

MAY 2024

BOOK YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE!



Adventure begins at your Library this summer as Westchester Public Library welcomes all ages to join this year's Summer Reading Program – adventure awaits when you sign up, read, partake in an activity, and earn a chance to win PRIZES!

What are the prizes? Weekly prizes include a pizza garden seed ball kit (Ages 0-4), a galaxy projector (Grades K-4), a tortilla blanket (Grades 5-12), and a Parks Project Igloo Cooler (Ages 18+). Grand Prizes this year will help you bring adventure home: a tricycle (Ages 0-4), a telescope (Grades K-4), a Nintendo Switch (Grades 5-12), and a Solo Stove (Ages 18+).

How do you sign up? Join us on Thursday, MAY 30 from 3-6 PM at the Thomas or Hageman Branch for our Summer Reading Kickoff. We will have activities throughout our libraries, giveaways, and a raffle for a Kindle Fire tablet. Smokey Bear will be there as a special guest!

You can participate in the Summer Reading program by signing up in-person for a paper log, or you can use the <u>Beanstack app.</u> Summer Reading lasts seven weeks, from May 30 to July 20. See you at the Library, and Bon Voyage!

We will be closed Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day.



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Thursday, May 30 3:00-6:00 PM **THOMAS AND HAGEMAN BRANCHES**

WPL's Summer Reading has officially arrived. ALL AGES are invited to drop in to either the Thomas Branch or the Hageman Branch to:

- * Register for Summer Reading * Meet Smokey Bear at:
- * Create adventure-themed crafts * Thomas Branch 3:00 4:00 PM, OR
- * Enter raffle to win a Kindle Fire
- * Hageman Branch 4:30 5:30 PM

Not able to attend? No worries--register for Summer Reading anytime after May 30 at either branch, or virtually at wplin.beanstack.com.

SUMMER READING RUNS MAY 30 - JULY 20

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Check out all of our engaging programs this summer by visiting the online Events Calendar at wpl.lib.in.us!

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Westchester Township History Museum

2024

STARRING!

JULY 9 - JULY 12 Ages 12-14: 9 AM to NOON JULY 16 - JULY 19 9 AM to NOON Join our annual summer camp at the Museum! Campers will learn about the history of theater in Duneland, tour a real theater, learn about sets and costumes, and play games! Camp is FREE and snacks and water are provided.

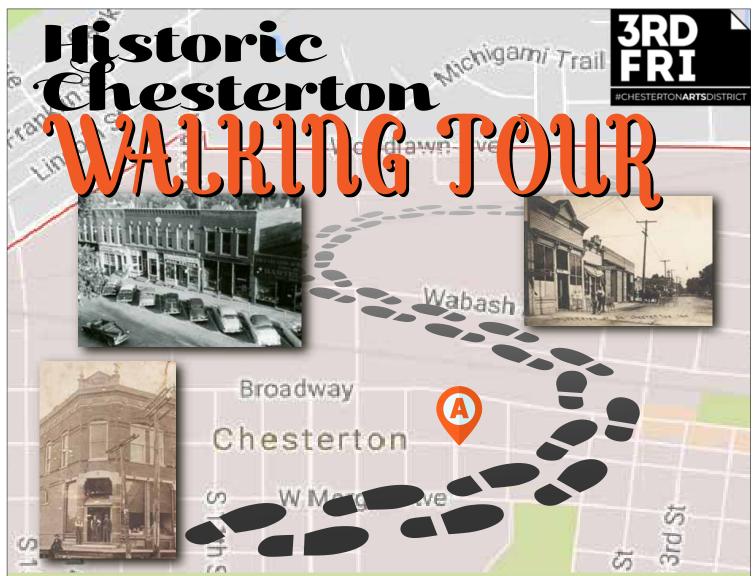
STARRING!

Ages 9-11:

REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 7

Register online or at the Westchester Township History Museum to reserve your spot.

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Fridays: May 17, June 21, or July 19 4-5:30 PM

The tour will leave from the Thomas Branch, 200 W. Indiana Ave., Chesterton

Join Westchester Township History Museum staff to learn about the history of downtown Chesterton and some of its most unique and historic buildings and houses. Walking and standing required. Water bottle, hat, and sunscreen recommended. Tour lasts approximately 90 minutes. Registration required and is limited to 20 people. If a tour is canceled due to weather (rain, heat, air quality), it will not be rescheduled. Registration begins 1 week before the event.

