

# Back to School begins @ the library

Need help with an assignment? Looking for the perfect book for a report? Have a research question? We're here to help! Stop by and access all that the library has to offer.

- ★ Desktop computers
- ★ High-speed internet & Wi-Fi
- ★ Print/Copy/Fax/Scan
- ★ Accelerated Reader Testing (WAMS only)
- ★ Test proctoring (see details on our website)

**Forgot your library card?** Not a problem! We can provide a guest pass for student in-library computer access. Plus, you can get up to five pages free printing for homework assignments - ask at the front desk for details.

**Parenting & Teaching Resources available!** The library has a variety of parenting and teaching materials. They are located in separate area of Adult Nonfiction and cover a range of topics such as child-rearing, teaching aids, child psychology, and literacy. In addition, we have special collections which may be useful for classroom and home use, including our storytime kits and world language section.



## New Tech Takeout!

"Tech Takeout" is a smorgasbord of gadgets, gizmos, and tools for you to take home (and bring back when you're done, of course). We've added these items to our lineup, new for 2022!

- **Cutting Machine:** Silhouette Portrait for creative cutout projects.
- **DSLR Camera Kit:** Canon EOS Rebel t7i kit includes a tripod.
- **Metal Detector:** Bounty Hunter Tracker IV, useful for finding treasure in extreme ground conditions.

Visit our website under "Books & More" to see our full Tech Takeout menu, with more to come! Call the library for availability & to request a hold.

## Tech Talk: Tutor.com

Get online help from real tutors every day from 12 p.m. to 12 a.m.! **Tutor.com** Live Homework Help offers online tutoring for grades K—12, as well as college level students in English, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Non-traditional students and adult learners can also take advantage of essay writing, skills building, GED prep, and other tutoring services designed specifically for adults. There's also SAT/ACT and other test prep, study skills, and so much more! To get started using this free online library resource, visit our website under "Online Resources" and click on **Tutor.com**.



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# News

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## LOVE **YOUR** LIBRARY MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

We are thrilled to announce the return of Love Your Library month for 2022! Thanks again to the generosity of the Jack Buncher Foundation, every donation made to Western Allegheny Community Library throughout the month of September will receive a prorated MATCH - up to \$500 per donor! With an entire month to "Love Your Library," there are many ways to get involved & double the impact of your support. See our website at [westernallegHENYlibrary.org](http://westernallegHENYlibrary.org) for details and get ready to share the love this September!

### Saturday, September 17, 2022

Save the date for our annual Fall for Your Library Event! FFYL is our largest fundraiser and the community's premier food

and beverage pairing event, featuring games, auctions, and music.

Tickets are \$50 and are now available for purchase online or at the library. FFYL will take place on Saturday, September 17, 6:00—8:00 p.m. at Celebrations, 8110 Steubenville Pike, Imperial, PA.

Incentives for sponsors may include free tickets, advertising, and more!

Contact Amy McDonald at [mcdonalda@einetwork.net](mailto:mcdonalda@einetwork.net) or 724-695-8150 x6 for details.



### Support & Sponsorships

Make your support go even further by making a tax-deductible donation to WACL during "Love Your Library" month! See our website under "Donate," or stop by the library to give in person. Own a business? Sponsorship opportunities are also available—contact Amy at [mcdonalda@einetwork.net](mailto:mcdonalda@einetwork.net) for more information.



### Friends of the Library Book Sale

Do some shopping and support your library! Books, DVDs, puzzles, and other items are available for purchase at our ongoing book sale located near the front desk. We are also once again taking donations of books and other gently used materials; see page 2 of this newsletter for donation criteria. Interested in joining our Friends Group? Look for more information on our website under "Get Involved!"



### Merchandise Sales

You can even help by purchasing Sarris candy bars, earbuds, flash drives, and more at the library front desk. Everything counts!

