES of the CALUMET REGION

with Dr. Theodore J. Karamanski



Wednesday, November 15
6:30-7:30 PM

Join Professor of History and Director of the Public History Program at Loyola University Chicago, Dr. Theodore J. Karamanski, for an illustrated, historical presentation about the indigenous peoples of our region.

Long before the Calumet Region was the home of mills, malls, and dune parks it was native ground. We will review the centuries when American Indians made the only footprints upon the land, and will explore in detail the process by which they were dispossessed and the means by which they have persisted in the lower Lake Michigan basin.

For adults ages 18 and up. This program will take place virtually via Zoom.

Registration opens NOVEMBER 1

This program will take place virtually via **zoom**.



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HOLIDAY HACK Recycled Magazine Trees


**Wednesday, November 8
1-2 PM**

Bring a friend along as we repurpose old magazines to create a unique, beautiful treasure to decorate your home or office. This program is for adults ages 18 and up.

HAGEMAN BRANCH

Registration opens **NOVEMBER 1**
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BIFOCAL BOOKIES


***The Last Blue*
by Isla Morley**



From a happenstance meeting between a woman isolated from society, and a photographer accustomed to keeping himself at lens distance from others, comes a mesmerizing story in which the dark shades of betrayal, prejudice, fear, and guilt are refracted along with the incandescent hues of passion and courage. This luminous story is inspired by the fascinating real case of "the Blue People of Kentucky."


**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14
1-2 PM**


HAGEMAN BRANCH

This program is for adults ages 18 and up
Registration opens **NOVEMBER 7**
Call 219-926-9080 to reserve your spot.

 Limited copies are available at Hageman.

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 **WPL'S SUNDAY MATINEE**



LOVE AGAIN

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 AT 1:30 PM

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100 W. INDIANA AVENUE, CHESTERTON, IN

RATED PG-13

FREE POPCORN!

ADULT CRAFT NIGHT

Imaginative Illuminators

**MONDAY
NOVEMBER 13
6:30 PM**

Grab a friend and join us in making luminaries for your Thanksgiving walkway. In honor of those we hold close, both near and far, they will be made out of map pages from an atlas.

This program is for adults ages 18 and up.

BAUGHER CENTER

Registration opens **NOVEMBER 6**

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Amazing Amaryllis

with Jill Kilhefner



**Thursday,
November 30
6:30-7:30 PM**
Baughner Center



Learn about amaryllis care, including tips for growth, storage, and re-blooming, with Porter County Master Gardener Jill Kilhefner. Then, wrap up your own amaryllis bulb in a decorated terracotta pot for an easy and impressive DIY gift that's perfect for any flower fan.

For adults ages 18 and up.

Registration opens November 21.

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



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Adult Craft Night:

FRAMED FALL FOLIAGE



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20 • 6:30 PM

Preserve autumn's beauty and celebrate your love of books with this classic-yet-rustic decor. Combine a pressed, colorful fall leaf, earthy burlap, and a book page to create a unique 8.5" x 11" framed wall hanging. For adults ages 18 and up.

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Registration opens **NOVEMBER 13**

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Holiday Gift Card Holders

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 6
1-2 PM**

Join us to get a head start on your holiday wrapping. You will create 3 different holiday themed gift card holders and enjoy the company of other crafters.

This program is for adults ages 18 and up.

Hageman Branch

Registration opens **NOVEMBER 29**

Register online or call 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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READING TUTORING PROGRAM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join our crew of volunteer reading tutors! Help kids fall in love with reading, as well as succeed in their schoolwork. These opportunities are low time commitments with long-lasting, positive effects. Submit your volunteer application online at <https://wpl.lib.in.us/volunteer/> or visit the Thomas Branch for a hard copy of our application.

All volunteers undergo a criminal history check.

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FOR TEENS & TWEENS

Fractured Fairy Tales

Teens in
grades 9-12

Saturday, November 11
2-3 PM

Join us as we learn about what makes a fairy tale a fairy tale, discuss how to fracture these tales to make them our own, and share our favorite fairy tale retellings.

