

MARCH 2024

BUILDING FOUNDATIONS IN READING



The Porter County Community Foundation, Porter County Public Library System and Westchester Public Library System have brought Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to Porter County! Registered children ages zero to five will be mailed a free book every month.

Families can now register any eligible children (Porter County residents aged zero to five years) on the DPIL website. Six to eight weeks after registration, each child will receive their first book, *The Little Engine That Could.* Books will continue to arrive in the mail monthly until the child's fifth birthday. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is available to all children, at no cost to their family, regardless of income.

Since launching in 1995, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has become the preeminent early childhood book-gifting program in the world. The flagship program of The Dollywood Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, has gifted over 200 million free

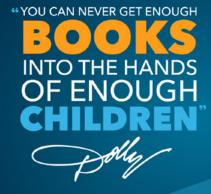
books in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, and The Republic of Ireland. This is achieved through funding shared by The Dollywood Foundation and Local Community and State/Provincial/National Partners. The Imagination Library mails more than 2.6 million high-quality, age-appropriate books directly to children's homes each month. Dolly envisioned creating a lifelong love of reading and inspiring children to Dream More, Learn More, Care More and Be More.

The program's impact has been widely researched, and results demonstrate its positive impact on early childhood development and literacy skills. Penguin Random House is the exclusive publisher of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. For more information or to register your child, please visit <u>imaginationlibrary.com</u>.

This remarkable program would not be possible without the commitment from the State of Indiana to further support and grow early literacy education across Indiana, and the support of the Porter County Community Foundation. Interested donors and community partners that would like to help sponsor this program for years to come can contact Westchester Public Library System, Porter County Public Library System, or visit the DPIL website.

For more information about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Westchester Township, contact Westchester Public Library Director Heather Chaddock at 219-926-7696 or heather@wpl.lib.in.us.





INSPIRE A LOVE OF READING

Enroll your child in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and get a FREE BOOK every month until their 5th birthday.

66 Our daughter LOVES READING and being read to, and the VARIETY she receives from the Imagination Library is a SIGNIFICANT part of this

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children from birth to age five, through funding shared by Dolly Parton and local community partners in the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia and Republic of Ireland.





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PROGRAMS & CRAFT KITS FOR ADULTS

ADULT CRAFT NIGHT:

St. Patrick's Da Paper Clovet Wreath

Bring the luck o' the Irish to your door with this gold and green crepe paper wreath. In nature, real four-leaf clovers can be tricky to find, so make your own using crepe paper instead. According to tradition, each clover leaf is meant to stand for something: hope, faith, love, and that evasive fourth leaf stands for luck. For adults ages 18 and up.

> TUESDAY, MARCH 12 6:30 - 7:30 PM Registration opens March 5 *Thomas Meeting Room*

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

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Monday, March 4 • 2-3:30 PM THOMAS MEETING ROOM

Rules of Civility By: Amor Towles

A chance encounter with a handsome banker in a jazz bar on New Year's Eve, 1938 catapults Wall Street secretary Katey Kontent into the upper echelons of New York society, where she befriends a shy multi-millionaire, an Upper East Side ne'er-do-well, and a single-minded widow.



This program is for adults ages 18 and up.

Next Month's Book Club Date: April 1

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



BIFOCAL BOOKIES

We Came Here to Shine by Susie Orman Schnall

Set at the iconic 1939 New York World's Fair, two bold and ambitious women navigate a world of possibility and find out what they're truly made of during a glorious summer of spectacle and potential.

This program is for adults ages 18 and up.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12 1-2 PM **HAGEMAN BRANCH**

APRIL 9 The Lioness by Chris Bohjalian Call 219-926-9080 for more information.

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When you think of Spring, do bright colors and bunnies come to mind? Using washi tape, you will make your own unique bunny wall art. This program is for adults ages 18 and up.