### WHAT'S INSIDE:

Programs for All Ages  
Special Events  
"Love Your Library" Month  
Tech Talk

### LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday: 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

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LIBRARY 

DONATE TODAY

All gifts to your local library made during September will be **MATCHED!**  
Love YOUR Library and create a connection by making a gift today.  
For more information call us or visit [westernallegHENYlibrary.org](http://westernallegHENYlibrary.org).

# Event Highlights

See details & sign up on our website.

## YOUR OWN DETECTIVE STORY: THE WHY & HOW OF GENEALOGY

**Wednesday, September 7**

**6:00—8:00 p.m.**

Each person's genealogy is their own detective story, which must solve the mystery of who, what, when, where, and why. Many tips and examples will be given in this presentation on how to conduct family history research, get organized, record your findings, share your research, and preserve what you may have inherited. Elissa Scalise Powell, Certified Genealogist with the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh, will present in collaboration with Western Allegheny Community Historical Society.

## COFFEE WITH A COP

**Thursday, September 15**

**10:00—11:00 a.m.**

Coffee with a Cop brings police officers and the community members they serve together—over coffee—to discuss issues and learn more about each other. Come to the library and meet-n-greet with your local North Fayette officers. Coffee and treats provided! Please register online.

## CPR & FIRST AID CLASS

**Saturday, September 24**

**10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

CCAC is coming to present an American Heart Association Heart Saver CPR/AED/First Aid certification class. This 4-hour class is for adults only age 18 & up and is offered at a special discounted price of \$25 per person. Participants who meet requirements will receive an AHA Heartsaver course completion card valid for 2 years.

## WINE & CHOCOLATE PAIRING

**Wednesday, November 16**

**6:00—7:30 p.m.**

One of our most popular programs will be returning again this Fall! Join us for a fun Wine & Chocolate Wednesday with My Favorite Sweet Shoppe. They will expertly pair five premier wines and five chocolate sweets that will satisfy everyone's palate. \$20 per person; register & pay online.

## HOLIDAY VENDOR & CRAFT SALE

**Saturday, November 26**

**9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

Do some shopping on Small Business Saturday and support your library! A number of vendors will be featured, PLUS a wide variety of handmade crafts, jewelry, accessories, & gifts. Attention vendors—sign up to be part of our popular event! \$25 per table plus an item for our raffle. See details and sign up on our website.

## COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

**Saturday, December 10**

**9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

This holiday season—give the gift of life! Vitalant (previously Central Blood Bank) is once again holding a Community Blood Drive at the library. Donations are greatly needed at this time. Appointments recommended; walk-ins welcome. Check our website for details on donor eligibility and to sign up to participate in this worthy cause.

## LIBRARIES ARE FOR EVERYONE



### LIBRARIES ARE FOR EVERYONE: MEET THE EXPERT

**A Program for All Ages & Abilities**

**Mondays, 10:00—11:00 a.m.**

**September 19:** Fire Fighter

**October 3:** EMS Worker

**November 7:** Beekeeper

**November 21:** Dog Trainer

**December 5:** Police Officer

Come join people from all walks of life and learn about local community helpers, their jobs, and the many ways they serve our community. See details on each week's presenter and register online. A program for all ages and abilities.

# Save the date for our semi-annual **Friends Book Sale!**

**Thursday—Saturday, October 20—22**

**Thursday, 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.**

(\$10 Early Bird fee\* 9:00—10:00 a.m.)

**Friday, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

**\$10 per bag or individually priced:**

- ★ Fiction & Non-Fiction Books
- ★ Adult, Teen, and Children's Materials
- ★ Audiobooks on CD
- ★ Movies on DVD & Blu-ray
- ★ Music on CD
- ★ Puzzles & Games
- ★ Raffle baskets, and more!

\*Early Bird Fee waived for Friends members.  
Sale accepts cash or credit.

