



WPL NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2024

VIRTUAL RESOURCES FOR ALL AGES

Have you visited our Virtual Library? Explore the media you love– and find something new– with Westchester Public Library’s extensive virtual offerings.

All patrons inside the library can access **Ancestry Library Edition**, an unparalleled genealogical database that delivers billions of records in census data, vital records, directories, photos, and more. News buffs can stay up-to-date with online access to the **New York Times**, available both in and outside of the library.

Westchester Public Library also offers streaming resources and downloadables that resident patrons can access from the comfort of their homes. Go beyond books with our online eBooks, eAudiobooks, streaming movies, and music, all available 24/7 at wpl.lib.in.us.

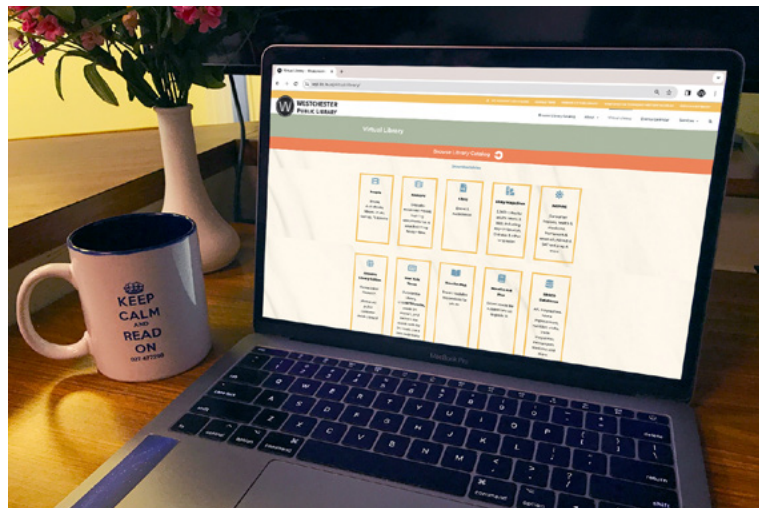
For avid readers, **Libby** provides access to over 17,000 titles. Explore eBooks, eAudiobooks, and magazines from anywhere with internet access (and, if you’re looking for internet access, WPL offers free WiFi at both of our locations).

For movies and TV shows, music, books, audiobooks, and comics– and a kids’ section, too– turn to **Hoopla**. For teens, Hoopla offers a number of popular graphic novels, including *Attack on Titan* and *Fire Force*.

If you want to watch something thought-provoking, try **Kanopy**, for critically-acclaimed movies, documentaries, TV shows, and award-winning foreign films. WPL offers unlimited access to Kanopy’s kids’ section, including kids’ TV shows, movies, storytimes, and more.

Best of all, all of our Virtual Library items return themselves automatically, so there’s no worrying about due dates or fees.

Stop by in person or online, and see what you can discover in our Virtual Library today!



Look for WPL’s Virtual Library at
<https://wpl.lib.in.us/virtual-library/>

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eMusic, eComics and more



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Expert readalike suggestions
for adults



The New York Times

Access original, quality
journalism



Novelist K-8 Plus

Expert readalike suggestions
up to grade 12



Ancestry Library Edition

Genealogical Research



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Consumer Reports, ASVAB
and SAT test prep and more



EBSCO database

Art, biographies, home improvement, nutrition, crafts, trade magazines,
newspapers, medicine and more



Holiday Hours

WPL will be closed on:
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31
and
MONDAY, JANUARY 1

Regular hours
resume January 2

*We wish you a
happy & safe
New Year!*

Cheers

TO JANUARY AUTHOR TALKS

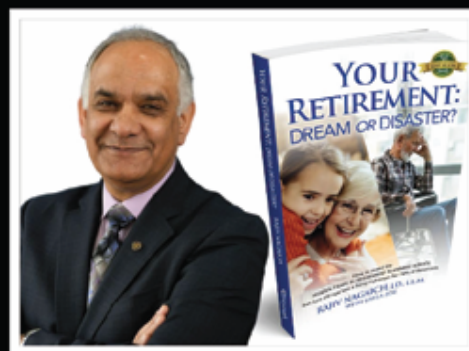
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Westchester Public Library
Webinars and Online Events
Registration at: library.org/wpl



