



# WPL NEWSLETTER

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## MONEY \$MART



April is National Financial Capability Month. Originally designated as National Financial Literacy Month in 2004, this observance has evolved to focus on ensuring that Americans have access to trustworthy financial education and understanding of financial services and products. Here at Westchester Public Library, we're offering an abundance of programs and other resources to offer financial educational opportunities that transcend age, income, and background.

Navigating the nuances of personal finance has become more critical than ever, especially considering the diverse financial landscapes within our community. This month, we're reminded that understanding our

finances isn't just about numbers on a page; it's about empowering ourselves to build a brighter, more secure future. It's about bridging the gaps in financial literacy that too often leave women, minorities, and younger folks on the back foot. Amidst hurdles such as rising living costs, we are aware of how crucial it is for our community members to equip themselves with the knowledge to navigate these challenges with confidence.

Especially for young people, the path isn't always clear. With student loans averaging \$17,000 for households, a job market that feels like it's changing by the minute, and grocery costs jumping 25% over the past four years, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. That's why WPL is committed to curating resources that speak to these very concerns.

- Register for our [Earth Day Seed Kits](#) to learn a skill that will help you save some of your grocery budget for years to come.
- Kids can test their cash cleverness with our [Tinker and Create: Money Signs Scavenger Hunt](#) at the Hageman Branch.
- Did you know you can access Consumer Reports to compare costs and reviews on thousands of products and services? Just click on the [Virtual Library](#) link on our website, and select the [INSPIRE](#) tab to get started.
- For more savings, and to support the Library, be sure to visit the [Friends of the Library Book Sale](#), April 19th-21st. Your wallet will thank you.



# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

## SPRING BOOK SALE

### APRIL SAT. 20 & SUN. 21 9 AM - 4 PM

**MEMBERS ONLY PREVIEW ON FRIDAY, APRIL 19, FROM 4 - 8 PM**

## BAUGHER CENTER

**100 W. INDIANA AVE.  
CHESTERTON, IN  
219-926-7696  
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Join the Friends of the Westchester Public Library for their Spring 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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# THE COST OF PLASTIC

WITH  
**DR. JULIE PELLER**

**MONDAY, APRIL 8**  
**6:30-7:30 PM**

**THOMAS**  
**MEETING ROOM**

Join Professor of Chemistry at Valparaiso University, Dr. Julie Peller, as we investigate the catastrophic implications of microplastics and nanoplastics in our environment.

How badly have plastics polluted our world and what is the cost? The world generates more than 200 million tons of plastic trash each year, costing billions of dollars for cleanup, and incurring significant financial losses to fisheries, ecosystems, tourism and other industries. Humans and all living creatures are exposed to these plastics through food, drink, air, and a myriad of other materials.

For adults ages 18 and up.

**REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 1**

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



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# Popular Books

## DISCUSSION GROUP

Monday, April 1 • 2-3:30 PM

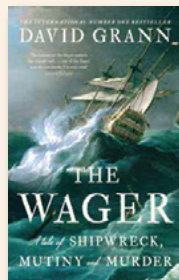
THOMAS MEETING ROOM

### *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder.*

By: David Grann

In this tale of shipwreck, survival and savagery, the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Killers of the Flower Moon* recounts the events on His Majesty's Ship *The Wager*, a British vessel that left England in 1740 on a secret mission and resulted in a court martial that revealed a shocking truth.

This program is for adults ages 18 and up.



