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Tax Time is Here!

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The Library Board
meets on the
second Wednesday of
each month at
7:00 p.m.

Library Hours
Monday-Thursday
10:00 AM-8:00 PM
Friday
10:00 AM-6:00 PM
Saturday
10:00 AM-5:00 PM
Closed Sunday

Beginning in February, AARP will again offer free tax assistance at the library. Representatives will be in the Sumner Room every Friday from February 10 to April 6. You will need to register in advance. Appointments are available between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Please contact Information/Reference Services at 317-896-9391 Ext. 117 to reserve a spot.

Please note: The IRS will not be mailing paper tax forms this year, and only a



limited amount of forms will be available at the library. We will also be glad to print forms from the Internet for you at a cost of 10¢ per page for black and white and 25¢ per page for color. We will not print copies of the instruction booklets due to their size. Remember: You may be able to file online for both Federal and State.



AARP Tax-Aide

WWPL Awarded Prestigious Grant

Thanks to a grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the Westfield Washington Public Library was able to purchase two new internet computer stations for our Children's Department. They are loaded with educational games and a child-friendly, safe internet browser. This internet browser software is available to our patrons to install on their home computers. We will also be



conducting a program to teach children how to make safe decisions online.

To download the ELF Child-Safe Browser software for your home computer, go to <http://www.wwpl.lib.in.us/lsta-grant-2011.htm>.



The Westfield Washington Public Library will close on Monday, January 16, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

From the Board of Trustees

The board meeting minutes and packets are posted on the library's website at www.wvpl.lib.in.us.

December 14, 2011
Board Meeting

Circulation for November 2011 was 36,471, and of those circulations, 1,791 were from Hamilton County Reciprocal Borrowers. 121 items were circulated by patrons from other Evergreen Libraries, and a total of 677 items from WWPL were sent to other Evergreen Libraries. We issued 175 new library cards, and of those, 19 were issued to Hamilton County Reciprocal Borrowers. 1,039 items were checked out using the Self Check station.

The Library received the fall property tax advance and the final property tax settlement for 2011 in the total amount of \$207,843.48 deposited into the Operating Fund and \$135,413.17 into the Lease Rental Fund. This was a \$99,214.13 deficit in property tax revenues expected to fund the 2011 operating fund budget. The library received approval from the

DLGF to spend an additional \$100,000 from the Rainy Day Fund.

The library board approved the 2012-2014 Technology Plan. The plan has been submitted to the Indiana State Library.

The library board reviewed the fourth service direction of the strategic plan:

Partnerships – The library will establish and build on partnerships with local organizations where appropriate.

We are exploring new ways to partner with the City Parks Department, Historical Society and the Hamilton County Visitors Bureau. We are also continuing our partnerships with the other Hamilton County Libraries. Our partnership with the Westfield Washington Schools continues to be successful.

The library board approved creating a Pass-Through Fund in order to begin collecting fines and fees for other Evergreen Indiana Libraries.

The library board elected the following officers for 2012:

President – Mike Thomas
Vice President – Carolyn Wheeler
Secretary – Mic Mead
Treasurer – Paul Catlin



2012 Committees:

Fundraising – Nancy Knochel, Carolyn Wheeler, Mic Mead
Personnel – Mike Thomas, Ken Christiansen, Carolyn Wheeler
Building and Grounds – Mike Thomas, Paul Catlin, Nancy Knochel
Policy Committee – Mic Mead, Carolyn Wheeler, Ken Christiansen
Budget Committee – Paul Catlin, Mike Thomas, Dave Weiss
Board of Finance – Entire Board

The library board decided to schedule a Work Session to discuss any possible Renovation or Expansion Project. The work session will take place Saturday January 21, 2012 at 10 a.m. in the Sumner Room of the Library.

Did You Know?

◆ We have a new, self-serve fax machine, located between the two catalog computers on the wall oppsite the New Book shelves. Cost to send a domestic fax is \$1.50 for the first page, and \$1 for each additional page. An international fax is \$4.95 for the first page, and \$3.45 for each additional page. There are step-by-step instructions, and credit (Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover), debit and check



cards are accepted. Faxes may still be sent to the library's fax number: 317-896-3702. There is a \$.50 charge for each page received.