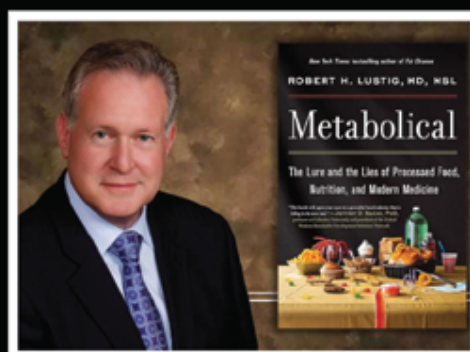
Rebecca Serle

Wednesday, January 10, 7 PM CT



Rajiv Nagainch

Tuesday, January 23, 1 PM CT



Dr. Robert Lustig

Tuesday, January 30, 1 PM CT

Social Action Challenge



*"Life's most persistent and urgent question is,
'What are you doing for others?' "
– Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

We honor the memory and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by reflecting upon his dedicated pursuit of civil rights and justice.

To celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, we're offering Social Action Challenge Kits to empower you to make a positive difference in your community. Stop in and pick one up at either branch, or call for Curbside Pickup!

*Available beginning January 15,
while supplies last.*



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Adult Craft Night

Tub Teas

Lavender
Tub Tea

chamomile

Wednesday, January 24
6:30 pm

Nothing soothes the soul like a good long soak, especially with a heady infusion of calming scents. Use chamomile, lavender, and peppermint to craft three custom bath tea bags, complete with personalized tags. Pack them up in a decorative paper sleeve for a sweet and simple gift, perfect for that special someone, or just as a personal pick-me-up.

For adults ages 18 and up.

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Registration opens January 17

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



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Popular Books

DISCUSSION GROUP

Monday, January 8 at 2 PM
BAUGHER CENTER

Hang the Moon **By: Jeannette Walls**

Sallie Kincaid remembers little about her mother who died in a violent argument with her father, Duke. By the time she is just eight years old, Duke has remarried and had a son, Eddie. When Sallie tries to teach young Eddie to be more like their father, her daredevil coaching leads to an accident, and Sallie is cast out.

Nine years later, she returns, determined to reclaim her place in the family. She navigates the factions in the family and town, and finally comes into her own as a bold, sometimes reckless bootlegger. This program is for adults ages 18 and up.



Please call the Thomas Branch at 219-926-7696 for book availability.

Next Month's Book Club Date: February 5

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BIFOCAL BOOKIES

The Little Wartime Library **by Kate Thompson**

An uplifting and inspiring novel based on the true story of a librarian who created an underground shelter during World War II.

This program is for adults ages 18 and up.



Limited copies are available at Hageman.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9
1-2 PM
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FEBRUARY 13
Take My Hand by Dolen Perkins-Valdez
Call 219-926-9080 for more information.

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Adult Craft: **CLAY POT SNOWMAN**



WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 10
1-2 PM

Join fellow crafters to make an adorable snowman out of a clay pot, then take home some hot chocolate with marshmallows to keep you warm. This program is for adults ages 18 and up.

Hageman Branch

Registration opens JANUARY 3

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

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ADULT **CRAFT NIGHT:**

I have a dream...
PUZZLE PEACE WREATH

In his famous speech, Martin Luther King Jr. shared his dream of the day when children will "live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by their character."

We will honor his words by making a puzzle peace wreath.

This program is for adults ages 18 and up.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16
6:30 - 7:30 PM
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Registration opens JANUARY 9

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

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ADULT CRAFT NIGHT:

Cardboard Cat Castles

**MONDAY,
JANUARY 15
6:30 PM**

Treat your favorite feline (or other small pet) to a custom-crafted cardboard castle—or bed, mansion, or tower.

Transform a variety of ordinary shipping boxes and scrap cardboard into a pet paradise, personalized with paint, fabric, felt, and more.

For adults ages 18 and up.

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**Registration opens
JANUARY 8**

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WPL'S SUNDAY MATINEE



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 AT 1:30 PM

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100 W. INDIANA AVENUE, CHESTERTON, IN

FREE
POPCORN!

ADULT CRAFT NIGHT:

Midwinter "Think Spring" Give and Get Candles



Monday, January 29 • 6:30 pm

Yes, it's midwinter, but it's never too early to think Spring. Use paint, scrapbook paper, twine, tags, and more to craft two colorful custom candles—one to give, and one to keep. Brighten someone's day while you light up your own. For adults ages 18 and up.

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Registration opens JANUARY 22

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Adult Craft Night AIR-DRY CLAY VALENTINE JEWELRY



Wednesday, February 7 • 6:30 PM

Hand-craft your own adorable Valentine jewelry from air-dry clay. Create tiny love letters and hearts for your ears, along with a custom stamped pendant. Perfect as a pick-me-up for yourself, or as gifts for someone special. For adults ages 18 and up.