Hageman Branch

Registration opens MARCH 6

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

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WPL BOOK CLUB KITS





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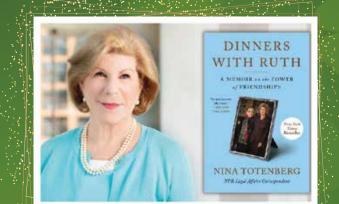
fiction and non-fiction RENSON Book Club Kit titles available to check out.

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.



FIND GOLDON/March Author Talks



Westchester Public Library Webinars and Online Events

Registration at: libraryc.org/wpl

Nina Totenberg Wednesday, March 6 3 PM



Madeline Miller Thursday, March 21 6 PM



Christopher Paolini Thursday, March 14 3 PM It must be a series of the ser

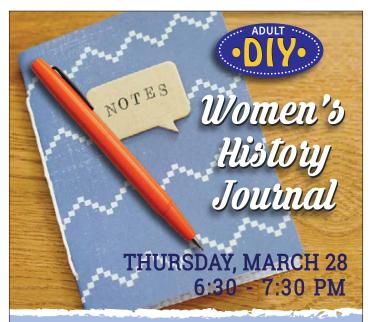
RECYCLED PAPER SEED STARTERS MONDAY, MARCH 18 6:30-7:30 PM

Starting a garden's worth of seeds indoors doesn't have to mean breaking the bank. Craft a set of biodegradable, recycled paper seedling pots, then plant some seeds (or take them home to start your own varieties). For adults age 18 and up.

THOMAS MEETING ROOM Registration opens MARCH 11

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

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In honor of Women's History Month, join us as we craft a special journal - one that you can fill out yourself, or use to interview an important woman in your life. Record the 'women's history' that you or a loved one has experienced firsthand, and create a meaningful keepsake to cherish in years to come.

Thomas Meeting Room

Registration opens March 21 Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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Tuesday, March 26 5-6 PM

Join us as we learn how to locate all your stuff in Windows File Explorer. Whether it's in Downloads or Documents, we will take a look at how the file system works so you can find your files and folders easily.

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200 W. INDIANA AVENUE, CHESTERTON, IN

TUESDAY, APRIL 2 6:30-7:30 PM

In honor of the upcoming complete Solar Eclipse on April 8, we will learn about why they occur, and a little about their history. Then we get creative to make a Chalk Solar Art picture and use colored pencils to complete your version of Van Gogh's "Starry Night."

For adults ages 18 and up.

Thomas Meeting Room

Registration opens MARCH 26 Register online or call 219-926-9080 to reserve your spot.



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FOR TEENS & TWEENS



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 Wyoming, The Equality State. We will also eat snacks and play trivia. Join us to learn more about this amazing country we live in!



Friday, March 15 3:30 PM

FOR TEENS IN GRADES 9-12 We've got embroidery thread, beads, stretchy string, and a plethora of patterns available. Join us as we make different types of bracelets.

THOMAS MEETING ROOM

Registration opens March 8

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

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For Tweens in Grades 5 - 8

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

This month, by popular demand, we will be learning about South Korea again! We will also eat snacks and play trivia! Join us to learn more about this amazing world we live in.



Monday, April 1 6-7 PM THOMAS MEETING ROOM Registration opens MARCH 25 Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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Celebrate Astronomy month by making

THOMAS MEETING ROOM

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MAGAZINES OF INTEREST



MaryJane's Farm (Thomas print)

Enter a world where life is simpler, healthier and much more playful. Discover the embracing and empowering world of *MaryJane's Farm* magazine. A *MaryJane's Farm* magazine subscription features great information about an organic lifestyle and is full of simple, healthy, and creative ideas for the home and family.



Women's Health (Thomas print & digital)

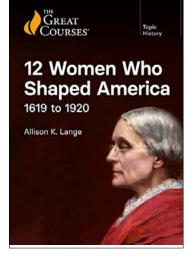
Women's Health is dedicated to providing women with comprehensive information and resources to help them lead healthy and balanced lives. It focuses on various aspects of women's well-being, including physical health, fitness, nutrition, mental wellness, beauty, relationships, and lifestyle. It aims to empower women by providing them with reliable and practical advice, insights, and inspiration to make informed choices about their health and lifestyle.

