

Welcome to the FALL issue of the Westchester Public Library Newsletter

“You never know until you try!” and so this is the first time the Library’s quarterly newsletter is appearing exclusively “in full” in the Village Newsletter. While respecting the popularity of the Library’s newsletter but ever mindful of the printing and mailing costs of issuing a separate publication, the Library’s board of trustees recommended using this issue as an experiment to see how well the Library’s news and events can be incorporated into the village newspaper.

Keeping you informed is our primary goal and patrons will find information on what is happening at the Library in *this* publication, on the Library’s website and on notices in the Library’s lobby. Events will still be included in the village calendar. For convenience, we have kept Youth programs grouped together for parents who like to clip and post that page on the refrigerator or other convenient spot at home. Also, the content from these pages will be available on our website at www.westchesterpl.org

RAILS Library System

Westchester Public Library is now a member of the Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS), one of two new regional library systems in the state. Formed in 2011 through the merger of the Alliance, DuPage, Metropolitan, North Suburban, and Prairie Area library systems, RAILS membership includes academic, public, school, and special libraries. (The Illinois Heartland Library System, covering downstate, is the other regional system.)

Library systems in Illinois have been the framework for cooperation among libraries in the state, resulting in real benefits for patrons. Take SWAN, for example: this consortium-based catalog gives Westchester patrons convenient access to over one million books, CDs, and DVDs in one catalog.

For now, given the state’s pattern of continued cutbacks, RAILS will focus on support for consortium-based catalogs, the statewide delivery system for lending library materials, and Talking Book services (for blind and visually impaired patrons).

Museum Adventure Pass To End

As this issue goes to press, the popular museum pass program sponsored by Macy’s is scheduled to end August 31. The program was originally coordinated through the library systems serving the Chicago suburban area. Patrons have enjoyed the affordable access to Brookfield Zoo, Morton Arboretum and other museums and cultural centers.

The Library will post a notice in the Lobby and on its website if there is a change in status for this popular program.

Chicago Tribune Online

Patrons will find a new look and easier searching format for the online version of the Chicago Tribune now available on the Library’s website. Search results show the search words in context, making it easier to identify relevant articles. The database includes obituaries published in the newspaper.

Meet Westchester Author Mary O’Donohue

The Library is pleased to host a special book signing for Westchester author Mary O’Donohue on Sunday afternoon, September 25. Her recently published book **When You Say Thank You, Mean It** has sage advice and easy exercises to help parents teach children basic values like respect, gratitude, commitment, and forgiveness.

The program will be held in the Youth Department where Mary can meet with parents, talk about her reasons for writing the book and sign copies of her book. (Copies will be available for purchase.)

**“Meet Mary O’Donohue”
& Book Signing
Sunday, September 25
1:30 pm in Youth Dept**

Update Your Library Card

With the school year underway, check the expiration date on your library card and the cards of students in your household. Having an up-to-date library card saves time when checking out books and enables students to access the Library’s online databases from home when researching a topic. If you have questions about your library card status, contact the Circulation Desk (708-562-3573).

Library Joins Triton’s ‘One Book One Triton’

This fall, the Common Read Committee at Triton College has chosen Randy Pausch’s book **The Last Lecture** for their common read initiative ‘One Book One Triton.’ The book, coauthored by Jeff Zaslow, is about a college professor’s last lecture after receiving a diagnosis of terminal cancer. A best-seller when it was first published, the book continues to offer readers valuable insights on how to live one’s life.

‘One Book One Triton’ is modeled after other community-based reading programs to promote recreational reading, critical thinking, and community discourse.

The Westchester Public Library is pleased to participate in this common read program and staff will be hosting a discussion of the book for Westchester patrons on November 10. The evening will feature the 30-minute film by the same title.

Patrons interested in experiencing this community read will find copies of the book available in a variety of formats at the Library, including digital audiobook and ebook formats on MyMediaMall, the Library’s digital collection.

Triton College has a special event scheduled for November 30 featuring Wall Street Journal columnist and co-author Jeff Zaslow, who will be on Triton campus for a free lecture at 6:00 pm that evening. For further details on Triton’s program, see: www.triton.edu/onebookonetriton

**“The Last Lecture”
Community Book
Discussion & Film
Thursday, November 10
7:00 pm at Library**

Foundations of Investing Seminar

The recent volatility in the financial markets underscores the importance of understanding your investments. The Library has invited Herman Brunson Jr of Edward Jones to host a seminar on “Foundations of Investing” on Thursday evening, October 13. The seminar will focus on basic features of bonds, stocks, and mutual funds, the importance of asset allocation, and the impact of inflation on long-term goals.

**“Foundations of Investing”
with Herman Brunson
of Edward Jones
Thursday, October 13
7:00 pm at Library**

Staff News

In June, staff held a retirement celebration for technical services clerk Josephine Venuto, who retired after more than 40 years working at the Library. Congratulations, Jo!

Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Friends will hold their annual **BOOK SALE** from Thursday, September 22 - Saturday, September 24. Thursday evening is reserved for members only and Saturday will feature the “Buck-a-Bag” special in the afternoon.

