



WESTERN ALLEGHENY
COMMUNITY LIBRARY

News

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LOVE **YOUR** LIBRARY MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN

Saturday, September 19, 2026

FFYL is our largest fundraiser and the community's premier food & beverage tasting event, featuring special food & wine/beer pairings, games, auctions, and music. FFYL will take place on Saturday, September 19, 6:00—9:00 p.m. at Celebrations, which is located at 8110 Steubenville Pike, Imperial, PA. Tickets are now available for purchase at the library or on our online calendar.

Incentives for sponsors may include free tickets, advertising, and more! Contact Mackenzie Partyka at partykam@westernalleghenylibrary.org or 724-695-8150 x6.

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LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Sunday: CLOSED

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We are thrilled to announce the return of Love Your Library month for 2026! 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 and double the impact of your support. See our website at westernalleghenylibrary.org for details and get ready to share the love this September!



Support & Sponsorships

Make your support go even further by making a tax-deductible donation 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 available—contact Mackenzie at partykam@westernalleghenylibrary.org for more information.



Friends of the Library In-House Book Sale

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



Merchandise Sales

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



All gifts made to your local library during September will be **MATCHED!**

Love YOUR Library by making a donation today.

For more information visit westernalleghenylibrary.org.

Adult Programs

Please register online for all programs.

WHO KNEW? ODD & CURIOUS PLACES AROUND PITTSBURGH, PART 5

Monday, September 28, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Interested in roaming around Pittsburgh in search of something new? Becky Carpenter is back with even more odd & curious places around Pittsburgh, including Kaufmann's Department Store, The Grave of Eben Byers, National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, "Reverend Stump," Joe Magarac, Haymaker Well, and more! This presentation is designed for those who want to learn the backstories of these places and maybe go find them for themselves. Presenter Becky Carpenter will provide information about, pictures of, and directions to each unique location. Note: You don't need to have attended the previous presentations to enjoy this additional event.

JIGSAW PUZZLE RACE

Thursday, October 1, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Think you're quick with puzzles? Put your skills to the test in a fast-paced, puzzle competition! Register once as a team of up to four people. Smaller group? No problem! Register yourself and we'll add you to a team. For teens and adults ages 16 & up only.

PUZZLE EXCHANGE

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Bring a puzzle, take a puzzle! Bring in a gently used, complete puzzle and take one from our stack to share. Drop in any time 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. to make your trade, and then let the puzzle fun begin!

CPR & FIRST AID CLASS

Saturday, Oct. 10, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

A presenter from CCAC is coming to the library to provide 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 \$30. Participants will receive an AHA Heartsaver course completion card valid for 2 years. Must register and pay online; limited space.

WINE & DESSERT PAIRING

Thursday, October 22, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Treat yourself to a night of flavors. The Four Twelve Winery and the L&K Bakehouse are back with five pairings featuring their signature wines and decadent desserts. Cost is \$20 per person. For adults 21 & up only. Must register and pay online; limited space.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, Dec. 12, 9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

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

TRIVIA NIGHT

Tuesdays, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

September 8, October 13, November 10

Challenge your brain in a team of no more than five people. Don't have a team? Go ahead and sign up and we'll add you to a team on the day. The theme changes monthly. For adults only, age 18 & up. Please register online for each night you plan to attend.
September: 50's and 60's Trivia
October: Food Fight!
November: Holiday Trivia

MAHJONG MEETUP

**September 9 & 22, October 14 & 27,
November 10 & 24
1:30—3:30 p.m.**

Spend an afternoon playing this classic Chinese game of skill and luck. This is the perfect chance to play, learn, and connect with fellow enthusiasts. For adults only, age 18 & up. Please register online only once for the whole season; limited space.

BINGO NIGHT

**September 15, October 27, November 12
6:00—7:30 p.m.**

Come and play rounds of BINGO and win a prize. Each participant is asked to bring an item based on the themes listed on our website to donate to the prize table. For adults only, age 18 & up. Please register online for each night you plan to attend; limited space.

COOKBOOK CLUB

Thursdays, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

September 17, October 15, November 19

Join food enthusiasts at our monthly cookbook club! Home cooks of any skill level are welcome as we explore dishes from various cookbooks. Each month will have a theme and you can make a dish to bring and share with the club while we discuss the recipes and cooking process! Please register online for each night you plan to attend; limited space.

