



# WPL NEWSLETTER

## SEPTEMBER 2024

### ROLL OUT AND READ

During September, WPL invites you to celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month by exploring all the amazing resources we offer. It's the perfect time to encourage your family, friends, and neighbors who don't have a card to sign up and join in on ALL the possibilities that comes from having one.

This year, Transformers\* are encouraging kids both young and old to roll out to their libraries and get their library cards during Library Card Sign-Up Month in September. American Library Association President Emily Drabinski says, "Library cards open worlds of opportunity for Autobots and humans alike. Whether or not your favorite genre is science fiction, library cards spark creativity and inspire critical thinking skills. Join Optimus Prime, who I'm told is a huge library fan, and check out your local library."

Has your library card expired? Come in and get one of our newly redesigned library cards that reflect the waves, sand, and green space of the Indiana Dunes. They also match the colors of our recent branch renovations.

New patrons who register for a library card will be entered to win exciting prizes! New juvenile cardholders could win a mask that transforms into Bumblebee, while adults have the chance to win the newly released game, Chestertonopoly.

And don't forget to pick up an "I ❤️ My Library" yard sign to proudly show your support!

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WPL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 FOR LABOR DAY.

# LIBRARIES- MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE...

ROLL OUT  
WITH A  
LIBRARY  
CARD.



September is  
**LIBRARY CARD  
SIGN-UP  
MONTH**

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Sign up for a new library card during the month of September at our Thomas or Hageman Branch and you will be entered to win a Chesterton-opoly game for adults or a Transformers Bumblebee converting action figure/mask for kids.



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# *Chesterton* HISTORY HUNT

**Saturday, September 28 • 1 - 4 PM**



**WALK • BICYCLE • DRIVE**

**Westchester Township History Museum's History Hunt is back!**

The history hunt takes participants to historic buildings and areas around downtown Chesterton.

This year the hunt will highlight local theater history.

Begin the hunt at the Museum before 3 p.m. to get your first clue.

Registration is not required.

**Follow the clues • Complete the challenges • Visit historical sites**

The hunt is fun for all ages, but parents or guardians should accompany children. A treat awaits those who complete the hunt.

If you have questions or want further details, call 219-983-9715 or visit the Museum during operating hours.



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**BOOKS • DVDs • AUDIOBOOKS  
CDS • MAGAZINES • AND MORE!**

If you are a resident of Westchester Township and are unable to visit the Library due to extended illness, injury, disability or infirmity, WPL Home Delivery is for you!

- Library materials delivered to your door every three weeks
- Stop or restart the service at any time

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

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.



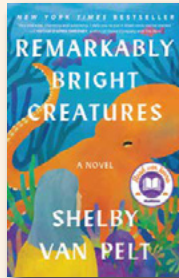
# Popular Books

## DISCUSSION GROUP

Monday, September 9 • 2-3:30 PM

THOMAS MEETING ROOM

### Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt



After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine but wouldn't dream of lifting one of his eight arms for his human captors—until he forms a remarkable friendship with Tova.

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

This program is for adults ages 18 and up.

#### Next Month's Book

OCTOBER 7: *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger

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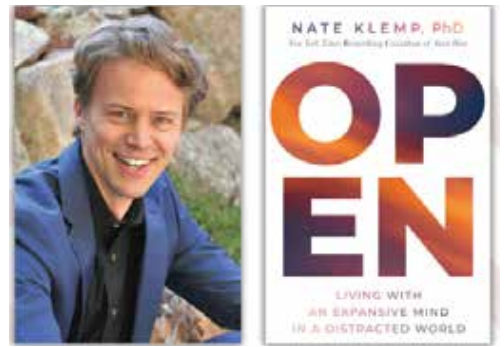
# SEPTEMBER ONLINE AUTHOR TALKS

Westchester Public Library  
Webinars and Online Events  
Registration at: [libraryc.org/wpl](http://libraryc.org/wpl)