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

Next Month's Book Club Date: May 6



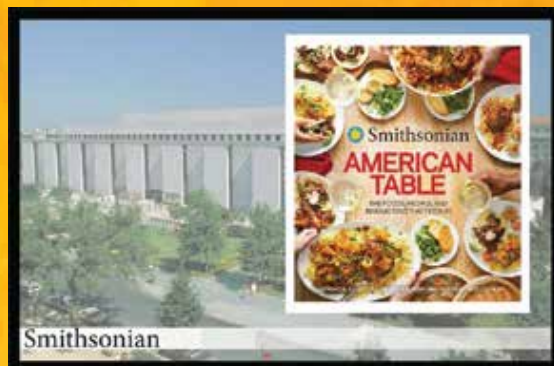
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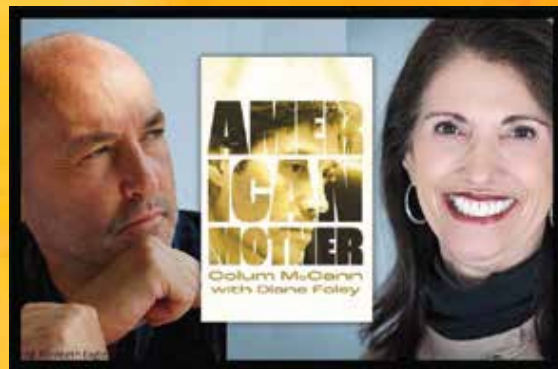
# April Author Talks

Westchester Public Library  
Webinars and Online Events

Registration at: [libraryc.org/wpl](http://libraryc.org/wpl)



Smithsonian Institution's National  
Museum of American History  
with Curator Paula Johnson  
Tuesday, April 2, 1 PM



Colum McCann & Diane Foley  
Tuesday, April 9, 1 PM



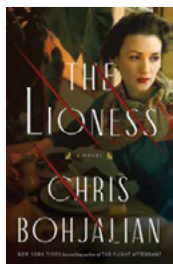
Xochitl Gonzalez  
Wednesday, April 17, 7 PM

## BIFOCAL BOOKIES

### *The Lioness* by Chris Bohjalian

When Katie Barstow, A-list actress, and her new husband, David Hill, decide to bring their Hollywood friends to the Serengeti for their honeymoon, they envision an idyllic African wildlife experience.

What Katie and her glittering entourage do not expect is a kidnapping gone wrong, their guides bleeding out in the dirt, and a team of Russian mercenaries herding their hostages into Land Rovers, guns to their heads.



Limited copies are available at Hageman.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

1-2 PM

HAGEMAN BRANCH

This program is for adults ages 18 and up  
Call 219-926-9080 for more information.



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# Mixed Media Birdsong Collage

**Thursday, April 25 6:30PM**

Celebrate the return of Spring by creating your own sophisticated-yet-simple birdsong collage. Use scrapbook paper, bird templates, sheet music and more to craft this seasonal artwork that might just earn a permanent place on your wall. For adults ages 18 and up.

**THOMAS MEETING ROOM**

Registration opens **APRIL 18**  
Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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WPL'S SUNDAY MATINEE

THE TIDE IS TURNING



**AQUAMAN AND THE LOST KINGDOM**

RATED PG-13

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28 AT 1:30 PM**  
**THOMAS BRANCH MEETING ROOM**  
200 W. INDIANA AVENUE, CHESTERTON, IN

FREE POPCORN!

ADULT • **DIY**

# Instant Sea Glass Vase

**MONDAY, APRIL 29 6:30 PM**

Transform an everyday bottle into trendy "sea glass", within minutes. Then, dress up your recycled vase with some decorative dried grasses for an eco-friendly and economically elegant piece of decor.

For adults ages 18 and up.

**THOMAS MEETING ROOM**

Registration opens **APRIL 22**  
Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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# Happy Tales

Sharing everyday, positive interactions to spread "library joy"!

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*From WPL's Tech Help Staff:*  
One of my regular patrons was having some difficulty with his laptop. After I assisted him, he said, "I don't know what I'd do without you, I really don't." And while I'm sure he'd be just fine without me, it sure was nice to hear.

If you've had a Happy Tale at WPL or a special library experience, stop by and tell us about it at the Circulation Desk.



# Eclipse Art

**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

## Culture Club



**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.



**South Korea**

**Monday, April 1  
6-7 PM**

**THOMAS MEETING ROOM**

Registration opens **MARCH 28**

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**FOR TWEENS & TEENS  
IN GRADES 5-12**

Celebrate Earth Day by planting your own herbs and veg, and learn a skill that will save you money throughout your life.

