



WPL NEWSLETTER

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COLOR YOUR WORLD AT WPL



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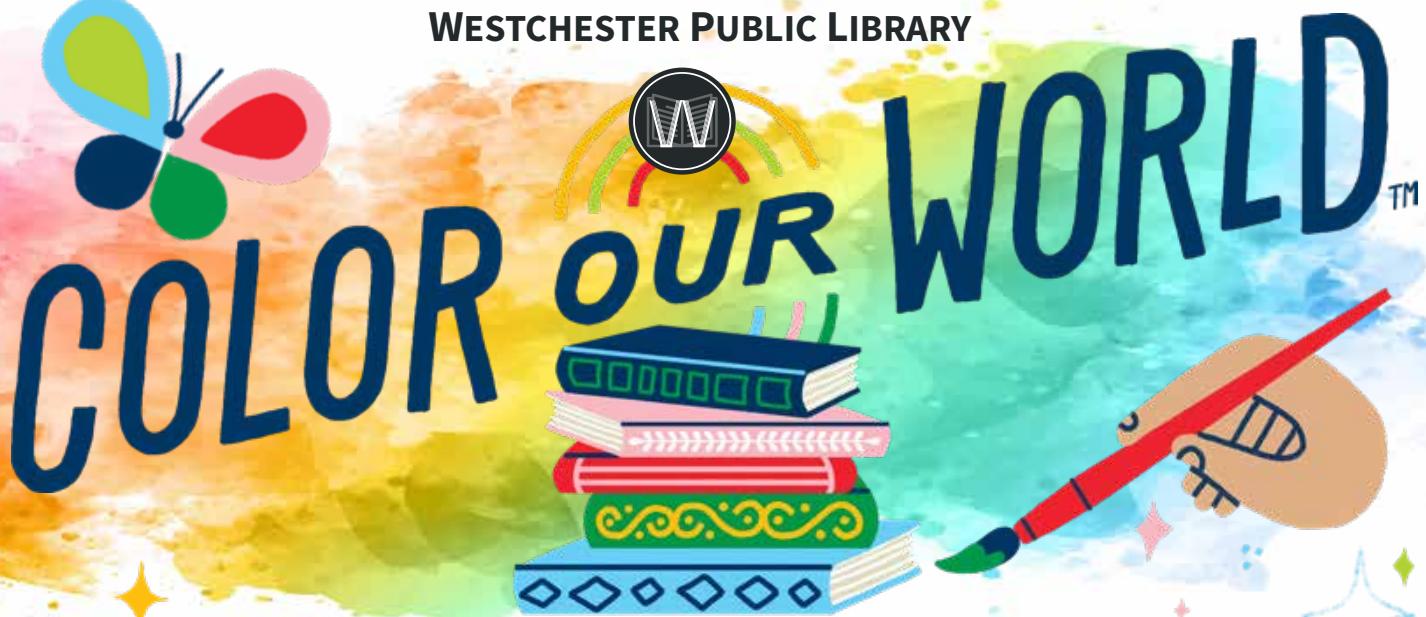
What colors your world – music, movies, art, nature, reading? Here at WPL, we are celebrating all that colors our world in this year's Summer Reading for all ages. Come to the Library for our Summer Reading Kickoff on May 29 between 3-6 PM for art activities with the Make Make Art Truck, a scavenger hunt, a chance to win a State Park pass, and to sign up for Summer Reading.

Can't make it to the Kickoff event? You can visit either branch throughout all seven weeks of Summer Reading to register in-person, or you can sign up from anywhere via our [Beanstack app](#).

Why Summer Reading? For the youngest children, it helps to build literacy skills for kindergarten readiness. For school-aged kids, it helps prevent the “summer reading slide,” keeping reading skills sharp for the upcoming school year. For adults, what's better than reading for a chance to win cool prizes? Check it out! 0-4 year olds have a chance to win a Hape easel and art bundle; The grand prize for K-4 is a record player and gift certificate to *Trusty Spot Records & Tees*; Tweens and teens are challenged to win a prize bundle that includes gift cards to *Barnes & Noble* and *Tethan's*, plus a wireless speaker and phone charger; and the adult grand prize is an outdoor patio furniture/ cooler set. There are also awesome weekly prizes for each age group.