**FRIENDS BOOK SALE
Thursday, September 22
6-8:00 pm (members only)
Friday, September 23
10-5 pm
Saturday, September 24
10-12 pm & 1-3 pm**

The **Chess and Scrabble Club** will begin at 6:30 pm beginning in September. Participation is free to members of the Friends. A membership table is available on meeting nights for those wishing to join (\$5/individual, \$10/family).

Tues, Sept 13 Mon, Nov 7
Mon, Oct 3 Tues, Nov 29
Tues, Oct 18 Tues, Dec 13

Interested in joining the Friends or helping with their activities? Send an email to wfolpresident@gmail.com or leave your name at the Circulation Desk.



Adult Programs

PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE
Call 708-562-3573 or stop by the Circulation Desk.

Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale

Thurs, Sept 22 6:00 - 8:00 pm (members only)
Fri, Sept 23 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sat, Sept 24 10:00 am - Noon & 1:00 - 3:00 pm "Buck-Bag" special

"Meet Mary O'Donohue" & Book Signing in Youth Dept

Sun, Sept 25 1:30 pm

"Foundations of Investing" with Herman Brunson of EdwardJones

Thurs, Oct 13 7:00 pm

"The Last Lecture" Community Book Discussion & Film

Thurs, Nov 10 7:00 pm Thursday

Book Discussion Group The Group meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm and during the afternoon at 2:00 pm in November, January, February & March.

Sep 15 *A Room With a View* by E. M. Forster
Oct 20 *The Lazarus Project* by Aleksandar Hemon
Nov 17 *Black and Blue* by Anna Quindlen

Getting Up to Speed Seminar on basic skills for job hunting on the Internet.

Meets on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm. Two sessions are scheduled for the fall:
Tues, Sep 13 Tues, Oct 18

INTERNET CLASSES

- Classes meet Wednesdays at 1:30 pm.
- Valid library card required.
- Registration for residents begins on 1st day of the month in which the class is held (the day after for non-residents).
- Students in Beginner's Class should know how to use a mouse.

* indicates classes in Conference Room

September - Registration begins Sept 1

Mouse Mania Sept 7
Beginner's Internet Sept 14
Email Class* Sept 21

October - Registration begins Oct 1

Mouse Mania Oct 5
Beginner's Internet Oct 12
Email Class* Oct 19

November - Registration begins Nov 1

Beginner's Internet Nov 9
Intermediate Class* Nov 16

If you are unable to attend our classes, stop by the Adult Reference Desk to learn about tutorials on our website www.westchesterpl.org

Note: Photographs taken at Library events may be used for promotional purposes. Library programs are open to the public and patrons with disabilities are welcome. Please call 562-3573 (TTY/TDD 562-9364), visit or write us to discuss accommodations at least five (5) working days prior to a scheduled program.

YOUTH PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

Registration for Youth programs begins September 1.
Stop by the Youth Department to register.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SUMMER VOLUNTEERS: Sarah Constantin, Andrea Delgado, Olivia Frogner, Leslie Garcia, Andrew Hosek, Rachel Hosek, Angela Kazda, Filip Letkiewicz, Cairo Lewis, Delisha Little, Megan Neal, Julia Nowicki, Akintola Oyetayo, Alec Podock, Mara Scheuing, Chloe Seegers, Alex Tam, Patrick Wasz, and Clinton Wilhight! You were a big reason the Summer Reading program was a success!



WRITE-A-BOOK CONTEST

All Westchester students in grades 1 through 8 are invited to submit a story to the Library's annual Write-A-Book Contest. The theme for this year's contest is:

THE UNEXPECTED/ SURPRISE

All entries must be turned in at the Library by Monday, October 24. Contest information will be available at the schools and in the Youth Dept.

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: Monday, October 24

AWARDS CEREMONY: Sunday, November 13 at 1:30 pm



CAPTION CONTEST

Write a clever caption for the SILLY PICTURE hanging in the Youth Department and you could win a PRIZE, a DOO-DAD or a THING-A-MA-BOB!

CAPTIONS ARE DUE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

Winners will be announced the following week!

TODDLER STORYTIME

For children up to age 3-1/2 and their parents/ caregivers

Wednesdays Thursdays
9:45 - 10:00 am **OR** 9:45 - 10:00 am
Sep 21 - Nov 16 Sep 22 - Nov 17

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

For children age 3 1/2 - pre-K (not yet in K)

Wednesdays Thursdays
10:30 - 11:00 am **OR** 10:30 - 11:00 am
Sep 21 - Nov 16 Sep 22 - Nov 17

MAGIC CARPET CLUB

For children in grades K-2

Wednesdays 4:00 - 4:45 pm
Sep 21 - Nov 16

READING ROUND TABLE

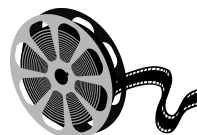
For children in grades 3-8

Tuesdays 4:00 - 5:30 pm
Sept 27 - Oct 11 Zen Doodles
Oct 18 - Nov 15 Diaries, Journals & Daybooks

Reminder to parents and caregivers: please remain with your children under the age of nine whenever in the Library.

FAMILY FILM NIGHT

Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm



Oct 5 Tangled 100 min
Oct 12 Rio 96 min
Oct 19 Rango 107 min
Oct 26 Gnomeo & Juliet 84 min