



WPL NEWSLETTER

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COLOR YOUR WORLD WITH MUSIC & FILM

Enjoy an evening of live music...Westchester Public Library is hosting concerts again this year, in our beautiful local parks!

WPL proudly presents the 2025 Summer Tunes concert series. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs, and maybe a picnic as you delight in the sounds of local talent.

On Friday, June 6 at 7 PM, join Lee Murdock for his engaging tales and songs of the Great Lakes in Lakeland Park at 1200 Lakeland Drive in Burns Harbor.

On Friday, June 13 at 7 PM, enjoy orchestral music from Valparaiso Community/University Concert Band in Hawthorne Park at 500 Ackerman Drive in Porter.

On Friday, June 20 at 7 PM, SongSisters' sweet harmonies will be filling Chesterton Park, at the corner of W. Morgan Avenue & 5th Street in Chesterton.

On Friday, June 27 at 7 PM, swing and sway with Duneland Jazz Collective in Chesterton Park.

On Friday, July 11 at 7 PM, enjoy the upbeat tempos of South Shore Brass Band in Hawthorne Park.

And, on Friday, July 18 at 7 PM, expect the unexpected sounds of Cobalt Joy in Chesterton Park.

Don't stop reading yet! Family entertainment under the stars gets even better. We'll be showing two films at Chesterton Park this summer as part of our Moonlight Movies series.

On Wednesday, June 18 at 8:30 PM, it's a call from the ancestors in *Moana 2* in Chesterton Park.

And, on Thursday, July 24 at 8:15 PM, join us to see how four misfits get back home in *A Minecraft Movie* in Chesterton Park.

The Chesterton-Porter Rotary Club will be serving free popcorn at all of our Summer Tunes and Moonlight Movies events. Bottled water and soft drinks will be available for purchase for \$1.00.

For more information about the Summer Tunes concerts or the Moonlight Movies films, or in case of an inclement weather location change, call the Thomas Branch at 219-926-7696, or visit our online Events Calendar at wpl.lib.in.us.





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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
Lee Murdock

Lakeland Park, Burns Harbor
1200 Lakeland Drive

 Friday, June 13 • 7 PM
*Valparaiso Community/
University Concert Band*
Hawthorne Park, Porter
500 Ackerman Drive

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SongSisters
Chesterton Park, Chesterton
W. Morgan Avenue and 5th Street

 Friday, June 27 • 7 PM
Duneland Jazz Collective

Chesterton Park, Chesterton
W. Morgan Avenue and 5th Street

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South Shore Brass Band
Hawthorne Park, Porter
500 Ackerman Drive

 Friday, July 18 • 7 PM
Cobalt Joy
Chesterton Park, Chesterton
W. Morgan Avenue and 5th Street



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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.