GREAT COURSES

12 Women Who Shaped America 1619-1920 (DVD)

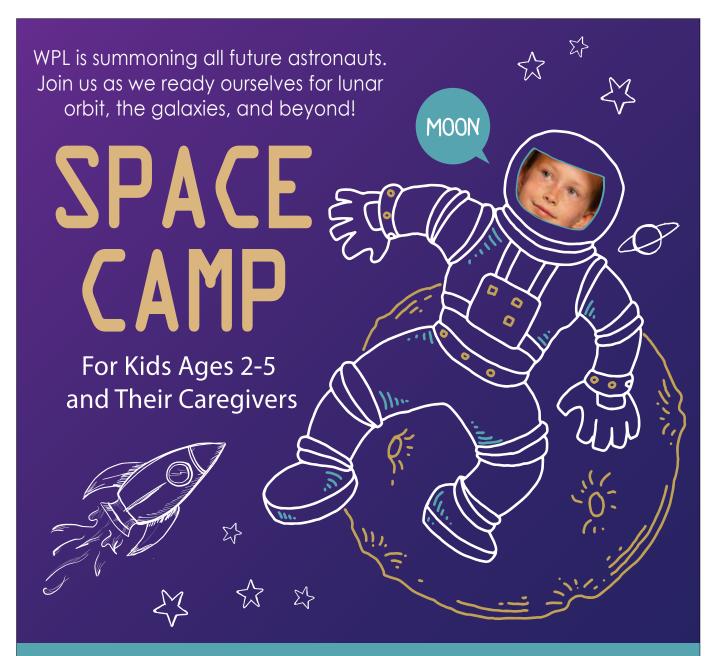
History all too often overlooks the invaluable contributions of women, and US history is certainly no exception to this pattern. Museums, documentaries, historical sites, and even textbooks omit essential parts of the whole picture because they leave out her story. Join historian Professor Allison K. Lange, of the Wentworth Institute of Technology, as she guides you through the fascinating lives of 12 early Americans, all of them women, and all of them crucial to a better understanding of American history. With a deft talent for bringing history to life, Allison explores the complex and often controversial lives of these American women who dedicated themselves to living beyond the constraints of their time and place.

In the eye-opening lectures of 12 Women Who Shaped America: 1619 to 1920, you will meet a dozen influential women with astonishing life stories, each of whom found



a way to break away from the constrictive social and familial norms of their day. A popular adage says that "wellbehaved women seldom make history," and that is true. From the earliest days of the Republic through much of the early 20th century, American women were expected to lead private lives of modesty and obedience. Although some of the women explored in this course valued the more traditional feminine roles expected of them, none of these women allowed those expectations to limit their lives or their ambitions. If they had, not only would we not know their stories, but the history of the United States would have been quite different.

FOR KIDS



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20 4-5 PM

THOMAS MEETING ROOM Registration opens on Wednesday, March 13.

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 $2/13 \cdot 2/20 \cdot 2/27 \cdot 3/5 \cdot 3/12$ FRIDAYS 9-10 AM 2/16 • 2/23 • 3/1 • 3/8 • 3/15 HAGEMAN BRANCH

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Tinker & Create: **Painting Without Brushes**

FOR KIDS IN GRADES 1-4

It's Women's History month! In honor of many incredible women, we will be painting with objects created or invented by them! It might be Monopoly pieces, alphabet blocks, chocolate chip cookies, coffee filters, or Q-tips, you won't know until you walk in the door.



Monday, March 11 4:30-5:30 PM Hageman Branch

Registration opens MARCH 4 Register online or call 219-926-9080 to reserve your spot.

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CRAFTERNOONS PICK-UP CRAFT KIT

at the Hageman Branch

The kit includes everything to make colorful pasta noodle eggs. Get out your glue and get creative! This craft kit is for ages 2-6.