**Registration for this kit  
opens APRIL 4**

Register online or call 219-926-9080 to reserve your kit. This kit is picked up at HAGEMAN from APRIL 11-18.

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## PAINT & SIP

FOR TEENS IN GRADES 9-12

**Wednesday,  
April 24  
6-7 PM**

Join us as we paint with watercolors and sip on Italian sodas.

**THOMAS  
MEETING ROOM**

Registration opens **APRIL 17**

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month by making

# GALAXY JARS

TWEENS IN GRADES 5 - 8

**Thursday, April 4**  
**6-7 PM**

THOMAS  
MEETING ROOM

Registration opens **MARCH 28**

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# MAGAZINES OF INTEREST



## **Consumer Reports (Thomas & Hageman print)**

*Consumer Reports* is the world's largest independent consumer-product-testing organization. It surveys millions of consumers about their experiences with products and services. The magazine helps consumers make the best decisions when purchasing a wide range of products for all ages and stages of life. *Consumer Reports'* editorial focus is to provide thorough product information to consumers. It evaluates a vast array of products ranging from automobiles to microwave ovens, from frozen dinners to insurance policies, to provide a fair assessment for individuals seeking to purchase.



## **Bloomberg Businessweek (Thomas print)**

*Bloomberg Businessweek* delivers the business information you need: surprising and timely perspectives on the most important issues of today and unique stories you won't find anywhere else. With *Bloomberg Businessweek* you'll have the insights you need to take advantage of the new reality and thrive in today's complex global economy.

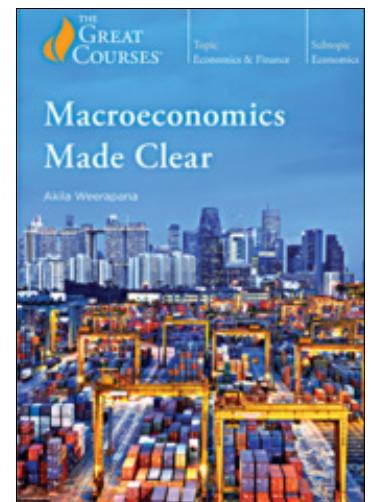
# GREAT COURSES

## **Macroeconomics Made Clear (DVD)**

The issues addressed by macroeconomics are all around you, all the time—from taxes to inflation to mentions of GDP on the nightly news. By learning the principles of macroeconomics, you'll be able to go beyond simply hearing the terms to better understanding their relationships to each other and how they create the economic environment in which you live. Macroeconomics with its “big-picture glasses” allows you to better ask—and better try to answer—the biggest questions of our time, questions that impact the lives of billions of people.

In 24 revealing lectures, *Macroeconomics Made Clear* will introduce you to the subject that people have been theorizing about and modeling for almost 100 years. With easy-to-understand visuals and examples, Dr. Akila Weerapana of Wellesley College shows you the real-world applications of the key ideas in macroeconomics. Dr. Weerapana shows you how macroeconomics offers a hopeful tool for the future and sheds light on what we observe now. He focuses on the beginning of macroeconomics when the new field tried to explain the causes of the Great Depression, subsequent business cycles, the COVID-19 pandemic with its economic impacts, and several of our greatest global challenges of today.

In addition, Dr. Weerapana encourages you to take the principles that you learn and begin to view the world around you through those lenses. He suggests that doing so can be a small, but important, step toward creating a global economy in the coming decades which will transform the lives of people in an equitable manner, for the better.



FOR KIDS



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

# **PAW PATROL PARTY**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25 • 4-5 PM**

No job is too big, no pup is too small. Come play, create, and learn with action-packed activities inspired by Marshall, Chase, Skye, and the rest of the PAW Patrol team.