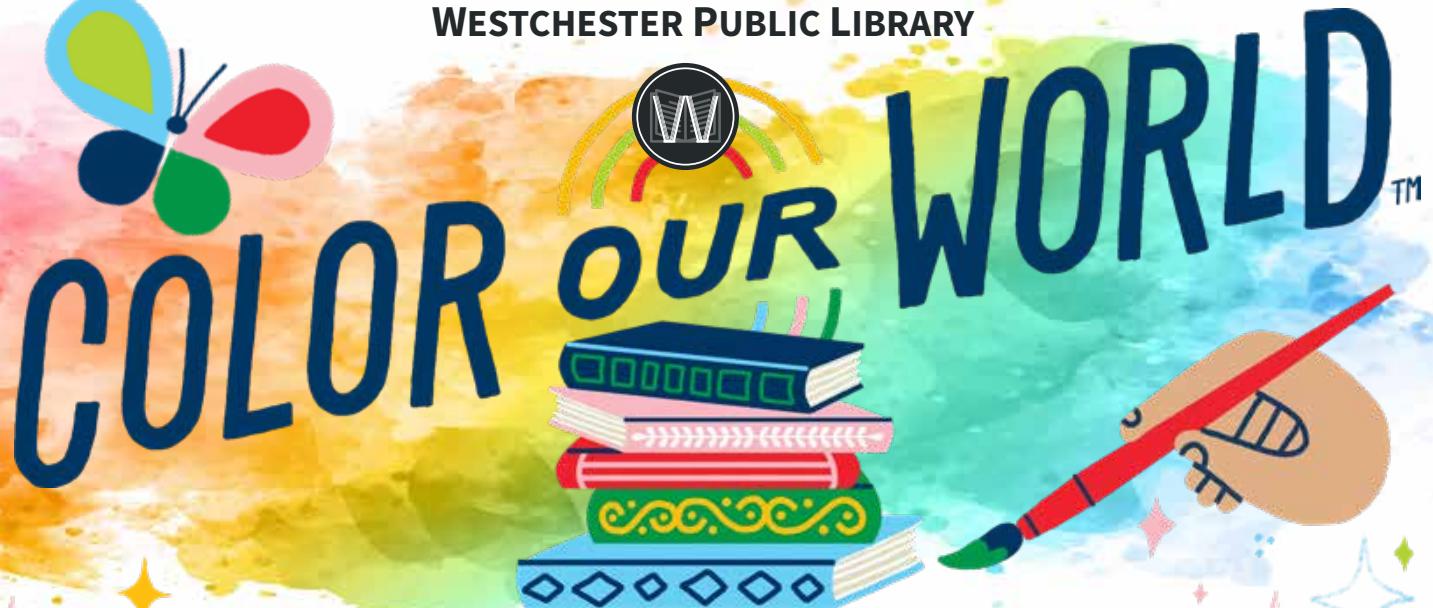
A MINECRAFT MOVIE

Thursday, July 24 at 8:15 PM

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

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**Summer Reading continues
through Saturday, July 19**

There are reading challenges for everyone:

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

**REGISTER IN PERSON AT EITHER BRANCH
TO RECEIVE PAPER LOGGING MATERIALS, OR
PARTICIPATE DIGITALLY THROUGH THE
beanstack APP, OR VISIT
WPLIN.BEANSTACK.COM/READER365**

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

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PROGRAMS & CRAFT KITS FOR ADULTS



3D Relief Color Painting

**WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 18
1-2 PM**

"The night sky is high and far, all stars circling in the night sky.
Under the sky, the sleeping village is so quiet and peaceful."
Join us to create your own version of Van Gogh's famous painting,
"Starry Night." For adults ages 18 and up.

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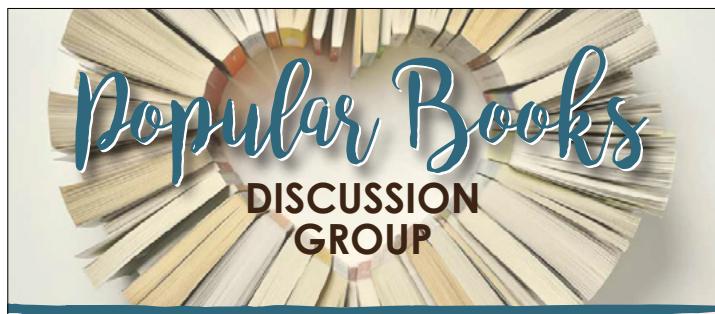
Registration opens JUNE 11

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Monday, June 2 • 2-3:30 PM
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The Frozen River
by Ariel Lawhon

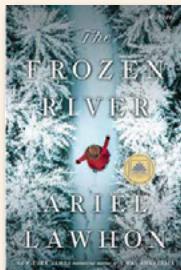
Maine, 1789: When the Kennebec River freezes, entombing a man in the ice, Martha Ballard is summoned to examine the body and determine cause of death. When a local physician undermines her conclusion, declaring the death to be an accident, Martha is forced to investigate the shocking murder on her own. *The Frozen River* is a thrilling, tense, and tender story about a remarkable woman who left an unparalleled legacy, yet remains nearly forgotten to this day.

This program is for adults ages 18 and up.