Computer Classes

DOCUMENT DESIGN IN WORD

Monday, September 21

6:30—7:30 p.m.

Did you know you that Word has the capability to make designed documents beyond just words on a page? With the sunsetting of Publisher in October, many users are looking for other options for creating items like flyers, brochures, and newsletters. In this class, we will go through how to use Word to make and manipulate these styles of documents, using text boxes, images, & design elements. We'll also discuss the differing capabilities of Word, what it can and can not do, how to make it act more like Publisher, and even how to take a Publisher document and remix it in Word.

DOCUMENT DESIGN IN CANVA

Monday, October 19, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

With the sunsetting of Publisher in October, many users are looking for other options for creating items like flyers, brochures, and newsletters. One of the most commonly used alternatives today is Canva. This class will cover the basics of Canva, including how to create a free account, start from a template, use design elements, resize and manipulate layers, and download and print the results.

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR HEALTH & WELLNESS

Monday, November 2, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Don't just Google it! Learn how to use Medline Plus, Gale Health & Wellness, and other free, library-vetted, and reliable online resources, so you can educate yourself and better manage your health care.

Crafts & More

CRAFT NIGHT First Tuesdays 5:30—7:30 p.m.

On craft night, your creativity can run wild! Each month we'll provide all the supplies & know-how needed to create various simple & fun decorative craft projects. For adults only, age 18 & up. Please register online for each individual program you plan to attend; limited space.

CRAFTERNOON 3rd Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Come and make a craft with us in the afternoon. The same craft will be provided as Craft Night each month. All materials will be provided, but you need to bring the creativity! For adults only, age 18 & up. Please register online for each individual program you plan to attend; limited space.

PAINT NIGHT: JACK-'O-LANTERN WITH WITCH HAT Thursday, September 3 OR Thursday, October 8 5:30—7:30 p.m.

Spend a creative evening painting a Jack-o'-lantern with Witch Hat. The featured design is by Step-by-Step Painting artist Tracie Kiernan. For adults only, age 18 & up. Please register online; limited space. To allow more community members to participate, this program is offered on two dates; please register for only ONE session of the two that are listed.

ZENTANGLE TILE ART Thursday, September 10 3:30—4:30 p.m.

Discover the relaxing and creative art of Zentangle®! In this hands-on workshop, participants will learn how to draw structured, repetitive patterns—called "tangles"—on small ceramic tiles. This meditative drawing method is easy to learn, calming to practice, and produces beautiful results with no prior art experience needed. For adults only, age 18 & up. Please register online; limited space.

BEDAZZLE A BOOK COVER Thursday, Sept. 10, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Join us for a fun and creative crafting session where you'll transform a plain book cover into a sparkling work of art using rhinestones. You will leave with a one-of-a-kind decorative book cover that's perfect for displaying at home or giving as a gift. We will be providing book covers or you are welcome to bring a book cover of your own. No artistic experience is necessary. For adults only, age 18 & up. Please register online; limited space.

POP ART PET PORTRAIT Thursday, Sept. 17, 2:30—4:30 p.m.

Create a vibrant pop art-style portrait of your pet in this fun, beginner-friendly painting class. All supplies and guidance are provided—just email a photo of your pet at least one week in advance to have it ready. For adults only; age 18 & up. Please register online; limited space.

FELTING CLASS Wednesday, September 30 & Tuesday, November 24, 5:30—7:30 p.m.

Curious about needle felting? This hands-on craft night is the perfect way to try it out! Erin will be joining us and you will have the opportunity to create a pumpkin or ghost in September, and a holiday project in November. For adults only, age 18 & up. Please register online for each night you plan to attend; limited space.

DIAMOND ART WORKSHOP Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2:00—4:00 p.m.

Whether you're new to diamond painting or already enjoy this creative craft, this workshop is the perfect place to get started or continue a project. Participants may choose from a diamond art kit provided by the library or bring their own project to work on. For adults only, age 18 & up. Register online; limited space.

HOOKEK ON CROCHET: BEGINNER LEVEL 2 CLASS Wednesday, Oct. 28, 5:30—7:30 p.m.

