# WPL NEWSLETTER

### JULY 2024

### WELCOME ABOARD!

A note from our new outreach Librarian, Amanda:

"As someone who has been enchanted by the dunes my entire life, I am thrilled to serve the community that embraces and respects this ecologically magical place. I hope to see you in a program or at an outreach event soon!

For me, libraries have always been the place to "dwell in possibility" that Emily Dickinson imagined in her famous poem. The library is a space where every one of us can access stories, tools and information to develop and reinvent our multitudinous "possibilities." Libraries opened the door for me to be the first person in my family to consider college as an option, something I will always be grateful for.

For the past ten years I have enjoyed serving children and families in youth-focused public library positions. Then the time came to grow and learn new skills- and what luck, there was an opening in my beloved Chesterton! Outside of libraries, I enjoy running, relaxing at the dunes with my husband, and playing with our rescue pups Moose and Oakley. Thank you for letting me be part of the Westchester story- and go Cubs!"

> We will be closed Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independance Day.



Say "Hello" to our new Outreach Librarian when you see her out and about at community events!

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WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY ABBON CUTTING

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It's a library party and everyone is invited!

Celebration

## FRIDAY, JULY 26 3-6 PM

### **THOMAS AND HAGEMAN BRANCHES**

We have been busy making improvements at both Library Branches, and we are excited to share them all with you! Stop by to see what's new, including:

> Soundproof individual meeting room booths **Parent/child computer workstations New Teen Space at the Thomas Branch**

Ribbon cuttings and brief remarks from the WPL Board of Trustees and First Things First Porter County at 3 PM upstairs in the Thomas Branch.

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## ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY

### Summer Reading continues through Saturday, July 20

There are reading challenges for everyone:

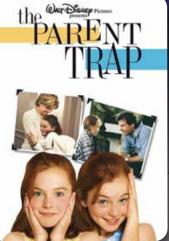
- Children ages 0-4
- K-4th graders
- 5th-12th graders
- Adults ages 18+

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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 Public Library proudly presents



Enjoy summer under the stars while taking in a family film!

Bring a blanket or lawn chairs, and enjoy free popcorn from the Chesterton-Porter Rotary Club. Bottled water and soft drinks will be available for \$1.00.

**THE PARENT TRAP (1998) Thursday, July 25 at 8 PM** Chesterton Park – Corner of West Morgan Ave. & 5 th St., Chesterton

### Get out and enjoy summer with live music!

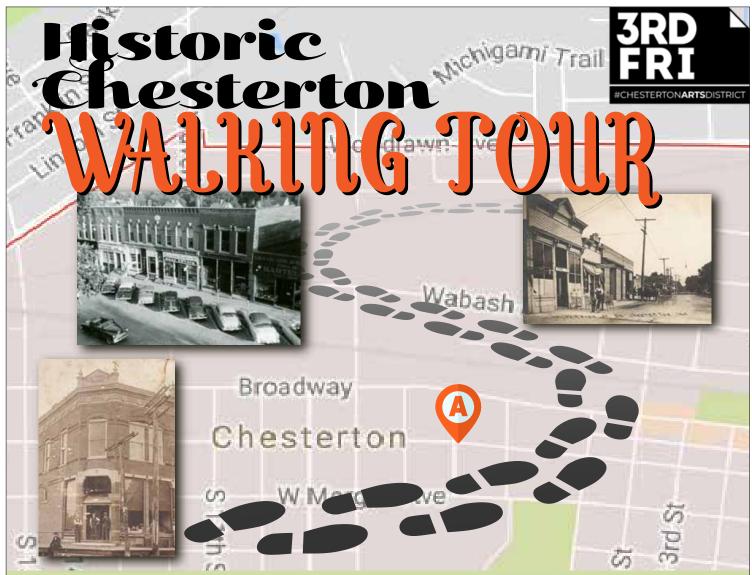
Bring a blanket or lawn chairs, and enjoy free popcorn from the Chesterton-Porter Rotary Club. Bottled water and soft drinks will be available for \$1.00.