Next Month's Book Club Date: **JULY 7**



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JUNE

AUTHOR TALKS ONLINE

Westchester Public Library Webinars and Online Events

Registration at: libraryc.org/wpl

**Extinctopia—
A Discovery of
What We Have Lost,
What is at Risk, and
What To Do About
it with Smithsonian
Scientists,**

**Wednesday,
June 4 at 1 PM**

**Explore
Unexpected Twists
and Turns with
Bestselling Author
Lisa Jewell**

**Tuesday,
June 10 at 1 PM**

**Living the Otter Life
with Katherine
Applegate
(3rd-6th Grade)**

**Tuesday,
June 24 at 3 PM**

**NIGHT OWL
BOOK CLUB**

Wednesday, JUNE 25 • 6:30 PM
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Be Ready when the Luck Happens: A Memoir
by Ina Garten

Ina's gift is to make everything look easy, yet all her accomplishments have been the result of hard work, audacious choices, and exquisite attention to detail. In her unmistakable voice, she brings her past and her process to life in a high-spirited and no-holds-barred memoir that chronicles decades of personal challenges, adventures (and misadventures) and unexpected career twists, all delivered with her signature combination of playfulness and purpose.

This program is for adults ages 18 and up.

Registration opens MAY 25
Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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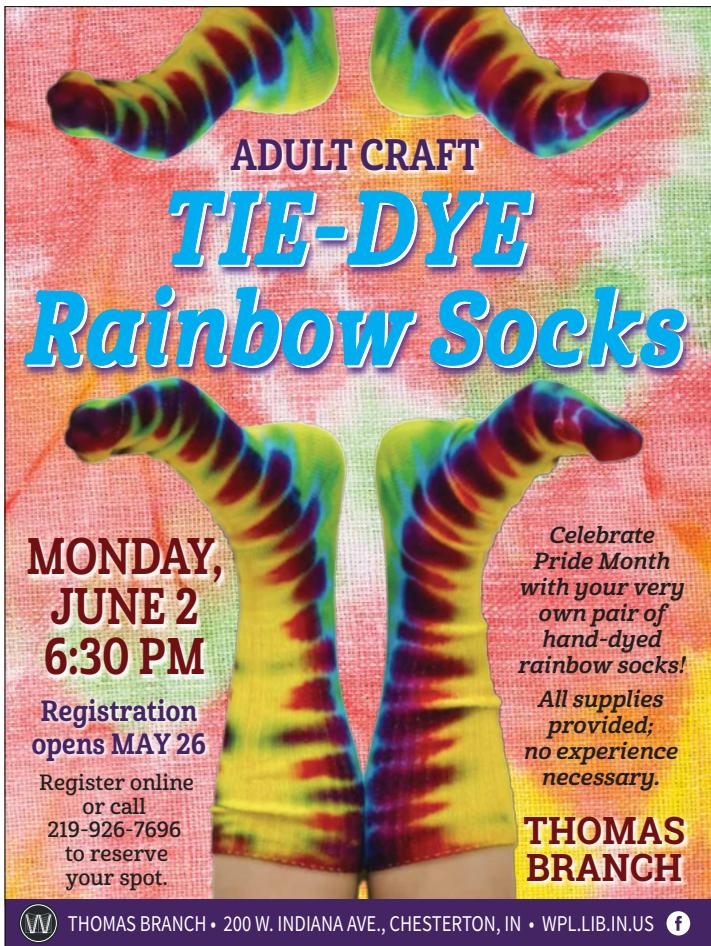
WPL BOOK CLUB KITS

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 CRAFT
TIE-DYE
Rainbow Socks

MONDAY, JUNE 2 6:30 PM
Registration opens MAY 26
 Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

Celebrate Pride Month with your very own pair of hand-dyed rainbow socks!
All supplies provided; no experience necessary.

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ADULT CRAFT
Cat Wands

MONDAY, JUNE 9 1:30 or 6:30PM
Thomas Branch
Registration opens JUNE 2
 Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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.

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WPL'S SUNDAY MATINEE

ILLUMINATION'S DESPICABLE ME4

RATED PG

SUNDAY, JUNE 22 AT 1:30 PM
BAUGHER CENTER
 100 W. INDIANA AVENUE, CHESTERTON, IN

FREE POPCORN!



