



# Westland Public Library Happenings

**December 2014**

## library NEWS

### Adult Literacy Tutors Needed

Find out how you can get involved and share your love of reading with an adult in need. Please call or stop by the Reference desk and ask to speak with Liz for more information about the library's Adult Literacy program, or attend the Tutor Information Night on **Thursday, January 29, 2015 at 7 pm.**

### Holiday Hours

The library will be closed **Wednesday, December 24 through Friday, December 26** for the Christmas holiday.

The library will be also be closed **Wednesday, December 31 and Thursday, January 1** for the New Year.

## special PROGRAMS

### Holiday Concerts\*

#### Sunday, Dec 7 | 2–3 pm

Celebrated jazz guitarist, **Jake Reichbart**, will perform holiday classics and originals. Join us for a friendly, jazzy, and fun concert to continue our Holiday Concert programming.

#### Sunday, Dec 14 | 2–3 pm

Join us for a winter concert performance from **Sing Out Detroit**, a mixed Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass (SATB) chorus for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) people and their Allies. Sing Out Detroit will perform a sampling of holiday songs from their upcoming concert, Fa-La-La-La Frozen.

#### Sunday, Dec 21 | 2–3 pm

Take a break from the stress of the holidays and enjoy a fun sing-along. Librarian **Tara Scott** will lend her beautiful singing voice to some favorite holiday songs, with accompaniment by **Mary and Kathy Scott**.

### Holiday Stamping with Cari\*

#### Thursday, Dec 4 | 7 pm–8 pm

Get away from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and spend time exploring your creative side. Let **Cari Fry** help you create beautiful cards in minutes. Show those special people in your life just how much they mean to you. Adults only please. All supplies are provided.

## library HOURS

**Monday–Thursday**  
9 am – 9 pm

**Friday–Saturday**  
9 am – 5 pm

**Sunday**  
12 pm – 5 pm

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## special PROGRAMS

### Open Mic\*

Thursday, Dec 11 |  
7 pm–8:30 pm

Got a little of the performer in you? Share your songs, poems, and stories in our receptive, worry-free environment. Singer/ songwriter **John Latini** will emcee.

### Holiday Sing-A-Long (and Visit with Santa)\*

Monday, Dec 15 | 6 pm–7:30 pm

Help us sing our Christmas Carols loud and clear so that Santa can find his way here for a visit with our community's children. Join us outside in the Children's Garden at 6 p.m. for caroling, cookies, and hot cocoa (supplied by Biggby Coffee). Christmas crafts will be available for children, too.

### Health Care Info Session and Q&A

Saturday, Dec 6 |  
11 am–12 pm

Need health care? Want to learn more about health coverage from the Health Insurance Marketplace or the Healthy Michigan Plan? Our experts can help! Join us for an Information and Q&A Session presented by a certified health care navigator, followed by **drop-in health care enrollment assistance.**

### Hot Cocoa Kits\*

Thursday, Dec 18 | 6 pm–7 pm

Make a gift that's fun, delicious and inexpensive. We'll show you how to make your own cocoa kit with personalized marshmallows, all wrapped up in a holiday package. A great gift for teachers and coworkers! Space is limited. All ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. **Please arrive within 5 minutes of the start time to guarantee your spot.**

### Health Care Enrollment Assistance

Saturday, Dec 6 | 12 pm–4 pm

Tuesday, Dec 9 | 4 pm–8 pm

Our health care application assisters will be available to help you apply for health coverage online. Drop in to get help enrolling in health care for you and your family.

### Make Your Own Ornaments

Thursday, Dec 11 | 6 pm–8 pm

Adults and teens (grades 7 and up) are invited to come personalize their own ornaments. You'll use glitter, paint, ribbon, and/or old book pages to create your own unique ornaments. No registration is required and all materials will be provided.