REGISTER ONLINE AT WPL.LIB.IN.US OR CALL 219- 983-9715 TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT **f**

PROGRAMS & CRAFT KITS FOR ADULTS

LEARN LOCAL

With Thrive Healing Center

For adults ages 18 and up

Wednesday, May 22 6:30-7:30 PM

Join us on a path towards wellness with the owner and creator of Thrive Healing Center, Rebecca Sasak LAc. MSTOM.

Rebecca will explain Thrive's natural and holistic approach to medicine, and how adopting healthy alternatives to traditional medicine promotes healing and wellness.

Thomas Meeting Room

Registration opens May 15 Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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Monday, May 6 • 2-3:30 PM THOMAS MEETING ROOM

Ordinary Grace By: William Kent Krueger

Looking back at a tragic event that occurred during his 13th year, a man explores how a complicated web of secrets, adultery and betrayal shattered his Methodist family and their small 1961 Minnesota community.



This program is for adults ages 18 and up.

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

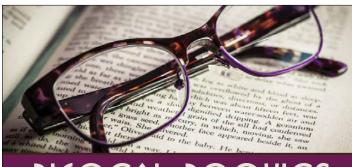
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RACHEL KHONG

Limited copies are available at Hageman.

Next Month's Book Club Date: June 3

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BIFOCAL BOOKIES

Goodbye, Vitamin by Rachel Khong

Goodbye, Vitamin is the wry, beautifully observed story of a woman at a crossroads, as Ruth and her friends attempt to shore up her father's career; she and her mother obsess over the ambiguous health benefits - in the absence of a cure - of dried jellyfish supplements and vitamin pills; and they all try to forge a new relationship with the brilliant, childlike, irascible man her father has become.

TUESDAY, MAY 14 1-2 PM HAGEMAN BRANCH

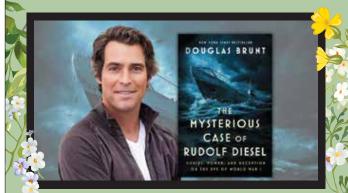
This program is for adults ages 18 and up Call 219-926-9080 for more information.

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ONLINE AUTHOR TALKS

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



Douglas Brunt Wednesday, May 1, 2 PM



Nina Simon Wednesday, May 8th at 6 PM



Rebecca F. Kuang (R.F.Kuang) Tuesday, May 21 at 6 PM

Adult Craft: Button Bouquet

TUESDAY, MAY 7 6:30 PM

Whether you make this for yourself, or use it as a gift, this craft is cute as a button! This program is for adults ages 18 and Up.

Thomas Meeting Room Registration opens

APRIL 30 Register online or by calling 219-926-9080 to reserve your spot. (W) THOMAS BRANCH • 200 W. INDIANA AVE., CHESTERTON, IN • WPL.LIB.IN.US (F)



SUNDAY, MAY 12 AT 1:30 PM THOMAS BRANCH MEETING ROOM 200 W. INDIANA AVENUE, CHESTERTON, IN LEARN LOCAL

Meditation for Mental Health

Wednesday, May 8 • 1-2 PM

Ever feel stressed, overwhelmed or busy minded? Take a break and join Sydney, a certified yoga instructor, for an introductory meditation and breath-work class. This beginner-friendly session will teach you simple techniques to reduce stress, improve focus, and enhance your overall well-being. If the weather cooperates, this class will take place outside. Please bring a chair or blanket. This program is for adults 18 and up.

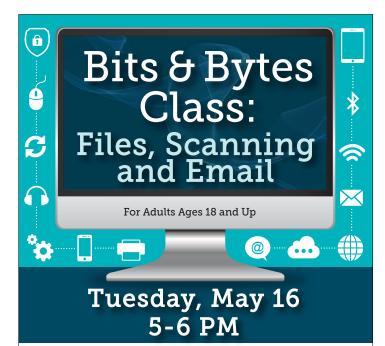
Hageman Branch

Registration opens MAY 1 Register online or call 219-926-9080 to reserve your spot.

