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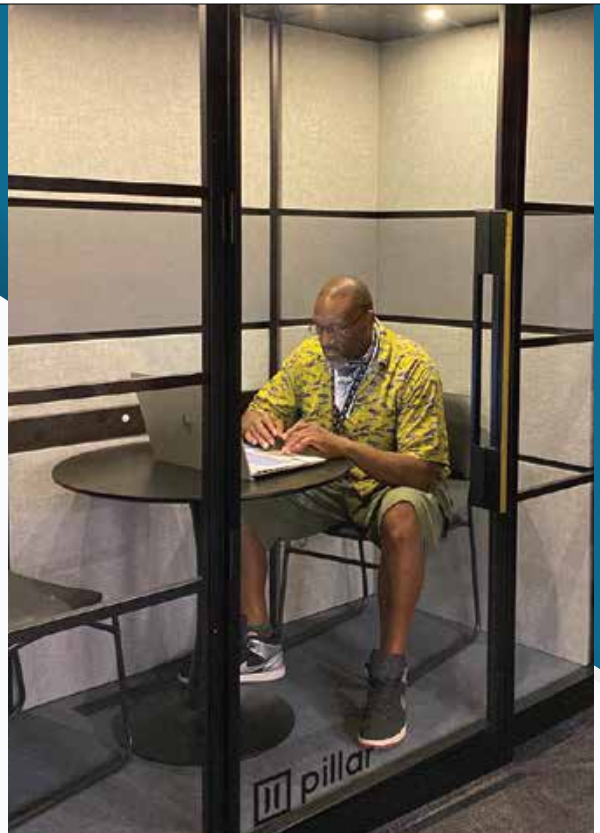
A SUMMER FULL OF ADVENTURES



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NEW STUDY ROOMS AT WPL!



Looking for a private, professional space to take a phone call or host a virtual meeting? WPL now offers soundproof, individual study rooms at Thomas and Hageman!

Each Study Room provides:

- active ventilation, refreshing the air once per minute
- its own electrical outlet and USB port to plug in and charge phones or laptops

They are a great option for telehealth or teletherapy meetings, or virtual interviews!

Give us a call or stop in to reserve your own study room at Westchester Public Library.



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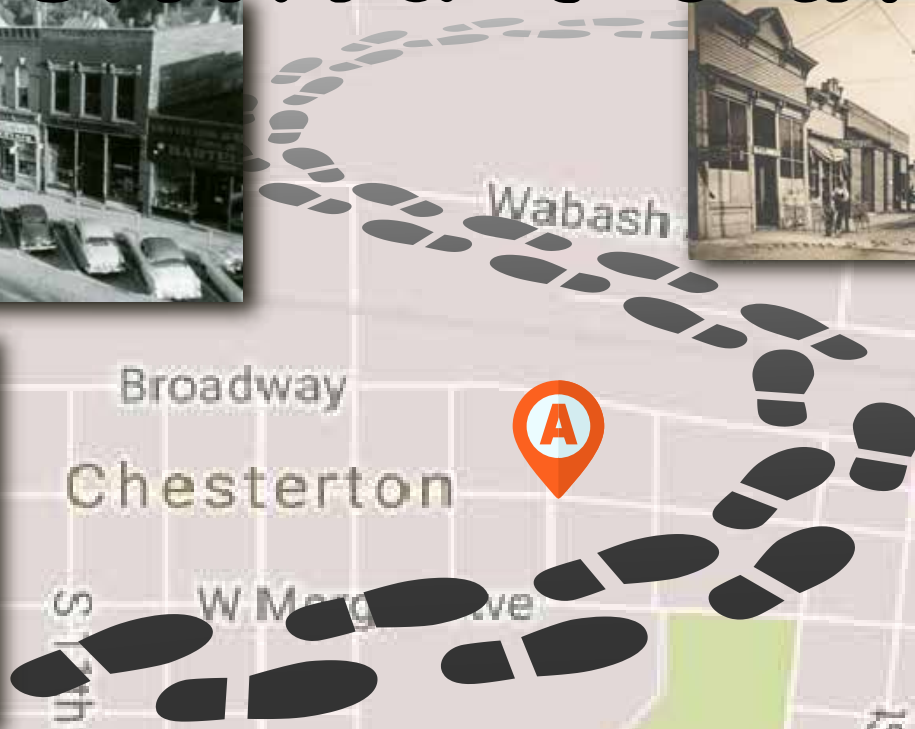
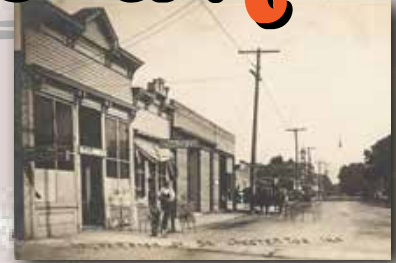
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HAGEMAN BRANCH 219-926-9080

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Historic Chesterton

WALKING TOUR



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 16
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.