◆ Your Evergreen card has an expiration date. Most cards expire after two years, and this is simply to ensure we have your most current information on file. If you are checking out materials, you will be asked to verify the information in



your file, and that's it. It only takes a moment, but it's important to the accuracy of your record.

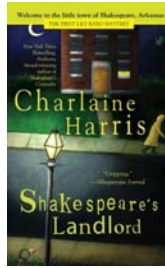
◆ Now you can use your Amazon Kindle with our Overdrive e-books! Overdrive is also compatible with Kindle reading apps, as well as most other reading devices. Go to our website to see the great selection of e-books we have to offer!



Adult Activities

Book Discussion Groups

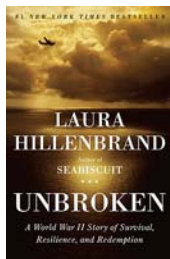
The Mystery Book Discussion Group is talking about *Shakespeare's Landlord* by Charlaine Harris, when they meet on Wednesday, January 4, at 1 p.m. Come join other mystery lovers at a once-a-month discussion group that meets at the library. You are invited even if you haven't read the book! Future discussions are:



February 1: *A Duty to the Dead* by Charles Todd

March 7: *Death by Darjeeling* by Laura Childs

Come join other book lovers at a once-a-month discussion group that meets at the library. The General Group reads a wide variety of genres and meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. You are invited even if you haven't read the book! *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand is the topic for this month, and the discussion will be in the Sumner Room on Wednesday, January 18. Future discussions are:

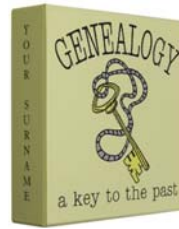


February 15: *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain

March 21: *The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane* by Katherine Howe

Genealogy Club

Join the Westfield Genealogy Club and share ideas, new websites and sources about family history, as well as meet some terrific people. The club meets on Saturday, January 7, at 10:15 a.m. in the Sumner Room. Beginning and experienced genealogists are welcome to become members.



Euchre Group

Are you a euchre enthusiast looking for three other players? Join in the fun when the Euchre Group meets at 5:30 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Come enjoy a relaxing evening of fun with some great people at this free program on January 11 and 25.



Computer Classes

There is a free Computer Class at the library all about Microsoft Access. This software allows you to build databases, create forms, tables and reports and connect them together with macros. The class is presented on Thursday, January 19, at 6:30 p.m., and again on Monday January 23, at 6:30 p.m.



Want to get started on Facebook? Already have a Facebook account but not sure what



to do next? Come to the library for "Facebook Fundamentals," a class for beginners that teaches you to set up your page, manage privacy settings, and connect with friends and family! Learn to update your status and add a photo, all while you interact with others online. An email address is required to register for Facebook, but the class is free and is offered on Tuesday, January 24, at 6:30 p.m.

"Computers 101," is a free computer class for beginners who want to learn the fundamentals of using a computer,



such as using a mouse, keyboard, and basic Windows. The class is offered on Thursday, January 26, at 3 p.m.

Watercolor Painting Class

Talented artist Jan Roland teaches a class in Watercolor Painting and Techniques at the library on Thursday, January 19, at 10:15 a.m.



No previous art experience is necessary, and the class fee of \$12 includes all materials. Come enjoy expressing your creativity!

Please contact Information/ Reference Services to register for any of these programs.

For Teens Only

Anime Manga Club

Anime and manga enthusiasts are invited to join us every Monday for the Anime



Manga Club. Hang out, watch anime and have snacks starting at 2:30 p.m. You must be 13 or older, or have a parent-signed permission slip to attend.



January 9, 23 and 30.

Hang Time

Whatevah Time for Teens is on Tuesday, January 10, at 2:30 p.m., in the Craft Room. Spend the afternoon just hanging out, playing the Wii, eating snacks, talking or doing "whatevah."



TAG

Be part of the Teen Advisory Group (TAG) when it meets at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31.