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Have a paper document you need to send via email? Come see how to scan a document, find it in your computer and attach it to an email.

THOMAS BRANCH- IT CLASSROOM

Registration opens APRIL 18

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

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MAKE IT A GAME NIGHT

Our Thomas and Hageman Branches have over 500 games available to check out for patrons of all ages.





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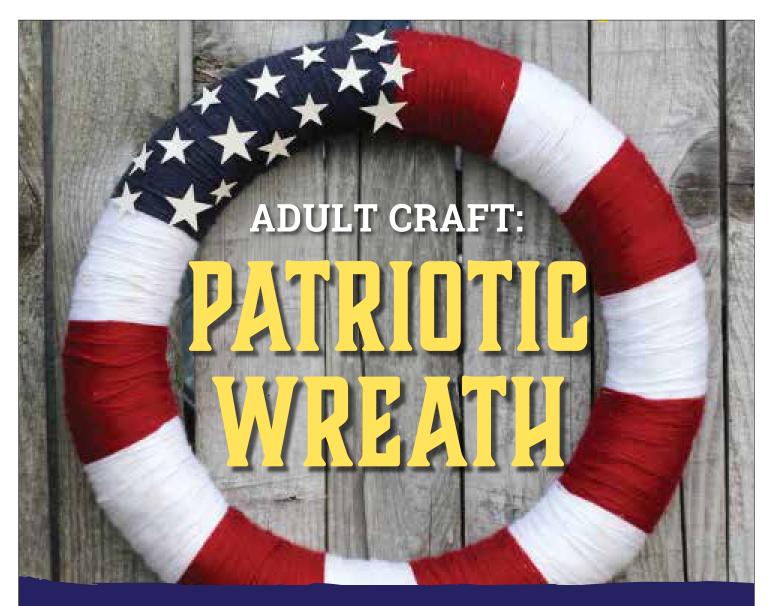
Sharing everyday, positive interactions to spread "library joy"!

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WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

From WPL's Reference Staff: A patron who was browsing the Duneland-themed books in our Reference collection was thrilled to be shown by staff that we have some of the same books, and more about the area, in our circulating collection.

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.



TUESDAY, JUNE 4 · 6:30 PM

Grab a friend or relative and join us to make a Patriotic Wreath for a protected front door or wall. For Adults Ages 18 and Up.



Registration opens MAY 28

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



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FOR TEENS & TWEENS

FOR TWEENS AND TEENS IN GRADES 5-12

Stress

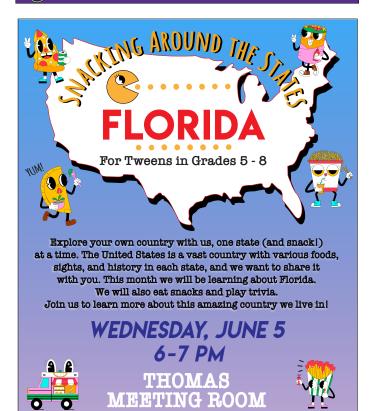
Bust

Looking for some help with busting that stress? Register for this kit for items and suggestions to help relax.

Registration for this kit opens MAY 2

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

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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 Japan again! We will also eat snacks and play trivia! Join us to learn more about this amazing world we live in.



Wednesday, May 15 6-7 PM THOMAS MEETING ROOM Registration opens MAY 8

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

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Registration opens MAY 29 Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot

MAGAZINES OF INTEREST



Beachcombing (Thomas print)

Beachcombing is the magazine dedicated to beachcombing, beach travel, coastal arts, and coastal living. Issues are full of stories about sea glass and beach glass, seashells, beach fossils, beach rocks, driftwood, and more from shorelines around the world.



OM Yoga (Libby digital)

OM Yoga Magazine is your guide for daily yoga practice, from yoga poses to meditations, articles and videos. *OM Yoga* caters to all levels of ability from beginners to intermediate, teachers and professionals. Regular features include: yoga at home, yoga changed my life, yoga & aromatherapy, amazing spaces, yoga anatomy, plant based food recipes, my yoga business plus lots more to inspire a healthy and active lifestyle.