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LEARN LOCAL

*Enhancing
Nature's
Bounty
with*



Join the staff from Olivezia to learn about the benefits of olive oil. You will also receive suggestions about how olive oil and balsamic vinegars can enhance fresh produce from your garden or market.

This program is for adults ages 18 and up.

Tuesday, August 6 at 6:30 PM

Thomas Meeting Room

Registration opens JULY 30

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



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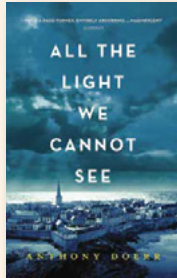
Popular Books

DISCUSSION GROUP

Monday, August 12 • 2-3:30 PM
THOMAS MEETING ROOM

All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

In this beloved instant New York Times Bestseller, the paths of a blind French girl and a German boy collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II. Illuminated by Doerr's "stunning sense of physical detail and gorgeous metaphors", this epic explores the ways people try to be good to one another, against all odds.



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

This program is for adults ages 18 and up.

Next Month's Book

SEPTEMBER 9: Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

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August

ONLINE AUTHOR TALKS

Westchester Public Library
Webinars and Online Events

Registration at: libraryc.org/wpl



smithsonian

Dr. Jennifer Levasseur
Wednesday, August 7, 1 PM



Irena Smith
Thursday, August 15 at 1 PM



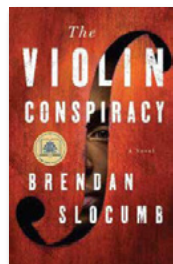
Shelby Van Pelt
Wednesday, August 21 at 6 PM



BIFOCAL BOOKIES

The Violin Conspiracy by Brendan Slocumb

Ray McMillan is a Black classical musician on the rise when a shocking theft sends him on a desperate quest to recover his great-great-grandfather's heirloom violin on the eve of the most prestigious musical competition in the world.



Limited copies are available at Hageman.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13
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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ADULT CRAFT NIGHT

U₁pcycled

T₁ile

S₁crabble

P₃endants

Make several lovely pendants using upcycled scrabble tiles and corded necklaces.

For adults ages 18 and up.

Monday, August 12

6:30 PM

**THOMAS
MEETING ROOM**

Registration opens **AUGUST 5**

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



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Bits & Bytes August Classes:

For Adults Ages 18 and Up

THOMAS BRANCH- IT CLASSROOM

Five Ways to Improve Your Life Using Your Mobile Phone Tuesday, August 6 • 4-5 PM

Come learn how you can use mobile applications to have groceries brought to your door, get a ride, find the best gas price, listen to a podcast and more!

Fraud and Scam Awareness Thursday, August 15 • 4-5 PM

Join us as we discuss the myriad ways scammers try to separate us from our money.

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

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ADULT CRAFT KIT: BEGINNER'S EMBROIDERY

This Craft Kit contains everything you need to complete three different floral scenes. This beginner's embroidery kit will teach you thirty-three different stitches to complete the samplers. Once completed, you will be ready to embellish clothing, accessories, or gifts with eye-catching embroidery accents! This kit is for adults ages 18 and up.

Registration opens AUGUST 7

Register online or by calling 219-926-9080 to reserve your kit. This kit is picked up from HAGEMAN from August 14 to 21.

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Adult Craft Kit: Kumihimo Charm Bracelet

Make a charming bracelet for yourself or a friend using the traditional Japanese art of Kumihimo! Cords and braids using Kumihimo were used to decorate kimonos and Samurai armor. You can also add a charm that reflects the wearer's unique personality. For adults ages 18 and up.

Registration opens AUGUST 19

Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your kit. This craft kit is picked up at THOMAS from August 26 - September 2.