Friday, July 12 • 7 PM SOUTH SHORE BRASS BAND Hawthorne Park – 500 Ackerman Dr., Porter

Friday, July 19 • 7 PM DUNELAND JAZZ COLLECTIVE

Chesterton Park – Corner of West Morgan Ave. & 5 th St., Chesterton

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### Fridays: July 19 or 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.

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

### PROGRAMS & CRAFT KITS FOR ADULTS

## ADULT CRAFT NIGHT: **Plant Pot Snails** MONDAY, JULY 8 6:30 PM



Add some personality to your garden or potted plants with these adorable Sculpey snails! Learn how to make snails using polymer clay, marbles, and wire. Participants will each make 3 snails to take home. For adults ages 18 and up.

Thomas Branch Meeting Room

## **Registration opens JULY 1**

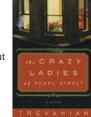
Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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### BIFOCAL BOOKIES

#### The Crazy Ladies of Pearl Street by Trevanian



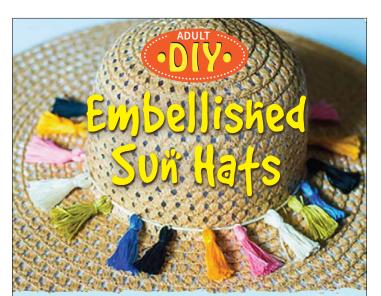
Limited copies are available at Hageman.

Join Ronnie for an educational, interactive book club discussion on this poignant autobiographical novel about growing up poor in America during the Depression. It follows the life of six-year-old Jean-Luc, living with his little sister and young mother after being abandoned by his con artist father, in the middle of Albany's Irish-Catholic slum.

> TUESDAY, JULY 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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### Monday, July 22 • 6:30 PM

Design and decorate a sun hat to keep cool and showcase your own personal style! Get beach ready by adding your favorite embellishments and colors to a wide-brimmed straw hat.

For adults ages 18 and up.

#### **THOMAS BRANCH MEETING ROOM** Registration opens JULY 15

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

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### WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 • 1-2 PM

Keep your skin smooth and your bathroom counters cute with this colorful sugar scrub! Scrubs are beneficial to your beauty routine by exfoliating the skin's surface and removing the dead skin. This program is for adults age 18 and up.

### Hageman Branch

#### Registration opens JULY 3

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

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#### W WPL'S SUNDAY MATINEE



## NO-SEW FLEE DOG BLANKETS For Lakeshore Paws

### Wednesday, July 31 6:30 PM

Celebrate National Mutt Day by helping our furry friends at Lakeshore Paws! Join us to create a no-sew dog blanket to give comfort and warmth to the pups awaiting their forever homes. For adults ages 18 and up.

### THOMAS BRANCH MEETING ROOM Registration opens JULY 24

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



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#### 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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### WPL BOOK CLUB KITS

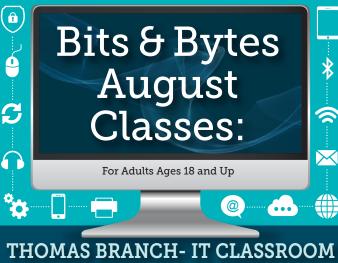




Host your own book club with a kit from Westchester Public Library! Each kit includes multiple copies of the same title, and a list of discussion questions.

Create new friendships, strengthen bonds, and learn all sorts of interesting things by sharing a book together.





#### 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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From WPL's Young Adult Staff:

We've had so many people come into the new teen room and say how they love what we've done with the space! Parents have told us they are so glad we've made a space for this age group and how much the community needed it.

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.



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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FOR TEENS & TWEENS

## TEEN PRITING CLUB For Teens in Grades 9-12 WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 6:30-7:30 PM

Join us as we talk about our current works in progress, share ideas, and write.

### THOMAS TEEN SPACE

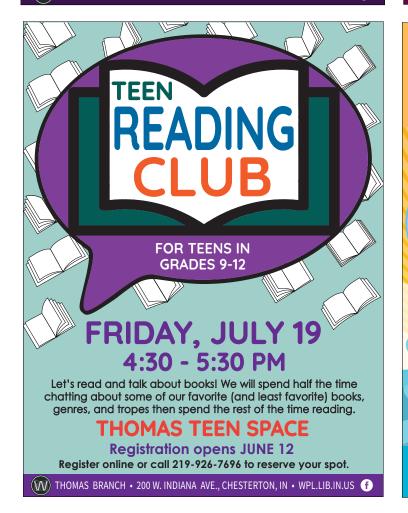
### **Registration opens JULY 3**

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

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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!

