



# WPL NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025

## WPL BRINGS THE LIBRARY TO HOME DELIVERY

Do you know someone who is unable to visit the Library as often as they would like to? Perhaps that someone is you. With winter settling in around us, WPL Home Delivery is here to help. Residents of the Westchester Public Library district who are unable to visit the Library due to physical disability, extended illness, or other physical limitation may be eligible to receive WPL Home Delivery service.

Participants can request fiction and nonfiction books, magazines, audiobooks, music, and movies for delivery right to their door, on a scheduled basis. Our friendly WPL Home Delivery staff is always happy to go that extra mile to keep our patrons reading, watching, and listening to the things they love.



Staying engaged with the Library materials you love can have real benefits, too— especially during those times when it's harder to get out and about:

- A 12-year-long 2016 Yale University study of over 3500 people found that those who read books for at least 30 minutes a day lived, on average, two years longer than non-readers.
- A 2009 study by the University of Sussex found that just six minutes of reading can reduce stress levels by up to

68%. Reading was more effective at reducing stress than taking a walk or enjoying a cup of tea.

- A 2022 University of Illinois study found that just eight weeks of engaged reading led to significant improvements in the memory function and capacity of older adults.

- According to the University of Michigan National Poll on Healthy Aging, 98% of older adults feel they get health benefits from listening to music.

Ready to sign up? Call the Thomas Branch at 219-926-7696 to learn more about WPL Home Delivery service.

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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.*



# Holiday House Decorating

● For All Ages ●

Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

## Baughner Center

Celebrate the season by decorating your very own graham cracker house! Use royal icing to adorn your house with a wide variety of candy and snacks, making for the ultimate sweet and sticky creation!



SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 14  
1-4 PM



Registration opens **DECEMBER 7**  
Register online or by calling 219-926-9080



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# A Christmas Carol

Join Seedlings Theatre Company for a joyful, laugh-filled retelling of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, written by Sandra Nordgren.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7**  
**at 2 PM**

This one-act, all-ages production blends a timeless message with playful humor, fourth-wall surprises, and a heartwarming modern spirit. Perfect for the whole family!

This free production is for all ages, but children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

***BAUGHER CENTER***

**Registration opens November 30**

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

This Page to Stage Production is made possible by the Indiana Arts Commission.



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## ADULT CRAFT WINTER BUCKET LIST

**Tuesday, December 9**  
**1:30-2:30 PM**

Say goodbye to cabin fever and hello to new adventures.  
Create your own "Bucket List" of winter activities or New Year's resolutions, or gift a loved one a set of adventures you can share.

For adults ages 18 and up.

**THOMAS BRANCH**

**Registration opens DECEMBER 2**

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



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## ADULT CRAFT



# SOCK SNOWMAN

**Monday, December 1**  
**1:30 or 6:30 PM**

Join us for this simple, no-sew snowman craft that will knock your socks off! All supplies will be provided in this beginner friendly crafting experience.

For adults ages 18 and up.

**BAUGHER CENTER**

**Registration opens NOVEMBER 24**

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

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Watch the film on your own and gather to discuss with other movie lovers! This title is available to stream on Kanopy and on DVD at the library.

# FILM DISCUSSION:

## FELLINI'S 8 1/2



**SATURDAY,**  
**DECEMBER 6**  
**2 PM**

**THOMAS BRANCH**

Marcello Mastroianni plays Guido Anselmi, a director whose new project is collapsing around him, along with his life. One of the greatest films about film ever made, Federico Fellini's *8 1/2* (*Otto e mezzo*) turns one man's artistic crisis into a grand epic of the cinema.

An early working title for *8 1/2* was "The Beautiful Confusion," and Fellini's masterpiece is exactly that: a shimmering dream, a circus, and a magic act.

For adults ages 18 and up.

**Registration opens NOVEMBER 29**

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

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Adult  
Craft Kit:

## Paw Print Holiday Ornament

Honor a special pet in your life with their own holiday ornament! Create a special holiday ornament to keep fur-ever.

For adults ages 18 and up.

**Registration opens DECEMBER 8**

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

This Craft Kit may be picked up from THOMAS from December 15-22.