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DIY MUSHROOM WALL ART

Embrace your inner sculptor and fungi enthusiast with these whimsical wall decorations made out of air dry clay. For adults ages 18 and up.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 • 6:30 PM

THOMAS MEETING ROOM

Registration opens AUGUST 15

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

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THE BOYS IN THE BOAT

RATED PG-13

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 AT 1:30 PM
THOMAS BRANCH MEETING ROOM
200 W. INDIANA AVENUE, CHESTERTON, IN

FREE POPCORN!

ADULT CRAFT NIGHT:

MAPLE LEAF WALL ART

Celebrate the arrival of fall by making a wall hanging made of colorful, origami maple leaves.

This program is for adults ages 18 and up.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
6:30 - 7:30 PM

THOMAS MEETING ROOM

Registration opens **AUGUST 27**

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



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ADULT CRAFT NIGHT

Watercolor Folk Art Trees



Monday, September 9
6:30 PM

Leaf your worries behind and celebrate the Fall foliage with this beginner-friendly watercolor experience.
For adults ages 18 and up.

THOMAS MEETING ROOM

Registration opens **SEPTEMBER 1**

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 Circulation Staff:

A mom walked in with her child at 9 AM and told us that she was here bright and early because her child loves it here so much that it's the first thing he wants to do every morning.

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.



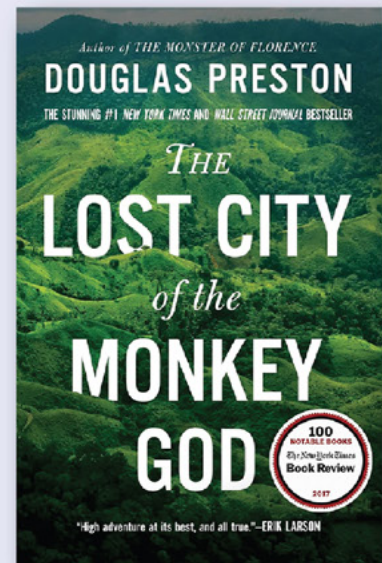
NIGHT OWL BOOK CLUB

Monday, September 23 • 6:30 PM
THOMAS BOARDROOM

***The Lost City of the Monkey God: A True Story* by Douglas Preston**

Join us for a discussion of *The Lost City of the Monkey God: A True Story*. Acclaimed journalist Douglas Preston takes readers on a true adventure deep into the Honduran rainforest in this riveting narrative about the discovery of a lost civilization—culminating in a stunning medical mystery.

This program is for adults ages 18 and up.