Mongolia

This month we will be learning about Mongolia! We will also eat snacks and play trivia! Join us to learn more about this amazing world we live in.

### Wednesday, July 17 6-7 PM

THOMAS MEETING ROOM

**Registration opens JULY 10** Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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Elizabeth Acevedo, The Poet X Tuesday, July 23 at 1 PM (Grades 9 - 12)

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



Teen Space

Come see the new Teen Space on the 2nd Floor of Thomas Branch! Join us for the Opening Celebration on 7/26.

Teens and Tweens-Follow us on Instagram at wpl.teens to get the scoop on programs,

to get the scoop on programs, services, monthly book challenges and book reviews just for you!

### MAGAZINES OF INTEREST



### Bicycling (Thomas print & digital)

From authoritative recommendations on the latest bikes and gear to the best advice on getting fitter and stronger, *Bicycling* magazine is your top resource for becoming addicted to cycling and taking on the roads with energy and exuberance.

You'll get the latest fitness and training tips to ride harder and smarter, profiles of the sport's most engaging riders and characters, and the most detailed reviews of the latest bikes and gear from a dedicated test team—all so you can make the most out of every ride.



### Willow and Sage (Hageman print & digital)

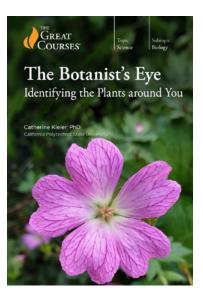
*Willow and Sage* magazine is filled with more than 70 unique recipes, uses, and beautiful packaging ideas for homemade bath and body products, paired alongside stunning, Somerset-style photography. Natural bath salts and soaks, soaps, face masks, chemical-free make-up, lotions, sugar scrubs, and essential oils are showcased throughout. Homemade gift ideas are featured in each issue, along with creative packaging tips.

### GREAT COURSES/WONDRIUM

### The Botanist's Eye: Identifying the Plants Around You (DVD)

Identifying plants is an experience anyone can have, no matter where they live. And the ability to identify plants doesn't require a PhD. All you need is some basic knowledge, some practice, and the fascinating insights found in the 24 lessons of *The Botanist's Eye: Identifying the Plants around You.* 

Dr. Kleier, who brings to this course a lifetime of teaching and researching botany, has designed it to help you notice plants, but to also help you to actually see them. You'll explore over 20 of the most common plant families in North America, as well as some of the fascinating species within them (some of which you can likely find in your own backyard). Along the way, you'll learn about the history of botanical science, tips and tricks botanists use to identify seemingly similar plants, and the myriad ways plants help define what it means to be human.



### FOR KIDS



A Comic-con with a twist. Kids will have an introduction to all things anime and manga. They will learn about the genre and style that is loved internationally. Then, kids will design their own cosplay and learn to draw the manga style expressions. From Pokémon to Miyazaki and Naruto to Yo-Kai Watch — all kids are welcome! Who knows? You might discover a new favorite.

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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.

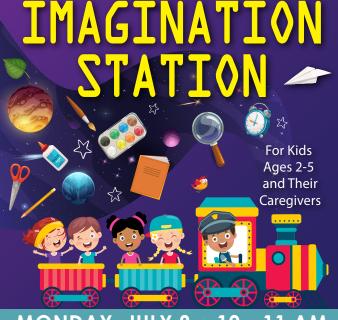
#### FRIDAYS 10-10:30 AM or 11-11:30AM 7/5 • 7/12 • 7/19

HAGEMAN BRANCH You will register weekly for each session. Registration opens FRIDAY, JUNE 28 Register online or call 219-926-9080 to reserve your spot.