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## fiber arts circle

**MONDAYS**  
**DECEMBER 8**  
**JANUARY 5**  
**1:30 PM**

Join our Fiber Arts Circle and connect with fellow makers who love all things yarn and thread! Bring your knitting, crochet, embroidery, weaving, or any other fiber arts project to work on in a welcoming, creative space. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned artist, you'll have the chance to share ideas, ask questions, learn new techniques, and find inspiration. All skill levels are welcome.

For adults ages 18 and up.

*thomas branch*

**Registration opens DECEMBER 1**

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

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# Popular Books

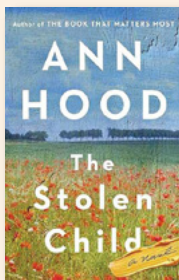
## DISCUSSION GROUP

Monday, December 1 • 2-3:30 PM

THOMAS BRANCH

### *The Stolen Child* by Ann Hood

For decades, Nick Burns has been haunted by a decision he made as a young soldier in World War I, when a French artist he'd befriended thrust both her paintings and her baby into his hands—and disappeared. In 1974, with only months left to live, Nick enlists Jenny, a college dropout desperate for adventure, to help him unravel the mystery. *The Stolen Child* is an engaging, timeless novel of secrets, love lost and found, and the nature of forgiveness.



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

This program is for adults ages 18 and up.

Next Month's Book Club Date: **JANUARY 5**

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# December

## ONLINE AUTHOR TALKS

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



**Scheming Wives and High-Stakes Hilarity**  
with Author Sue Hincenbergs  
Tuesday, December 2 • 1 PM



## NIGHT OWL BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, December 10 • 6:30 PM  
THOMAS BRANCH

### *The Five* by Hallie Rubenhold

Polly, Annie, Elizabeth, Catherine and Mary-Jane are famous for the same thing, though they never met. They came from Fleet Street, Knightsbridge, Wolverhampton, Sweden and Wales. They wrote ballads, ran coffee houses, lived on country estates, they breathed ink-dust from printing presses and escaped people-traffickers. What they had in common was the year of their murders: 1888.

In this devastating narrative of five lives, historian Hallie Rubenhold finally gives these women back their stories.

This program is for adults ages 18 and up.

**Registration opens NOVEMBER 12**

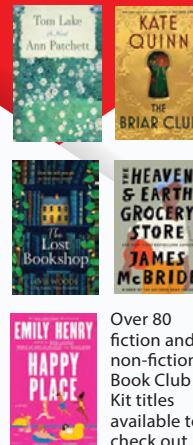
Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.



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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.


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



**WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY**



WPL'S SUNDAY MATINEE



One Christmas Eve


RATED PG

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21 AT 1:30 PM  
BAUGHER CENTER  
100 W. INDIANA AVENUE, CHESTERTON, IN

FREE POPCORN!



**MAKE IT A GAME NIGHT**  
Our Thomas and Hageman Branches  
have over 700 games available  
to check out for patrons of all ages.

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


WESTCHESTER  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

*From a Thomas Branch patron:*  
"I saved \$20,000 by getting books  
from WPL. I would be bankrupt if  
I had to buy all these books!"

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.