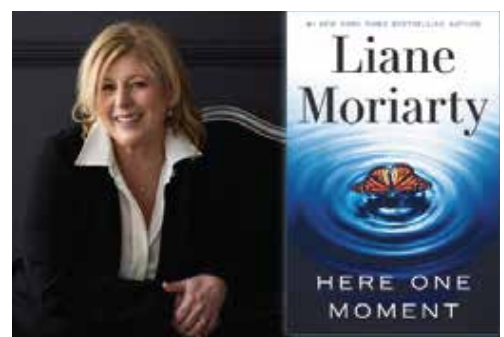
### Garrett M. Graff

Tuesday, September 10, 1 PM



### Nate Klemp, PhD

Wednesday, September 18, 1 PM



### Liane Moriarty

Saturday, September 21, 6 PM

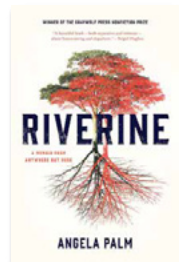


## BIFOCAL BOOKIES

### Riverine: A Memoir from Anywhere but Here by Angela Palm

Angela Palm grew up in a place not marked on the map, her house set on the banks of the Kankakee River in rural Indiana.

Though she did escape her childhood life, as an adult, Palm is drawn back to her origins, seeking to make peace with her past.



Limited copies are available at Hageman.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10  
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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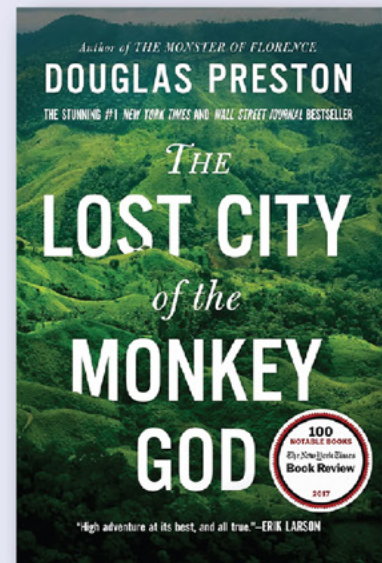
# NIGHT OWL BOOK CLUB

**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 August 14**

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



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WPL'S SUNDAY MATINEE

ROMAN GRIFFIN DAVIS THOMASIN MCKENZIE TAIKA WAITITI  
 REBEL WILSON STEPHEN MERCHANT ALFIE ALLEN  
 with SAM ROCKWELL and SCARLETT JOHANSSON

JOJO RABBIT

TORONTO 2019

RATED PG-13

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 AT 1:30 PM  
 THOMAS BRANCH MEETING ROOM  
 200 W. INDIANA AVENUE, CHESTERTON, IN **FREE POPCORN!**

# Bits & Bytes Class:

## What is AI and What Do I Do About It?

For Adults Ages 18 and Up

Thursday, September 26  
 4-5 PM

AI is in the headlines everyday, but what is it? How do machines learn? Can I use it? Is it safe? Join us as we discuss these issues and more.

**THOMAS BRANCH- IT CLASSROOM**  
 Registration opens **AUGUST 29**

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

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ADULT CRAFT:

# HALLOWEEN SQUEEGEE ART

Tuesday,  
 October 1  
 6:30 PM

Thomas Meeting Room

Registration opens  
 SEPTEMBER 24

With our materials and your creativity, you will take home a keepsake piece of Halloween art to give or keep for yourself.

For adults ages 18 and up.

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

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# Happy Tales

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

WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

*From State Representative, Pat Boy, at the ribbon-cutting celebration for our new Teen Space:*

**"If I were a teenager, I would want to come here. I love those chairs! This is a wonderful space."**

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.