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Tinker & Create:

**Global Tiger Day** 



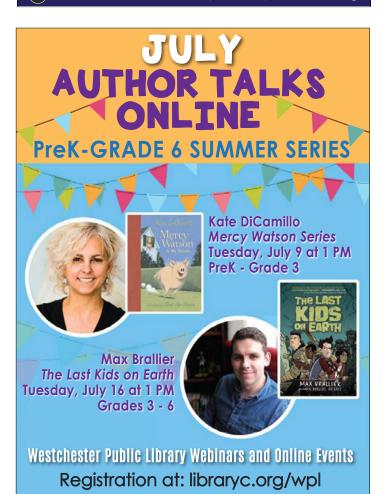
MONDAY, JULY 8 • 10 - 11 AM

All aboard! Welcome to WPL's Imagination Station, where kids can tinker and build boundless creations. The destinations are endless when your imagination is the guide.

#### THOMAS MEETING ROOM Registration opens on JUNE 28

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#### FOR KIDS IN GRADES 1-4

Celebrate Global Tiger Day (July 29) by learning about tigers and their habitats to raise awareness of tiger conservation. You will also make a tiger puppet to take home.



### Monday, JULY 8 4:30-5:30 PM Hageman Branch

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

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### CRAFTERNOONS PICK-UP CRAFT KIT

at the Hageman Branch

## CRAFT STICK



#### Celebrate the joy of summer with this Craft Kit. It includes everything you need to make a beautiful flower in its own little pot. No water needed! This craft kit is for ages 2–6.

#### Registration opens JULY 27

Register online or call 219–926–7696 to reserve your kit. This craft kit may be picked up at HAGEMAN from AUGUST 3–10.

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#### FOR KIDS IN GRADES K-4

Back-to-School

Opt for a screen-free evening with a card game, magic tricks, card castling, 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

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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For Families with Children Ages 0-3

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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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### MUSEUM

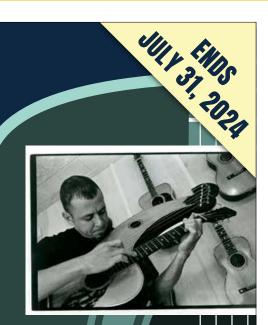
## **AEU ERA GUITARS MAKING MUSIC IN THE DUNES**

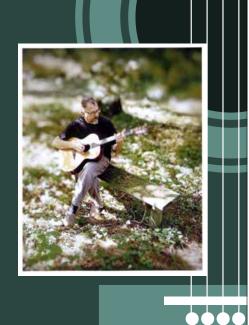
A new exhibit highlights the life and career of local guitar builder Tony Klassen. Klassen was an artist, self-taught musician, naturalist, and handyman. His home in Furnessville was his solace and, eventually, his workshop, where he built and sold guitars for 16 years.

Exhibit runs through JULY 31

### Westchester Township History Museum

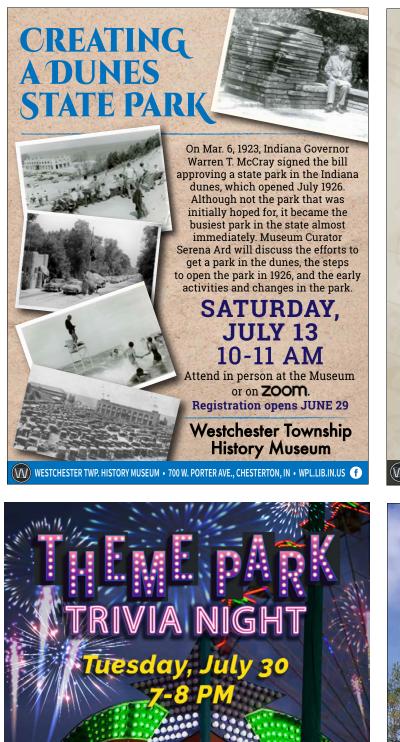
OPEN: 12pm - 5pm Wed. and the 2nd and 4th Sat. of the month. You may also visit on Tues., Thurs., or Fri. by appointment. Call 219-983-9715 to reserve a time.







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This month's trivia theme will test your ability to withstand large groups of people, stomach-churning rides, and exorbitantly priced food. We'll be highlighting places like Six Flags, Disney, Universal Studios, and others. Teams of 1-4 can vie for the prize. Doors open at 6:45 PM. Seating is limited and is first come, first served. Westchester Township History Museum For more information call 219-983-9715.