So what are you waiting for? Come to the Library and celebrate all that colors your world this summer.

WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY



Summer Reading Kickoff!

THURSDAY, MAY 29 • 3-6 PM

Thomas and Hageman Branches

ALL AGES are invited to drop in to either branch to:

- ◆ Register for Summer Reading
- ◆ Make your own colorful custom button
- ◆ Enjoy our scavenger hunt and enter to win one of ten State Park day passes!
- ◆ Create a unique artwork with Make Make Art Truck
3-4 PM at Thomas Branch and 4:30-5:30 PM at Hageman Branch

Register for Summer Reading anytime after MAY 29 at either branch, or virtually at wplin.beanstack.com. 

SUMMER READING RUNS MAY 29 - JULY 19

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

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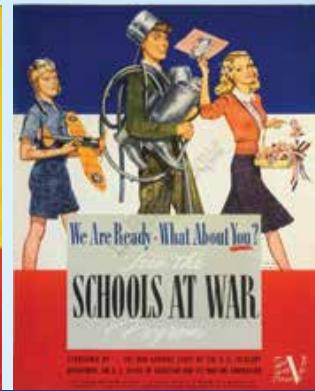
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Westchester Township History Museum

WWII ON THE HOME FRONT

2025 SUMMER HISTORY CAMP



Ages 9-11:

JULY 8 - JULY 11
9 AM to NOON

Ages 12-14:

JULY 15 - JULY 18
9 AM to NOON

Join the Museum at our annual summer camp!

Campers will learn about life on the home front during WWII. They will get to plant their own vegetable, learn the importance of recycling, record a news broadcast at the WDSO studios and play games.

Camp is **FREE** and snacks and water are provided.

REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 7

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

Additional forms can be picked up at the Museum after the camper is registered.



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PROGRAMS & CRAFT KITS FOR ADULTS

Women Empowering Women:

NAVIGATING MENOPAUSE



Presented by
NorthShore
HEALTH CENTERS



MONDAY, MAY 12 • 6:00-7:30 PM

Join us for an informative and supportive workshop on menopause, where we'll explore the physical health and nutrition tips that will help you in different life stages. This session will provide expert insights, lifestyle tips, and a safe space for open discussion.

Whether you're currently experiencing menopause or preparing for the transition, this workshop will empower you with the knowledge and tools to thrive. For adults ages 18 and up.

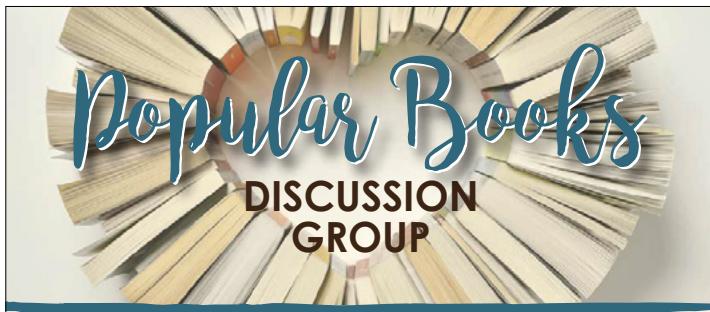
Thomas Branch
Registration starts MAY 5

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



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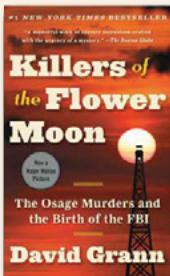
Monday, May 5 • 2-3:30 PM
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Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI
by David Grann

In the 1920s, the richest people per capita in the world were members of the Osage Nation in Oklahoma. After oil was discovered beneath their land, the Osage rode in chauffeured automobiles, built mansions, and sent their children to study in Europe. Then, one by one, the Osage began to be killed off. As the death toll rose, the newly created FBI took up the case, and the young director, J. Edgar Hoover, turned to a former Texas Ranger named Tom White to help unravel the mystery and expose one of the most chilling conspiracies in American history.