Registration opens **NOVEMBER 4**

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



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CRAFT KIT:

HOT CHOCOLATE SPOONS

FOR TWEENS AND TEENS IN GRADES 5-12

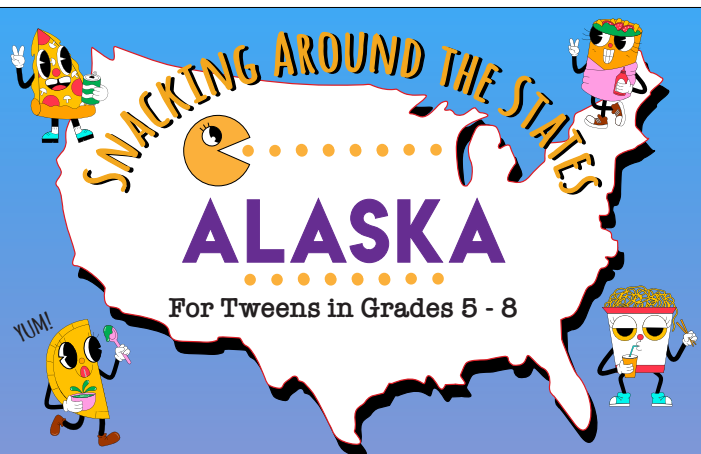
Register for this kit to make a spoon that'll make your hot chocolate even more delicious and fancy.



Registration for this kit opens **NOVEMBER 2**

Register online or call 219-926-9080 to reserve your kit.
This craft kit is picked up at HAGEMAN from **NOVEMBER 9-16**.

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Explore your 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 Alaska and focusing on Alaskan Native heritage. We will also eat snacks and play trivia. Join us to learn more about this amazing country we live in!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16
6-7 PM



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Registration opens **NOVEMBER 9**

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Let's Make Chocolate Coconut Pudding

FOR TWEENS IN GRADES 5-8

Wednesday,
November 29
6-7 PM

Join us as we make chocolate coconut pudding and play the game Suspicion.

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Registration opens **NOVEMBER 22**

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



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CRAFT KIT:

Light Up Cards

FOR TWEENS & TEENS
IN GRADES 5-12

Send an "illuminating" message in your greeting cards. Register for this kit to learn how to make a light up card.

Registration for
this kit opens
NOVEMBER 30

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

This craft kit is picked up at HAGEMAN
from **DECEMBER 7-14**.

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MAGAZINES OF INTEREST



***Writer's Digest* (Thomas print & digital)**

For the writer at heart. *Writer's Digest* focuses on the craft of writing, the tools and information for writing, and the markets for writing. Features examine how to write and sell magazine and newspaper articles, books, plays, poetry and scripts.



***Writing Magazine* (digital)**

The saying goes that “everyone has a story in them” and it’s the mission of *Writing Magazine* to help you get yours out. Brought to you by real experts who know what it takes to improve your writing or get published, this monthly magazine is a must-have for all writers.

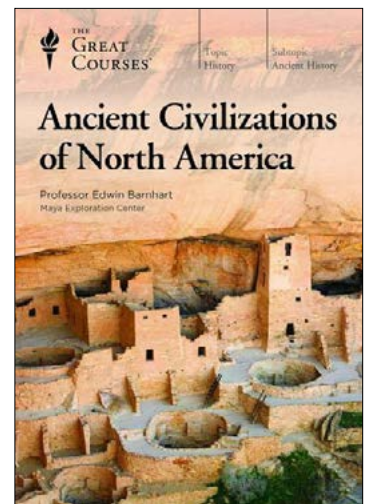
THE GREAT COURSES

***Ancient Civilizations of North America* (DVD)**

Arriving in the 15th century, European explorers came to North America hoping to discover another civilization like those of the Maya or Inca to plunder. Not finding mountains of gold or silver, they saw no value in what they did find: myriad sophisticated cultures with hundreds of vibrant cities, roadways, canals, extensive trade networks, art, religious traditions, and thousands of earthen pyramids.

The people who shaped these civilizations—the engineers, political leaders, mathematicians, and astronomers—were also considered to be of no value, labeled by the Europeans as primitive and backwards, often enslaved or murdered. And because the native peoples left no written language, the narrative continued to be shaped by the conquerors, passed down as truth from generation to generation.