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MUSIC AT THE MUSEUM

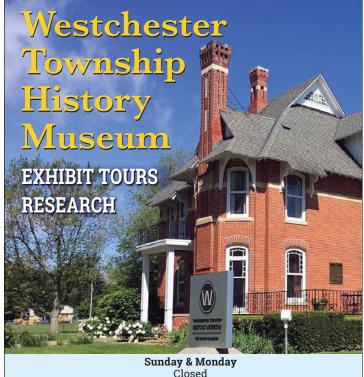
Join the Flashbacks for a blast from the past as they present hits from the past 500 years. They focus on folk music from various countries and include some classics that you may have heard before.

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 рм - 3:00 рм Thursday, July 11

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

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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. WESTCHESTER TWP, HISTORY MUSEUM + 700 W. PORTER AVE., CHESTERTON, IN + 219-983-9715 + WPL.LIB.IN.US (

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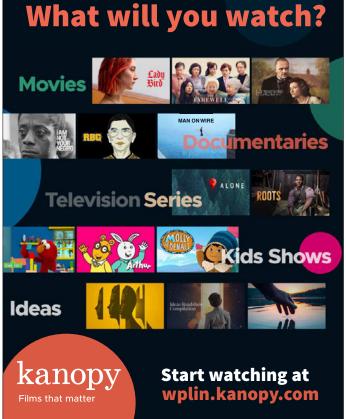


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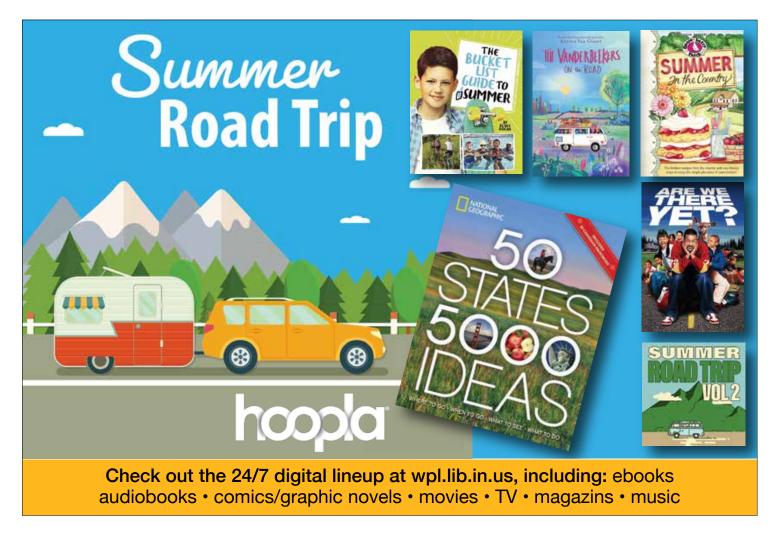
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Curbside Pickup hours: Monday-Friday 1pm-6pm at both branches; Saturday 11:30am-4:30pm at Thomas Branch; Saturday 1:30pm-4:30pm at Hageman Branch; Sunday 1:30pm-4:30pm at Thomas Branch

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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# 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



### NEW MOVIE & TELEVISION SERIES RELEASES

#### Movie Title: Kung-Fu Panda 4 // Rating: PG

**Synopsis:** After Po is tapped to become the Spiritual Leader of the Valley of Peace, he needs to find and train a new Dragon Warrior, while a wicked sorceress plans to re-summon all the master villains whom Po has vanguished to the spirit realm.

#### Movie Title: Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire // Rating: PG-13

**Synopsis:** When the discovery of an ancient artifact unleashes an evil force, Ghostbusters new and old must join forces to protect their home and save the world from a second Ice Age.

#### Movie Title: The Old Oak // Rating: R

**Synopsis:** *The Old Oak* is a deeply moving drama about loss, fear, and the difficulty of finding hope. The future is uncertain for the last remaining pub, The Old Oak, in a village of Northeast England, where people are leaving the land as the mines are closed. Houses are cheap and available, thus making it an ideal location for Syrian refugees.

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Every month WPL will send an email about upcoming programs, classes, and events happening at the library. WPL will absolutely never sell or give your email address to anyone else. You always have the right to opt-out or opt-in to receiving our emails.