# Snowman Garlands





**Tuesday, January 6**  
**6:30-7:30 PM**

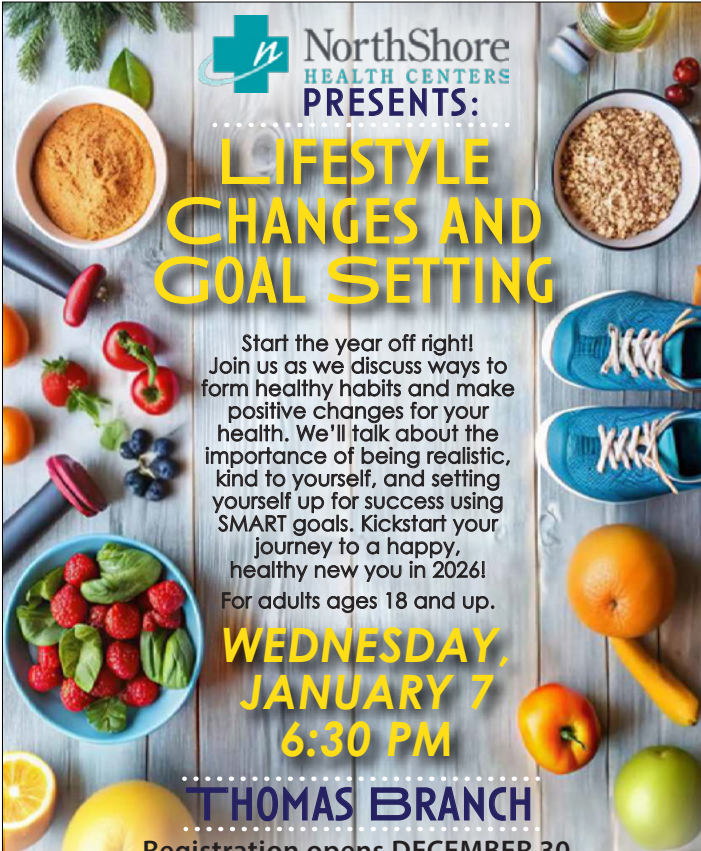
These adorable snowmen will add some winter whimsy to your table or mantle. This program is for adults 18 and older


**Thomas Branch**

Registration opens **DECEMBER 30**

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

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 **NorthShore HEALTH CENTERS PRESENTS:**

## LIFESTYLE CHANGES AND GOAL SETTING

Start the year off right! Join us as we discuss ways to form healthy habits and make positive changes for your health. We'll talk about the importance of being realistic, kind to yourself, and setting yourself up for success using SMART goals. Kickstart your journey to a happy, healthy new you in 2026!



For adults ages 18 and up.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7**  
**6:30 PM**

**THOMAS BRANCH**

Registration opens **DECEMBER 30**

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

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**Adult Craft:** **2026**

# Vision Board Workshop

*Be thankful everyday*

*See the world*

*Self Care*

Bring your positive energy to this workshop to help you focus on what is important to you in 2026. Make a collage with images and affirmations designed to help you manifest your dreams, goals and desires. For adults ages 18 and up.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 8**  
**1:30 or 6:30 PM**

**Thomas Meeting Room**



**REGISTRATION OPENS DECEMBER 30**


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



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# BACKPACKS FOR NATURALISTS

Discover the natural beauty that surrounds us. Check out a backpack - it contains binoculars for children and adults, field guides, activity ideas, and other useful items for your adventure. Get out there and explore!

 **WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Backpacks and their contents provided by Indiana Dunes Tourism and Friends of Indiana Dunes

FOR TEENS & TWEENS



## FOR TWEENS AND TEENS IN GRADES 5 - 12

- Get ready for the new year by decorating your own memory jar, a place to record all your best memories from the coming year.

Registration opens **DECEMBER 9**


Register online or call 219-926-9080 to reserve your kit.  
This kit is picked up at HAGEMAN from DECEMBER 16 - 23.



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## DIY Beaded Bookmark


FOR TWEENS AND TEENS IN GRADES 5-12

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4**  
**5:30-6:30 PM**

Design your own beaded bookmark with a variety of different beads and charms at your disposal.

**Thomas-Teen Space**  
Registration opens **NOVEMBER 27**  
Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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## FIND THE VILLAIN


FOR TWEENS AND TEENS  
IN GRADES 7-12

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8**  
**5:30-6:30 PM**

Join us as we play Two Rooms & A Boom and One Night Ultimate Werewolf – games that require scheming, detecting lies, and not knowing who you can trust.