But now—with the technological advances of modern archaeology and a new perspective on world history—we are finally able to piece together their compelling stories. In 24 exciting lectures supported by explanatory maps, beautiful photographs and illustrations, and 3-D models that bring it all to life, *Ancient Civilizations of North America* will take you on an eye-opening journey through thousands of years of unique and fascinating ancient cultures. Professor Edwin Barnhart, director of the Maya Exploration Center, will show you a world you never knew existed and how native nations have influenced our lives today.



FOR KIDS

DINO-VEMBER

T-Rex Tea Party

For Kids Ages 2-5 and Their Caregivers



Thursday,
November 16
4-5 PM

Dinosaur fans are invited to join us for a tea-rrific time while enjoying a drink and a snack to celebrate DINO-vement. Learn about dinosaurs as we read a story, play games, practice using manners, and create a dynamite craft. Come dressed in your fanciest tea clothes or most ferocious dinosaur outfit.

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Registration opens **NOVEMBER 9**

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Toddler Time

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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 or 11-11:30 AM
11/6 • 11/13 • 11/20 • 11/27 • 12/4

Registration opens **OCTOBER 30**

Tickle Tales

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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
11/7 • 11/14 • 11/21 • 11/28 • 12/5

FRIDAYS 10-10:30 AM
11/10 • 11/17 • 12/1 • 12/8

Registration opens **OCTOBER 31**

Little Explorers How Things Work

BAUGHER CENTER

For Kids Ages 4-6 and Their Caregivers

Join Miss Justine for stories about "how things work."

WEDNESDAYS 4-4:30 PM
11/8 • 11/15 • 11/22
11/29 • 12/6

Registration opens **NOVEMBER 1**

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



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For Babies Birth-24 Months and Their Caregivers

TUESDAYS 9-10 AM

FRIDAYS 9-10 AM

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For Kids in Grades K-4

In observance of Native American Heritage Month, we will gather to learn about Native American history, traditions, and teachings. Together, we will also learn to make sweetgrass braids as we discuss the strength it represents.

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Registration opens OCTOBER 26

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

Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants is a New York Times bestseller by Robin Wall Kimmerer, a mother, scientist, professor, and enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.



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In honor of National Novel Writing Month, we will play word games to increase our awareness of how important it is to use just the right word when we communicate and write.



Registration opens NOVEMBER 6

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



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Do you hear what I hear? That's the joy of giving!



For Kids Ages 2-5 and Their Caregivers

Join us to make ugly holiday sweater ornaments – one for yourself and one for a library patron that is homebound. Wear your best sweater and let's “Go Ugly” and celebrate the holiday season in true ugly sweater fashion.

December 1 • 4-5 PM
BAUGHER CENTER

Registration opens on NOVEMBER 22

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



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Holiday House Decorating

- For Youth in Grades K-12 ●
- Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

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Let's get the holidays started!
You will get your very own miniature holiday house to decorate with icing and a plethora of add-ons. There are six half-hour sessions for this event.
Register for one session only.

Saturday,
December 2
9 AM - NOON

Registration opens **NOVEMBER 25**
Register online or by calling 219-926-9080



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CRAFTERNOONS

PICK-UP CRAFT KIT

at the Hageman Branch

WOODEN REINDEER




This Craft Kit includes everything you need to make an adorable wooden reindeer with sparkly antlers and nose, that you can hang anywhere in your house. This Craft Kit is for Kids Ages 2 to 5.


Registration opens NOVEMBER 25

Register online or call 219-926-9080 to reserve your kit. This craft kit is picked up at HAGEMAN from DECEMBER 2-9.

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GAMERS UNITE:

Code Your Own Video Game



For Kids in Grades K - 4

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 • 4 - 5 PM

Do you love **ROBLOX** or **MINECRAFT**?


Join Miss Justine in this nationwide effort to demystify the computer science language of code – while creating your own video game!



As part of Computer Science Education Week's Hour of Code, we will gather and do coding activities that will familiarize us with the basic tools you need and want for your gaming.

