Westland Public Library
Happenings

July 2014

library NEWS

Holiday Closings

The library will **close at 5 pm on Thursday, July 3rd**, and will be closed all day on **July 4th** for Independence Day.

Reduce Clutter: Check Out Digital Magazines!

We are happy to announce that the library now offers digital magazines for Westland residents through Zinio. Check out as many as you want - there are no holds or due dates! You can read your magazines anywhere on a variety of devices, including PC or Mac, iPhone, Android, and Kindle Fire. As always, if you have questions, please stop by the Reference Desk or give us a call at 734-326-6123. Happy reading!

special PROGRAMS

Adult Summer Challenge 2014

June 14—August 9

Literary ELEMENTS

This year's theme combines science and literature in a variety of programs sure to pique your interest. For every book or eBook you read, audiobook or music CD you listen to, or DVD you watch, fill out a slip at the Reference Desk to be entered in our weekly drawing. Each week we'll give away a gift card to a great local business. At the end of the summer challenge, there will be a grand prize drawing where we will give away a Kindle Fire HD to two lucky winners. Are you up to the challenge?

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Friday Night Movies

Fridays | 7 pm
[doors open at 6:30 pm]

July 4
No Movie

July 11
The Lego Movie (PG)

July 18
The Grand Budapest Hotel (R)

July 25
A Beautiful Mind (PG-13)

Partial funding for programs is provided by the Friends of the Westland Public Library.

library HOURS

Monday—Thursday	Friday—Saturday	Sunday
9 am — 9 pm	9 am — 5 pm	CLOSED

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Face Reading for Relationships*

Tuesday, July 8 | 7 pm—8:30 pm

Join **Lin Klaassen** as she shares ways to get a new understanding of how to create an environment of trust and clear communication, for positive results. Ms. Klaassen is one of the top face reading experts in the world.

The Science of Meditation: Inner Engineering*

Wednesday, July 23 | 7 pm—8:30 pm

How can meditation be a powerful tool to cope with the hectic pace of modern living? Learn about Isha Foundation's **Inner Engineering** program which distills powerful ancient yogic methods for the modern person to create harmony in the body, mind and emotions. This authentic program for self-empowerment and personal growth opens up the possibility of living life to your fullest human potential.

Tonight you will also learn a simple yet powerful 15 minute practice which creates enhanced clarity, improved health and a state of peacefulness and joy. No previous meditation experience is necessary and it can be done seated in a chair.

Led by **Isha Foundation volunteer, Barbara Funk**.

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New! Tabletop Gaming

Tuesdays, July 15 & 29 | 6 pm—8:30 pm

Meet others just like you who like to play tabletop games. Take part in Settlers of Catan, HeroClix, Fluxx, Risk, Arkham Horror, and more! Beginners are welcome. Meets every other Tuesday.

Child Development Workshop—Terrific Twos: Staying a Step Ahead of Conflict*

Thursday, July 17 | 6:30 pm—8:30 pm

Starfish Family Services' Early Learning Communities presents a monthly Parenting Workshop/Early Childhood Training. This month, the topic is: "Terrific Twos: Staying a Step Ahead of Conflict." Use supportive ideas and interactions that keep conflicts to a minimum when caring for toddlers. Attend 5 workshops and your child is eligible to receive free books from the Imagination Library. Free childcare.

Effective Google Searching*

Thursday, July 29 | 2 pm—3:30 pm

Have you ever been told to “just Google it?” Did you try using Google, only to find a confusing and irrelevant list of results that had nothing to do with the information you wanted? If you are interested in achieving better search results, this is the class for you. We will provide you with tips, tricks, and practice to help you become a more effective Google search user.

This is our Internet Special Topics course for July. Prerequisite: Internet Basics or some experience using an internet browser.

Storm Safety*

Wednesday, July 30 | 7 pm—8 pm

Join the **National Weather Service** for tips on staying safe during dangerous weather. What can you do to protect yourself during a tornado or a severe storm? Are there any tornado myths out there that you've been believing? You'll also learn how the NWS forecasts the weather using weather balloons, Doppler radar, severe weather spotters, and more.

Computer Classes*

A variety of free, hands-on computer classes are offered every month at the library. Space is limited, so sign up at the Reference Desk.

Chess Club

Thursdays | 6 pm—8:30 pm
Saturdays | 1 pm—4:30 pm

Like to play chess? Come to the Westland Chess Club and hang out and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to chess masters are welcome.