**CRAFT  
KIT:**

# BUBBLE JARS

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

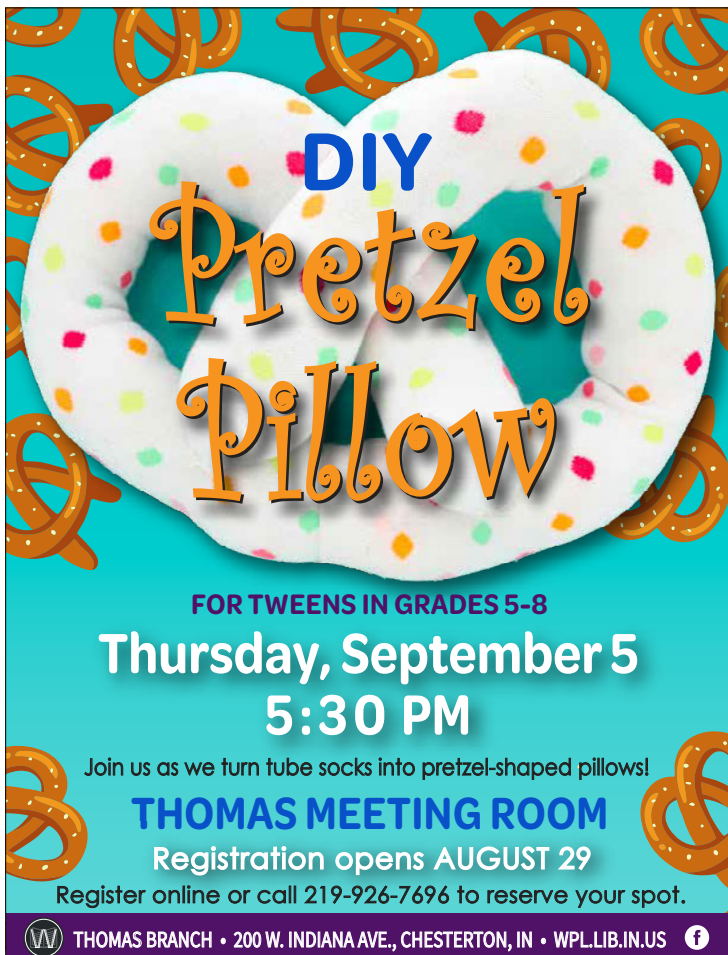
**Register for this kit  
to make a jar full  
of colorful bubbles,  
similar to a lava lamp.**

**Registration for  
this kit opens  
SEPTEMBER 5**

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

**This kit is picked up  
at HAGEMAN from  
SEPTEMBER 12-19.**





**DIY Pretzel Pillow**

FOR TWEENS IN GRADES 5-8

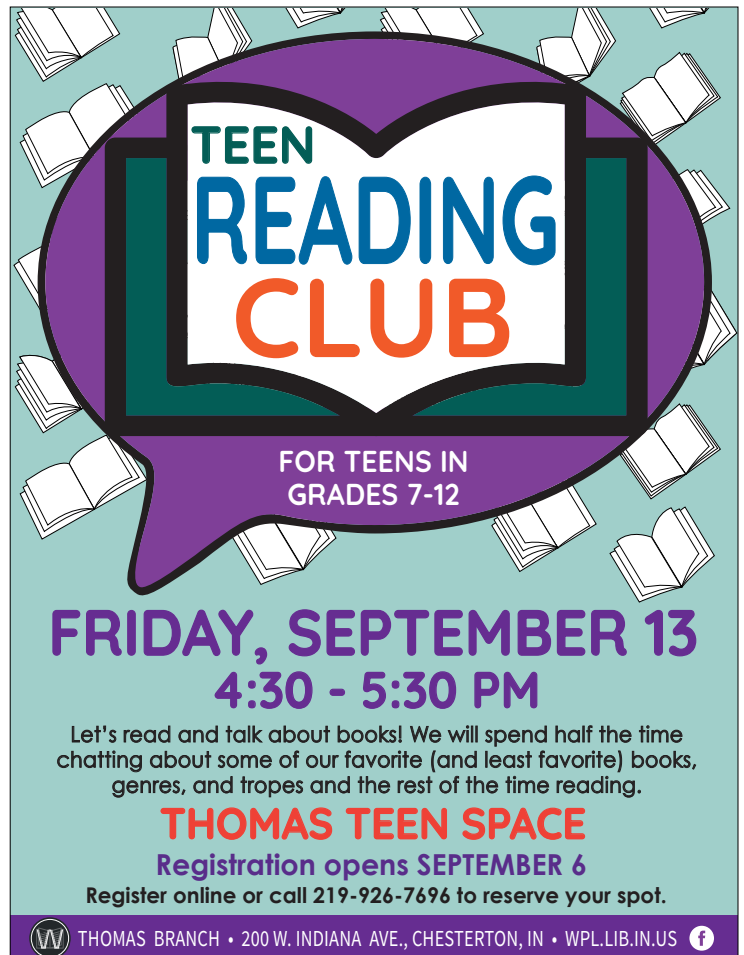
**Thursday, September 5**  
**5:30 PM**

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

**THOMAS MEETING ROOM**  
Registration opens **AUGUST 29**

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**TEEN READING CLUB**

FOR TEENS IN GRADES 7-12

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**  
**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 **SEPTEMBER 6**

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

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**SNACKING AROUND THE STATES**

**ARIZONA**

For Tweens in Grades 5 - 8


**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**  
**6-7 PM**

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

**THOMAS MEETING ROOM**  
Registration opens **SEPTEMBER 11**

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!