We need you to help choose and plan teen library activities. These programs are for you, so come and tell us what you want!

E.M.O. Club

E.M.O. is a club started by teens for teens that meets to play the Wii. You can play just for fun or in real competition against other teens. The library has Wii games to play, but feel free to bring your own. Teens supply the food, so bring some or make a donation. All meetings are 2:30 to 5 p.m., and this month's meetings are:



Thursday, January 12
Tuesday, January 17
Thursday, January 19
Tuesday, January 24

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You can find it at:
www.wpl.lib.in.us/teens.htm



Pat Walker's Writing Classes

Pat Walker has a B.S. from Indiana University, an M.S. from Anderson University and is a M.S.D. Lawrence Township retired teacher.

Classes January 11 - April 18
(No class March 21)

◆ Beginner's Writing*

Cost: \$56 (14 weeks)

Wednesdays 11 - 11:30 a.m.

Grades 1-3

Classroom read-alouds and discussion will help form an idea about the structures that stories generally follow. Each child will use this "story sense" and lessons in the writing process to develop elaborated paragraphs with strong verbs, descriptive adjectives and

exact nouns.

◆ Creative Writing & Research*

Cost: \$112 (14 weeks)

Wednesdays 1 - 2 p.m.

Grades 4 and up

We will continue to address the Standards for Writing, Grades 4-8 and focus on expository compositions in preparations for PSAT and other nationally formed writing evaluations.

◆ SAT Prep & Creative Writing*

Cost: \$112 (14 weeks)

Wednesdays 12 - 1 p.m.

Grades 6 and up

This class is for young writers with some experience. Students will continue to develop expository composition and research skills. They will also learn how to properly note sources and how to write SAT essays.

◆ Forensic Science Class*

January 11 - March 21

Cost: \$137 (11 weeks)

Wednesdays 10:15 - 11:30 a.m.

Grades 3 - 6

Join us as we discover the science behind the evidence left behind. We will experiment with many types of evidence from fingerprinting to chromatography to hair samples. We will solve a few mini-crimes along the way, but our focus will be on the scientific experiments relating to evidence. Each week we will examine one or more types of evidence and explore how scientists use laboratory techniques for examining that evidence. Students will have a lab book which the instructor will keep until the final class. Class labs will be based on the *Science in a Nutshell* curriculum.

*Registration and prepayment are required.

Children's Activities

Baby Love

Birth to 18 Months
Thursdays at
10:15 a.m.
January 12, 19
and 26

Give your child a head start to early literacy with this unique program of rhyme, play and song. Free



Storytime is Back

Miss Vicki returns with stories, songs, fingerplays and rhymes. And, of course, there is an art project, craft, or activity afterward. On Monday, January 23 and 30, times are 10:30 a.m. for Toddlers (18 months to 3 1/2 accompanied by a caregiver) and 1 p.m. for Preschoolers (3 1/2 - Kindergarten). On Tuesday, January 24 and 31, times are 10:15 a.m. for Preschoolers and 11:15 a.m. for Toddlers. The program is free, and registration is not required.



Paws & Read

All Ages
Saturday, January 14,
at 10:30 a.m.
Sign up at the
Children's Desk for 15
minutes to read to a dog who is
a very good listener. Free



Yu-Gi-Oh/Pokemon Club

All Ages
Second Wednesday
of every month at
6:30 p.m.

Next Meeting:
January 11

Bring your cards, play the games, trade cards, and have fun! Free



American Girl Club

All Ages
Second Thursday of every
month at 5:30 p.m.
Next Meeting: January 12
Make fun items for your doll and



hear an American Girl short story.
Free

Homeschool Day

Join in on a fun and social event for all those in the area who homeschool. Gather at the library the first Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. to play video games, make crafts and meet others in the community who homeschool. Be part of the free fun, and you don't need to register.

Next Meeting: January 5



Pottery Classes

Kids can create in clay on Friday, January 20, with Jeremy South's Pottery Classes. Completed items will be returned to the library for pick up once Jeremy has fired them.