### NaNoWriMo Wrap-Up Celebration\*

Wednesday, Dec 3 | 6 pm–7:30 pm

Let's wrap up National Novel Writing Month with some prizes and some cake! Even if you didn't finish (and didn't even come close to finishing), let's party and look back on what in the world happened during the month of November. Any NaNo participant who would like to read a 2-page excerpt from their novel is welcome to. Please let Liz Waun know at [liz.waun@westlandlibrary.org](mailto:liz.waun@westlandlibrary.org) if you'd like to do a reading

### Friday Night Movies

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

**Dec 5**

*The Hundred-Foot Journey* (PG)

**Dec 12**

*A Most Wanted Man* (R)

**Dec 19**

*Jersey Boys* (R)

**Dec 26**

No Movie, Library Closed

\* Stop by or call the library to register for any of these programs, or register online at [westlandlibrary.org/events](http://westlandlibrary.org/events)

## 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.

## Tabletop Gaming

**Tuesdays, Dec 2 & 16 | 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.

## 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.

This month's Internet Special Topics Class is **Introduction to Library Databases from 7 pm–8:15 pm on Monday, December 22**. Library databases contain a lot of information you can't find for free on the internet. Learn how to use our premium online resources to do research, prepare for an exam, look up a business, or find auto repair information.

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## Beginners Computer Lab

**Saturdays, Dec 6, 13, 20 & 27 | 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.

## eReader and Tablet Support Group

**Thursday, Dec 18 | 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.

## 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.

## Book Clubs\*

### Adult

**Wednesday, Dec 17 | 7 pm–8 pm**

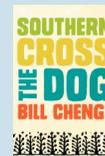
*House of Stone*  
by Anthony Shadid



### Noontime

**Tuesday, Dec 30 | 12 pm–1 pm**

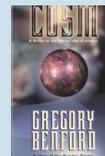
*Southern Cross the Dog*  
by Bill Cheng



### Science Fiction/Fantasy

**Wednesday, Dec 3 | 7 pm–8:30 pm**

*Cosm*  
by Gregory Benford



## Writing Groups

### Writers Workshop\*

**Thursday, Dec 4 | 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, Dec 15 | 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

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

## Academic Enrichment Wednesdays | 3:30 pm–5 pm

Bring your assignments for FREE homework help and study help. For grades 5 and up.

## Holiday Drop-In Crafts

### Sleepytime

**Monday, Dec 1 |  
6:30–7:15 pm**

3 - 7 years. Little dreamers are invited to join us for a special Sleepytime Craft! No registration is required.

### Babytime Art

**Tuesday, Dec 2 |  
10 am–11:00 am**

0 - 2 years. Drop in and make a simple Holiday Craft with your baby. Yes, we will be using paint, so parents may want to bring an old shirt to put over baby's clothes!

### Toddler Tales

**Wednesday, Dec 3 |  
10:00 am–11:00 am**

1.5 - 3.5 years. Drop in and make a fun Holiday Craft with your toddler.

### Preschool

**Friday, Dec 5 |  
10:00 am–11:00 am**

3.5 - 5 years. Create a Holiday Craft with your preschooler.

## Family Movie Matinee

**Saturday, Dec 27 |  
1 pm– 2:30 pm**

Please join us for a FREE family movie! Movies are rated G or PG & run about 90 minutes. Please call the Youth Services Desk for more information.

## Rhythm and Rock

**Saturday, Dec 6 | 10 am–10:30 am**

Sing, play and move along with your child! Your little one's natural rhythm will shine in this interactive music program for ages 1-5 with a caregiver. Siblings are welcome.

## Holiday Sing-A-Long (and Visit with Santa)\*

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Help us sing our Christmas carols loud and clear so that Santa can find his way here for a visit with our community's children. Join us outside in the Children's Garden at 6 p.m. for caroling, cookies, and hot cocoa (supplied by Biggby Coffee). Christmas crafts will be available for children, too.

## Parents in Action Workshop: Word Play\*

**Monday, Dec 8 | 9:30 am–11:30 am**

Join us for a free parent support workshop which includes using your newly learned skills! This program is presented by **Starfish Family Services**. Take-home activities provided as an additional resource. This month's topic is: "Word Play: Rhymes and Other Pre-Reading Activities." If you don't have children present, you will get some great ideas to try at home! Free childcare provided.

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## Starfish Little Learners Playgroup

**Thursday, Dec 18 | 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.

## Kindergarten Book Club

Saturday, Dec 13 |  
2 pm–3 pm

Join us as we read Caralyn Buehner's book, **Snowmen at Christmas**, talk about what we have read, and do a lot of other fun, book-related activities! This program does include a snack so please indicate any food allergies your child may have.