**THOMAS-TEEN SPACE**  
REGISTRATION OPENS DECEMBER 1  
Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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## ANIME & MANGA CLUB

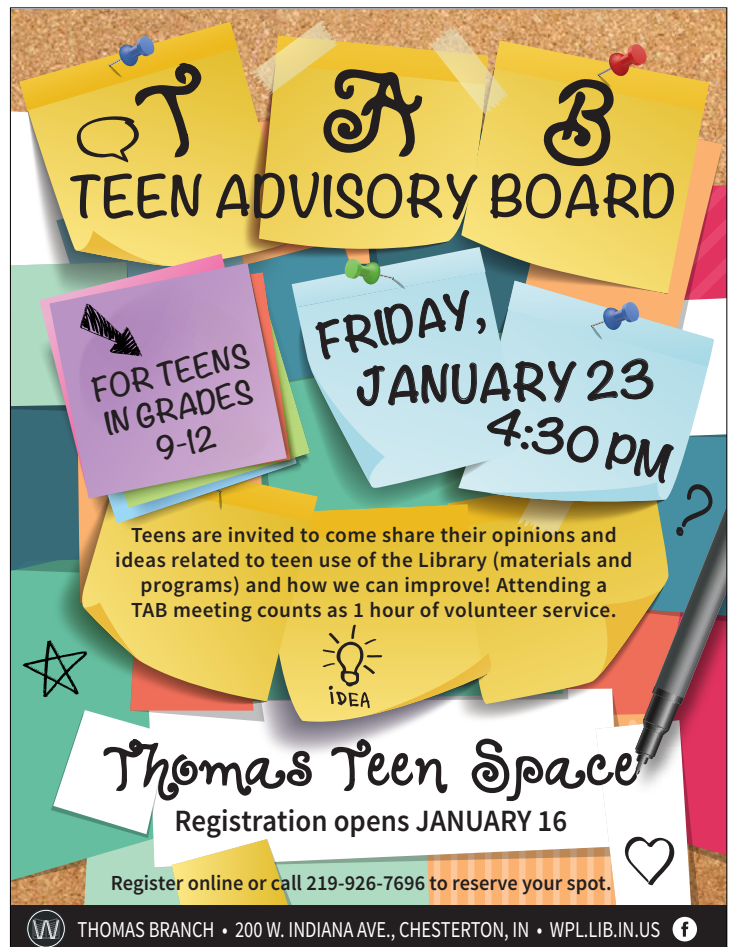
## KICKIN' IT OLD SCHOOL

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18**  
**5:30 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. This month we will be looking at older manga and anime titles. Share your hidden gems, and get ready to add more anime to your watch list.

**THOMAS TEEN SPACE**  
REGISTRATION OPENS DECEMBER 11  
Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 23**  
**4:30 PM**

FOR TEENS IN GRADES 9-12

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 JANUARY 16  
Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your spot.

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# MAGAZINES OF INTEREST



## **Highlights High Five (Thomas print & digital) (Juvenile)**

*High Five* helps you encourage your child's development and gives you an ideal opportunity for one-on-one fun together. Each monthly issue brings 40 pages of read-along stories and poems, simple crafts and recipes, learning games, puzzles for beginners and other activities that can set your child on the path to becoming a lifelong learner.



## **Hot Rod (Thomas print & digital)**

Dedicated to high performance, personalized cars, and the sport of hot-rodding, *Hot Rod* covers performance news, trends, technologies and auto events. It showcases a variety of different cars from custom built street machines to restored muscle cars. Barn finds, hot rods, rat rods, race cars, home-built super cars, land speed races, the latest Detroit iron, and classic muscle—if it's hitting the streets, you'll read about it here first!

# GREAT COURSES / WONDRIUM

## **Wondrium Insights: Finding Strength in Mental Health Struggles (DVD)**

The issue of mental health has become a big part of the national conversation. More and more, we see the struggles of mental health played out in the news and on social media, where we watch tragedies unfold and hear athletes, performers, and other celebrities speak out about the stressors of fame and the difficulty of dealing with their mental well-being while in the public eye. Mental health is not just a topic for headlines and tabloid chatter, however; we all have our times of trouble and can find it difficult to cope with everyday life. How do we deal with things like depression, grief, anger, and unexpected tragedy?

In this series, you'll meet four highly successful individuals who have faced overwhelming mental health challenges, and who have managed not only to survive, but also to find strength in their struggles. You will hear the deeply personal experiences of sports analyst Jay Williams; New York Jets defensive tackle Solomon Thomas; singer, songwriter, and poet Mary Lambert; and boxing legend Sugar Ray Leonard.