Registration opens MARCH 30

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Register online or by calling 219-926-7696. This Craft Kit may be picked up from HAGEMAN from April 6-13.

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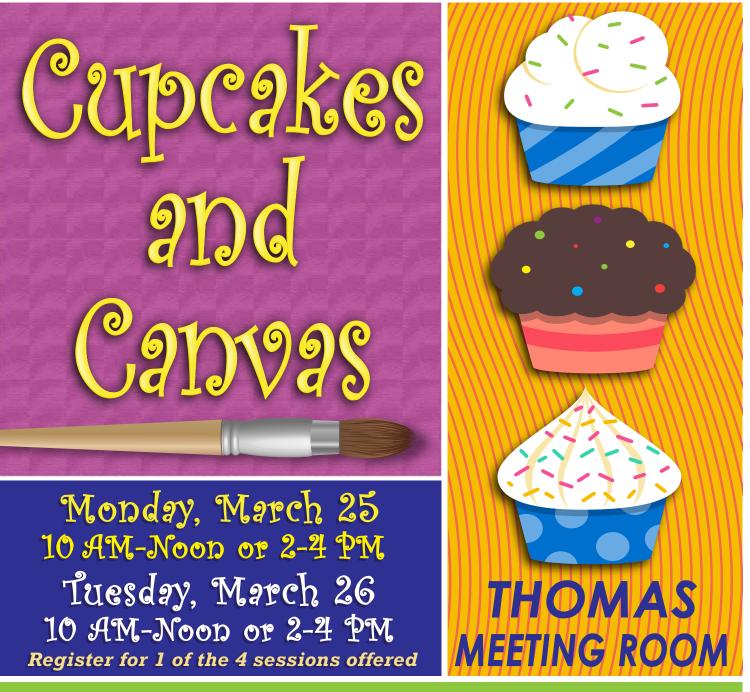


Join us to gain confidence, knowledge, and awareness about first aid basics in this interactive, hands-on program with WPL and Chesterton Fire Department. In observance of Women's History Month, we will also learn about the pioneer of modern nursing and American Red Cross founder Clara Barton.

> THOMAS MEETING ROOM **Registration opens MARCH 14**

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

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Come join us for painting and delicious cupcakes over spring break with Museum Educator Susan Swarner!

For Kids ages 6-12 • All supplies provided • Wear messy clothes Parent or guardian must accompany child.

Class size is limited to 12 children. Registration opens MARCH 11.

Register online or call the Museum at 219-926-7696. Register for one, 2 hour session at either 10 am-12 pm or 2-4 pm.



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 4/1 • 4/8 • 4/15 • 4/22 • 4/29

THOMAS CHILDREN'S DEPT. **Registration opens MARCH 21**

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 4/2 • 4/9 • 4/16 • 4/23 **FRIDAYS 10-10:30 AM** 4/5 • 4/12 • 4/19 • 4/26



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Little Explorers MATH ROCKS!

For Kids Ages 4-6 and Their Caregivers

Join Miss Justine for stories that help us to become mathematical thinkers and use math skills in art.

WEDNESDAYS 4-4:30 PM 4/3 • 4/10 • 4/17 • 4/24

THOMAS MEETING ROOM

Registration opens MARCH 25

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

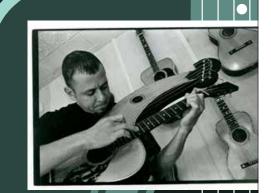


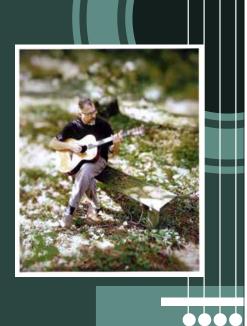
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MUSEUM

AEU ERA GUITARS MAKING MUSIC IN THE DUNES

A new exhibit highlights the life and career of local guitar builder Tony Klassen. Klassen was an artist, self-taught musician, naturalist, and handyman. His home in Furnessville was his solace and, eventually, his workshop, where he built and sold guitars for 16 years.





