

Outlets for Laptops

More patrons can now “plug in” their laptops, tablets and other portable devices when seated at tables by the south wall of the Adult Department. In December, additional electrical outlets were installed under the shelving—the first of several anticipated changes for the department to reflect the many ways patrons are using the Library today. “More outlets” was a frequent request on the survey we conducted in 2011. We continue to welcome your suggestions and will be announcing more improvements in the future!

Tumblebooks on iPad

TumbleBooks is an online collection of animated picture books that nurtures reading readiness in preschoolers and it is available on the Library’s website. (Patrons learning English find it a useful site, too!)

Since the online books were created using flash animation which iPads don’t support, Tumblebooks is starting a collection of non flash videos especially for the iPad. They have 44 iPad books currently available with more to come.

All users will find a link to the TumbleBookLibrary on the Library’s website: www.westchesterpl.org. If you use an iPad, click on the **Story books** section and just below the heading will be a link to click for iPad-compatible titles.

NLS Goes Digital

In 2011, the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS)—the Library of Congress’ talking-book and braille program—celebrated 80 years of helping visually impaired and physically handicapped individuals enjoy reading books and magazines.

This free library program delivers reading materials in digital audio and braille formats straight to the homes of patrons from preschoolers to centenarians. Books on digital cartridge, digital talking-book players, and braille books are sent to patrons via the U.S. mail at no cost to users.

The Westchester Public Library has a new digital reader to demonstrate their new technology.

If you know someone who would benefit from this program, stop by the Library for a demonstration or

contact **Voices of Vision**, the talking book center serving our area (800-227-0625). An application form is available on their website: www.vovtbc.org

Tax forms

While more people are filing their income taxes electronically, the Library will continue to have a selection of basic tax forms available for patrons on a first-come, first-served basis. Watch for notices in the lobby and on the Library’s website:

www.westchesterpl.org

For those wanting a head start, all federal and state tax forms and publications are available online:

Federal: www.irs.gov

State: www.revenue.state.il.us

Lions Club Art Display:

Stop by the Youth Department this January to see posters created by elementary school students in Westchester and Hillside for the Lions International Clubs’ World Wide Peace Poster Contest. The display is presented by the Lions Club of Westchester.

Program Reminders:

Please register in advance to insure adequate handouts and seating the day of the program. Call 708-562-3573 to register.

Creating Native**Eco-Gardens**

Saturday, January 21 at 10:30 am

Great ideas for using native plants from master gardener Dennis Paige.

Vintage Snacks—**Appetizing Creations from Decades Past**

Saturday, January 28 at 1:00 pm

Plan your Superbowl party with Amy Allesio. This program is part of the Friends of the Library annual meeting and membership is required (signup available at door).

Note: Members should have received their renewal forms by the first week of January. You can return your renewal form by mail or leave it with circulation staff on your next visit to the Library. Renewal forms are also available online: www.westchesterpl.org/about/friends.htm