This program is for adults ages 18 and up.

Next Month's Book Club Date: JUNE 2



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

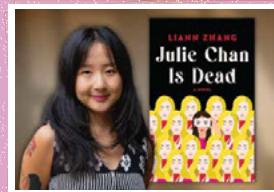


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Westchester Public Library Webinars
and Online Events
Registration at: libraryc.org/wpl

How to Use Anxiety
to Thrive with
Dr. David H. Rosmarin
Wednesday, May 7 • 1 PM



On Writing a Brilliant, Dark,
and Diabolical Thriller
with Author Liann Zhang
Wednesday, May 14 • 6 PM



How Judy Blume Rewrote
Childhood for All of Us with
Author Rachelle Bergstein
Wednesday, May 21 • 1 PM

Monday, May 21 • 6:30 PM
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Butterfly Yellow
by Thanhhà Lai

In the final days of the Viet Nam War, Hằng takes her little brother, Linh, to the airport, determined to find a way to safety in America. Except he's ripped out of her arms and Hằng is left behind in a war-torn country. Six years later, Hằng manages to journey to Texas as a refugee to find her brother. She finds help in a boy named LeeRoy. What she doesn't yet realize is that Linh doesn't remember her. So even if she's come this far, she still has a way to go to bridge the gap between them.

This program is for adults ages 18 and up.

Registration opens APRIL 21

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

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WPL BOOK CLUB KITS

Over 80
fiction and
non-fiction
Book Club
Kit titles
available to
check out.

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.

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ADULT PROGRAM:

Miles and Smiles Walking Club

For Adults Ages 18 and Up

Join us for the Library's Miles and Smiles Walking Club. Get your steps in with a 1.5 mile walk leaving from the **THOMAS BRANCH**.

10 AM
THURSDAYS
May 1
May 8
May 15

Please note that walking and standing are required for this program. A water bottle, hat, and sunscreen is recommended. Hand weights are welcome. Walk lasts approximately 45 minutes. Registration is required and is limited to 20 people. If a walk is canceled due to weather (rain/snow, temperature, air quality), it will not be rescheduled.

Registration opens the week prior

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



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**ADULT CRAFT:**

Mother's Day Mini Bouquet

MONDAY,
MAY 5
6:30 PM



Join us to learn about the art of flower arranging with Emily Johannes of Heritage Flowers and make your very own mini bouquet. All supplies will be provided in this beginner-friendly workshop.

For adults ages 18 and up.

Baugher Center

Registration opens
APRIL 28

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



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**ADULT CRAFT KIT**

NEEDLE EMBROIDERY



This kit includes everything you need to complete a multi-colored flower canvas. It even includes a stand to display your beautiful newly learned skill!

This kit is for adults ages 18 and up.

HAGEMAN BRANCH**Registration opens MAY 15**

Register online or by calling 219-926-9080.

This craft kit may be picked up from **HAGEMAN** May 22 - 30.

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**ADULT CRAFT KIT:**

BOTTLECAP MAGNETS



It's easy and fun to make your own set of bottlecap magnets. This adult craft kit contains everything you need to have your own craft night and add some flair to your refrigerator. For adults 18 and up.

Registration for this craft kit opens
MAY 20

Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your kit. This craft kit is picked up at **THOMAS** from May 27-June 3.