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

Registration opens September 16

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

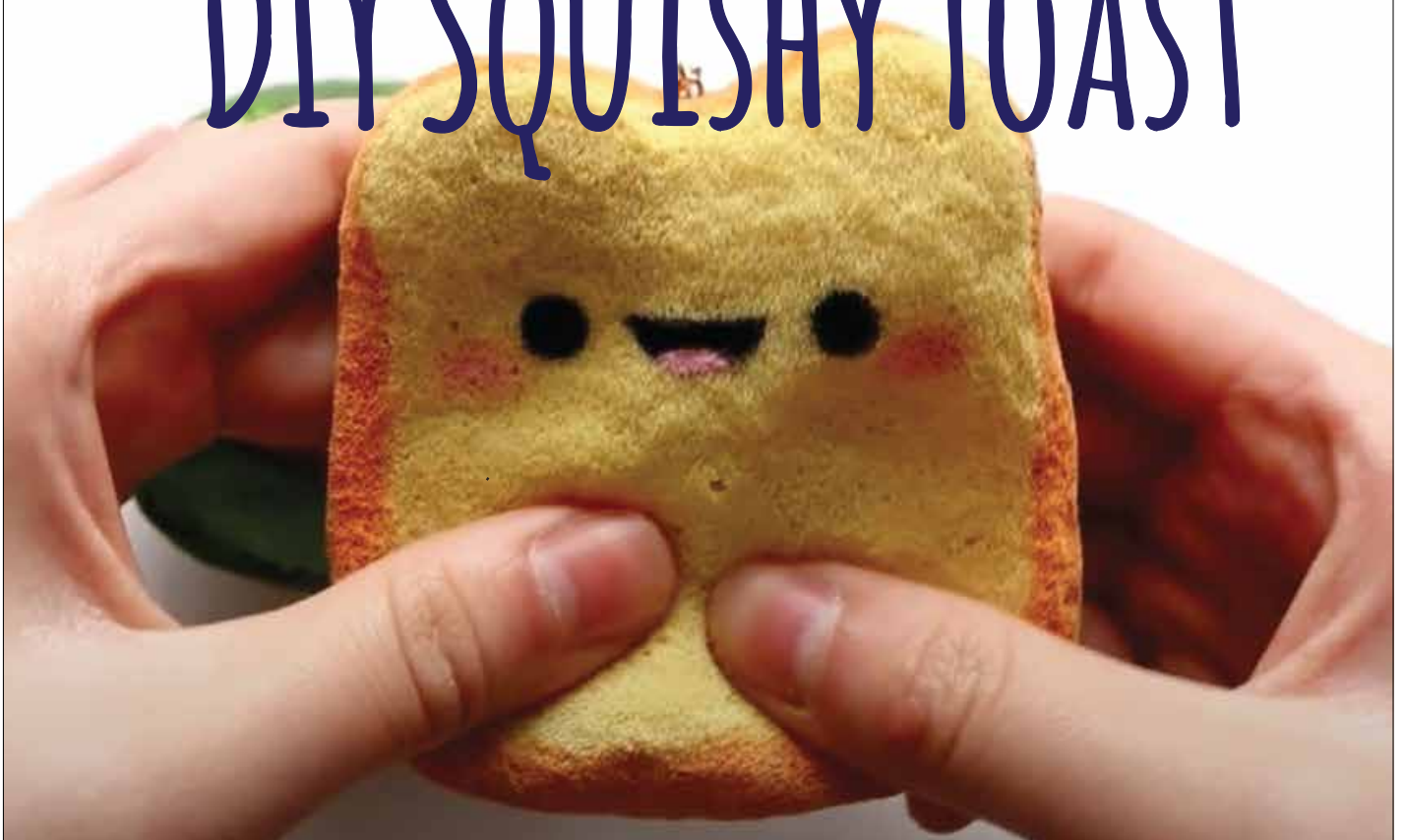


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FOR TEENS & TWEENS

CRAFT KIT:
DIY SQUISHY TOAST



FOR TWEENS AND TEENS IN GRADES 5-12

Register for this kit to make your own
little squishy in the shape of toast!

Registration for this kit opens

AUGUST 1

Register online or call 219-926-9080 to reserve your kit.
This kit is picked up at **HAGEMAN** from **AUGUST 8-15**.



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Teen Space
SCAVENGER HUNT

FOR TWEENS IN GRADES 5-8

Join our scavenger hunt to learn more about the new Teen Space and all it has to offer.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7
6-7 PM

No registration necessary.

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TEEN READING CLUB

FOR TEENS IN GRADES 9-12

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16
4:30 - 5:30 PM

Let's read and talk about books! We will spend half the time chatting about some of our favorite (and least favorite) books, genres, and tropes and the rest of the time reading.

THOMAS TEEN SPACE
Registration opens **AUGUST 9**
Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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DIY Pretzel Pillow

FOR TWEENS IN GRADES 5-8

Thursday, September 5
5:30 PM

Join us as we turn tube socks into pretzel-shaped pillows!

THOMAS MEETING ROOM
Registration opens **AUGUST 29**
Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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Teens and Tweens - Follow us on Instagram @wpl.teens to get the scoop on programs, services, monthly book challenges and book reviews just for you!

MAGAZINES OF INTEREST



Aquila (Thomas print) (Juvenile)

Aquila is a magazine for children ages 8-14, covering monthly topics such as food, summer adventure, the Titanic, and more. Also included are amazing puzzles and brain-busting facts. Topics are designed to inspire children's interest and imagination: thoughtful readers will develop a deeper understanding of our complex world.



VegNews (Thomas print & digital)

The premier vegetarian lifestyle magazine, *VegNews* is packed with the latest recipes, news, health information, events, products, must-read books, interviews, and so much more.

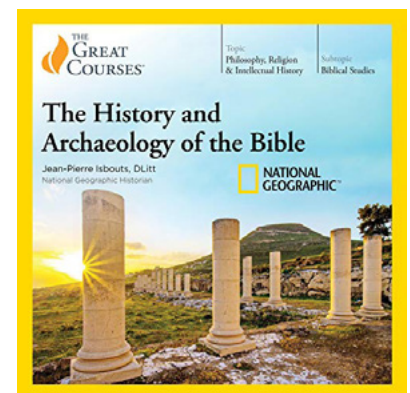
GREAT COURSES

***The History and Archaeology of the Bible* (DVD)**

The work of historians and archaeologists opens a thrilling world of discovery as they bring their methods and insights to the iconic stories of the Bible. In this course, discover ancient evidence related to the Flood and the Tower of Babel, the actual path of the Exodus from Egypt, excavations related to the life of Jesus, and many other findings that reveal deeper perspectives on biblical narratives.