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

**CHILE**

**Wednesday, October 2**  
**6-7 PM**

**THOMAS MEETING ROOM**  
Registration opens **SEPTEMBER 25**

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

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# BOOK



# BINGO

## FOR TEENS

Teens in Grades 5-12 are invited to join us for a fun game night made possible by a partnership with the Northwest Indiana Literacy Council.

Indiana State  
**LITERACY**  
ASSOCIATION



Join us for a game of bingo and win **FREE BOOKS!**



# THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 5-6 PM

## THOMAS MEETING ROOM

Registration opens **SEPTEMBER 12**

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



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# DIY YARN WALL HANG

FOR TEENS  
IN GRADES 9-12

WEDNESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 25  
5:30-6:30 PM

Join us as we make a simple, yet  
quirky wall decoration out of yarn.

THOMAS MEETING ROOM

Registration opens SEPTEMBER 18

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



# MAGAZINES OF INTEREST



## ***Astronomy* (Thomas print & digital)**

The world's best-selling astronomy magazine offers the most exciting, visually stunning, and timely coverage of the skies above. Each monthly issue includes expert science reporting, vivid color photography, complete sky coverage, spot-on observing tips, informative telescope review, and more! Perfect for astronomers at any level.



## ***Sports Illustrated* (Thomas print & digital)**

Still a staple in sports journalism after 70 years in publication, *Sports Illustrated* covers the latest news, scores and highlights from the world of sports, including NFL, NBA, MLB, college football, and more.

# GREAT COURSES / WONDRIUM

## ***Travels with Darley (Seasons 1 & 2) (DVD)***

*Travels with Darley* takes viewers around the world with Emmy® award-nominated host and adventurer Darley Newman and locals as the guides to experience culture, cuisine, history, and outdoor adventure. In 24 episodes, Darley leads you through beautiful and awe-inspiring locations to experience authentic adventures and reveal a greater sense of place.





# 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 or 11-11:30 AM**  
9/10 • 9/17 • 9/24 • 10/1 • 10/8 • 10/15

**FRIDAYS 10-10:30 AM**  
9/13 • 9/20 • 9/27 • 10/4 • 10/11 • 10/18

Registration opens **SEPTEMBER 3**

## Tickle Tales

**HAGEMAN BRANCH**

## 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**

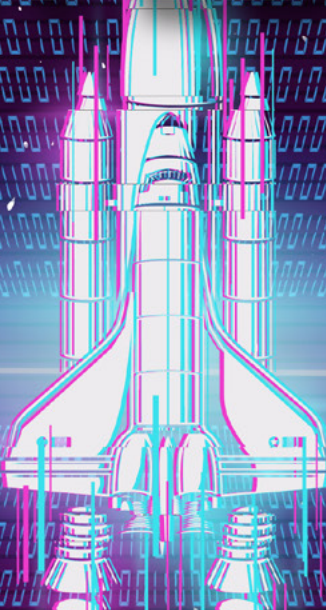
Register for this **six-week session** online at [wpl.lib.in.us](http://wpl.lib.in.us) or call to reserve your spot.



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# CODERS UNIT: NASA EDITION



FOR KIDS IN GRADES K-4

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17  
4 - 5 PM

Learn about Latinx techies as we do NASA coding challenges that are out of this world.

Let's gather, code, and create at this introductory coding class for kids.

**THOMAS BRANCH-IT CLASSROOM**

Registration opens **SEPTEMBER 10**

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# Tinker & Create: Watercolor Leaves

**FOR KIDS IN GRADES 1-4**


Why do leaves change colors in the Fall? Find out the answer, then learn about negative space while you watercolor real leaves.



**Monday, SEPTEMBER 9  
4:30-5:30 PM  
Hageman Branch**

Registration opens **SEPTEMBER 2**  
Register online or call 219-926-9080 to reserve your spot.

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# BOOK BINGO FOR KIDS

Kids in Pre-K through Grade 4 and their caregivers are invited to join us for a fun game night made possible by a partnership with the Northwest Indiana Literacy Council.



**Indiana State LITERACY ASSOCIATION**

Join us for a game of bingo and win **FREE BOOKS!**



**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19  
4-4:45 PM**

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Registration opens **SEPTEMBER 12**  
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## CRAFT KIT: Three Sisters Apron

**FOR KIDS AGES 2-5**

Learn about the Tres Hermanas, or Three Sisters, planting method by making a finger painted squash, corn, and bean apron.