**THOMAS MEETING ROOM**

**Registration opens APRIL 18**

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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**  
4/2 • 4/9 • 4/16 • 4/23

**FRIDAYS 9-10 AM**  
4/5 • 4/12 • 4/19 • 4/26

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## Tinker & Create: Money Signs Scavenger Hunt

**FOR KIDS IN  
GRADES 1-4**

Show off your financial literacy skills when you complete our Money Signs Scavenger Hunt. You might even take home a "loot bag."



**Monday, April 8**  
**4:30-5:30 PM**  
**Hageman Branch**

**Registration opens APRIL 1**

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

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## BAKING FOR A BETTER PLANET



For Kids in Grades K-4  
**Tuesday, April 23 • 4-5 PM**

Want to learn how to mix your own bread dough, how baking can save money, and how it can help our planet, too? Kids will celebrate Earth Day by learning how small sustainable choices make a big impact – from seed to flour to table. We will learn the simple and easy art of making bread. Kids will mix, shape, and create their own bread dough to take home to bake.

**THOMAS MEETING ROOM**  
**Registration opens APRIL 16**

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## CRAFTERNOONS PICK-UP CRAFT KIT at the Hageman Branch



### CUPCAKE FLOWER CARDS



Kids will use their talents to create 2 unique spring notecards. Everything needed will be included. This craft kit is for ages 2-6.

**Registration opens  
APRIL 27**

Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot. This Craft Kit may be picked up at HAGEMAN from May 4 - 11.

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# STORYTIMES

## 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**

**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**

Registration opens **MARCH 21**

## Tickle Tales

**HAGEMAN BRANCH**

## Little Explorers MATH ROCKS!

**THOMAS MEETING ROOM**

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**

Registration opens **MARCH 25**

Register for this **four-week session** online at [wpl.lib.in.us](http://wpl.lib.in.us) or call to reserve your spot.



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# NEW 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.

*Exhibit runs through*  
**JULY 31**

### Westchester Township History Museum

**OPEN:**

12pm - 5pm Wed. and the  
2nd and 4th Sat. of the month.

You may also visit on Tues.,  
Thurs., or Fri. by appointment.  
Call 219-983-9715 to reserve a time.



# 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,  
APRIL 11

THE BROWN MANSION

For more information call 219-983-9715.

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# WHERE IN THE WORLD...? TRIVIA NIGHT

Tuesday, April 30  
7-8 PM

Test your knowledge of geography, famous locations, and the classic game Where in the World is Carmen San Diego? Teams of 1-4 can vie for the prize. Doors open at 6:45 PM. Seating is limited and is first come, first served.