## 1st and 2nd Grade Book Club

Saturday, Dec 20 |  
2 pm–3 pm

December 's pick is **Owl Moon** by Jane Yolen. Join us as we read the book together, discuss what we've read, have a light snack, and participate in other activities.

## New! Coffee Shop Storytimes

Join us at the following coffee shop locations for storytimes presented by the Public Library of Westland staff! No registration required.

**Biggy Coffee**  
Every 2nd Thursday of the  
month @ 10 am

36640 Ford Rd.  
Westland, MI 48185

**Westland Starbucks**  
Every 3rd Thursday of the  
month @ 10 am

36545 Warren Road.  
Westland, MI 48185

## 3rd and 4th Grade Book Club

Thursday, Dec 11 |  
7 pm–8 pm

This month we're reading **The Polar Express** by Chris Van Allsburg. Join us as we discuss the book and enjoy related activities.

## 5th and 6th Grade Book Club

Thursday, Dec 4 |  
7 pm–8 pm

This month we're reading **Much Ado About Nothing** by William Shakespeare. Join us as we discuss the play and enjoy related activities.

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

## Super Science\*

Thursday, Dec 11 | 5 pm–6 pm

Do you love science? Kids ages 7-12 are invited to join us as we do some exciting, hands-on science experiments. Please wear old clothes, as science can get messy!

## Lego® Power Hour Sunday, Dec 21 | 1 pm–2 pm

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

## Plastic Model Building\*

Saturday, Dec 13 | 1:30 pm –3 pm

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Learn plastic model building with guidance from the **International Plastic Modelers Society of Livonia**. Each registered child, accompanied by an adult, will receive a free model kit to complete at the program. For ages 7 and up, accompanied by an adult.

## Child Development Workshop:

### Kitchen Art Fun\*

Wednesday, Dec 10 | 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: "Kitchen Art Fun." Attend 5 workshops and your child is eligible to receive free books from the Imagination Library. Free childcare.

## New! E-Corner

Check out our new E-Corner in the Youth Department! Every month we will provide a step-by-step look at how to use one of our children's databases, as well as highlight a fun, informational website and app geared toward kids.

## for TEENS

### Academic Enrichment

Wednesdays | 3:30 pm–5 pm

Bring your assignments for FREE homework help and study help. For grades 5 and up.

### Magic: The Gathering

Thursday, Dec 4 | 4 pm–6 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!

### Minecraft Club

Monday, Dec 8 | 4 pm–6 pm

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

### Teen Advisory Board\*

Monday, Dec 22 |  
6:30 pm–7:30 pm

Here's your chance to have a say in how the library runs! Give your opinion on what you'd like to see and do at the library. Pizza is served at every meeting.

### Teen Book Club\*

Tuesday, Dec 18 | 7 pm–8 pm

This month we will be discussing **If I Stay** by Gayle Forman. Please sign up for book club at the reference desk any time after November's book club meeting on 11/20. The first 10 people to register will get a free copy of the book!

### Make Your Own Ornaments

Thursday, Dec 11 | 6 pm–8 pm

Adults and teens (grades 7 and up) are invited to come personalize their own ornaments. You'll use glitter, paint, ribbon, and/or old book pages to create your own unique ornaments. No registration is required and all materials will be provided.

## Tween Programs

### Snow Globes

Tuesday, Dec 2 | 6 pm–7 pm

Let it snow! Make your own glittery snow globes. They look cool and are super easy to make. Use one as a winter decoration for your room or to give as a gift. For grades 5 and up.

### Writing Workshop\*

Tuesday, Dec 9 | 6 pm–7 pm

Do you like to write? If you're in grades 5-8, come to our Tween Writing Workshop! Each month, we'll explore different genres, play writing games, and, of course, write!

### Cookie Decorating

Tuesday, Dec 16 | 6 pm–7 pm

Who doesn't love cookies? If you're in grades 5-8, join us for a fun night of cookie decorating! Bring your creativity and imagination, and we'll provide the rest.

## Connect with the Westland Public Library!

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