Poses with 'Possums

SATURDAY, JULY 12 2-3 PM
Baugher Center

Join us for a memorable and enriching wildlife encounter— and workout! Whether you're a yoga enthusiast, an animal lover, or simply looking for a unique way to spend an afternoon, relax and refresh at this one-hour yoga session with Humane Indiana's opossum ambassadors.

Please bring your own yoga mat. Suitable for all skill levels. This program is for adults ages 18 and up.

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

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OUTDOOR Fun and Games

Level up your outdoor play with yard games from WPL!
Planning a cookout, family reunion, graduation party, or just a sunny day in the
backyard? We've got your entertainment covered! Choose from classics like:

CORNHOLE • PICKLE BALL • LADDER TOSS • YARDZEE • YARD JENGA • AND MORE!

Swing by the Thomas Branch and borrow games for a week—completely FREE with your WPL card!

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

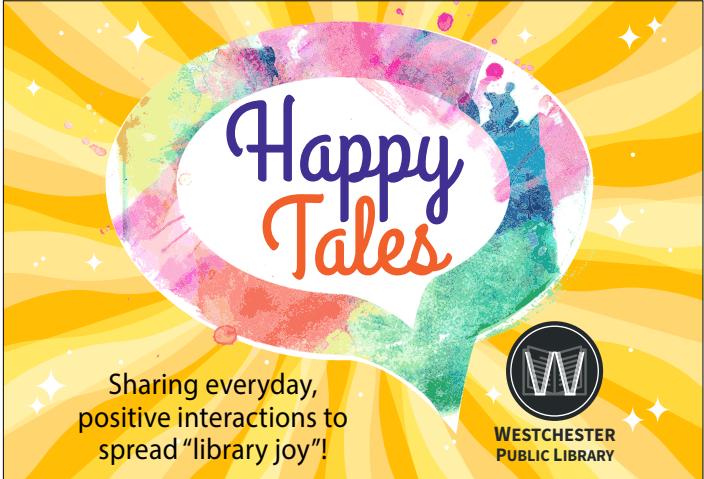
They are a great option for telehealth or teletherapy meetings, or virtual interviews!

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



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spread "library joy"!



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From WPL Circulation Department:
A patron was happy that we helped her download Libby, and she was excited to use it. Another patron stated that she loves using Hoopla and that it is a great resource we provide.