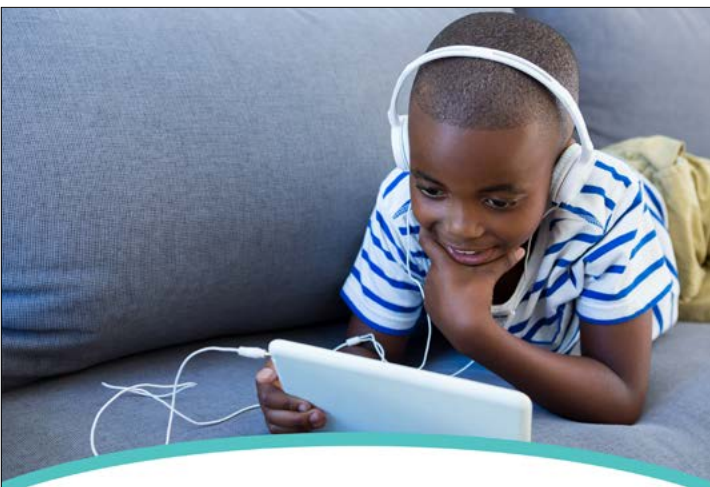
THOMAS BRANCH-IT CLASSROOM

Registration opens NOVEMBER 30

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


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MONDEGREEN TRIVIA NIGHT

**Tuesday,
November 28
7-8 PM**

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**Westchester Township
History Museum**

A mondegreen is a mishearing or misunderstanding of lyrics. Test your ability to hear the correct lyrics. From Bruce Springsteen and Nirvana to holiday songs and mondegreens in movies. Teams of 1-4 can vie for the prize.

Doors open at 6:45 PM.
Seating is first come,
first served.

**For more information
call 219-983-9715.**



*HOLD ME CLOSER,
TONY DANZA!*



Westchester Township History Museum

PRESERVATION 101

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
10-11 AM

Learn the basics for preserving your keepsakes and heirlooms with Museum Curator Serena Ard. She will discuss some of the things that can cause deterioration in keepsakes, and give tips to stop deterioration. Attendees will receive a handout with notes, tips, and places to access archival materials.

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

Registration opens NOVEMBER 25

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MUSIC AT THE MUSEUM

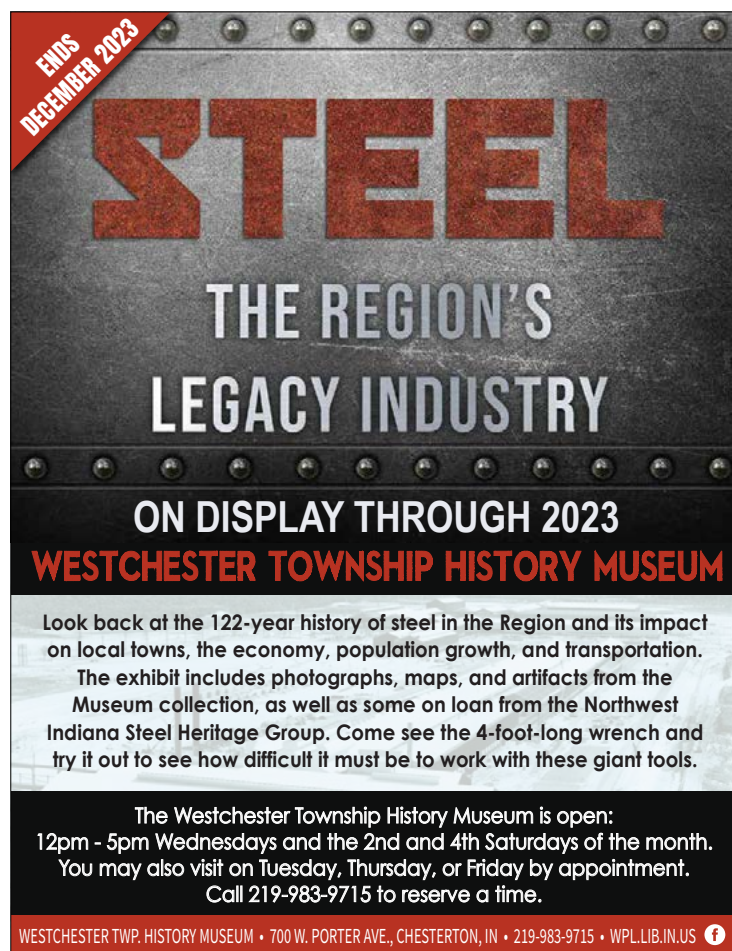
Join the Flashbacks for a blast from the past as they present hits from the past 500 years. They focus on folk music from various countries and include some classics that you may have heard before.