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WPL'S SUNDAY MATINEE

CONCLAVE



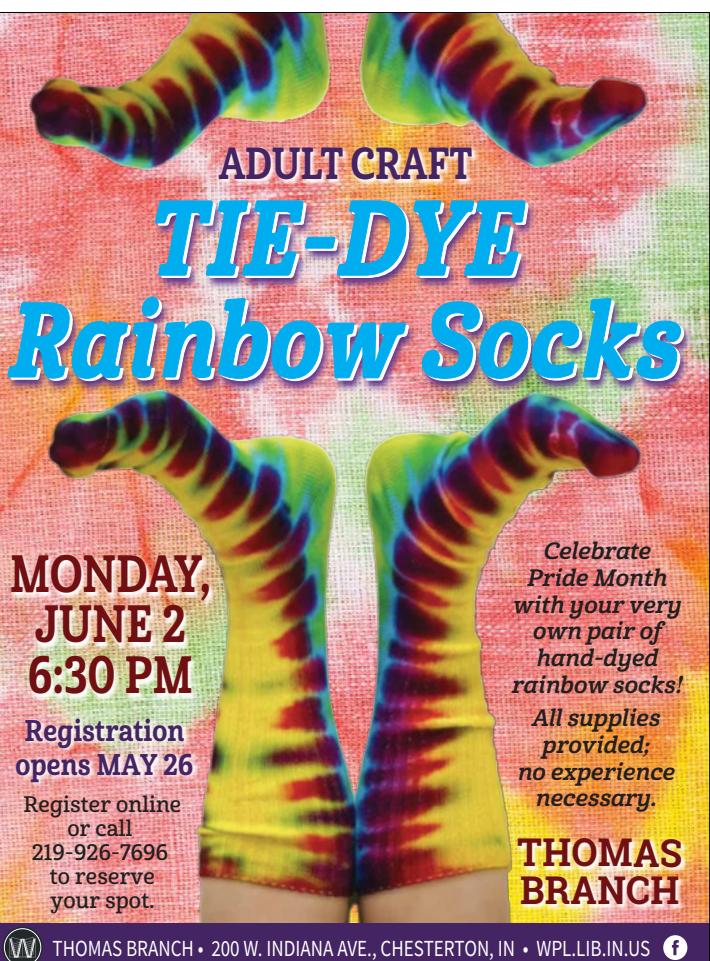
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SUNDAY, MAY 18 AT 1:30 PM

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FREE
POPCORN!



ADULT CRAFT
TIE-DYE
Rainbow Socks

Celebrate Pride Month with your very own pair of hand-dyed rainbow socks!

All supplies provided; no experience necessary.

MONDAY, JUNE 2 6:30 PM

Registration opens MAY 26

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

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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

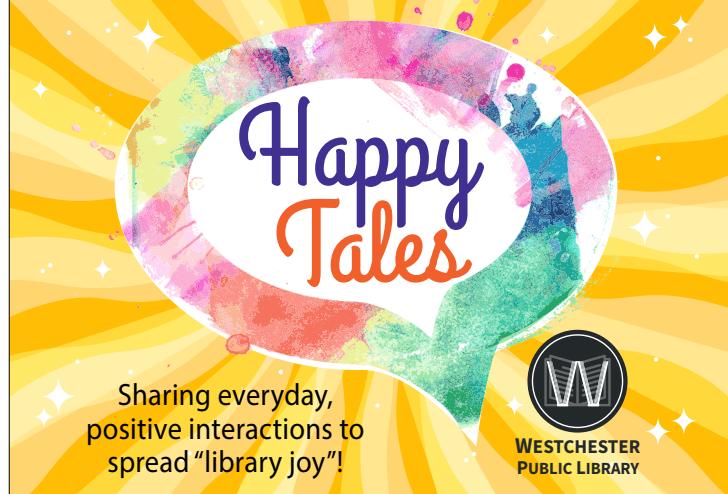
They are a great option for telehealth or teletherapy meetings, or virtual interviews!

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



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Happy Tales

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

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From WPL Serials Department:

A patron said she appreciated the addition of the pillar booths to our Library. Her husband can use the booths as a quiet space for job interviews since they have dogs at home.

From WPL Children's Department:

A young patron said that their Hummingbird Bread from the Soul Food program was so delicious, that she requested that her mom bake her one for her birthday.

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.