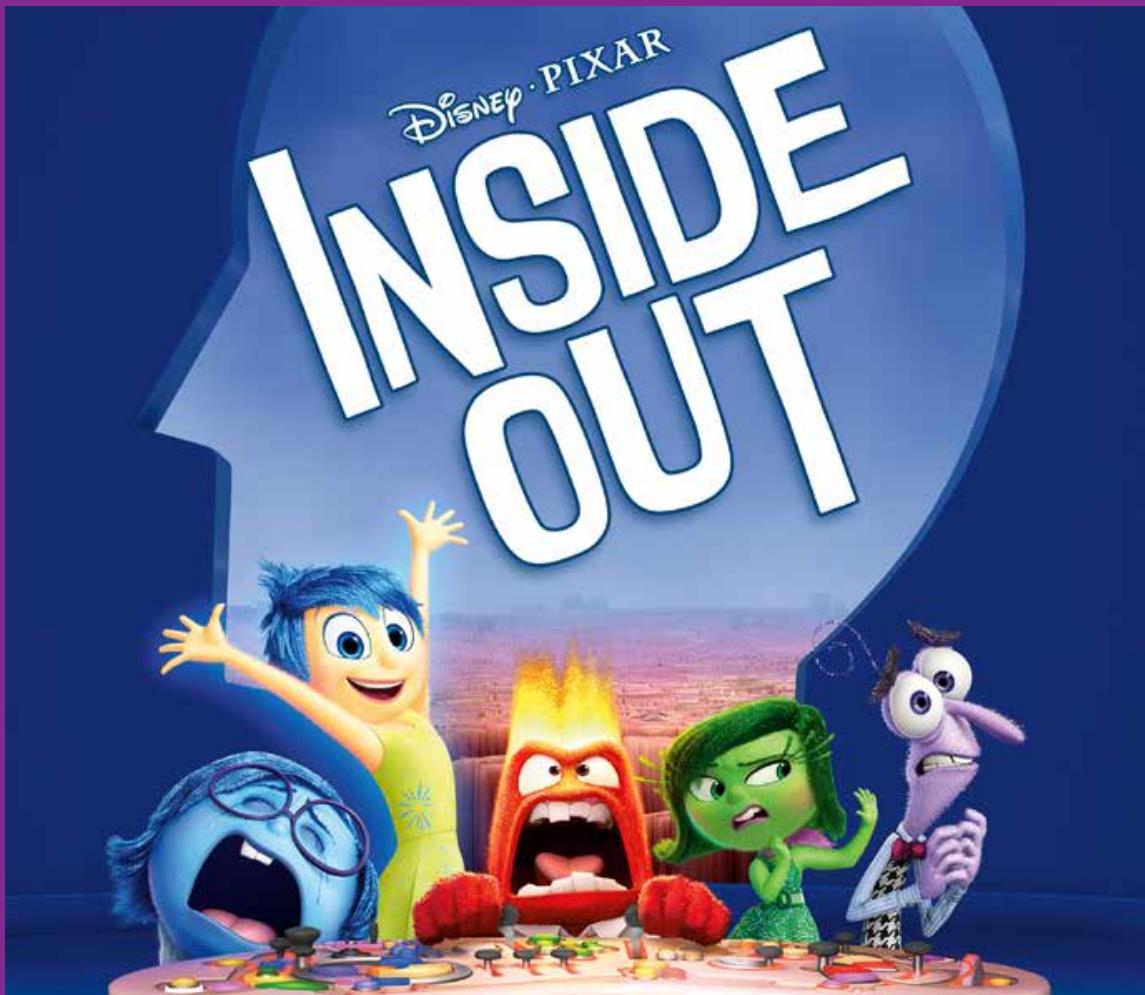
From a Spring Windchime program:
A participant said they enjoyed "Being able to create something beautiful and learn something new."

From WPL Home Delivery Patron:
"I love this service! 😊"

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.

FOR TEENS & TWEENS

INTERACTIVE MOVIE:



For Tweens & Teens in Grades 5-12

We'll be watching *Inside Out* and everyone will get the interactive rules, so we can cheer, shout lines together at the movie, and eat snacks.

If you can't stay quiet during a movie, this is for you!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18
5-6:45 PM

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REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 11

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



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KIT: RAINBOW DECOR

FOR TWEENS AND TEENS IN GRADES 5-12



Make your own rainbow decoration to brighten up your room.

Registration for this kit opens

JUNE 5

Register online or call 219-926-9080 to reserve your kit. This kit is picked up at HAGEMAN from June 12-19.



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ANIME & MANGA CLUB

MID-YEAR CHECK IN

THURSDAY, JUNE 26 6-7 PM

FOR TWEENS IN GRADES 5-8

Join us as we talk about our favorite series, the best characters, and what we are currently watching and reading. We will also have crafts, trivia, and surveys. This month we will be chatting about the new anime season and preparing for July's cosplay event.

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



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DIY Bead Cuffs

FOR TWEENS IN GRADES 5-8.

June 9 7-8 PM

Join us as we make colorful bracelet cuffs in rainbow and flower designs.

TEEN SPACE

Registration opens

JUNE 2

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



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TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

FRIDAY, JUNE 27 & JULY 25 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 one week prior to the program dates.