**Hosted by our Friends of the Library Group**

*Interested in joining our Friends group and helping out with our book sales? Visit our website under "Get Involved" to learn more!*

## We are accepting donations!

The library accepts and appreciates donations of gently used materials for our book sale. Donations may be dropped off inside the library during open hours. Please note we can NOT accept any of the following: VHS, cassettes, LPs, encyclopedias, dictionaries, textbooks, reference books, National Geographic, Reader's Digest Condensed books, magazines over two years old, or anything significantly damaged, soiled, or moldy. Thank you for your support!

# Crafts & More

## YARN WARRIORS

**Saturdays, 9:00—10:30 a.m.**

**Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19**

Bring your hooks, needles, and yarns and join us at the library for our knitting & crocheting group! Swap patterns, share your latest projects, and enjoy the company of other crafty crafters. Beginners welcome, as an expert will be on hand to show you the ropes...or yarns, that is! We'll even have some extra supplies if you're just starting out. Register online.

## PUZZLE EXCHANGE

**Wednesday, September 7**

Looking for something for the whole family to do this fall? Aren't we all! Start by dropping by our puzzle exchange at the library! Bring in a gently used, complete puzzle and take one from our stack to share. Drop in any time we're open, 9 a.m.—8 p.m. to make your trade, and then let the puzzle fun begin!

## INSTANT POT HOW-TO

**Monday, October 3, 6:00—7:30 p.m.**

The instant pot craze is in full swing...are you in? If you haven't yet tried it out, or aren't sure if you want to invest in one, come get the run-down with a self-proclaimed instant pot fanatic! We'll cover how to (and how NOT to) do the instant pot thing, share some tips and tricks, look at some basic tools of the trade, and best of all – we'll sample what we make! Plus, get a chance to borrow the 6-quart model the library has for checkout.

## CRAFT SWAP

**Saturday, October 8**

**10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

Did you pick up a crafting hobby that is no longer interesting you? Want to try something new without the upfront cost? Then come to our craft swap! Donations will be accepted starting October 1, or bring them in the day of the swap. You do not need to donate to participate, but we will have a greater variety when more people participate! See our website for donation guidelines & suggestions.

## AIR FRYER HOW-TO

**Monday, November 7**

**6:00—7:30 p.m.**

It's faster - it's healthier - it's air frying! If you haven't yet tried it out, or aren't sure if you want to invest in one, get the basics of air frying in this fun (and delicious) program! For this event, we'll cover the how-to's of air frying, share some tips and tricks, and look at some basic tools of the trade. Best of all – we'll sample what we make! Plus, you'll get a chance to check out the "Instant Vortex" Air Fryer the library has in our Tech Takeout collection.

# Computer Classes

## OVERDRIVE VS. LIBBY

**Monday, September 12**

**6:30—7:30 p.m.**

Have you heard that the classic Overdrive app is going away in 2023? Good news is that there's a new girl in town, and her name is Libby! Come learn about Overdrive's updated, simplified, streamlined app, with new features like family sharing and one-tap downloads. Bring in your mobile device and we'll get you started on Libby so you're all ready for the changeover.

Need tech help? Ask for a one-on-one

# Tech Tutoring

appointment with a librarian!

## INTRO TO TUTOR.COM

**Monday, September 19**

**6:30—7:30 p.m.**

Did you know that the library offers free access to Tutor.com? Come for an introduction to this online resource, including many features such as live tutoring, homework help, and test prep for students. College level and non-traditional learners can also take advantage of skills building, GED prep, and other services designed specifically for adults. Bring your laptop or tablet along if you wish, and we'll get you started accessing this free remote library resource.

## CUT THE CABLE CORD

**Tuesday, November 14**

**6:00—7:30 p.m.**

Can you really live without cable? You can... and maybe you should! Learn about entertainment alternatives to cable, including streaming services and on-demand viewing, and how they can save you thousands of dollars – not to mention hundreds of hours wasted watching commercials.