- Tiny Tots (Ages 1-3) 10:15 a.m. Cost: \$8 Theme: Valentines
- Preschool (Ages 3-6) 11 a.m. Cost: \$9 Theme: Valentines

Registration and prepayment are required. Please contact Children's Service for details.



Lego Freebuild

Bring your imagination to the library and get creative at a Lego Freebuild. There will be plenty of legos and lots of room to work. Be part of the fun on Thursday, January 26 at 2:30 p.m.



Japanese Class*

January 11 - April 18
(No class March 21)
Cost: \$112 (14 weeks)
Wednesdays 1:15 - 2:15 p.m.
Ages 10 and up
Learn the basics of conversational Japanese! Writing lessons will be given in Hiragana and Katakana, along with many of the common

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Kanji characters. Through immersion, students will engage in conversational Japanese as they learn to communicate with their instructor and other students. The goal of this class will be to introduce students to a self-study method in order to enable them to continue to learn basic Japanese on their own.

Read-a-loud/Sing-a-long*

January 11 - April 18
(No class March 21)
Cost: \$112 (14 weeks)
Wednesdays 12 - 1

p.m. All ages welcome. Children under 10 should be accompanied by an adult. Enjoy singing your favorite children's songs to acoustic guitar and hear the works of your favorite writers being read out loud. We will feature songs by Raffi and the works of Roald Dahl. *Registration and prepayment are required.

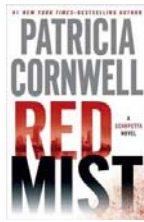


New Arrivals

Red Mist

by **Patricia Cornwell**

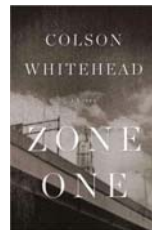
Determined to find out what happened to her former deputy chief, Jack Fielding, murdered six months earlier, Kay Scarpetta travels to the Georgia Prison for Women, where an inmate has information not only on Fielding, but also on a string of grisly killings.



England. His father goes mysteriously missing one day, leaving Harry in the care of his mother, grandparents and drunken Uncle Stan who, like Harry's father, works on the docks. Only time will tell if Harry will better his lot in life.

The Zone by Colson Whitehead

In this wry take on the post-apocalyptic horror novel, a pandemic has devastated the planet. The plague has sorted humanity into two types: the uninfected and the infected, the living and the living dead.



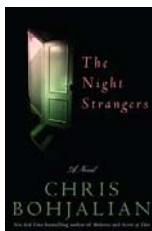
The Marriage Plot by Jeffrey Eugenides

Madeleine Hanna was the dutiful English major who didn't get the memo. While everyone else in the early 1980s was reading Derrida, she was happily absorbed with Jane Austen and George Eliot: purveyors of the marriage plot that lies at the heart of the greatest English novels.



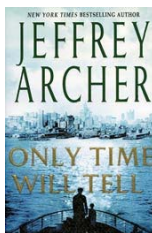
The Night Strangers by Chris Bohjalian

Haunted by an airplane accident, Chip and his wife, Emily, decide to move with their twin 10-year-old daughters to an old Victorian house in rural New Hampshire. They hope to recover from the trauma and rebuild their lives. Trouble is, in the cellar there's a mysterious door sealed with 39 bolts.



Only Time Will Tell by Jeffrey Archer

The first part of a generational trilogy centering on Harry Clifton in the gritty city of Bristol,



Rin Tin Tin: The Life and Legend by Susan Orlean

It begins on a battlefield in France during World War I, when a young American soldier, Lee Duncan, discovered a newborn German shepherd in the ruins of a bombed-out dog kennel. To Duncan, who came of age in an orphanage, the dog's survival was a miracle. He saw something in Rin Tin Tin that he felt compelled to share with the world.



My Song: A Memoir by Harry Belafonte

Harry Belafonte is not just one of the greatest entertainers of our time; he has led one of the great American lives of the last century. Now, this extraordinary icon tells us the



story of that life, giving us its full breadth, letting us share in the struggles, the tragedies, and, most of all, the inspiring triumphs.