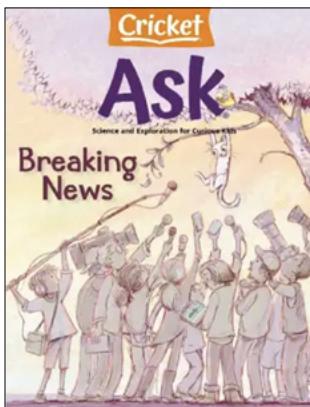
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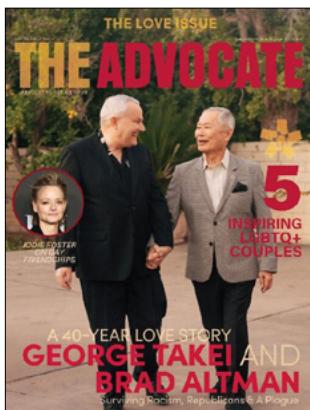


MAGAZINES OF INTEREST



Ask Magazine (Thomas print) (Juvenile)

Parents' Choice Award-winning Ask investigates the world with past and present inventors, artists, thinkers, and scientists. Ideal for newly independent readers, it blends stories, folk tales, and poems by celebrated authors and illustrators with engaging nonfiction, STEM challenges, and interactive activities to encourage curious kids to think critically, explore new ideas, and develop a love of learning.



The Advocate (Thomas print & digital)

The Advocate has been the definitive news source for America's LGBTQ community since 1967. Each issue keeps you involved and informed on everything that's important in LGBTQ news, politics, culture, and entertainment. You'll enjoy intriguing interviews with important gay and lesbian newsmakers, and find enriching features on travel, finance, fitness, nightlife, and style.

GREAT COURSES

How to Survive in Space (DVD)

Space is out to kill you. The vacuum of space is the least of your worries, though, since just getting there requires surviving explosions powerful enough to escape Earth's gravity—the rocket launch. Once you arrive, you will be weightless, which has its own array of health risks. Space is also saturated with radiation, including high-energy cosmic rays that can penetrate the hull of any spacecraft. Returning to Earth isn't just a launch in reverse. This time, you must survive reentry temperatures hot enough to melt steel.

Taught by veteran biomedical space researcher Dr. Ronke Olabisi of the University of California, Irvine, this 12-lecture course focuses on the many hazards of spaceflight and how astronauts deal with them. From launch to landing, from spacewalks to sponge baths, these lectures provide an in-depth look at living and working in a truly alien environment. Learn how it takes more than the "right stuff" to survive in space.



FOR KIDS

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

Register online or call 219-926-7696 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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FOR KIDS AGES 2-5 AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Camp Firefly

Indiana Early Literacy Firefly Award

Talking • Singing • Reading • Writing

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

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

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Discover Our World: Pocky TASTE TEST

For Kids in Grades K-4

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11 4-5 PM

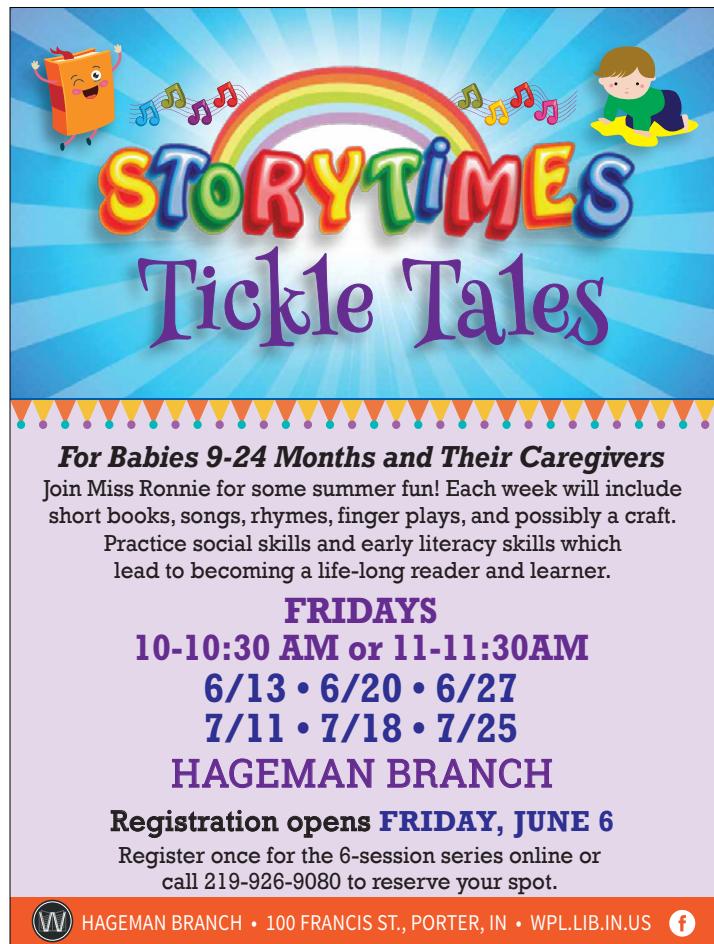
Taste and rank Pocky flavors from Asia.