Want to learn additional beginner stitches besides the chain stitch? This class continues from the beginner class previously offered. For adults only; age 18 & up. Please register online; limited space.

PAINT NIGHT: THE GRINCH Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. OR Thursday, Nov. 5, 5:30—7:30 p.m.

Spend a creative afternoon painting The Grinch. The featured design is by Step-by-Step Painting artist Tracie Kiernan. For adults only, age 18 & up. To allow more participation, this program is offered on two dates; please register for only ONE session.

HOLIDAY CANDY MAKING WORKSHOP Tuesday, December 1, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Learn how to make homemade candy, from Oreos to buckeyes to chocolate covered pretzels and even molded candy. No experience is necessary and you will leave with handmade candies. All supplies are provided. For adults 18 & up only. Please register online; limited space.

HOOKEK ON CROCHET: HOLIDAY PROJECT Wednesday, Dec. 2, 5:30—7:30 p.m.

Create a festive crochet ornament for the holidays. Basic crochet skills are required, and participants should be comfortable following a pattern. Choose between a tree or holly ornament to complete during the program. For adults 18 & up only. Please register online.

Book Clubs

BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB 1st Wednesdays, 1:00—3:00 p.m.

Come and share your thoughts, enjoy lively discussions and make new friends once a month. We read books from a variety of genres. For adults only, age 18 & up. Please register online only once for the whole season; limited space.

WE BE BOOK'N BOOK CLUB 2nd Wednesdays, 6:00—8:00 p.m.

Pick up a copy of the month's book, read and jot down some questions. Then join us at a local restaurant to share your thoughts and make new friends! This is a "Dutch Treat" event. For adults only, age 18 & up. Please register online only once for the whole season to "reserve" your book and for restaurant RSVP information.

SOCIAL SECURITY & RETIREMENT INCOME PLANNING

Tuesday, September 15, 3:30—4:30 p.m.

This program addresses common misconceptions about retirement planning and explores strategies to help increase retirement income, manage market volatility and inflation, optimize benefits, and structure savings for long-term financial security. The presenter will be joining us virtually, but attendees must be present at the library. For adults only, age 18 & up. Please register online; limited space.

PGH'S HISTORIC STADIUMS & ARENAS

Tuesday, September 22, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

From the earliest pro football and hockey teams to groundbreaking facilities like Duquesne Garden and the Civic Arena, Pittsburgh has led the way. Local historian Mark Fatla will join us to discuss the history of Pittsburgh's professional football, hockey and basketball venues. Adults only, age 18 & up.

SEATED FLEXIBILITY EXERCISES

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 3:30—4:30 p.m.

Need to find exercises to do either in a chair or wheelchair? Matt Graham from NovaCare will be here to introduce you to exercises to help you increase your flexibility. For adults only, age 18 & up. Please register online.

THE LAST WILL OF ROSECRAFT MANOR: A MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 5:30—7:30 p.m.

You are invited to an unforgettable evening of mystery as we gather for the reading of the late Lord Rosecraft's final will. But before the estate can be divided, a shocking murder turns the celebration into a crime scene. Costumes inspired by a classic English manor are encouraged but not required. For adults only, age 18 & up. Please register online.

LET'S COOK AT HOME: FOR A HEALTHY HEART VIRTUAL EVENT

Thursday, Sept. 24, 12:00—1:00 p.m.

This virtual event presented by the Penn State Extension will explore the Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) program. Register online and an email will be sent to you with a short video and information on how to join the webinar remotely from home.

LINE DANCING 101

Thursday, September 24

5:30—7:30 p.m.

Come discover why line dancing has become one of the most popular ways to stay active while having a great time! Lynn Nalesnick will be leading the class, which is designed for individuals with any skill level. For adults only, age 18 & up. Register online; limited space.

ADULT BREATHING WITH ASTHMA

Tuesday, September 29, 3:30—4:30 p.m.

Amerihealth Caritas will be discussing the basics of asthma and the steps to take to effectively manage this breathing condition. For adults only: age 18 & up. Please register online; limited space.

TELEHEALTH APPOINTMENTS FOR YOUR PET

Tuesday, September 29, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Did you know that many veterinary concerns can now be addressed through telehealth? My Pets After Dark will be joining us to discuss how virtual veterinary appointments work, when they may be appropriate, and how they can help you connect with a licensed veterinarian from the comfort of your home. For adults only, age 18 & up. Please register online; limited space.