Job Seekers Lab

Tuesdays | 10 am—1 pm
Wednesdays | 5 pm—8 pm
Fridays | 1 pm—4 pm

A librarian will be available to assist you in filing for unemployment, creating and uploading a resume and other tasks related to your job search.

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Beginners Computer Lab

Saturdays, July 5, 12, 19 & 26 | 2 pm—4 pm

During this two-hour drop-in lab, we will provide guided activities and librarian assistance to help you become computer literate for today's digital world. Build confidence while practicing common tasks at your own pace. Topics include using a mouse and keyboard; saving, organizing, and printing files; navigating the internet; learning what you can do with email; and getting acquainted with Microsoft Office.

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eReader and Tablet Support Group

Thursday, July 17 | 2 pm—4 pm

Do you have an eReader or Tablet? Want to learn more about it? Stop in to meet with other users, share your expertise, or learn some tips and tricks for getting the most out of your device. An eReader/ Tablet expert will be on hand to answer the difficult questions.

Book Clubs*

Adult

Wednesday, July 16 | 7 pm—8 pm

The Art of Fielding
by Chad Harbach

Noontime

Tuesday, July 29 | 12 pm—1 pm

Double Cross: The True Story of the D-Day Spies
by Ben Macintyre

Science Fiction/Fantasy

Wednesday, July 30 | 7 pm—8:30 pm

Heavy Weather
by Bruce Sterling

Writing Groups

Writers Workshop*

Thursday, July 10 | 7 pm—8:30 pm

The Writers Workshop critiques individuals' writing in a workshop setting. All genres are welcome. The goal of our group is to help writers get published. *You must attend one session before your writing will be reviewed.*

Writers Club*

Monday, July 21 | 7 pm—8 pm

Do you have stories, poems or ideas you would like others to hear, but not critique, in a casual atmosphere? Led by **Cheryl Vatcher-Martin**.

programs JUST FOR KIDS

Alexandria's Nature Bus*

Tuesday, July 1 | 2 pm—3 pm

3rd—6th graders, stop by the library and learn about some WILD Birds of Prey. This traveling exhibit, led by 2 naturalists, involves hands-on activities, conservation education and live animals. Developed by the **Spirit of Alexandria Foundation** and the **Howell Nature Center**.

Fizz Boom SCIENCE!*

Thursday, July 10 | 6 pm—7 pm

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a spy? Come to our program and find out! We'll do some science experiments that mimic what a spy might encounter on the job, along with some other fun activities! For ages 8-12.

Drummunity*

Tuesday, July 15 | 7 pm—8 pm

Children and their families are invited to join **Lori Fithian** and her cavalcade of percussion instruments for this high energy and fun musical activity. Try your hand at the hand drums, pickle buckets, salad bowl, muffin tins, and more. Music experience not necessary.

Chalk the Walk

Saturday, July 19 | 10 am—11 am

Please join us for a morning of fun as we decorate our sidewalks with chalk! No registration required. Note: We will have to cancel this program if it rains.

Make-It, Take-It Craft

Saturday, July 19 | 2 pm—4 pm

Pop in for some fun craft time in the Youth Activity Room! No registration required...just walk in! This is for all ages, but little ones will need an adult to help them.

Boom Boom Wow!*

Tuesday, July 22 | 2 pm—2:45 pm

This 30-minute presentation explores the reasons things explode and reveals the relationships between pressure, temperature and fuel. Prepared and presented by the **Michigan Science Center**.

SRP Finale!*

Monday, July 28

All children who have completed 600 minutes of reading in our Summer Reading Program, **Fizz Boom READ!**, will receive an invitation to attend one of three wacky science shows given today at **11am, 2pm, and 7pm.** Doug Scheer is the featured performer, and he is sure to amaze you with his funny tricks and wacky experiments!

Please arrive within 5 minutes of start time to guarantee your spot.

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Tween Programs

Tie Dye*

Wednesday, July 9 | 6 pm—7 pm

Bring a white t-shirt or other item to make a fun, colorful masterpiece. Weather permitting, this event will be held outside in the Children's Garden. For grades 5 and up.

Writing Workshop*

Wednesday, July 16 | 6 pm—7 pm

If you're in grades 5-8, come to our Tween Writing Workshop! This month, we'll explore fanfiction! Have you ever wondered what would happen to the characters in your favorite books if they would've made different choices? Come to our writing workshop, and give it a try!

Video Game Free Play

Tuesday, July 22 | 6 pm—7 pm

Join us for free play of various games - Just Dance, Super Smash Bros., and more. All games will be rated T or under.