**Registration opens  
SEPTEMBER 19**

Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your kit. This craft kit is picked up at THOMAS from September 26-October 3.

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

**BLACK CAT**




Make an adorable black cat to add to your holiday decorations. It even has some glittery accents! This craft kit is for ages 2-6.

**Registration opens  
SEPTEMBER 28**

Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your kit. This craft kit may be picked up at HAGEMAN from OCTOBER 5-12.

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# NOCTURNAL WILDLIFE MEET & GREET

This program is intended for  
kids ages 2+ and their caregiver.



**Humane Indiana**

**Thursday, October 3  
4 - 5 PM**

Together with Humane Indiana, we will meet and greet some nocturnal animal ambassadors while learning about our local nighttime wildlife. After meeting the animals, kids will make an animal puppet to take home.

## HAGEMAN BRANCH LAWN

Please bring your own blanket or chair.

**Registration opens on SEPTEMBER 26**

Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot. If canceled due to inclement weather, you will be notified one hour before the start time. The rain date is Thursday, October 10 at 4 PM.



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# BACK TO SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24  
7-8 PM**

Are you ready to get schooled? Test your knowledge of school-themed movies, music, television, and more at this month's trivia night. Teams of 1-4 can vie for the prize. Doors open at 6:45 PM. Seating is on a 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,**  
**SEPTEMBER 12**

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

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# Historic Chesterton WALKING TOUR

3RD FRI  
 CHESTERTON ARTS DISTRICT




**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**  
**4-5:30 PM**

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

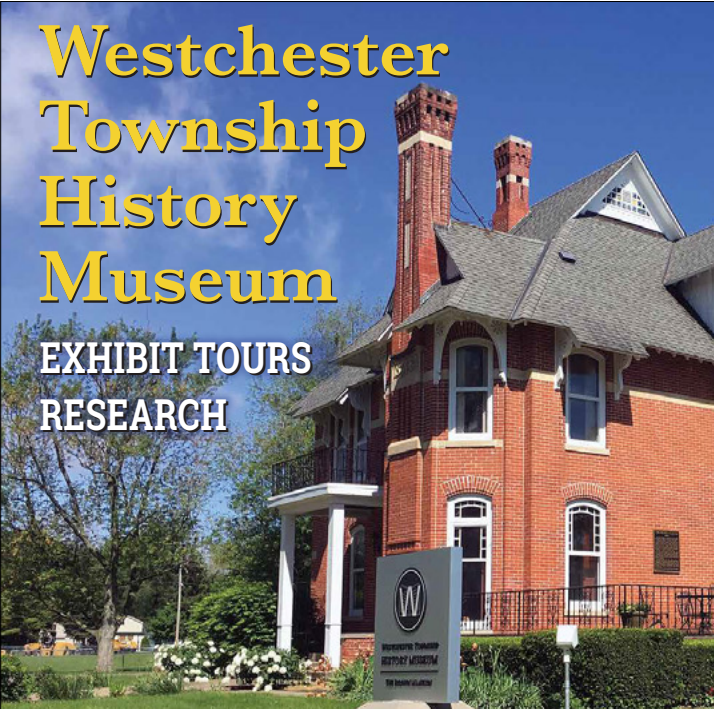
Join Westchester Township History Museum staff to learn about the history of downtown Chesterton and some of its most unique and historic buildings and houses. Walking and standing required. Water bottle, hat, and sunscreen recommended. Tour lasts approximately 90 minutes.