Join us for the exhibit opening on

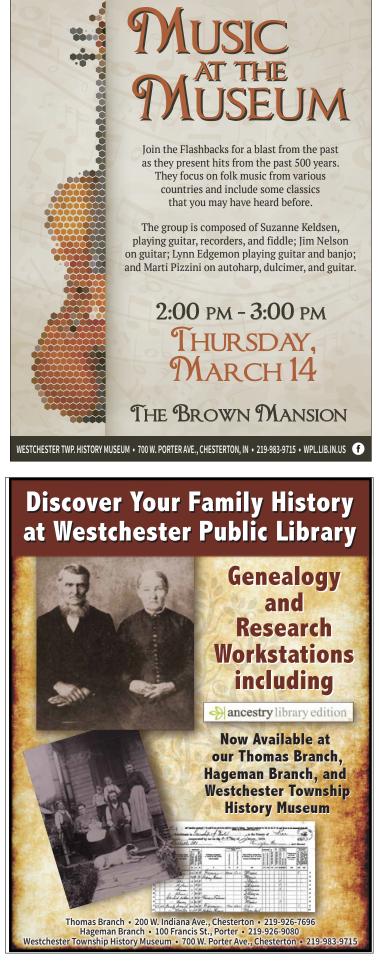
Saturday, March 23 1-4 PM

Westchester Township History Museum





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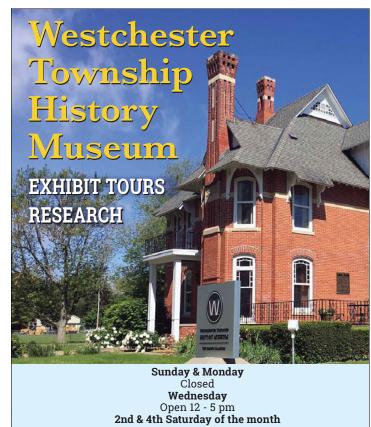
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TUESDAY, MARCH 26 • 7-8 PM

From Julia Child to The Great British Baking Show, cooking shows are everywhere on television and streaming sources. Test your knowledge of all things cooking-show related, from old-time shows to YouTube. 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 For more information call 219-983-9715.

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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.

5. Pull out and enjoy your Library materials!

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HOMEBOUND

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Are you, or is someone you know, homebound due to an extended illness, injury, or disability? Residents of Westchester Township who are unable to visit the Library for those reasons may be eligible for free homebound service, in which personalized selections of Library materials are delivered to them.

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

WPL TECH HELP

Get help with apps, email, and devices including phones, tablets, and laptops.



FREE SERVICE Call 219-926-7696 for Tech Help availability

WPL YOUTUBE



Becoming Westchester Township Series

NEW MOVIE & TELEVISION SERIES RELEASES

Movie Title: Migration // Rating: PG

Find the YouTube link at wpl.lib.in.us

Duneland's Swedish

Immigrants Series

Synopsis: The Mallard family is in a bit of a rut. While dad Mack is content to keep his family safe paddling around their New England pond forever, mom Pam is eager to shake things up and show their kids the whole wide world. Pam persuades Mack to embark on a family trip, via New York City, to tropical Jamaica.

WiFi

Movie Title: Wonka // Rating: PG

Synopsis: Wonka tells the wondrous story of how the world's greatest inventor, magician, and chocolatemaker became the beloved Willy Wonka. This irresistibly vivid and inventive big-screen spectacle will introduce audiences to a young Willy Wonka, chock full of ideas and determined to change the world one delectable bite at a time, proving that the best things in life begin with a dream.

TV Series Title: Revoir Paris (French) // Rating: NR

Synopsis: Three months after surviving a mass shooting at a Parisian bistro, Mia is determined to reconstruct the sequence of events by bonding with fellow survivors and piecing together their stories to rediscover her own.

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