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Registration opens JANUARY 31

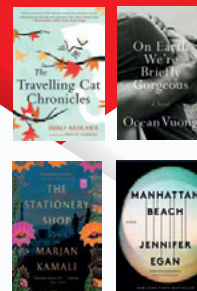
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WPL BOOK CLUB KITS



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 multiple 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.



**WESTCHESTER
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

FOR TEENS & TWEENS

RUBBER DUCKY COSPLAY

FOR TWEENS IN GRADES 5-8

**Saturday,
January 13
2-3:30 PM**

January 13th is National Rubber Ducky Day, so come celebrate with us by painting rubber dummies into superheroes, anime characters, and other characters you may like.

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Registration opens JANUARY 6

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to reserve your spot.



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Craft Kit:

3D PAPER SNOWFLAKES

For teens and tweens in grades 5-12.

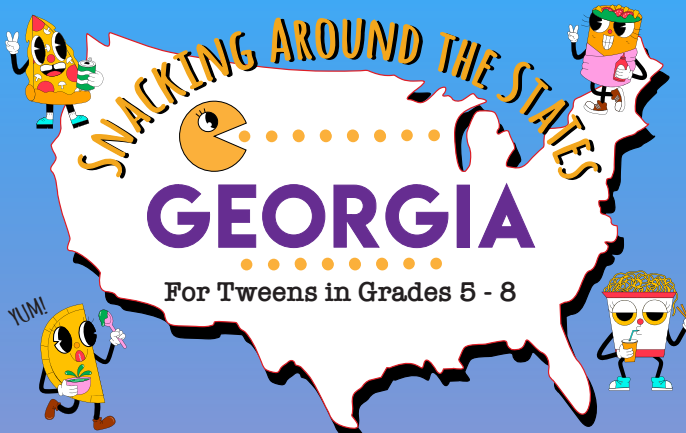
Bring the beauty of winter indoors! Unleash your creativity and transform ordinary paper into stunning 3D snowflake decorations that will add a touch of wintry enchantment to any space.

Registration for this kit opens JANUARY 4

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

This craft kit is picked up at HAGEMAN from January 11-18.



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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 Georgia, the birthplace of Martin Luther King, Jr. We will also eat snacks and play trivia.




Join us to learn more about this amazing country we live in!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17
6-7 PM

 **BAUGHER CENTER** 

Registration opens **JANUARY 10**

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

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OATMEAL ENERGY BALLS & GAMES

FOR TEENS IN GRADES 9-12

Monday, January 29
2-3 PM

Join us as we learn how to make a quick and delicious oatmeal snack and then play "The Game of Things." We will have peanut butter present at the program with Sunbutter as an alternative.

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Registration opens JANUARY 22

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Westchester Public Library is creating a new area at the Thomas Branch, just for teenagers!

We need your input to make it great. Tweens and teens ages 10-18, please fill out a very brief (we promise!) "New WPL Teen Space Survey" at wpl.lib.in.us to help us create a space that you will enjoy. It will be available online until 1/31/24.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us!

MAGAZINES OF INTEREST



***Breathe* (Hageman print)**

Breathe is the mindfulness magazine for a calmer and more relaxed you. This is a body-and-soul guide to a happier, healthier life including—wellbeing, living, mindfulness, creativity and escape. The aim of *Breathe* magazine is to help you “make more time for yourself”.

***Teen Breathe* (Thomas & Hageman print)**

Teen Breathe, following in the footsteps of *Breathe*, helps guide teens with tools for a happier, healthier, more fulfilled life by paying attention to the things that you do, being curious, and staying positive.



***Spirituality & Health* (Thomas print)**

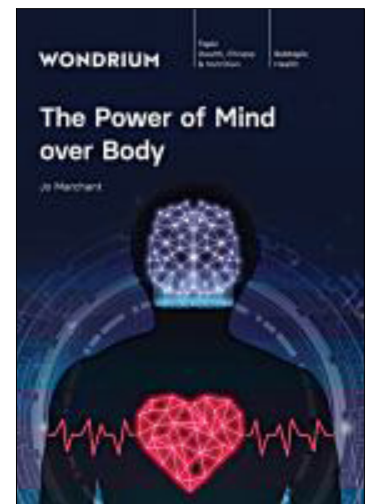
Spirituality & Health explores today's spiritual renaissance and the connection between health and spirituality. It offers mindful coverage to topics of faith, Eastern philosophy, meditation, and mainstream religion; nutrition, wellness, yoga, and holistic medicine; creativity, the inner life, social justice, and issues of conscience; and public health, the human body, and the environment.

