



Westland Public Library Happenings

March 2015

library NEWS

Look Forward to Summer...Reading!

Sick and tired of all this cold? Look forward to the “heroic” events coming this summer to the Westland Library. Kids can learn that “Every Hero Has a Story,” teens can “Unmask,” and adults can “Escape the Ordinary!” All ages can participate in a reading program and win fabulous prizes for reading during the summer. Coming June 2015.



Money Smart Week is Approaching!

Save the Date: April 18-25

Created by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in 2002, Money Smart Week® is a public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances. Beginning in April, the library will host several Money Smart programs to teach our community about financial responsibility. We will also host a community shred event, where you can bring your old documents that contain sensitive information to be shredded. Visit the library later this month for details!

special PROGRAMS

Adult Literacy Tutor Training*

Saturdays, Mar 14 & 21 | 9:30 am–4:30 pm

Saturday, Mar 28 | 9:30 am–12:30 pm

This training is for those who are interested in helping an adult in need learn to read as part of the Westland Library Adult Literacy Program. The training is a total of 15 hours and will be conducted by Alison Austin of Washtenaw Literacy. \$25 is required for a tutor training textbook that you will keep. Each day will have an hour break in the middle for everyone to have lunch. There will be snacks provided in the morning. If you cannot attend all 15 hours there will be make-up options available. You must be able to attend at least 10 hours of total training though. If interested, please call the library and sign up with Liz by March 6.

Book Drive

Throughout March, the library will be hosting a book drive for the **Huron Valley Women's Correctional Facility in Ypsilanti**. We will be collecting hardcover and paperback books for the prison library. Look for the donation box outside Meeting Room B.

*Please visit the library's website, under the **Adult Events page on March 1**, for a comprehensive list of requested items.*

This book drive will coincide with the **Reading Is My Window** program on Thursday, March 5 at 7 pm, where **Professor Megan Sweeney** will talk about her two books, *Reading Is My Window* and *The Story Within Us*.

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

ESL Class

Fridays, Mar 6, 13, 20 & 27 | 9:30 am–11:15 am

Get help practicing your English skills in a classroom setting with a conversation emphasis. Classes will be held on Fridays through May 8. There will be NO childcare.

Actual class dates are:

Fridays, Mar 6, 13, 20 & 27 | 9:30 am–11:15 am

Fridays, Apr 17 & 24 | 9:30 am–11:15 am

Fridays, May 1 & 8 | 9:30 am–11:15 am

Irish Dance Performance

Sunday, Mar 8 | 1:30 pm–2:15 pm

Dancers from the [Ardan Academy of Irish Dance](#) will perform in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Learn about the history of The Emerald Isle while you listen to Irish music and enjoy some traditional dancing.



*Mad Men Fashion**

Wednesday, Mar 4 | 7 pm–8 pm

Melanie Schuessler, Associate Professor of Costume Design at Eastern Michigan University, will discuss fashion trends of the 1960s, especially those depicted in this popular television show set at an ad agency. What real styles are depicted in the TV show, and what do these fashion trends tell us about 1960s culture?

Part of our *We Love TV* series



Reading is My Window*

Wednesday, Mar 5 | 7 pm–8 pm

Professor Megan Sweeney of the University of Michigan will talk about her two books, *Reading Is My Window* and *The Story Within Us*. She will discuss her research in several women's correctional facilities and the special role reading plays in the rehabilitation of incarcerated women. Please bring a book for donation to the Huron Valley Women's Correctional Facility.

New Solutions to Fibromyalgia*

Tuesday, Mar 24 | 7 pm

Join Dr. Brian Brackney, DC., as he sheds some light on Fibromyalgia, a devastating illness that affects millions of Americans. Learn how Fibromyalgia may be addressed with alternative treatments, without the use of toxic drugs; and how the role of exercise and stress impacts this illness.

Dr. Brackney is a member of **The Foundation of Wellness Professionals**, a national nonprofit foundation whose mission is to prevent disease through educational workshops and early detection.

* Stop by or call the library to register for any of these programs, or register online at westlandlibrary.org/events

Friday Night Movies

Fridays | 7 pm
Doors open at 6:30 pm!

March 6
Whiplash (R)

March 13
Dinner and a Movie*
The Grand Budapest Hotel (R)

March 20
Birdman (R)

March 27
Foxcatcher (R)

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

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.

Special Topic

Computer Class: Intro to Video Chatting Monday, Mar 23 | 7 pm

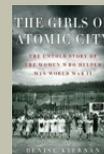
In this course, we will cover the basics of video chatting, including the products you will need to get started. Basic computer skills are required.

Book Clubs*

Adult

Wednesday, Mar 18 |
7 pm–8 pm

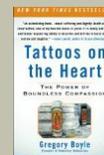
The Girls of Atomic City
by Denise Kiernan



Noontime

Tuesday, Mar 31 |
12 pm–1 pm

Tattoos on the Heart
by Gregory Boyle



Science Fiction/ Fantasy

Wednesday, Mar 25 |
7 pm–8:30 pm

1984
by George Orwell



Tabletop Gaming

Tuesdays, Mar 10 & 24 | 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.

If you don't see a class that covers the topic you're looking for or if you can't find a class you want at a time that is convenient for you, check out our 1-on-1 Computer Training Sessions. **You must pre-register for a session at least 24 hours in advance at the Reference Desk.**

Open Mic*

Thursday, Mar 19 | 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.

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Beginners Computer Lab

Saturdays, Mar 7, 14, 21 & 28 | 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.

eReader and Tablet Support Group

Thursday, Mar 19 | 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.