# Book Clubs

## BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

**1st Wednesdays**

**1:00—3:00 p.m.**

WACL's Monthly Adult Book Club. Join the Bookworms to discuss each month's title in a variety of genres of adult fiction. Check our website for each month's book choice.

## WE BE BOOK'N

**2nd Wednesdays, 6:00—8:00 p.m.**

Each month, we'll reserve a copy of the book for you and make reservations at a local restaurant. All you have to do is show up, enjoy the deliciousness, and share your thoughts on the book. Please RSVP by the evening before so we can make accurate restaurant reservations. This is a 'Dutch Treat' event. See our website for each month's book & restaurant choice.

## BOOK-TO-MOVIE CLUB

**4th Mondays, 5:30—7:30 p.m.**

"The book was better" - or was it? Come answer the age-old question at our Book-to-Movie Club! Each month we'll choose a book to read, then watch the movie version to share & compare! See our website for each month's book & movie choice. Will meet 3rd Monday in December.

## ANIME & MANGA CLUB

**4th Thursdays, 6:00—7:30 p.m.**

Do you enjoy watching, sharing, and discussing a variety of anime and manga? Then this is the group for you! We will explore the art form, cultural context, history, and pop culture. Will meet 3rd Thursdays in November & December.

# Adult Programs

Please register online for all programs.

## ESTATE PLANNING SERIES

**Presented by Conti Law**

**6:00—7:00 p.m.**

**September 29:** Estate Planning 101

**October 26:** Settling a Loved One's Estate

**Nov. 29:** Advanced Estate Planning—Trusts

Beginning with a foundation is the most important starting place for any plan, especially one so important. Each month Conti Law will discuss a different topic in estate planning to help you navigate this difficult and often complicated process. See details on each topic and register online.

## DRUGS AND ALCOHOL 101

**Tuesday, September 13**

**6:00—7:30 p.m.**

Drug use in America is on the rise, and our community is not immune. Join the experts from Gateway Rehab as we discuss the topics of substance misuse and addiction, as well as the effects on family, community, and society. Topics will range from vaping and alcohol use in children to opioids and fentanyl. For ages 14+, target audience of young adults and adults.

## CRUISE PLANNERS: VISIT MIAMI

**Thursday, September 22**

**6:00—7:30 p.m.**

Join Jen Rosa from Cruise Planners to learn more about Greater Miami and Miami Beach, a tropical destination to experience as a stand-alone vacation or for a pre- or post-cruise vacation.

## FINANCIAL AID BASICS

**Thursday, September 15**

**6:30—7:30 p.m.**

This program presented by Citizens Bank will help students and their families understand financial aid and prepare for the FAFSA. It will also cover financial aid components like scholarships, grants, federal loans, and financing the gap.

## PHYSICAL THERAPY Q & A

**Friday, September 16, 1:00—2:00 p.m.**

Come join local physical therapist Matt Graham from NovaCare Rehabilitation for a chat and bring any questions you may have about personal injuries, balance, exercise, or how physical therapy can benefit you. Free injury screenings will be offered.

## SENIOR LIVING

**Wednesday, Sept. 21, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Ben from Oasis Senior Advisors will join us to talk all things Senior Living. He'll explain the different housing options, generic costs, options for payment, and how best to prepare and plan. Bring your questions!

## COOKIES & CONVERSATION WITH COUNTY COUNCIL

**Saturday, October 15**

**10:00—11:00 a.m.**

Join us for Cookies & Conversation with Allegheny County Councilman Jack Betkowski (District 1) and Councilwoman Bethany Hallam (Representative At-Large). Together, they will talk about some of the current issues facing the citizens of District 1 (including Findlay & North Fayette) and answer any questions you may have.

## CRUISE PLANNERS: VISIT ALASKA

**Monday, October 24, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Learn how to have an amazing Alaska Vacation with presenters from Anchorage, Alaska and Jen Rosa with Cruise Planners, your local travel agency. Whether by road, rail, or air, there are always abundant ways to experience Alaska. Explore glaciers, see wildlife, soak up the midnight sun, and visit iconic national parks on a land-based, fly/drive or small group custom adventure. Let Anchorage be your base camp!

## YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE

**Tuesday, October 18, 6:30—7:30 p.m.**

Getting started early with responsible money management is made easier with this overview of how bank accounts work, budgeting, and saving. For adults and teens. Presented by Citizens Bank.

## LVST BIG: THERAPY FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH PARKINSON'S DISEASE

**Friday, October 21, 1:00—2:00 p.m.**

Come meet Matt Graham, Physical Therapist from NovaCare Rehabilitation in Imperial and learn about LSVT BIG, a national research-based whole body exercise program specifically designed to help people with Parkinson's Disease. Matt will be on hand to discuss the benefits of the program and how it can help you, as well as answer any of your other questions.

## DIVORCE 101

**Tuesday, October 25, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Join Attorney Aleksandra Kocelko to learn the basics of divorce, custody, and support. We will discuss alternatives to litigation, including mediation and collaborative law, and also have a brief overview of the law surrounding these issues. Come with questions or just join us to get an understanding of family law issues.

## SALUTE TO VETERANS

**Tuesday, November 1**

**10:00—11:00 a.m.**

Senator Devlin Robinson's Office is pleased to announce they are hosting a Salute to Veterans on Tuesday, November 1 at 10:00 a.m. at Western Allegheny Community Library. Please stay tuned for further announcements and details.

## UNDERSTANDING CREDIT

**Monday, November 7, 6:30—7:30 p.m.**

Building and maintaining credit is critical to achieving financial wellness and keeping the cost of education down. Learn how to build, maintain, and protect your credit in order to reach your financial goals. For adults and teens. Presented by Citizens Bank.

## BALANCE BASICS

**Friday, November 18, 1:00—2:00 p.m.**

Come join local physical therapist Matt Graham from NovaCare Rehabilitation in Imperial to learn about balance and what you can do at home to improve your balance! A Q&A session will follow.

# LOVE **YOUR** LIBRARY

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Dear Library Friend,

Western Allegheny Community Library is so much more than a building. Did you know that last year alone your library...

- Lent out over 177,000 items?
- Provided 2033 residents with meeting spaces?
- Answered more than 1700 reference questions?
- Provided 3942 computer sessions and 251,713 wi-fi minutes?
- Hosted 701 programs?

These services saved residents nearly **\$4 million** in 2021 alone! Yet, depending on your municipality, only **\$5.43—\$19.50** of your local taxes was given to the library. *Where else can you get that kind of return on investment?*

As a strong community institution, Western Allegheny Community Library is *determined* to provide a **safe, inclusive, and accessible community-centered library** that is free to the public and empowers its residents' personal, educational, and professional growth. However, we are a non-profit organization, and this means we rely heavily on donations to meet our budget every year.

But we have great news! September marks the return of **LOVE YOUR LIBRARY** month. Thanks to a generous grant from the Jack Buncher Foundation, all contributions to WACL during the month of September will qualify for a *pro-rated match*.

The 2022 fundraising goal to keep your library at the level of activity and engagement that the community needs and deserves is \$150,000. With the generosity of supporters like you, **LOVE YOUR LIBRARY** will help get us closer to that goal.

We know that you understand and value the good work being done in West Allegheny, and because of that, we hope you will think about what a strong library is worth to YOU and YOUR COMMUNITY. I'm asking that you consider giving that back and **making an even greater impact this month!**

Thank you for choosing to support your community and **LOVE YOUR LIBRARY!**

Sincerely,



Amy McDonald  
Library Director

# Children & Family

Please register online for all programs.