WONDRIUM by THE GREAT COURSES

***The Power of Mind Over Body* (DVD)**

In *The Power of Mind over Body*, unpack the science behind the brain-body connection and explore the cutting-edge therapies that claim to reduce pain, slow disease, and eliminate fatigue, not via pharmaceutical or surgical intervention but simply by targeting how a person thinks and feels. Your expert is Jo Marchant, an award-winning science journalist and speaker who has spent her career studying the brain and the role it plays in physical health. With her background in genetics and medical microbiology, she has taken a topic as complicated as the human brain and designed 12 clear, concise, and informative lectures that will change the way you think about disease; your body; and, more generally, about physical health.

You will examine the chemistry and physiology of the placebo effect. You will explore the mechanics of pain—What does it mean to hurt on a biological level? You will study a series of real-world experiments that measure the impact of mindsets on pain, fatigue, stress, and disease progression, getting to know a cast of scientists from Fabrizio Benedetti to Ted Kaptchuk who are doing pioneering but maligned and underfunded work in the field. You will work through prospective solutions that harness the brain-body partnership for the better, such as psychogastroenterology, cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), comfort talk, and mindfulness. And you will discuss what it would actually take for modern medicine to embrace the body-mind connection and to build a medical system that handles disease holistically.





Toddler Time

For Toddlers Ages 2-3 and Their Caregivers

Join us for a sensory storytime. Together we will read, sing, socialize, create, build, and learn through play.

MONDAYS 10-10:30 or 11-11:30 AM

1/8 • 1/15 • 1/22 • 1/29

Registration opens **DECEMBER 29**

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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

1/9 • 1/16 • 1/23 • 1/30

FRIDAYS 10-10:30 AM

1/12 • 1/19 • 1/26 • 2/2

Registration opens **JANUARY 2**

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Tickle Tales

LITTLE EXPLORERS: POETRY LAB

For Kids Ages 4-6 and Their Caregivers

Join Miss Justine as we celebrate the joy, expressiveness, and pure delight of poetry.

WEDNESDAYS 4-4:30 PM

1/10 • 1/17 • 1/24 • 1/31

Registration opens **JANUARY 3**

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

Share Your Dreams: *Speech Writing Workshop*

For Kids in Grades K-4



Thursday, January 18
4-5 PM
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CENTER

Want to learn how to share your hopes, dreams, and vision for a better future with others? Let's gather and learn how to write a speech, and then you can choose to share it with others in our group. We will listen to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s historic "I Have a Dream" speech for inspiration.

Registration opens JANUARY 11

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



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NEW YEAR

Glow Celebration

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

Thursday, January 4 • 4-5 PM

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Join us as we say goodbye to 2023 and celebrate the New Year. Get ready to get your glow on as we enjoy stories, dancing, singing, and a craft.

Registration opens **DECEMBER 26**

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

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PLAYDATE

For Babies Birth-24 Months and Their Caregivers

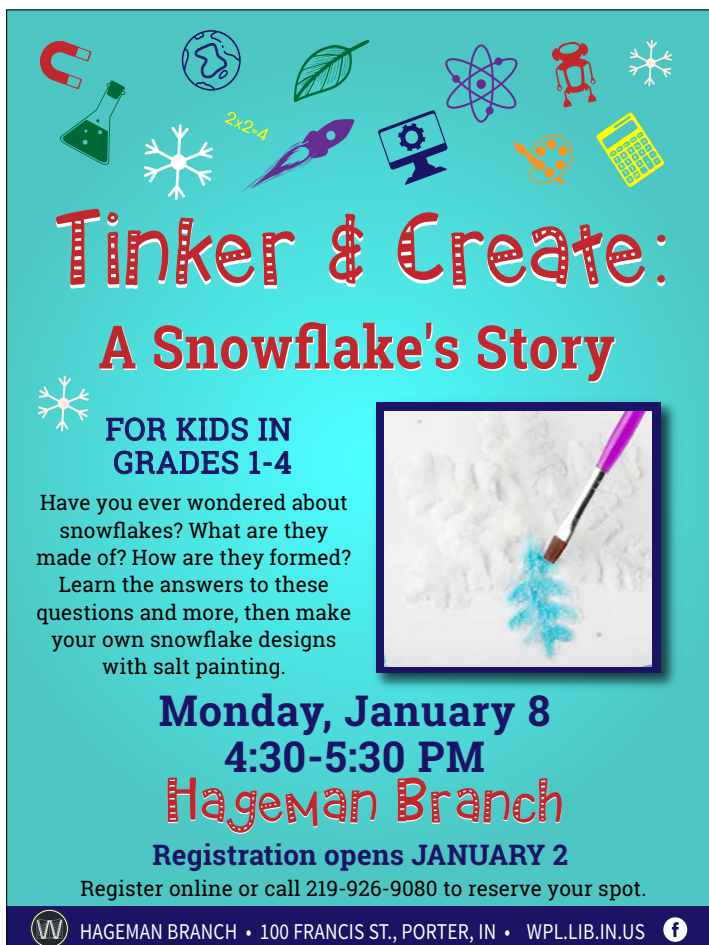
This program offers babies and their caregivers the opportunity to meet other children their own age. As the babies practice social skills such as taking turns and sharing, caregivers can exchange hints, tips, and other information, sometimes forming lifelong friendships along the way.