DINING WITH DIABETES VIRTUAL SERIES

Thursday, October 8

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

This virtual event presented by the Penn State Extension is designed for adults with type 2 diabetes or prediabetes and their families. Register online and an email will be sent to you with a short video and information on how to join the webinar remotely from home. Four consecutive classes are held with a three-month follow-up. For adults only, age 18 & up.

THE HOW & WHY OF GENEALOGY

Tuesday, October 13, 3:30—4:30 p.m.

Join Trish Buben of the North Hills Genealogists as she covers the basics of genealogy, why it is important, and how to get started on your journey up your family tree. For adults only; age 18 & up. Please register online; limited space.

ALL ABOUT FRESH-MILLED FLOUR

Tuesday, October 20, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Learn about fresh-milled flour - which is more nutritious, tastier, and easier than it sounds! The pros and cons of baking with this type of flour will be discussed. For age 18 & up.

VETERANS FIRST

Thursday, October 22, 10:30—11:30 a.m.

Join us for an inspiring conversation with John Mozdzien, U.S. Navy Veteran and Co-Founder & Executive Director of Veterans First, as he shares valuable information about VA benefits, Aid & Attendance, in-home care, and resources that can help Veterans and surviving spouses remain independent and supported at home. For age 18 & up.

DIVORCE 101

Monday, October 26, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Join Attorney Aleksandra Kocelko to learn the basics of divorce, custody, & support. We will discuss alternatives to litigation, including mediation & 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.

POOH & PROSE: LITERARY PICNIC

Thursday, October 29, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Come and have a picnic with us to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Winnie-the-Pooh. Activities will include a honey-themed cooking contest, comfort book station, axe-throwing/lawn darts competition, and more! Stay tuned for additional details. For adults 18 & up only. Register online.

ASTRONOMY 101 & A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

Tuesday, November 17, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Look into astronomy with a discussion led by the Amateur Astronomer's Association of Pittsburgh, followed by a Star Party on our patio. Age 12 & up. Please register online.

HOLIDAY KARAOKE

Thursday, December 3, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Have a favorite holiday song that you would like to share with others? Join us for a fun evening of karaoke with no judgment! For adults 18 & up only. Register online.

Children & Family

Please register online for all programs.

Family Programs

STORY STROLLS

The Story Strolls at Clinton Park and Donaldson Park are a great way to burn off some energy, get steps in, and enjoy a children's story in a different setting! The stories will change around the start of each month and are available for families to enjoy year-round on their own time (please note that Clinton Park is closed Nov 1 - April 1).

COSTUME ROUNDUP

Saturday, Oct. 10, 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
First Annual Youth Costume Roundup! Donate your gently used, clean, and complete costumes to the library between September 28 and October 9. On October 10, come back to find a costume to wear for Halloween! Those who donate a costume will be invited to come in at 10:30 a.m. to find a costume before it opens for everyone at 11:00 a.m.

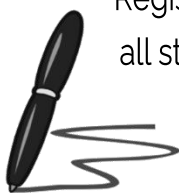
THE CURSE OF FRANKENSCHNOZ

Saturday, October 10, 1:00—4:00 p.m.
Frankenschnoz returns to the Youth Services Desk, and we need you to pick his nose! Like an old challenge on Double Dare, reach up in the monster's schnoz and dig around for a spooky surprise. One per child; while supplies last. Register if you'd like an email reminder; registration does not guarantee a prize.

BATS BY ALLEGHENY COUNTY PARKS

Sat., Oct. 17, 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Bats are some of the most fascinating and beneficial creatures of the night! Join a local park ranger to learn about these amazing nocturnal aerial predators and why they are important to our ecosystem.

Don't forget to register!
Registration is required for
all storytimes and events.



Storytimes

Storytimes run Sept. 8—Nov. 25
Registration required; please visit our website to register.

BABY RHYME TIME

Wednesdays, 9:30—10:00 a.m.
Birth—24 months

Enjoy the company of other babies and caregivers while we bounce, sing, and read a story! Best for babies ages 3-24 months with a caregiver. Please register child online only once for the whole season.