**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 opens SEPTEMBER 13.**


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

# 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.

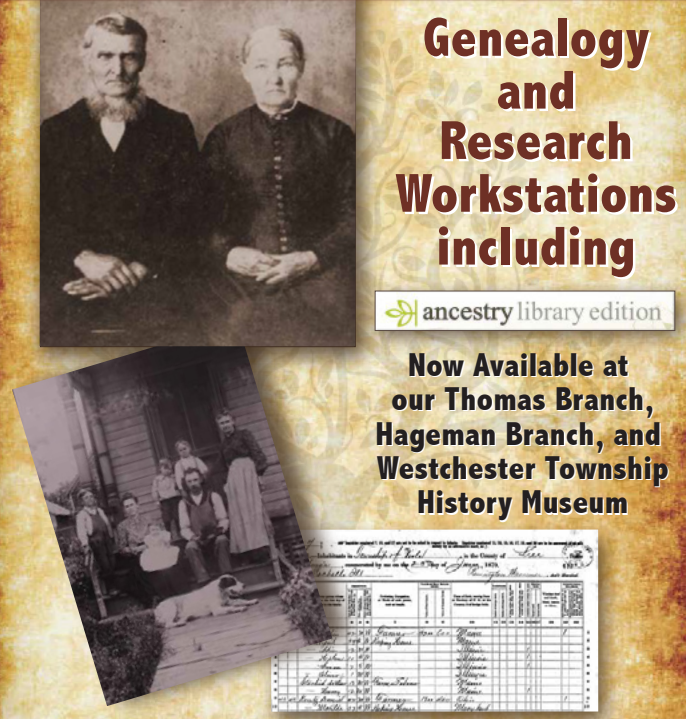
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## Genealogy and Research Workstations including



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 for adults



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 Access original, quality  
 journalism



**Novelist K-8 Plus**  
 Expert readalike suggestions  
 up to grade 12



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 Free, live online tutoring  
 including homework help for all  
 ages and subjects, and more



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 Consumer Reports, ASVAB  
 and SAT test prep and more



**EBSCO database**  
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 newspapers, medicine and more



**Ancestry Library Edition**  
 Genealogical Research

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get help with homework

submit a question to us

access free lessons and resources

form online study groups

interact with a live tutor

online standardized test practice

create your own flashcards

send your paper to the writing lab

## FREE ONLINE TUTORING



Go to [wpl.lib.in.us/virtual-library/](http://wpl.lib.in.us/virtual-library/) and click on HelpNow to get started.

## What will you watch?

**Movies**

**Documentaries**

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**Ideas**

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Films that matter

**Start watching at**  
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**WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY** provides **FREE** online access to

# The New York Times





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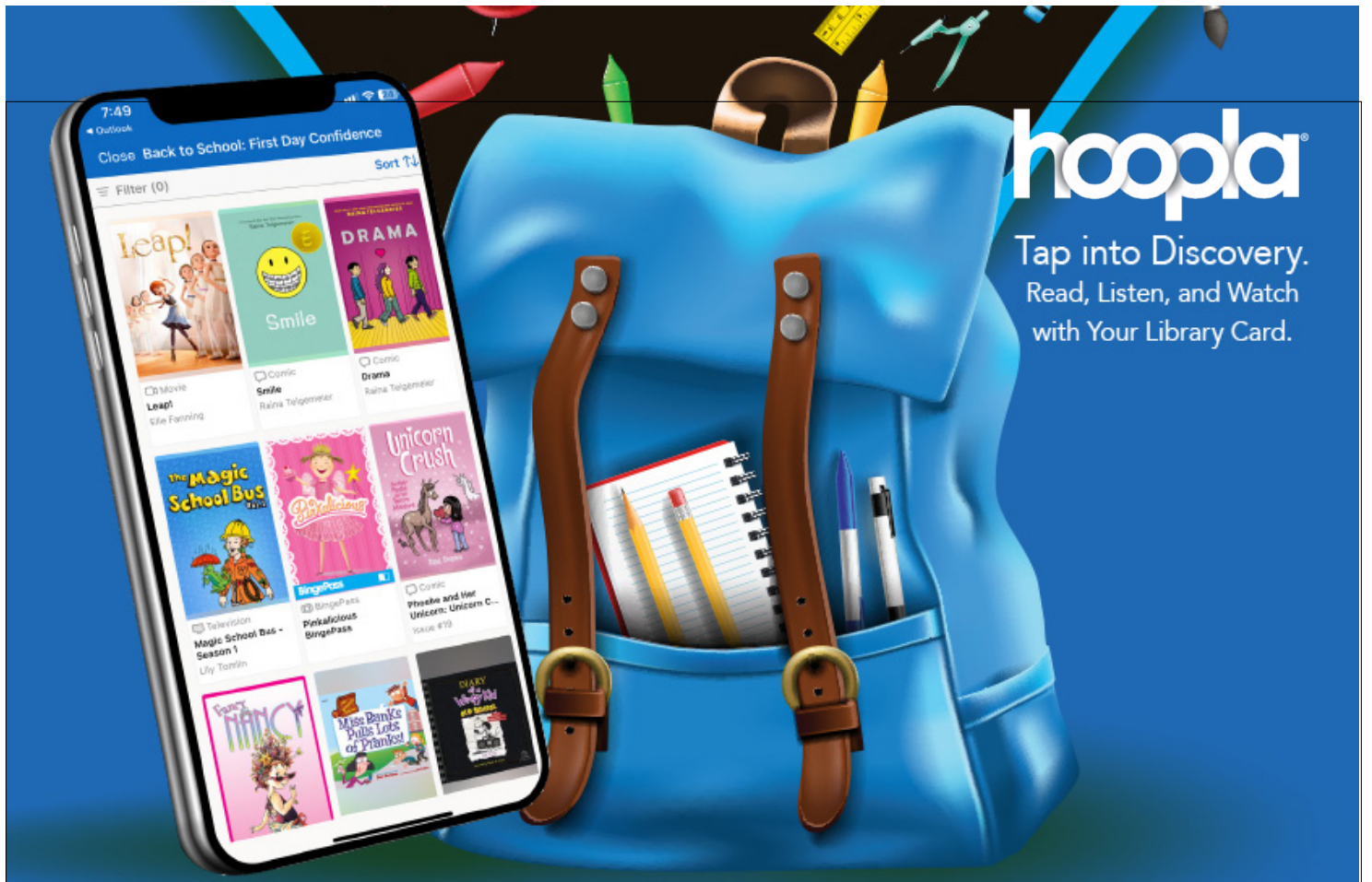
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The library reading app