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SUMMER TUNES

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, June 6 • 7 PM <i>Lee Murdock</i> Lakeland Park, Burns Harbor 1200 Lakeland Drive	 Friday, June 27 • 7 PM <i>Duneland Jazz Collective</i> Chesterton Park, Chesterton W. Morgan Avenue and 5th Street
 Friday, June 13 • 7 PM <i>Valparaiso Community/University Concert Band</i> Hawthorne Park, Porter 500 Ackerman Drive	 Friday, July 11 • 7 PM <i>South Shore Brass Band</i> Hawthorne Park, Porter 500 Ackerman Drive
 Friday, June 20 • 7 PM <i>SongSisters</i> Chesterton Park, Chesterton W. Morgan Avenue and 5th Street	 Friday, July 18 • 7 PM <i>Cobalt Joy</i> Chesterton Park, Chesterton W. Morgan Avenue and 5th Street

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ADULT CRAFT

eCat Wands



**MONDAY, JUNE 9
1:30 or 6:30PM**

Thomas Branch

Entertain your feline friends for hours with a cat wand! Participants will be able to make one wand for themselves and one to be donated to the residents of the Independent Cat Society. All supplies will be provided for this beginner-friendly crafting experience. For adults ages 18 and up.

Registration opens **JUNE 2**
Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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MOONLIGHT MOVIES

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.


MOANA 2
Wednesday, June 18 at 8:30 PM
Chesterton Park, Chesterton
Corner of West Morgan Ave. & 5th St.


A MINECRAFT MOVIE
Thursday, July 24 at 8:15 PM
Chesterton Park, Chesterton
Corner of West Morgan Ave. & 5th St.

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FOR TEENS & TWEENS

TASTE TEST: Arizona ICED TEA



For Tweens & Teens in Grades 5-12

TUESDAY, MAY 6
6-7 PM

By popular demand, for this month's taste test we are going to taste a variety of Arizona drink flavors to see which we like more.

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Registration opens APRIL 29

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



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KIT: PAINT BY NUMBER

Relax with this paint by numbers kit.

Registration for this kit opens **MAY 1**

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

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Lo-Fi HANGOUT

FOR TEENS IN GRADES 7-12

MONDAY MAY 19 6-7 PM

De-stress with us! Stop by to listen to chill lo-fi music, chat with friends, and do relaxing crafts and games.

TEEN SPACE

Registration opens **MAY 12**
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, by popular demand, we will be learning about Taiwan! We will also eat snacks and play trivia! Join us to learn more about this amazing world we live in.

**Tuesday, May 27
6-7 PM**

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Registration opens **MAY 20**

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

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TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

FOR TEENS IN GRADES 9-12

FRIDAY, MAY 30 4:30 PM

Teens are invited to come share their opinions and ideas related to teen use of the Library (materials and programs) and how we can improve! Attending a TAB meeting counts as 1 hour of volunteer service.

Thomas Teen Space

Registration opens **MAY 23**

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

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TWO ROOMS AND A BOOM

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FOR TWEENS AND TEENS
IN GRADES 7-12

MONDAY, JUNE 2
6 - 7 PM

Two rooms, two teams, and limited time to deduce who is lying and who is an ally before everything goes boom. Can you keep your team safe?



TEEN SPACE

Registration opens MAY 26

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



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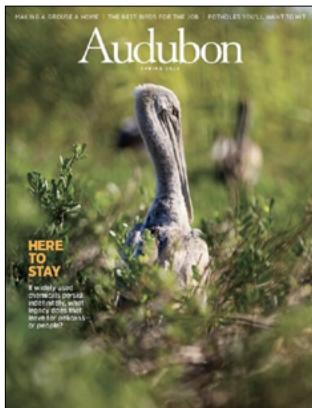


MAGAZINES OF INTEREST



Women's Health (Thomas/Hageman print)

A lifestyle magazine rooted in health and fitness. *Women's Health* is filled with actionable and practical advice that you can use today. In every issue you'll find topics on success strategies, nutrition, weight loss, relationships, beauty breakthroughs, style & fashion, and more. For women who want to do more, have more, and be more.