Writing Groups

Writers Workshop*

Thursday, Mar 5 |
7 pm–8 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, Mar 23 |
7 pm–8:30 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.

Rhythm and Rock

Saturday, Mar 14 & 28 | 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 an adult. Siblings are welcome.

Child Development Workshop: Reading with Preschoolers*

Tuesday, Mar 10 | 6:30 pm–8:30 pm

Starfish Family Services' Early Learning Communities presents a monthly Child Development Workshop at the Westland Library. This month, the topic is: Reading with Preschoolers. Learn and practice ways to make storybook reading and interactive and enjoyable experience. FREE CHILDCARE provided for children of participants.

Starfish Little Learners Playgroup

Thursday, Mar 12 | 10 am–11:30 am

This 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.

Youth Minecraft Club*

Tuesday, Mar 17 | 4-5:30 pm

Come and play Minecraft at the library! Minecraft is rated E10. Players under age 10 will be required to have a permission slip completed by a parent. Registration is required! Register for this program beginning March 3.

Family Matinee Movie

Sunday, Mar 22 | 1-2:30 pm

Please join us for a family movie! Movies are rated G or PG and run about 90 minutes. Please call the Youth Services Desk for more information. No registration required.

* Stop by or call the library to register for any of these programs, or register online at westlandlibrary.org/events/kids

Storytimes

All Storytimes include stories, rhymes and songs with no registration required.

Family

Wednesdays, Mar 4, 11, 18 & 25 |

10 am–10:30 am

Bring the whole family for 30 minutes of stories, rhymes, and songs! Open to all children with a caregiver.

Make-It Mondays

Mondays, Mar 2, 9, 16 & 23 |

6:30 pm–7 pm

Join us for a story and craft on Monday evenings in March! Geared toward 3-7 year olds. No registration required.

There will be no regular storytimes in March.

Sleepytime will resume

Monday, Mar 30 |

6:30 pm–7:15 pm

Babytime will resume

Tuesday, Mar 31 |

10 am–10:45 am

Toddler Tales will resume

Wednesday, Apr 1 |

10 am–10:30 am

11 am–11:30 am

Preschool will resume

Friday, Apr 3 |

10 am–10:30 am



Kindergarten Book Club

**Saturday, Mar 14 |
2 pm–3 pm**

Join us as we read B.J. Novak's book, **The Book With No Pictures**, 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, Mar 21 |
2 pm–3 pm**

February's pick is **Compost Stew** by Mary McKenna Day. Join us as we read the book together, discuss what we've read, have a light snack, and participate in other activities.

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, Mar 5 |
7 pm–8 pm**

This month we're reading **The World According to Humphrey** by Betty G. Birney. Join us as we discuss the book and enjoy related activities.

5th and 6th Grade Book Club

**Thursday, Mar 12 |
7 pm–8 pm**

This month we're reading **Bud, Not Buddy** by Christopher Paul Curtis. Join us as we discuss the book and enjoy related activities.

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

Lego[®] Read & Play

**Sunday, Mar 8 |
1 pm-2 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.

Frostology*

Wednesday, Mar 18 | 2 pm -3 pm

There's 'snow' doubt you'll be amazed when MiSci visits the library! Children in 1st-6th grade are invited to create snow indoors using a superabsorbent polymer, see themselves through a thermal imaging camera, learn the chemistry behind melting ice on our driveways, and more! Register today!

Time for Art*

Thursday, Mar 26 | 6-7 pm

In Time for Art you will have a chance to work with a variety of materials and try different techniques to make works of art. Projects are completed in one hour sessions and encourage further art interest. 2nd-5th graders may register beginning March 12.

Fabulous First Readers

March is **Reading Month** and on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays in March, we welcome area first grade classes to the library! First graders are introduced to library services, library manners, and fiction and non-fiction books in this fun, interactive program.



for TEENS

Academic Enrichment

Wednesdays, Mar 4, 11, 18 & 25 |

3:30 pm–5 pm

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

Magic: The Gathering

Thursday, Mar 12 | 6 pm–8 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 Advisory Board*

Monday, Mar 30 |

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.

Minecraft Club

Thursday, Mar 19 | 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 Book Club*

Thursday, Mar 26 |

7 pm–8 pm

This month we will be discussing **The Maze Runner** by James Dashner. Please sign up for book club at the Reference desk any time after January's book club meeting on 1/29. The first 10 people to register will get a free copy of the book!

Tween Programs

Manga Drawing*

Tuesday, Mar 3 | 6 pm–7 pm

Learn to draw a variety of manga characters with guest art instructor Amy de la Mered. All supplies will be provided and no registration is required.

Springtime Origami

Tuesday, Mar 24 | 6 pm–7 pm

Learn how to create origami designs for spring that will make a clever hiding spot for your "Easter Eggs"! Registration begins March 10.

Anime Night

Monday, Mar 9 | 6 pm–8 pm

Watch anime, enjoy Japanese snacks, or create some art with other fans of manga and anime in this casual hangout for teens.

Peeps Contest!

Runs Mar 1-31

Our second annual Peeps Photo Contest is this month! We had so much fun last year that we decided to do it again. Pick up an entry form and some Peeps at the Reference Desk. Then, photograph your Peeps in the wild. Pose them in a diorama, let them loose in nature, dress them up in tiny peep-sized clothes - the choice is up to you! Submit your photographs to Jody (jody.wolak@westlandlibrary.org) by March 31 for a chance to win a fabulous Peeps Prize Pack.

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