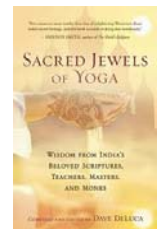
Feasting on Asphalt: The River Run by Alton Brown

Alton Brown and his motorcycle-mounted crew are off on a thousand-mile, south-to-north journey that follows America's first "superhighway"—the Mississippi. Starting at the great river's delta on the Gulf of Mexico and ending up near its headwaters in Minnesota, Alton and buddies travel the heartland's byways to scout out the very best of roadside food—and to get to know the people who spend their lives preparing and serving it.



Sacred Jewels of Yoga: Wisdom From India's Beloved Scriptures, Teachers, Masters and Monks by Dave DeLuca

Millions of Americans today practice the *asanas*, or postures, of yoga, but many are unaware of the profound spiritual teachings at the heart of yoga's ancient source scriptures. In this remarkable anthology, acclaimed Vedanta Yoga teacher Dave DeLuca presents 166 sacred passages from some of India's most revered yoga scriptures.



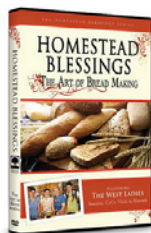
Audio/Visual

January is a good time to settle into your warm and cozy home and start some new projects, so why not head back to some of the traditions of our grandmothers!

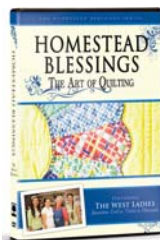


The *Homestead Blessings* DVDs -- hosted by the West Ladies: Jasmine, CeCe, Vicki, and Hannah -- give step-by-step instructions to recreate some memories of days gone by.

Remember stepping into grandmother's house and smelling the mouth-watering aroma of freshly baked bread? *Homestead Blessings: The Art of Bread Making* features whole wheat bread, cinnamon rolls, classic southern cornbread, and many more.



The warmest thing you can find on a cold winter's night is a homemade quilt. Snuggled inside you are wrapped in its warmth, and also wrapped by the love that was poured into it. Why not share this feeling with someone by making a quilt of your own! *Homestead Blessings: The Art of Quilting* gives you several projects and teaches you how to make a keepsake for your own family.



Have you ever wondered how hard it is to make soap? The West Ladies show us that it's really quite easy. In the *Homestead Blessings: The Art of Soap Making*, the different ways to make soap are demonstrated. From simple oatmeal bar soaps to decorative soaps and much more, they show how to create meaningful gifts that will last all year. Stock up on ingredients and learn that making soap isn't as difficult as you might think!



Blu-Rays have been added to our audio/visual collection! We are purchasing the Blu-Ray/DVD combo packs of new titles. They may be played on Blu-Ray disc players, Playstation 3 game systems and computers equipped with Blu-Ray capability.

NEW DVDs

Cowboys & Aliens



Friends with Benefits



The Help



Kung Fu Panda 2



Mr. Popper's Penguins



NEW PLAYAWAYS

Explosive Eighteen by Janet Evanovich



V is for Vengeance by Sue Grafton

Litigators by John Grisham



Kill Alex Cross by James Patterson

Best of Me by Nicholas Sparks



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The Westfield Washington Public Library will strive, in partnership with organizations, to provide quality services, materials and facilities that fulfill the educational, informational, technological, cultural and recreational needs of the entire community.

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Visit our webpage:
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Calling all Friends

The Friends needs you to volunteer as little as one hour of your time to help the library as a cashier at one of the Book Sales. Please contact Sandy at 317-896-9391. We can't do it without YOU!

December Book Sale Volunteers

The Friends would like to thank everyone that assisted with the December Book Sale:

Sandy Rowland	Elaine Hinshaw
Jan Smith	Denise Hurst
Fritz Krueger	June Tyner
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Delores Gilliatt	Loren Fairchok
Nedra Hoard	Emily Wilkewitz



The Friends of the Westfield Library is an organization designed to promote and support the mission of the Westfield Washington Public Library. Through its fundraising efforts, primarily book sales held every other month, and our Annual Craft Bazaar and Silent Auction, the group raises money used to fund library programs and to purchase items that are not within the library's operating budget.



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