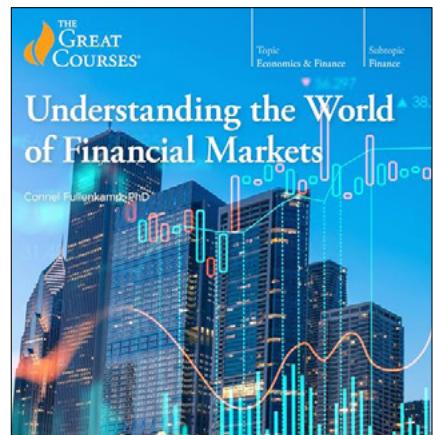
Audubon (Hageman print & digital)

With a rich history of publishing award-winning work, the flagship journal of the National Audubon Society delivers essential news, advice, and reporting on birds and bird conservation. Photography, design, and writing celebrates bird life, and probes many of the most pressing issues facing the planet today.

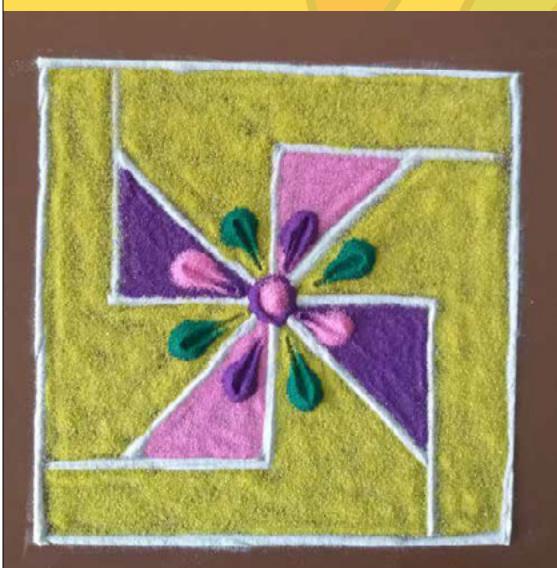
GREAT COURSES

Understanding the World of Financial Markets (DVD)

Whether you're buying a home, saving for retirement, running a business, or just plain speculation, it's important to understand financial markets. These are the engines of commerce in today's world, powering economic activity and steering the flow of capital. In addition to these markets, there are the futures, options, and private equity markets, as well as emerging sectors such as virtual assets, intangibles, and ethical investments. In *Understanding the World of Financial Markets*, presented by award-winning instructor Dr. Connel Fullenkamp, Professor of the Practice of Economics at Duke University, all of these market types are explained in 12 crystal-clear lectures on the ins and outs of investing.



FOR KIDS



CRAFT KIT: **RANGOLI** *Sand Art*

FOR KIDS AGES 2-5



Learn about the ancient Indian sand art of rangoli with this simple yet engaging craft kit.

Kids will also learn how to practice mindfulness in art.



**Registration opens
MAY 5**

Register online or call
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to reserve your kit.

This craft kit is picked up
at THOMAS from May 12-19.



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Books **Balls** **Blocks**

For Families with Children Ages 0-3

MAY 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.

FIRST THINGS FIRST PORTER COUNTY

PCPLS Porter County Public Library System

Help Me Grow Porter County

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PAINT **WITHOUT** **RULES**

For Kids Ages 2-5 and Their Caregivers

MONDAY, JUNE 2

10 - 11 AM

Exploring colors and art through painting without rules!

HAGEMAN LAWN

Registration opens MAY 23

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

This program is held outside. Please bring your own blanket or chairs. If canceled due to inclement weather, the rain date will be Wednesday, June 4.

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SECRET GARDENS

Kids in Grades 1-4 and Their Caregivers

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

2-3 PM

Immerse yourself and a special child in the magic of The Secret Garden. In honor of National Gardening Week, we will be partnering with members of the Duneland Garden Club for an extra special program. Enjoy a light tea, while listening to an excerpt, then create your own secret fairy garden.

Duneland Garden Club

Hageman Branch

Registration opens MAY 27

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

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TODDLER **ROUND-UP**

For Kids Ages 2 - 3 and Their Caregivers

Thursdays, 10-10:30 am

June 5, 12, 19, & 26

July 3, 10, 17

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Come prepared to get messy! The children will get a chance to explore paint, bubbles, and much more as they practice social and motor skills. This program takes place outside and often involves water. Sunscreen, a towel, and a change of clothes are suggested.