Taught by Jean-Pierre Isbouts, a National Geographic contributor, eminent biblical historian, and award-winning filmmaker, these 24 richly detailed lessons include 47 video sequences created especially for this course. Professor Isbouts's dynamic commentary brings alive key stories of the Bible from Genesis to the Crucifixion, seen through the lens of the latest historical and archaeological findings where many of the stories unfolded.

This series is deeply fascinating for those who have an interest in the Abrahamic faiths, ancient civilizations, and archaeology. *The History and Archaeology of the Bible* throws fresh and revealing light on the iconic scriptures that—in far-reaching ways—have shaped our world.



CRAFT KIT:
**Migrating
Monarch
Butterflies**

FOR KIDS AGES 2-5

Did you know a group of butterflies
is called a kaleidoscope?

Celebrate and learn about the
monarch butterfly migration with
this butterfly puppet craft kit.

**Registration opens
AUGUST 5**

Register online or call
219-926-7696 to reserve your kit.
This craft kit is picked up
at THOMAS from August 12-18.



Back-to-School Wellness Kit

FOR KIDS IN GRADES K-4

Opt for a screen-free evening with a card game, magic tricks, card casting, and journaling.

Who knows? Maybe you will start a new tradition and make new memories.

Bust back-to-school stress and find creative ways to choose activities over screen time.

Registration opens JULY 29

Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your kit. This craft kit is picked up at THOMAS from AUGUST 5-11.

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Books Balls Blocks

For Families with Children Ages 0-3

AUGUST 7 • 10 AM
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Connect with early childhood specialists and local organizations such as First Things First Porter County and Help Me Grow Porter County, which will provide families and caregivers with play opportunities in line with developmental milestones, as well as information about local resources. No registration required.

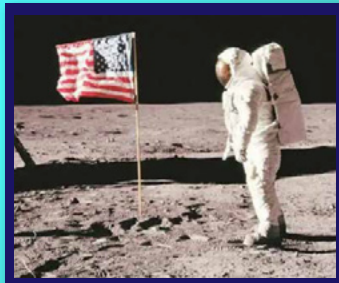


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Tinker & Create: Make Your Own Rocket

FOR KIDS IN GRADES 1-4

Join us for a celebration of Neil Armstrong's birthday (August 5). You will learn about Neil, then have the opportunity to build your very own rocket!



Monday, AUGUST 12
4:30-5:30 PM
Hageman Branch

Registration opens AUGUST 5

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

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CRAFTERNOONS PICK-UP CRAFT KIT at the Hageman Branch

POPCICLE STICK APPLE



Celebrate apple season with this Craft Kit. It includes the materials to make two apples that have been munched on. This craft kit is for ages 2-6.

Registration opens AUGUST 31

Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your kit. This craft kit may be picked up at HAGEMAN from SEPTEMBER 7-14.

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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, and learn through play.

MONDAYS 10-10:30 or 11-11:30 AM
9/9 • 9/16 • 9/23 • 9/30 • 10/7 • 10/14

THOMAS CHILDREN'S DEPT. Registration opens **AUGUST 30**

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
9/10 • 9/17 • 9/24 • 10/1 • 10/8 • 10/15
FRIDAYS 10-10:30 AM or 11-11:30 AM
9/13 • 9/20 • 9/27 • 10/4 • 10/11 • 10/18

Registration opens **SEPTEMBER 3**

Tickle Tales

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Little Explorers FOLKTALES

For Kids Ages 4-6 and Their Caregivers
Join Miss Justine for stories from around the world, near and far.

WEDNESDAYS 4-4:30 PM
9/11 • 9/18 • 9/25
10/2 • 10/9 • 10/16

THOMAS MEETING ROOM Registration opens **SEPTEMBER 4**

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



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Barbie

Trivia Night

Tuesday, August 27
7-8 PM



Barbieland comes to Duneland!
Test your knowledge of the iconic doll, the movie, and all things Barbie at this month's Trivia Night. Teams of 1-4 can vie for the prize. Doors open at 6:45. Seating is first come, first served.

**Westchester Township
History Museum**

For more information call 219-983-9715.



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, AUGUST 8

THE BROWN MANSION
 For more information call 219-983-9715.

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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

Call 219-983-9715 to reserve a time.