FOR KIDS

# **iNTERACTIVE MOVIE FOR KiDS:**



**FOR KIDS IN GRADES K - 4**

Join us for an interactive movie and popcorn. No need to stay quiet during this screening - participation is encouraged! This movie is rated PG.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4  
4-5:40 PM**

**BAUGHER CENTER**

**Registration opens NOVEMBER 25**

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



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# DOG Sledding

**CRAFT KIT:**  
For Kids Ages 2-5

Make your own sledding dog that celebrates the fun that winter brings.



**Registration opens DECEMBER 4**

Register online or call 219-926-7696 to reserve your kit.  
This Craft Kit is picked up at **THOMAS** from December 11-18.

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# CRAFT KIT \* Hot Cocoa

For Kids Grades K-4



Share hot cocoa with family while making a cocoa-inspired ornament.

**Registration opens DECEMBER 9**

• Register online or call 219-926-9080 to reserve your kit.  
• This craft kit is picked up at **HAGEMAN** from December 16-23.

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# Books Blocks Balls

For Families with Children Ages 0-3

**DECEMBER 10 • 10 AM**  
**THOMAS BRANCH**

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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PORTER COUNTY

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PORTER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

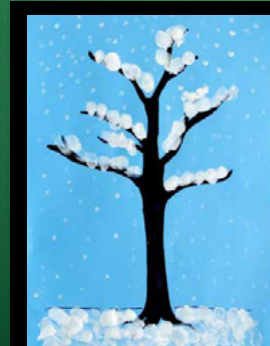
**Help Me Grow**  
Porter County

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# CRAFTERNOONS PICK-UP CRAFT KIT

at the Hageman Branch

## WINTER TREE FINGER PAINTING



Create a beautiful winter scene using your fingerprints and Q-tips.

This craft kit is for ages 2-6.

**Registration opens  
DECEMBER 29**

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

This craft kit may be picked up at **HAGEMAN** from JANUARY 5-12.

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# STORYTIMES

## Toddler Time

For Toddlers Ages 2-3 and Their Caregivers  
Join us for a sensory storytime. Together we will read, sing, socialize, create, and learn through play.

**MONDAYS 10-10:30 or 11-11:30 AM**  
1/5 • 1/12 • 1/19 • 1/26

**THOMAS CHILDREN'S DEPT.** Registration opens **DECEMBER 23**

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**  
1/6 • 1/13 • 1/20 • 1/27

**FRIDAYS 10-10:30 AM**  
1/9 • 1/16 • 1/23 • 1/30

Registration opens **DECEMBER 30**

## Tickle Tales

**HAGEMAN BRANCH**

## Little Explorers POETRY LAB

**THOMAS MEETING ROOM**

For Kids Ages 4-6 and Their Caregivers

Join Miss Justine as we celebrate the joy, expressiveness, and pure delight of poetry.

**WEDNESDAYS 4-4:30 PM**  
1/7 • 1/14 • 1/21 • 1/28

Registration opens **DECEMBER 29**

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



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# WARM & COZY STORYTIME

For Kids  
Ages 2-5  
and Their  
Caregivers



Join us for a sensory storytime with gentle stories, songs and crafts.

**Thursday, January 8**  
**4-5 PM**

**BAUGHER CENTER**

Registration opens on **DECEMBER 30**

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# Cupcakes and Canvas



**Monday, December 22**  
**10 AM-Noon or 2-4 PM**

**Monday, December 29**  
**10 AM-Noon or 2-4 PM**

*Register for 1 of the 4 sessions offered*



**BAUGHER  
CENTER**

Come join us for painting and delicious cupcakes over winter break with Museum Educator Susan Swarner!

**For Kids ages 6-12 • All supplies provided • Wear messy clothes**  
**Parent or guardian must accompany child.**

**Registration opens DECEMBER 8 at 9 am.**

Register online or call the Museum at 219-983-9715.

Register for one 2-hour session at either 10 am-12 pm or 2-4 pm.