GREAT COURSES/WONDRIUM

The Scientific Guide to Health and Happiness (DVD)

There is one thing that every person wants and it's something we spend our entire lives searching for: happiness. Throughout human history, there have been as many ideas about happiness as the humans who seek it. We ask ourselves questions such as: Can money buy happiness? Will finding love bring happiness? Will the perfect job result in happiness? The one common thread that runs through the ideas and theories we concoct to answer these questions is the fact that very few of them are based on science. But what scientists are now learning is that happiness is intertwined with your health.

Enter Dr. Robin Miller, an internist and integrative medicine specialist, a published author, and a popular TV and radio host. In the 24 information-packed lessons of *The Scientific Guide to Health and Happiness*, Dr. Miller reveals the essential secrets

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to a healthy mind and body. These insights are backed by the latest research and scientific studies about health and happiness. She not only boils each concept down to its nitty gritty using scientific examples and guidelines, but she also shows how everything is related to each other.

These lessons will provide you with the information you need to take charge of your health. As you will find, with each small step you take, you create a domino effect that positively affects other aspects of your life and wellbeing. Before you know it, your efforts to improve your health, diet, and lifestyle will come together to create a symphony of great health and happiness.

FOR KIDS

FOR KIDS 2-5 AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

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MONDAY, JUNE 3 • 10-11 AM

Step into the world of Bluey as we play Bluey themed games and BINGO. Kids will also create their own Shadowlands puppet theater game to bring the Land Down Under home.

THOMAS MEETING ROOM Registration opens MAY 24

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

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CRAFT KIT: Cherry ≺ for Toddlers FOR KIDS AGES 2-5

Using an embroidery hoop, felt, and tissue paper, little hands can make their own cherry blossom tree, or sakura, to welcome May's flowers.

Registration opens MAY 6

Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your kit. This craft kit is picked up at THOMAS from May 13-19.

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Tinker & Create:

Spotlight on Pacific Islanders



FOR KIDS IN GRADES K-4

This craft kit provides a DIY compass, and it includes ecological and astronomical Citizen Science challenges for outdoors. What is Citizen Science? It is public participation in scientific research to increase scientific knowledge - and no lab coat is needed!

Registration opens opens MAY 9

Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your kit. This craft kit is picked up at THOMAS from May 16-22.

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CRAFTERNOONS PICK-UP CRAFT KIT

at the Hageman Branch

SMILING SPIR SNAI



This Craft Kit includes everything needed to make an adorable, smiling, spiral snail. This craft kit is for ages 2-6.

Registration opens **MAY 25**

Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your kit. This craft kit may be picked up at HAGEMAN from JUNE 1-8.

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FOR KIDS IN **GRADES 1-4**

In honor of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month. students will learn the history of ukuleles, make their own ukulele and decorate it while listening to ukulele music.

Monday, May 13 4:30-5:30 PM Hageman Branch

Registration opens MAY 6 Register online or call 219-926-9080 to reserve your spot

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Decorate your own cake masterpiece (sort of). When you arrive, we will unveil the Marvel vs DC cake challenge, provide you with all the sweet supplies, and you will do your best to recreate it. Get ready to have some laughs.



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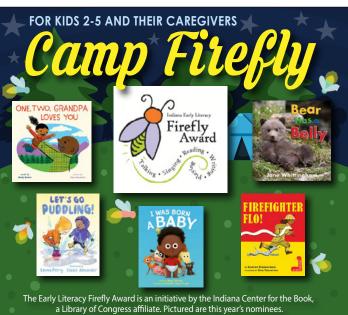
Wednesday, June 12 4-5 PM

Kids will learn about artist Jean-Michel Basquiat in the neo-expressionism movement, when street art united hip hop culture and punk music. Join us as we listen to the music that shaped an era and create your own Basquiat-inspired painting.

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Registration opens JUNE 5 Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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🛪 Monday, June 10 • 10 AM

Join us at Camp Firefly for a cozy storytime with picnic snacks around our pretend campfire. Kids will have a chance to vote for their favorite book to win an award!

THOMAS MEETING ROOM 🚄

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

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For Babies 9-24 Months and Their Caregivers Join Miss Ronnie for some summer fun! Each week will include songs, rhymes, finger plays, and possibly a craft. Practice social skills and early literacy skills which lead to becoming a life-long reader and learner.