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 up to grade 12



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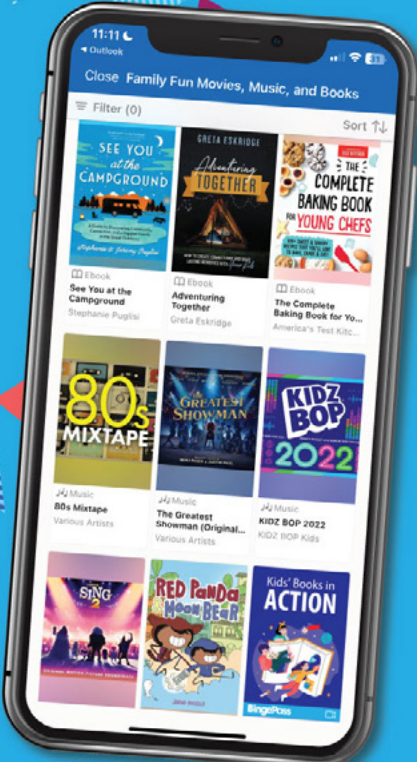
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FAMILY FUN




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audiobooks • comics/graphic novels • movies • TV • magazines • music




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Enjoy sweet summer reads.

CURBSIDE PICKUP

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.

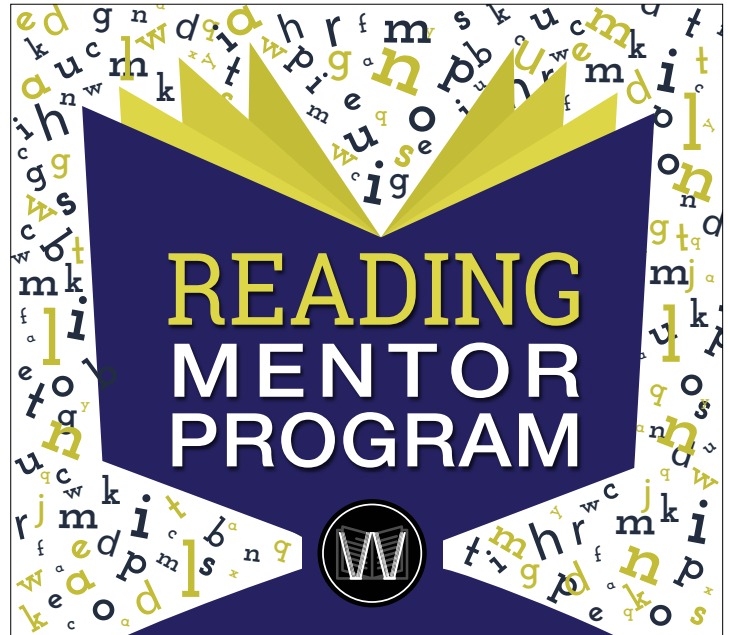
3. Call the Library phone number posted on the numbered parking space sign and staff will check-out and bring your holds to your parking space.

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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If your child in Grades K - 12 is in need of reading help, this program is for you!

Designed to provide guidance to help empower and motivate children to become confident readers through enriching reading support sessions, the Library's Reading Mentor Program offers a safe and welcoming learning environment with volunteer mentors who will work one-on-one with your child in half-hour increments.

Student sign-up sheets are available at Thomas Children's Department or online at wpl.lib.in.us/volunteer/

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



THE WiFi IS ON IN OUR PARKING LOTS.

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NEW MOVIE & TELEVISION SERIES RELEASES

TV Series: *Bluey: Season 3* // **Rating:** G

Synopsis: The multi-award-winning pre-school animation returns for its third series. Bluey and her little sister Bingo love coming up with hilarious, elaborate games based on their interpretation of the world around them. They enjoy roping Mum Chilli and Dad Bandit and all their family and friends into their fun.

Movie Title: *The Fall Guy* // **Rating:** PG-13

Synopsis: He's a stuntman, and like everyone in the stunt community, he endures a lot of abuse, all for our entertainment. And now, fresh off an almost career-ending accident, he has to track down a missing movie star, solve a conspiracy, and try to win back the love of his life while still doing his day job.

Movie Title: *Back to Black* // **Rating:** R

Synopsis: The extraordinary story of Amy Winehouse's early rise to fame. Told through Amy's eyes and inspired by her deeply personal lyrics, the film explores and embraces the many layers of the iconic artist and the tumultuous love story at the center of one of the most legendary albums of all time.

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