TUESDAYS 9-10 AM
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FRIDAYS 9-10 AM
1/12 • 1/19 • 1/26 • 2/2

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Tinker & Create:

A Snowflake's Story

FOR KIDS IN GRADES 1-4

Have you ever wondered about snowflakes? What are they made of? How are they formed? Learn the answers to these questions and more, then make your own snowflake designs with salt painting.





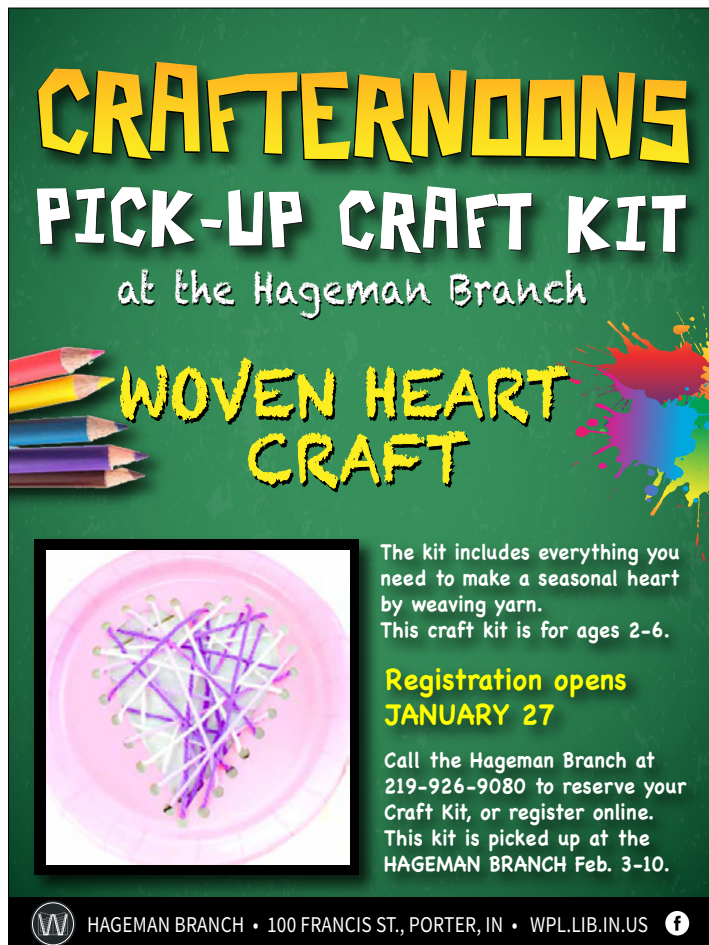
Monday, January 8
4:30-5:30 PM

Hageman Branch

Registration opens **JANUARY 2**

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CRAFTERNOONS

PICK-UP CRAFT KIT

at the Hageman Branch



WOVEN HEART CRAFT



The kit includes everything you need to make a seasonal heart by weaving yarn. This craft kit is for ages 2-6.

Registration opens
JANUARY 27

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 Feb. 3-10.

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COMING IN FEBRUARY

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TODDLER PROM

For Toddlers Ages 1-5 and Their Caregivers

Can you tell me how to get, how to get to Toddler Prom?
Let's make it a sunny day by dressing to
the nines and dancing the morning away.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Choose one of two sessions

10 AM or 11 AM

BAUGHER CENTER

A ticket is required for each person attending the event.
Free tickets are picked up at THOMAS on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3
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.