Registration for each session is required and opens MAY 29

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

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INTERACTIVE MOVIE FOR KIDS:



FOR KIDS IN GRADES K - 4

Join us for an interactive movie filled with laughs and popcorn.
No need to stay quiet during this screening - participation is encouraged!

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

4-6 PM

BAUGHER CENTER

REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 29

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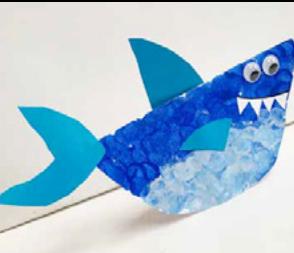


CRAFTERNOONS

PICK-UP CRAFT KIT

at the Hageman Branch

ROCKING SHARK



This kit contains everything you need to create a smiling rocking shark, complete with shark teeth and googly eyes. This craft kit is for ages 2-6.

Registration opens **MAY 31**

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

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POCKY

Discover Our World: TASTE TEST

For Kids in Grades K-4

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11 4-5 PM

Taste and rank Pocky flavors from Asia.

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Registration opens JUNE 4

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

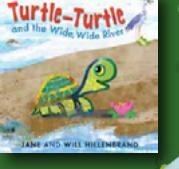
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FOR KIDS AGES 2-5 AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Camp Firefly



The Early Literacy Firefly Award is an initiative by the Indiana Center for the Book, a Library of Congress affiliate. Pictured are this year's nominees.

 **Monday, June 9 • 10-11 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!

 **Baugher Center**

Registration opens **JUNE 2**

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STORYTIMES

Tickle Tales

For Babies 9-24 Months and Their Caregivers

Join Miss Ronnie for some summer fun! Each week will include short books, 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

6/13 • 6/20 • 6/27
7/11 • 7/18 • 7/25

HAGEMAN BRANCH

Registration opens **FRIDAY, JUNE 6**

Register once for the 6-session series online or call 219-926-9080 to reserve your spot.

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Historic Chesterton WALKING TOUR

Michigan Trail

3RD FRI

#CHESTERTONARTSDISTRICT

Broadway

Chesterton

Wabash

W Main Ave

3rd St

A

The poster features a collage of historical black and white photographs of Chesterton's downtown area. A large, stylized title 'Historic Chesterton WALKING TOUR' is overlaid. A dashed grey line of footprints traces a path across the images. Street names like Broadway, Chesterton, Wabash, W Main Ave, and 3rd St are printed in a grid pattern. A red location pin labeled 'A' is placed on the grid. The top right corner contains event details: '3RD FRI' and the hashtag '#CHESTERTONARTSDISTRICT'.

**FRIDAY, MAY 16
4-5:30 PM**

The tour will leave from the BAUGHER CENTER,
100 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 MAY 9.



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



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,
MAY 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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SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE

Trivia Night

TUESDAY, MAY 27
7-8 PM

Westchester Township History Museum

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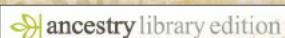
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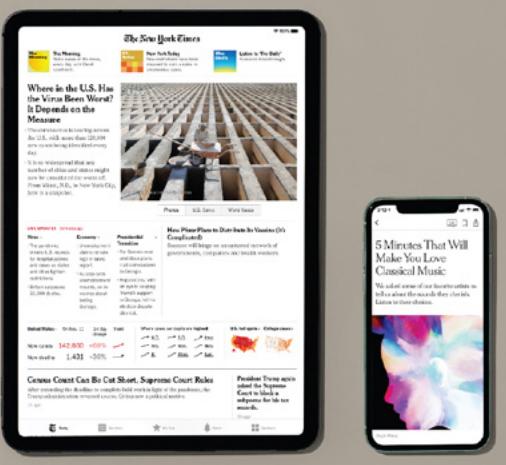
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