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,
NOVEMBER 9

THE BROWN MANSION

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ENDS
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STEEL

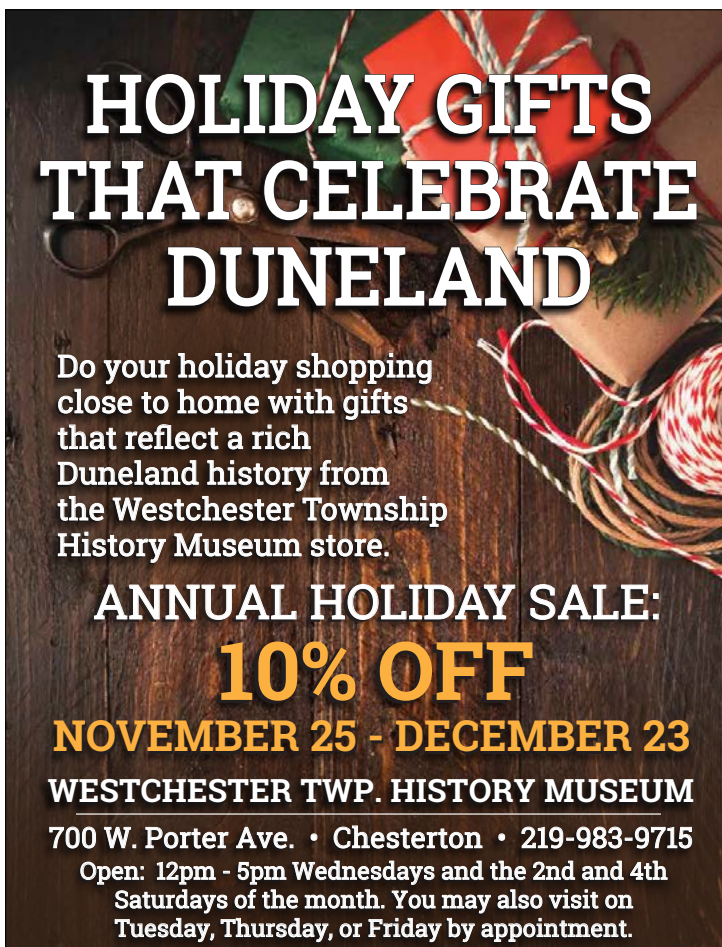
THE REGION'S LEGACY INDUSTRY

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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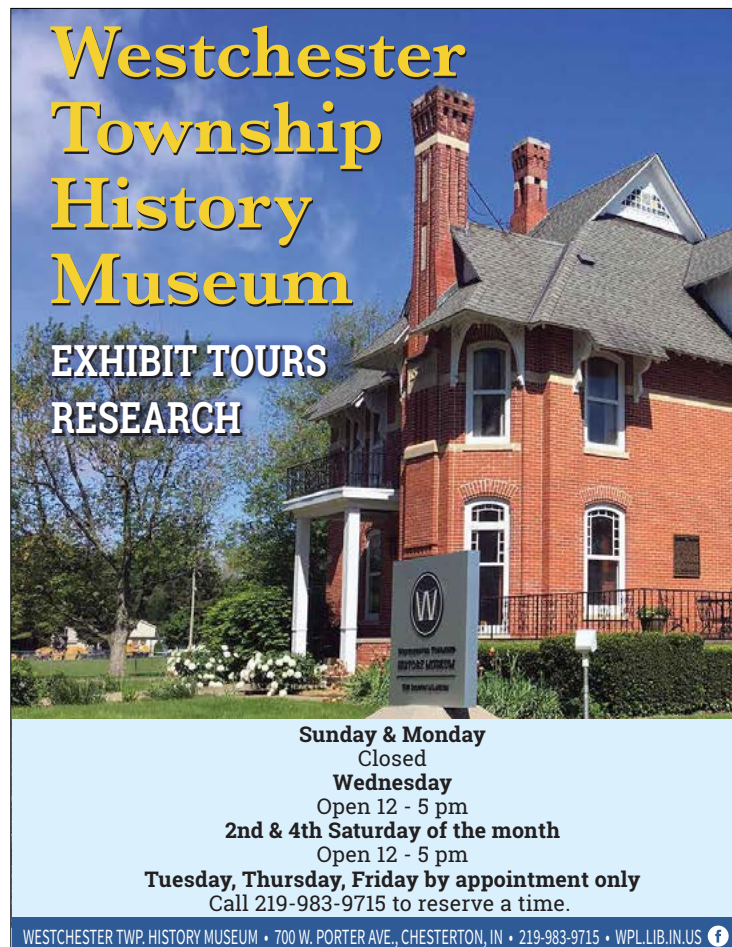