LITTLES STORYTIME

Tuesdays OR Wednesdays
10:30—11:00 a.m.
2—5 years

Welcome back to storytime where we shake our sillies out, sing songs, and read stories! Great for toddlers to preschool aged children. Please register child online only once for the whole season. NOTE: You must register to attend either Tuesdays OR Wednesdays.

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Saturday, October 24, 11:00—11:45 a.m.
During this spook-tacular show, children will be amazed by the antics of Count Eggbert as he struggles to fit back into his coffin after a night of feasting. Countess Meggbert falls under a witch's spell and the children will use science to figure out how to reverse it! The children will experience creepy potions and a cemetery effect, and floating eyeballs will amaze everyone! Presented by Mad Science.

RABBIT WRANGLERS

Saturday, Nov. 7, 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Volunteers from Rabbit Wranglers will be here to talk about house rabbits and their care! Come with questions to ask, then visit the bunny stations at your leisure!

TEST YOUR TASTEBUDS

Sat., Nov. 21, 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
An all ages program where we will try different varieties of snack foods for a blind taste test. Can you guess the brand or flavor?

PLAY K WITH MISS SUSAN

Fridays, 1:00—2:00 p.m.
September 18—November 20
Entering Kindergarteners

This is a fun program for children entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2027. It will provide an opportunity for your child to interact with kids their own age while enjoying storytimes, songs, movement, and hands-on activities. Children will attend on their own while parents hang out in the café area. Weekly attendance is encouraged. Please register child for each session you plan to attend; limited space. No program on October 9 & 30 or November 6.

BOOKS & BUDDIES

Thursdays, 12:00—12:30 p.m.
September 10—November 19
2—5 years

Listen to a story, then do an activity with your preschool friends! Every week is a different activity. Please check our online calendar for the list of themes, and register for each individual session you plan to attend. For preschool aged children with a caregiver.

PENNSY POLAR EXPRESS & NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Monday, December 7, 6:00—7:00 p.m.
Bring your imagination and come to the library to take a "ride" on the Pennsy Polar Express! Conductor Ken will also be doing a dramatic reading of *The Night Before Christmas*. Children may come in their pajamas. For families of all ages.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 5
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. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Register online only once for each person (child, teen, or adult) who would like to build their own gingerbread house; limited space.

POKÉMON CLUB

Saturdays, October 3, October 24 & November 21

Up to Grade 2 @ 1:00—1:45 p.m.

Grades 3 & Up @ 1:45—2:30 p.m.

I choose you...to join our Pokémon Club! We will start with a Pokémon quiz and small activity as a group before giving you time to freely trade, battle, color, and make new friends with fellow trainers. 1:00 - 1:45 p.m. is geared toward children up to grade 2, while 1:45 - 2:30 p.m. will be for grades 3 & up. Please register child online for each session you plan to attend.

CHESS CLUB

Thursdays, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

September 10—November 19

Youth in Grades 1 & up are invited to learn and play chess with Queens Gambit! Participants will build their chess skills through engaging lessons, activities, and gameplay. All experience levels are welcome from complete beginners to experienced players. Please register child online for each session you plan to attend.

Grades K-2

MOON FOIL ART

Monday, September 14, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Let's study moon craters, but don't let your plans get FOILED! What if your plan involves foil, though? Hm...

MIXED MEDIA ACORNS

Monday, September 21, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Feeling STUMPED? Go NUTS trying a variety of different art supplies to make these fall-themed acorns perfect for the start of the season!

TREE LITTLE PIGS STEAM CHALLENGE

Monday, September 28, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

He huffed, and he puffed, but can the big bad wolf blow YOUR house down?

YARN MONSTERS

Monday, October 12, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

YARN can't scare me! Not even with hairy yarn monsters... Okay, maybe you need to make one for yourself just to be safe.

MOVING EYE PUPPETS

Monday, October 19, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Learn about perspective via making an EYE-conic moving eye puppet with a template or creating your own!

POPSICLE STICK HAUNTED HOUSES

Monday, October 26, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Everyone knows you can unlock a haunted house with a spoo-KEY, but did you know you can build them out of popsicle sticks, too? Paint and build your haunted (or lively!) house step-by-step, then decorate how you wish!