## Family Programs

**FINDLAY TOWNSHIP TRUCK TOUCH**  
**@ Clinton Community Park**  
**Saturday, September 24**  
**11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

Findlay Township is excited to once again be hosting their Truck Touch! And we're looking to show off our NEW Book Bus for the occasion, so long as it's ready in time. There will be a variety of vehicles to explore and other fun activities available. Free entry; no registration. For more information, visit [www.findlay.pa.us](http://www.findlay.pa.us).

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS**  
**2nd Tuesdays**  
**6:00—7:30 p.m.**

Need a night out without breaking the bank? How about a family movie night?! Bring your whole family and meet your friends at the library for new release family-friendly movies on our big screen. Free snacks and drinks will be provided. Chairs will be available, or come in your PJs and bring your sleeping bag for extra fun! See our website for each month's movie choice and to register.

August—Sonic the Hedgehog 2  
September—The Bad Guys  
October—Hocus Pocus  
November—Lightyear  
December—Vivo

**HOMESCHOOL LUNCH BUNCH**  
**Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**  
**October 6—November 17**

Bring your lunch and the current books your family is reading to discuss with friends, just don't talk with your mouth full! Afterwards, enjoy some free play, exploration, and art with fellow homeschoolers. For homeschool families with children in grades K—5. Please register only once online for the whole season.

## Storytimes

Storytimes run Sept. 13—Nov. 23  
Registration required; please visit  
our website to register.

**PLAY K**  
**Fridays, 10:00—11:00 a.m.**  
**OR 1:00—2:00 p.m.**  
**Entering Kindergarteners**

This program is exclusively for children entering kindergarten in Fall 2023. We'll support the development of kindergarten-readiness skills by focusing on academic, social, emotional, and self-help skills, and even play! Please register online for the first day of the whole season for either the morning OR afternoon session; limited space. Play K will run October 7—November 18.

**HALLOWEEN SAFETY**  
**With North Fayette Police Department**  
**Saturday, October 22**  
**11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

We'll put a spell on you to put safety first this Halloween! The North Fayette Police Department will teach your family how to spot tricks from treats and share the best ways to stay safe on Halloween. Costumes encouraged! Candy will be provided at the end of the program. Best for families of all ages. Please register online; limited space in this special event.

**EDDIE EAGLE GUNSAFE®**  
**With North Fayette Police Department**  
**Saturday, November 19**  
**11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

Children of all ages need to be aware of gun safety. Whether you have them in your home or your child may come across one at a friend's or family member's, being taught by the North Fayette Police Department what to do is a great way to educate your child on various safety measures. Best for families with children in grades PreK—Grade 4. Please register online.

**BABY RHYME TIME**  
**Wednesdays, 9:30—10:00 a.m.**  
**Birth—18 months**

Enjoy the company of other babies and caregivers while we bounce, clap, sing, and fly! Best for babies ages birth—18 months. Please register only once online for the whole season.

**LITTLES STORYTIME**  
**Tuesdays, 10:30—11:00 a.m.**  
**Wednesdays, 10:30—11:00 a.m.**  
**18 months—5 years**

Read, sing, and shake your sillies out! Then enjoy our Play Area and check out some books. The same storytime will be presented both days. Best for ages 18 months—5 years. Please register only once online for the whole season by registering for either day.

Don't forget to register!

Registration is  
now required for  
all storytimes  
and events.



**GINGERBREAD HOUSE**  
**WORKSHOP**  
**Saturday, December 3**  
**10:00—11:00 a.m.**  
**OR 12:30—1:30 p.m.**

Our annual Gingerbread House Workshop is one of WACL's longest standing traditions! We'll provide the iced tea container base, and you provide a can of frosting and a cookie sheet or baking pan to build on. You'll also be asked to drop off a candy decoration to share prior to the program. For families of all ages. Please register only once online for each person that would like to build their own gingerbread house. Please be sure to register early, as there is limited space!