HOLIDAY GIFTS THAT CELEBRATE DUNELAND

Do your holiday shopping close to home with gifts that reflect a rich Duneland history from the Westchester Township History Museum store.

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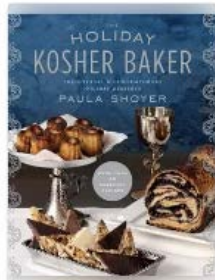
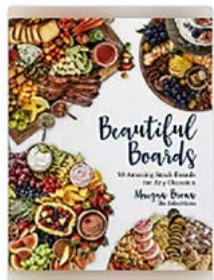
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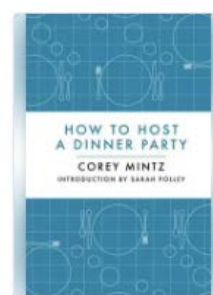
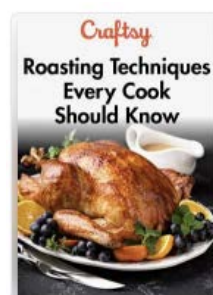
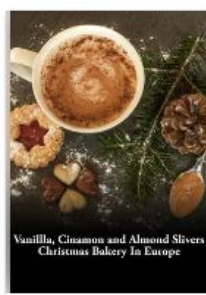
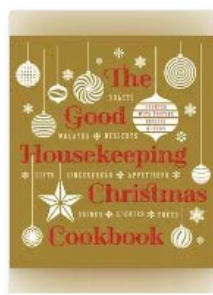
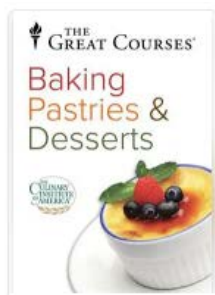
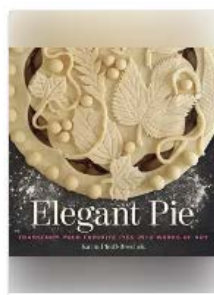
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Monday-Friday 1pm-6pm at both branches;
Saturday 11:30am-4:30pm at Thomas Branch;
Saturday 1:30pm-4:30pm at Hageman Branch;
Sunday 1:30pm-4:30pm at Thomas Branch

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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**Duneland's Swedish Immigrants Series**

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Movie Title: *Animal Crackers* // **Rating:** PG

Synopsis: A family must use a magical box of animal crackers to save a run-down circus from being taken over by their evil uncle Horatio P. Huntington.

Movie Title: *Prey* // **Rating:** R

Synopsis: The epic Predator legacy continues with this action-thriller set in the Comanche Nation. When Naru, a fierce and highly skilled young warrior, sets out to protect her people, the prey she stalks turns out to be a highly evolved alien predator, leading to a vicious and terrifying showdown.

Movie Title: *Petite Maman* (French) // **Rating:** PG

Synopsis: *Petite Maman* transcends time and space to weave a delicately emotional fable about grief, family, and connection across generations. In the wake of her grandmother's death, eight-year-old Nelly accompanies her distraught mother to her childhood home. There, Nelly's encounter with another young girl brings mother and daughter together in a way neither could have ever imagined.

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