FRIDAYS 10-10:30 AM or 11-11:30AM 5/31 • 6/7 • 6/14 • 6/21 • 6/28 7/5 • 7/12 • 7/19 HAGEMAN BRANCH

You will register weekly for each session. Registration opens FRIDAY, MAY 24 Register online or call 219-926-9080 to reserve your spot.

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MUSEUM

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ns Inn & Cottages

This program tells the interesting and little-known history of some of the first towns conceived in the Duneland area. Many towns sprouted in the Duneland area in the 1800s. These towns had their own post offices, their own stores, and their own places on the map. Some of these towns thrived while others fizzled, lost to time. Come learn about the towns that once were, and see how this lost past helped this area thrive today.

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Saturday, May 25 10-11 AM Attend in person at the Museum or on ZOOM. Registration opens MAY 11

Westchester Township History Museum

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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.

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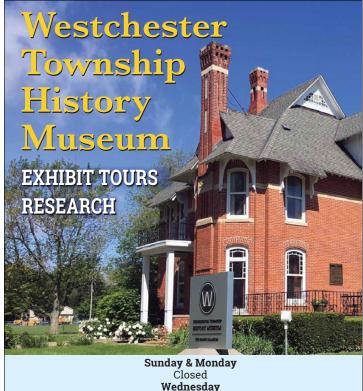


Tuesday, May 28 • 7-8 PM

Come test your knowledge of candy bars, from classics like Snickers to hard-to-find oldies like the Mars Bar. Teams of 1-4 can vie for the prize. Doors open at 6:45 PM. Seating is on a first come, first served basis.

Westchester Township HISTORY MUSEUM For more information call 219-983-9715.

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Wednesday Open 12 - 5 pm 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month Open 12 - 5 pm Tuesday, Thursday, Friday by appointment only Call 219-983-9715 to reserve a time. WESTCHESTER TWP. HISTORY MUSEUM • 700 W. PORTER AVE., CHESTERTON, IN • 219-983-9715 • WPL.LIB.IN.US 🚯

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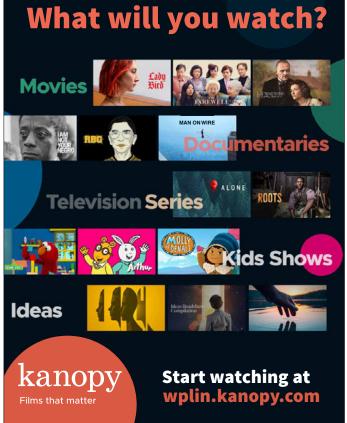






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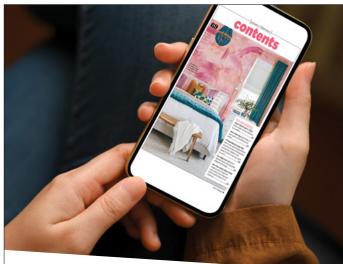


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Curbside Pickup hours: Monday-Friday 1pm-6pm at both branches; Saturday 11:30am-4:30pm at Thomas Branch; Saturday 1:30pm-4:30pm at Hageman Branch; Sunday 1:30pm-4:30pm at Thomas Branch

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

WPL TECH HELP

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WPL YOUTUBE

WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY 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

THE WIFI IS ON IN OUR PARKING LOTS.



NEW MOVIE & TELEVISION SERIES RELEASES

Movie Title: Scooby-Doo! And Krypto, Too! // Rating: NR

Synopsis: When the Justice League goes missing and villains overrun Metropolis, there's only one team that can solve this mystery: Scooby-Doo and the gang! But wait, there's a new dog in town, Krypto, Superman's Superdog with Super Powers.

TV Series Title: Weird: The Al Yankovic Story // Rating: TV-14

Synopsis: Daniel Radcliffe is "Weird" Al Yankovic in the unexaggerated true story about the greatest musician of our time. From a conventional upbringing where playing the accordion was a sin, Al rebelled and made his dream of changing the words to world-renowned songs come true.

Movie Title: The Promised Land // Rating: R

Synopsis: The story of Ludvig Kahlen who pursued his lifelong dream: To make the heath bring him wealth and honor. Seeking wealth and respect, he sets out to tame the vast, uninhabitable land. However, a vicious nobleman is determined to stop him, and the confrontation promises to be as violent and intense as the land itself.

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