LEGO FRIENDS

Monday, November 2, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Do you want to make some LEGO friends? Perhaps work together to build or try one of our LEGO challenge cards? Sign up and join us for 45 minutes of LEGO fun!

FALL FLOAM FOR GRADES K-2

Monday, November 9, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

Replicate the crunch of autumn leaves with the crunch of our floam slime!

OIL PASTEL SUNFLOWERS

Monday, November 16, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

GOGH visit us at the library for this event where we will use oil pastels on cardstock to make a vibrant sunflower!

LATTICE PIE

Monday, November 23, 4:30—5:15 p.m.

LATTICE make some pie via paper plates, pom-poms, and (practicing) our weaving skills!

Grades 3-5

STEM ROBOT PINWHEEL INTERACTIVE CARDS

Thursday, Sept. 10, 5:00—5:45 p.m.

Join us during this STEM program as we create a paper electronic card of a robot with an interactive spinning pinwheel!

EXPLODING CREEPERS

Thursday, September 17

5:00—5:45 p.m.

Creeper? Aww, man. Grab your crafting bench, not your sword, because we're MAKING these creepers ourselves! Take them outside and watch them grief the library patio - how far can we make them explode?

THE SNACK PACK: SPRING ROLLS & FRUIT DIP

Thursday, Sept. 24, 5:00—5:45 p.m.

If you love food, friends, and trying new things, join our Snack Pack! This week we will be learning knife safety with these easy fruit spring rolls as well as a fruit dip to go with them. Recommended for kids without food allergies. Please bring your own fruit you know you like!

POP ART PET PORTRAITS FOR GRADES 3 - 5

Thursday, October 1, 5:00—5:45 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to make your furry, feathery, or scaly friend POP? Please register online and then email a picture of your pet or chosen animal to wiesenbacho2@westernallegHENylibrary.org by Friday, September 18 to participate.

LEGOWEEN

Thursday, October 8, 5:00—5:45 p.m.

♪ Spooky, scary, LE-E-GOS! ♪ Create a spooky scene with your friends that we can display around the library all October!

THE SNACK PACK: MAGIC MUG CAKES

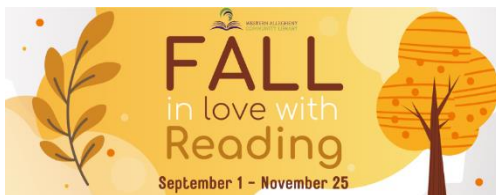
Thursday, October 15, 5:00—5:45 p.m.

If you love food, friends, and trying new things, join our Snack Pack! This week we will be practicing our measuring skills to make cakes in a mug. Recommended for kids without food allergies. Please bring your own mug!

BEGINNER SEWING MINI POP TARTS FOR GRADES 3 - 5

Thursday, October 29, 5:00—5:45 p.m.

Learn how to sew CRAZY GOOD, starting with a simple pop tart made out of felt! Too easy for you? Spend the time adding extra embellishments so your tart really POPS!



Fall Reading Challenge Returns!

Some of us can't wait for fall! And not just because of pumpkin spice lattes... the return of autumn also means the return of another **Reading Challenge!** There's lots of awesome autumn activities and reading tracking for **ALL** ages (including adults!) to earn tickets for a chance to win a whole new set of prizes. Pre-register beginning late August on Beanstack. The Fall Reading Challenge will run September 1—November 25!

FALL FLOAM FOR GRADES 3-5

Thursday, November 5, 5:00—5:45 p.m.

Replicate the crunch of autumn leaves with the crunch of our floam slime!

THE SNACK PACK: COOKIE WARS

Thursday, November 12

5:00—5:45 p.m.

If you love food, friends, and trying new things, join our Snack Pack! This week we will be practicing our decorating skills in a friendly competition! Recommended for kids without food allergies.

BOOKANEERS

Thursday, October 22 & November 19

5:00—5:45 p.m.

Ahoy, bookaneers! Join us in reading the following books by the meeting date to discuss it and participate in a fun activity related to each read. Please register child online for each session you plan to attend.

October: *Bunnicula* by James Howe

November: *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein

Middle Grade & Teen

Grades 6—12

CONSTELLATION CROSS STITCH

Monday, September 14

6:00—7:00 p.m.