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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,  
DECEMBER 11**

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

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# HOLIDAY GIFTS THAT CELEBRATE DUNELAND

Do your holiday shopping with gifts that reflect a rich Duneland history from the Westchester Township History Museum store.

**ANNUAL HOLIDAY SALE:**

**10% OFF  
NOVEMBER 22 -  
DECEMBER 27**



**WESTCHESTER TWP.  
HISTORY MUSEUM**

700 W. Porter Ave., Chesterton, IN  
219-983-9715

Open: 12pm - 5pm Wednesdays and the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month. You may also visit on Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday by appointment.

# 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.

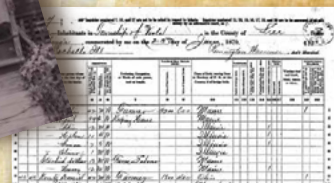
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and  
Research  
Workstations  
including**

ancestry library edition

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Hageman Branch, and  
Westchester Township  
History Museum**



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eMusic, eComics and more



***The New York Times***

All Access–News, Games,  
Cooking, Wirecutter,  
The Athletic



***Brainfuse HelpNow***

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



***EBSCO database***

Art, biographies, home improvement, nutrition, crafts, trade magazines,  
newspapers, medicine and more



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films, & inspiring documentaries



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for adults



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up to grade 12



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Homework and research, ASVAB  
and SAT test prep 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

**brainfuse HelpNow™**  
Live Homework Help and So Much More

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**

**Television Series**

**Kids Shows**

**Ideas**

**kanopy**  
Films that matter

**Start watching at**  
[wplin.kanopy.com](http://wplin.kanopy.com)

## NEW SERVICE!

**WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
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# The New York Times

**NEWS**  
News and analysis to stay informed on the topics that matter most.

**GAMES**  
Word and visual games that encourage problem-solving and offer a mental break.

**COOKING**  
Recipes, advice and inspiration that build confidence and creativity in the kitchen.

**WIRECUTTER**  
Independent product reviews that help consumers make more informed decisions.

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Personalized sports coverage that encourages literacy and community engagement

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# Holiday Cooking and Entertaining



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# 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.**

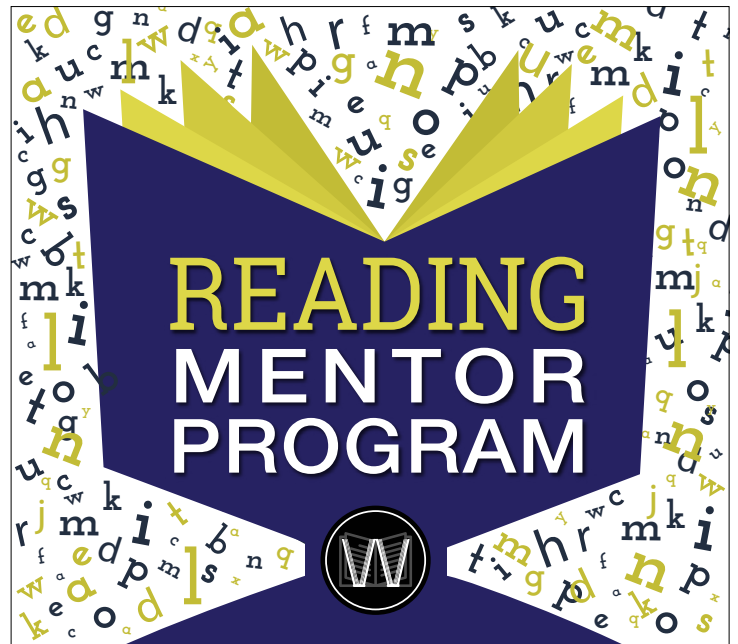
**3. Call the Library phone number posted on the numbered parking space sign and staff will check-out and bring your holds to your parking space.**

**4. Pickup! Roll open your window or pop your trunk and staff will bring your bagged hold items out to your parking space for you. They will conveniently close your trunk if opened.**

**5. Pull out and enjoy your Library materials!**

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

Student sign-up sheets are available at Thomas Children's Department or online at [wpl.lib.in.us/volunteer/](http://wpl.lib.in.us/volunteer/)

## WPL TECH HELP

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to schedule an appointment.