# School Age

## ELEMENTARY ENGINEERS

Featuring ALCOSAN

**Mondays, October 3, 10, & 24**

**4:30—5:15 p.m.**

**Grades K—3**

Full STEAM ahead! ALCOSAN will guide our elementary engineers through a different activity each program: Build It Like an Engineer, A Cargo Contest, and Marble Run Challenge. For kids in grades K—3. Please register only once online for the whole series; limited space.

## FIRE SAFETY

With North Fayette Volunteer

Fire Department

**Saturday, November 5**

**11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

**Grades K—5**

Stop, drop, and roll! The North Fayette Volunteer Fire Department firefighters will discuss fire safety tips and escape planning for young families. You might even see a fire truck! Best for families with children in grades K—5. Please register online.

## LEGO CLUB

**Mondays, November 7—21**

**4:30—5:15 p.m.**

**Grades K—3**

Every build is awesome! Complete the build challenge or go rogue with your own creations using LEGOs provided by the library. For children in grades K—3. Please register only once online for the whole series; limited space.

# Middle Grade & Teen

## TEEN PAINT NIGHT:

**HUMMINGBIRD CACTUS**

**Monday, September 19**

**6:00—7:30 p.m.**

Enjoy a fun night of step-by-step painting as we make a masterpiece! This Hummingbird Cactus (designed by Step by Step Painting with Tracie Kiernan) will hopefully leave you humming with glee instead of all prickly. For grades 6—12. Please register online; limited space.

## MIDDLE GRADE MAKER LAB:

**BACK TO SCHOOL**

**Thursdays, September 15—29**

**5:00—6:00 p.m.**

For better or worse, it's back to school time! Create some new gear for yourself by making something different each week including locker magnets, duct tape pencil bags, and DIY notebooks. For teens in grades 4—7. Please register only once online for the whole September series.

## MIDDLE GRADE MAKER LAB:

**SUPER MARIO**

**Thursdays, October 13—27**

**5:00—6:00 p.m.**

It's-a me! Mario! Celebrate all things Super Mario with a different craft, activity, or game each week, including pixelated perler bead art and a LEGO Super Mario challenge! For teens in grades 4—7. Please register only once online for the whole October series; limited space.

## MIDDLE GRADE MAKER LAB:

**GET STUFFED**

**Thursdays, November 3—17**

**5:00—6:00 p.m.**

Tis the season to get stuffed! First we'll make some felt food stuffies, then we'll stuff our faces with a fruit and veggie party (everyone will need to bring something to share!), and we'll end at Raccoon Creek State Park on Nov. 17 to see what owls stuff themselves with by dissecting owl pellets! For teens in grades 4—7. Please register only once online for the whole November series; limited space.

## TEEN PAINT NIGHT:

**GINGERBREAD HOUSE**

**Monday, November 21**

**6:00—7:30 p.m.**

Enjoy a fun night of step-by-step painting as we make a masterpiece! Use the Gingerbread House template (designed by Step by Step Painting with Tracie Kiernan) or freehand your own sugary sweet decorations. For teens in grades 6—12. Please register online; limited space.

## TEEN ANIME & MANGA GUILD

**2nd & 4th Mondays**

**Sept. 12 & 26, Oct. 10 & 24, Nov. 14**

**6:00—7:00 p.m.**

Animēshon is the Japanese word for animation; shortened, we call it anime! Join Youth Services staff as we get ready to watch and discuss some anime episodes, or just chat about your newest manga reads while enjoying a snack with other teens. For teens in grades 6—12. Please register once online for the whole season.

## Need **Volunteer** hours? We need **Volunteers!**

Are you in need of community service hours or just want to help out at the library? We are currently accepting Volunteer applications for **Fall 2022** for teens ages 13—17. Applications received before **September 17, 2022** at 11:59 p.m. are guaranteed hours; all others after that are on an as-needed basis. Fill out our Teen Volunteer Application online at [www.westernallegHENylibrary.org/get-involved/teen-volunteering.html](http://www.westernallegHENylibrary.org/get-involved/teen-volunteering.html)