Video games not your thing? We'll have tabletop games available to play as well!

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Lego Read & Play

Wednesday, July 2 | 2 pm—3 pm

Come build with us! A nice big room with friends who like to build = FUN! We'll have lots and lots of Lego® bricks for building along with books for inspiration.

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Capture the Flag*

Wednesday, July 8 | 10:30 am—12 pm

At 10:30 am, come to Meeting Room A at the library where we will gather and review rules before going outside to play Capture the Flag. Water provided. **PLEASE NOTE: Parent/Guardian must check in with us and sign a permission slip if you've registered your child online.** No experience is needed, but please wear clothes and shoes you can run in! Ages 8 and up. Please list child's age next to name for online registration, e.g., Greta Schmidt, 10.

Starfish Little Learners Playgroup

Thursday, July 10 | 10 am—11:30 am

This FREE program, presented by **Starfish Early Learning Communities**, meets once a month at the library. Children and their caregivers will enjoy time together that includes stories, songs, group activities, play time and a snack. Recommended for children ages 1-4 and their caregivers. Siblings welcome.

Storytimes

Sleepytime Storytime

Mondays, July 7, 14 & 21 | 6:30 pm—7:15 pm

Come close the day with stories and crafts for little dreamers ages 3-7 years old. Children are invited to attend in their pajamas! Siblings are welcome.

Family Storytime

Wednesdays, July 9, 16 & 23 | 10 am—10:30 am OR 11 am—11:30 am

Bring the whole family to enjoy 30 minutes of stories, rhymes, fingerplays and songs. Each week a different theme will be highlighted.

Family Matinee Movies

Fridays, July 11, 18 & 25 | 1 pm—2:30 pm

Join us for a free family movie rated G or PG. Movies run approximately 90 minutes. Light refreshments. Children under 10 must have an adult present.

Please arrive within 5 minutes of start time to guarantee your spot.

Get Up and Move*

Saturdays, July 12 & 26 | Ages 5—7 | 2:30 pm—3:15 pm Ages 8—12 | 3:30 pm—4:30 pm

This program is all about getting up and moving around. We will play different games, some you may already know and some new ones, too. Please wear clothes that are easy to move in and come ready to have fun!!

Youth Minecraft Club

Thursday, July 30 | 4 pm - 5:30 pm

Join us as we play Minecraft on the Westland Library's multiplayer server and do a Minecraft craft. If you don't have your own login, we'll get you started. For grades 3 and up. Note: As this game is rated E10, players under 10 will be required to have a permission slip completed by a parent the day of the event.

Time for Art*

Wednesday, July 16 | 2 pm—3 pm

We will work with vibrant colors, painting a beach scene full of shoreline treasures. Projects are completed in one-hour sessions, and encourage further art interest. For 2nd – 5th graders.

for TEENS

Make Your Own Ice Cream and S'mores

Thursday, July 3 | 2 pm—3 pm

Join us as we make our own ice cream from scratch. We'll also build solar-powered ovens to make s'mores. All materials will be provided.

Theatrical Sword Combat Demo

Thursday, July 10 | 2 pm—4 pm

Come watch the Ring of Steel Action Theatre Troupe perform a variety of fight scenes using swords and/or whips.

Sci-Fi Expo and Comic-Con

Thursday, July 17 | 2 pm—4 pm

Join us for an afternoon of cosplay (and costume contest), sci-fi books and movies, tabletop gaming, comic creation, and monster origami.

Stop Motion Animation Workshop

Thursday, July 24 | 2 pm—4 pm

Learn how stop-motion animation works and create a simple puppet that you will use to animate a scene. Get hands-on experience with animation software and leave with a DVD of your animation.

After Hours Finale Party

Friday, August 1 | 6 pm—8 pm

Teens who finished the summer reading program are invited to our exclusive after-hours party! We'll have pizza, music, video games, a freebie table, the return of the candy ball, giant Jenga, henna lessons, crafts, prizes, and MORE.

Minecraft Club

Monday, July 14 | 2 pm—4 pm

Play Minecraft on the Westland Teen's multiplayer server and try some cool Minecraft crafts. (You don't need a Minecraft login.)

Magic: The Gathering

Monday, July 21 | 2 pm—4 pm

We'll have a round robin tournament and free play. Bring a standard deck to play in the tournament. There will be snacks and prizes!

Teen Book Club*

Tuesday, July 29 | 3 pm—4 pm

Please sign up for book club at the reference desk. The first 10 people to sign up will receive a free copy of the book!

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