# WPL YOUTUBE

 **WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY**

 **YouTube**

Check out the WPL YouTube channel and find a rich collection of videos from the Westchester Township History Museum featuring local history, notable Duneland residents, and facts about the dunes and lakeshore.

  
Duneland Ghost Towns Series

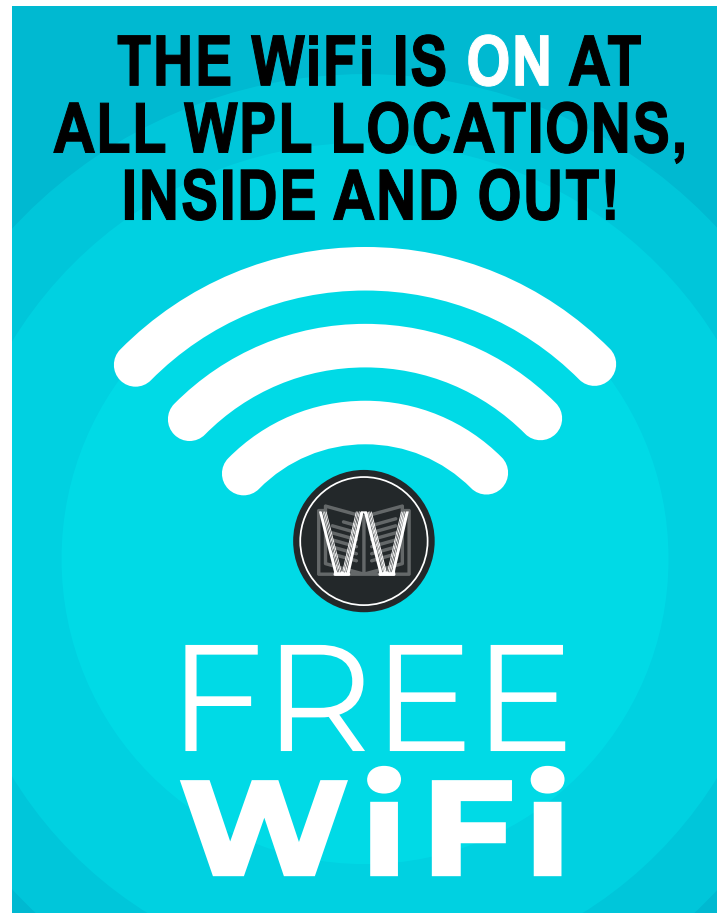
  
Everyday is Earth Day Series

  
Duneland's Swedish Immigrants Series

  
Becoming Westchester Township Series

Find the YouTube link at [wpl.lib.in.us](http://wpl.lib.in.us)

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ALL WPL LOCATIONS,  
INSIDE AND OUT!**



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## NEW MOVIE & TELEVISION SERIES RELEASES

**TV Series:** *Gabby's Dollhouse: The Movie* // **Rating:** G

**Synopsis:** Gabby heads out on a road trip with her Grandma Gigi to the urban wonderland of Cat Francisco. But when Gabby's dollhouse, her most prized possession, ends up in the hands of an eccentric cat lady named Vera, Gabby sets off on an adventure through the real world to get the Gabby Cats back together and save the dollhouse before it's too late.

**Movie Title:** *Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale* // **Rating:** PG

**Synopsis:** When Mary finds herself at the center of a public scandal and the family faces financial strife, the entire household grapples with the threat of social disgrace. The Crawleys must embrace change as the staff prepares for a new chapter leading Downton Abbey into the future.

**Movie Title:** *The Long Walk* // **Rating:** R

**Synopsis:** In a dystopian, alternate-America ruled by a totalitarian regime, 50 teenage boys take part in a deadly annual walking contest, forced to maintain a minimum pace or be executed, until only one survivor remains.

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# Holiday Hours

The WPL system will  
be CLOSED on:

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25**

Regular hours resume December 26

The WPL system will  
be CLOSED on:

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 1**

Regular hours resume January 2