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Registration opens JUNE 4

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

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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

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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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MUSIC & ARTS SOCIAL CLUB:

ABSTRACT EXPRESSIONISM

For Kids in Grades K-4

**Thursday, June 19
4-5 PM**

Splatter paint your own beach towel in the style of abstract expressionist painters Jackson Pollock and Sam Gilliam.

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This program is held outside on the Hageman Lawn. Please bring your own blanket or chairs. If canceled due to inclement weather, the rain date will be Friday, June 20.

Registration opens JUNE 12

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



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MUSIC & ARTS SOCIAL CLUB:

YAYOI KUSAMA

For Kids in Grades K-4

**Thursday, June 26
4-5 PM**

How can art help us understand ourselves and our world? Through an introduction of Yayoi Kusama, we will explore traits of self-identity: how do you see yourself? How are you seen by others? Then, kids will have the opportunity to create their own polka dotted art that expresses their self-identity. We will listen to music as we celebrate (and create) what makes us unique.

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SNAZZY SCULPTURE

For Kids Ages 2-5 and Their Caregivers

**MONDAY, JUNE 16
10 - 11 AM**

Join us on a tactile adventure exploring various methods of crafting 3D art with our hands.

BAUGHER CENTER

Registration opens JUNE 9

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

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MUSIC Mania

For Kids Ages 2-5 and Their Caregivers

**MONDAY, JUNE 23
10 - 11 AM**

Join the band as we make and play our own instruments!

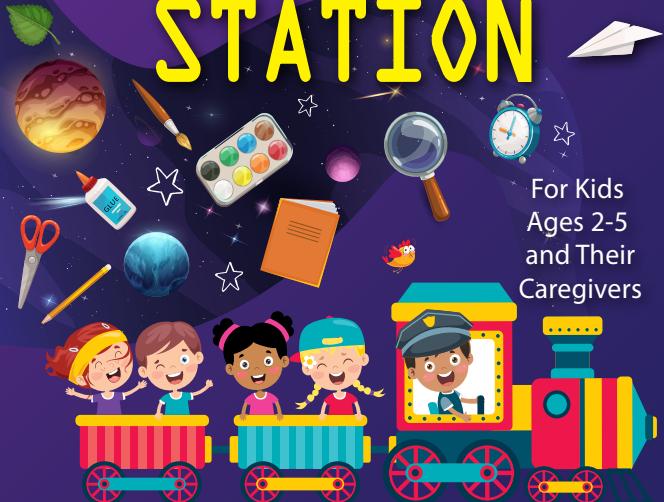
BAUGHER CENTER

Registration opens JUNE 16

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IMAGINATION STATION



For Kids
Ages 2-5
and Their
Caregivers

MONDAY, JULY 7 • 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.

BAUGHER CENTER

Registration opens on JUNE 27

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



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Baking History: Chicago Style Pizza

FOR KIDS IN GRADES K-4

Learn about and make your own legendary Chicago style deep dish, stuffed pizza.

Wednesday,
JULY 9
4-5 PM

Baugher Center

Registration opens JULY 1

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



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CRAFTERNOONS

PICK-UP CRAFT KIT

at the Hageman Branch

ONE FISH, TWO FISH, RED FISH, BLUE FISH



Practice counting and color recognition while making this adorable craft. Everything is included. This craft kit is for ages 2-6.