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History Museum

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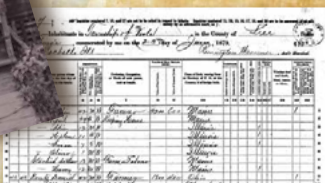
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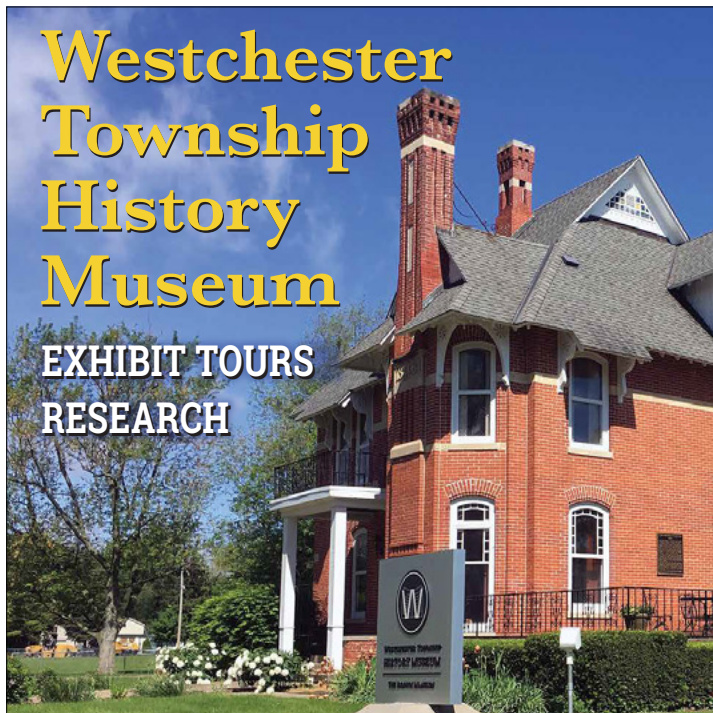
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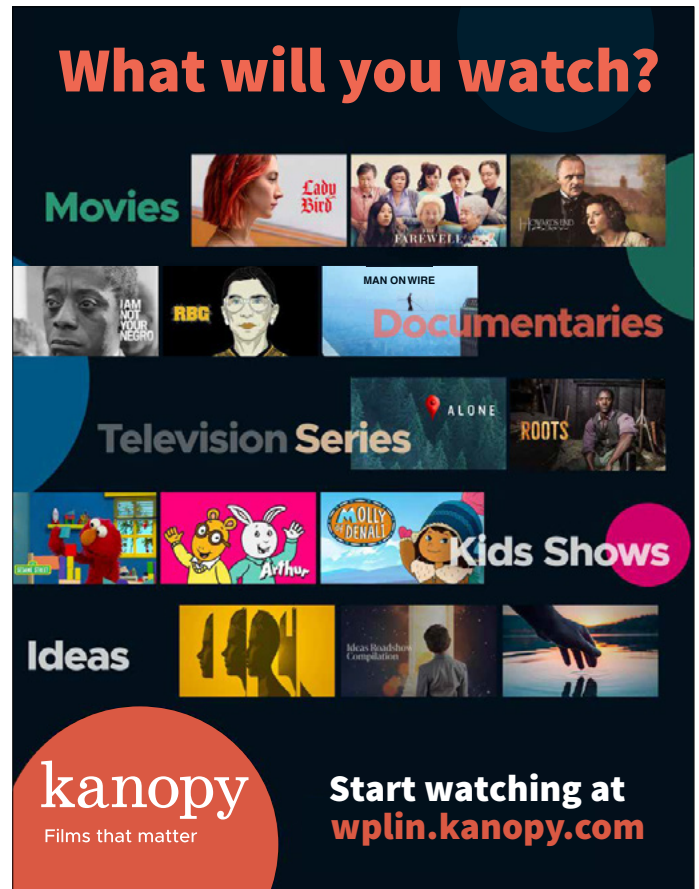


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# Libby.

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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## **HOMEBOUND SERVICE**

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



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**YouTube**

Check out the WPL YouTube channel and find a rich collection of videos from the Westchester Township History Museum featuring local history, notable Duneland residents, and facts about the dunes and lakeshore.



Duneland Ghost Towns Series



Everyday is Earth Day Series



Duneland's Swedish Immigrants Series



Becoming Westchester Township Series

Find the YouTube link at [wpl.lib.in.us](http://wpl.lib.in.us)



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## NEW MOVIE & TELEVISION SERIES RELEASES

**Movie Title:** *Wish* // **Rating:** PG

**Synopsis:** Asha, a sharp-witted idealist, makes a wish so powerful that it is answered by a cosmic force, a little ball of boundless energy called Star. Together, Asha and Star confront King Magnifico to save her community and prove that when the will of one courageous human connects with the magic of the stars, wondrous things can happen.

**Movie Title:** *The Color Purple* // **Rating:** PG-13

**Synopsis:** A decades-spanning tale of love and resilience, and of one woman's journey to freedom. Celie faces many hardships in her life, but ultimately finds remarkable strength and hope in the unbreakable bonds of sisterhood.

**TV Series Title:** *Wednesday. Season 1* // **Rating:** TV-14

**Synopsis:** Wednesday Addams attempts to master her emerging psychic ability, thwart a monstrous killing spree that has terrorized the local town, and solve the supernatural mystery that embroiled her parents 25 years ago, all while navigating her new and very tangled relationships at Nevermore.

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