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MUSEUM



TRIVIA

NIGHT

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30
7-8 PM

Westchester Township History Museum

The recent resurgence of board games has resulted in new appreciation for classics like Monopoly while Kickstarter has developed an interest in new games like Frosthaven. Test your knowledge of board games—new and old. Teams of 1-4 can vie for the prize.

Doors open at 6:45 PM.

Seating is limited and is first come, first served.

For more information call 219-983-9715.



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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,
JANUARY 11


THE BROWN MANSION

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Westchester Township History Museum

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Sunday & Monday
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Wednesday
Open 12 - 5 pm

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

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
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What will you watch?

Movies

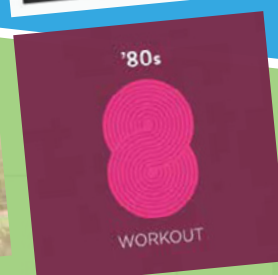
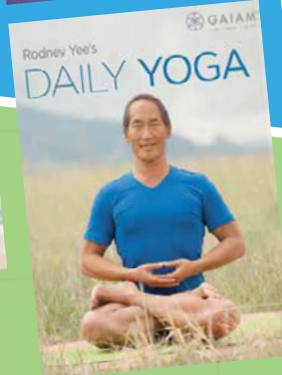
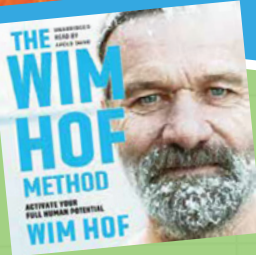
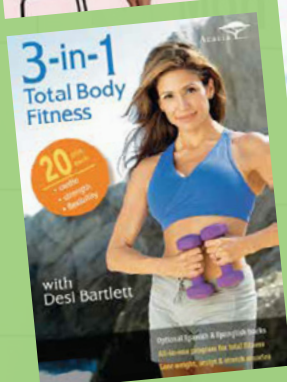
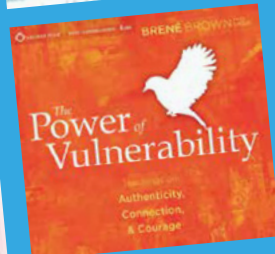
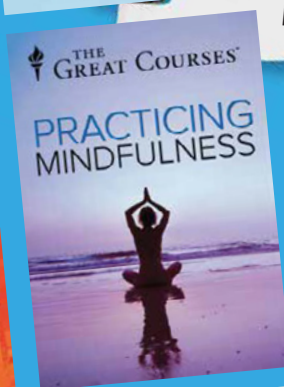
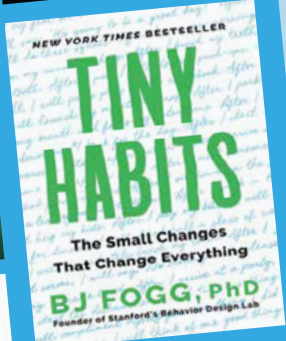
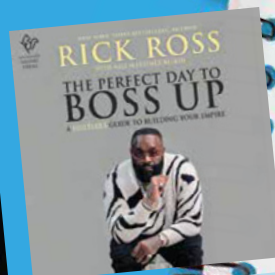
Documentaries

Television Series

Kids Shows

Ideas

Start watching at
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New Year's Resolutions

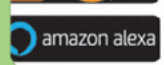
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Curbside Pickup hours:
Monday-Friday 1pm-6pm at both branches;
Saturday 11:30am-4:30pm at Thomas Branch;
Saturday 1:30pm-4:30pm at Hageman Branch;
Sunday 1:30pm-4:30pm at Thomas Branch

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.

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Movie Title: *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem* // **Rating:** PG

Synopsis: After years of being sheltered from the human world, the Turtle brothers set out to win the hearts of New Yorkers and be accepted as normal teenagers through heroic acts. But they soon get in over their heads when an army of mutants is unleashed upon them.

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Synopsis: Based on the insane true story of everyday people who flipped the script on Wall Street and got rich by turning GameStop into the world's hottest company. Regular guy Keith Gill starts sinking his life savings into GameStop stock and posting about it. When his social posts start blowing up, so does his life and the lives of everyone following him.

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Synopsis: The dramatic story of America's national mammal, which sustained the lives of Native people for generations. The buffalo was driven to the brink of extinction before a collection of people rescued it.

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