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



# Back To School!

## Read. Listen. Learn.

Enjoy ebooks and audiobooks on  
your device, whenever and wherever.

Libby.

The library reading app

# 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.**

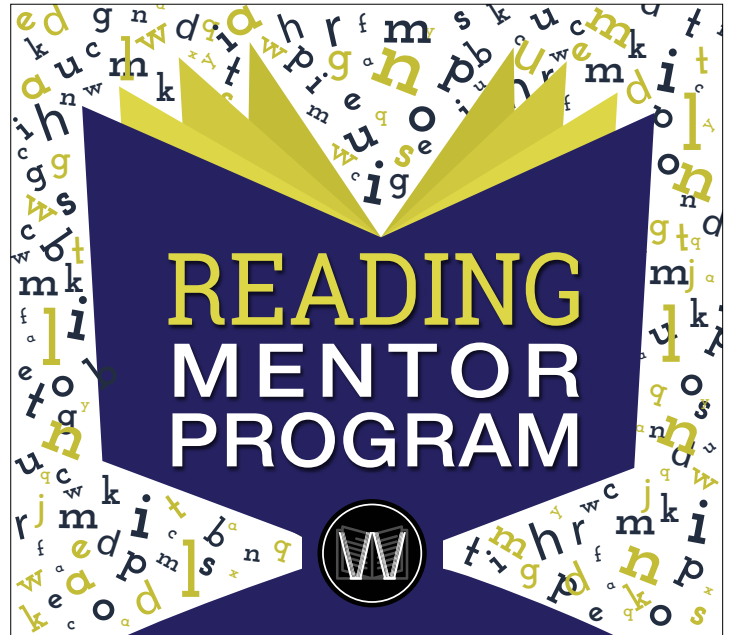
**3. Call the Library phone number posted on the numbered parking space sign and staff will check-out and bring your holds to your parking space.**

**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.

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 **Duneland Ghost Towns Series**

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 **Becoming Westchester Township Series**

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## NEW MOVIE & TELEVISION SERIES RELEASES

**TV Series:** *The Garfield Movie* // **Rating:** PG

**Synopsis:** Garfield, the world-famous, Monday-hating, lasagna-loving indoor cat, is about to have a wild outdoor adventure! Garfield and his canine friend Odie are forced from their perfectly pampered life into joining Garfield's long-lost father, a scruffy street cat named Vic, in a hilarious, high-stakes heist.

**Movie Title:** *Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes* // **Rating:** PG-13

**Synopsis:** Several generations following Caesar's reign, apes are now the dominant species living harmoniously while humans have been reduced to living in the shadows. As a new tyrannical ape leader builds his empire, one young ape undertakes a harrowing journey that will cause him to question all he's known about the past, and make choices that will define a future.

**Movie Title:** *You Can Call Me Bill* // **Rating:** PG-13

**Synopsis:** An intimate portrait of William Shatner's personal journey over nine decades on this Earth, this film strips away all the masks he has worn to embody countless characters, and reveals the man behind it all.

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