Registration opens
JUNE 28

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



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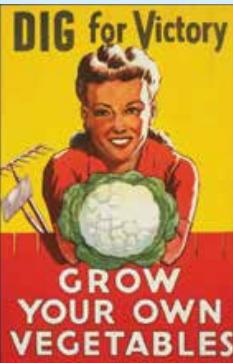
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Westchester Township History Museum

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 NOW OPEN!

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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TRIVIA NIGHT

Tuesday, June 24
7-8:30 PM

WESTCHESTER TOWNSHIP HISTORY MUSEUM

Before music and videos were just a click away online, people watched MTV for hours and saw the latest and greatest in the music industry. Then it all changed. Test your knowledge of MTV history, highlights, hits, and losses at this month's Trivia Night. Teams of 1-4 can vie for the prize. Seating is first come, first served. Doors open at 6:45 PM.

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 PM - 3:00 PM

THURSDAY,
JUNE 12

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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Historic Chesterston WALKING TOUR



Broadway
Chesterston

St. W. Main St.



3rd St.



SUNDAY, JULY 13

2-3:30 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 JULY 6.

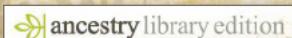


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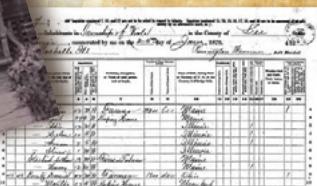
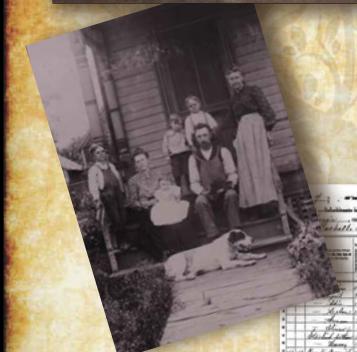
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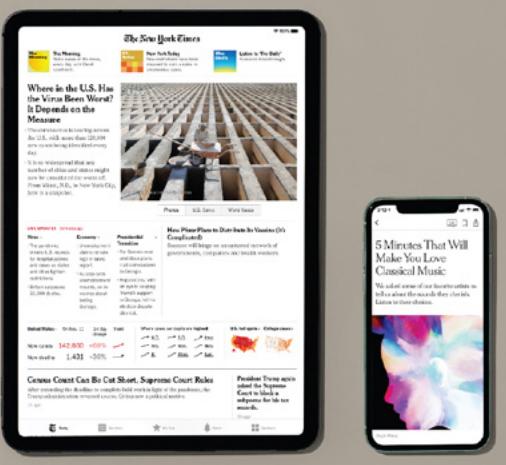
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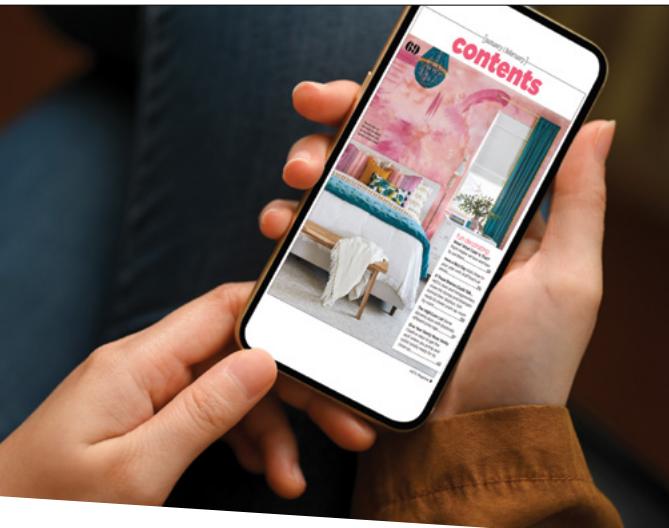
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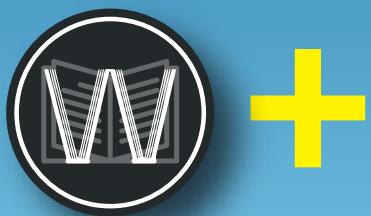
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