CROSS your heart and make a wish at this beginner cross stitch class for teens! Stitch your zodiac or an entire night sky using two simple techniques.

FOODIE FRIENDS: TIKTOK RAMEN

Monday, September 21

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Foodie Friends is perfect for aspiring teen chefs as well as complete novices who don't know how to boil water. Speaking of boiling water, this month we will be learning how to spice up regular ramen with this TikTok-inspired recipe. Recommended for teens without food allergies. Please bring your own saucepan, slotted spoon, heat-safe bowl or Tupperware, and cooking spoon/spatula!

BEADED PLANTS

Monday, September 28

6:00—7:00 p.m.

These jeweled plants will leave everyone BEADazzled! For teens in grades 6-12.

POP ART PET PORTRAITS FOR TEENS

Monday, October 12

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Have you ever wanted to make your furry, feathery, or scaly friend POP? Please register online and then email a picture of your pet or chosen animal to wiesenbacho2@westernalleghenylibrary.org by Friday, October 9 to participate.

WEREWOLF GAME NIGHT

Monday, October 19

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Your fellow villagers are being hunted by werewolves, and it's your job to figure out who they are! Or maybe you're the werewolf yourself? We will have a HOWLING good time playing Werewolf, a social deduction game similar to Town of Salem or Among Us!

HAUNTED 3D PAPER ART

Monday, October 26

6:00—7:00 p.m.

JUMPSCARE! No, really, cut out different elements of this spooky forest and haunted house and layer them so they really JUMP out at you!

BEGINNER SEWING MINI POP TARTS FOR TEENS

Monday, November 2

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Learn how to sew CRAZY GOOD, starting with a simple pop tart made out of felt! Too easy for you? Spend the time adding extra embellishments so your tart really POPS!

SLIME LAB FOR TEENS

Monday, November 9

6:00—7:00 p.m.

What slime are we making? You tell us! We will have a variety of slime making materials for you to experiment with and make the slime of your dreams!

AFTER HOURS TEEN PROGRAM

Friday, November 13

6:30—8:00 p.m.

Join us for our first ever after hours teen event! Stay tuned to our website and Facebook page for more details!

TEEN PAPER QUILLING

Monday, November 16

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Learn a new creative technique and practice the art of paper quilling with us!

FOODIE FRIENDS:

COOKIE WARS

Monday, November 23

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Foodie Friends is perfect for aspiring teen chefs as well as complete novices who don't know how to boil water. What better way to test your skills than a friendly competition? Recommended for teens without food allergies.

Want to get **involved?**



Join the **Friends** of the Library!

The Friends are an organization created to help support the library through various fundraising and volunteer efforts. Among other duties, they **raise money** to help support the library's budget, provide funding for the summer reading program, and **volunteer** at events throughout the year. The Friends also help grow community partnerships, operate the annual **book sale**, and manage donated materials. But above all, they are a group of volunteers who love books, understand the vital role WACL plays in the community, and want to promote the library's programs and services. Email wacfriends@gmail.com for more information or visit the library website under "**Friends of the Library**" to join today!

Become a Library **Volunteer!**

Our volunteers play a vital role in supporting the library and enhancing our community programs. If you're looking to give back and be part of something meaningful, we welcome your help—join us and make a difference today! Adult volunteers help with any and all of the following, depending on availability:

- ★ Shelving & shelf straightening
- ★ Organizing & shifting collections
- ★ Changing display books
- ★ Light office tasks
- ★ Assembling Welcome Packets

Some physical dexterity and ability is required in order to complete tasks. The Adult Volunteering program is for ages 18 & up. Please complete the application online or stop by the customer service desk at the library. Thank you for your interest and support!

NOTE: Due to clearance requirements, we do not take any community service volunteers.



Check out our "Library of **Things**"!

Our "Library of Things" includes a wide variety of gadgets, games, tech, and tools for you to take home (and bring back when you're done, of course!). Why buy when you can borrow? Here's just a sample of what we offer!

- Experience Passes
- Technology Items
- Household and Kitchen Tools
- Board Games
- Outdoor Games and Kits
- Kids' Toys and Tech

Visit our website under "Books & More" to see our full "Library of Things" list, with more to come! Call the library for availability and to request a hold.

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