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TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

Winter 2024

What's New at the Library!

- Winter Reading Bingo
- Indoor Snowball Fight
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- Harry Potter Escape Room
- Cupcake Wars
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- Crochet Club
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INSPIRATION
through INFORMATION



From the Director's Chair – Winter 2024



Let's get it Started!

In February 2023, the Library partnered with Library Strategies to engage with the community and conduct a strategic planning process. The process included a multi-pronged approach to assess the current state of the Library and gather community and stakeholder input. This approach involved the development of a board committee, a steering committee, a community survey, a staff survey, a series of interviews with local leaders and community members, a board session, and community focus groups.

Following the input and gathering phase, an initial plan was developed. This plan underwent numerous revisions with further input, resulting in a three-year plan approved by the Library Board this past August. We are pleased to present our new plan, which has high-level goals and addresses a wide range of strategies. (Visit www.whitelakelibrary.org)

We hope you find our new plan informative and exciting. It is designed to help us better serve the community and meet its evolving needs.

Thank you for your input and support!

-April

Save The Date! Spring Art Market

The White Lake Library and the Huron Valley Council for the Arts are collaborating to support local artists and bring you art and fine craft gift items. This will be your opportunity to shop for one-of-a-kind gifts for Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduations, weddings, birthdays, and hostess gifts.

Friday and Saturday, May 3rd & 4th, 10-4 pm



News from the Friends

♦ Friends Art Corner

The Friends of the White Lake Township Library would like to offer patrons of the library the opportunity to hang a piece of their 2D art on our H 38" x W 32" wall space.

To apply, pick up an application from the Friend's display in the library foyer.

Questions? Email us at friends@whitelakelibrary.org

The Friends are looking for...

If you know about FB, Instagram, "X", and are generally social media savvy, we need you to help create an online presence for the Friends.

Email friends@whitelakelibrary.org



♦ Mark Your Calendars!

Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, January 16 • 1 pm
Tuesday, April 16 • 1 pm

♦ Book Sale

Wednesday, March 13 • Friends Only 5-7 pm
Memberships available at the door.
Thursday, March 14 • 10 am-7 pm
Friday & Saturday, March 15 & 16 • 10 am-4 pm.



Children's Programs

Storytimes

Family Storytime (Family)

Gather your family to enjoy stories, rhymes, songs, and fun for the Around the World edition of Family Storytime.

Tuesdays • 10:30 - 11 am

Session 1: January 9 - February 20

Session 2: March 12 - April 23

Preschool Storytime (Ages 3 - 5)

Storytime designed with Kindergarten Readiness in mind! Join Miss Stephanie for stories, songs, crafts, and more as we get down to the serious work of play!

Wednesdays • 1:30 - 2 pm

Session 1: January 10 - February 21

Session 2: March 13 - April 24

Music & Movement (Family)

Get the wiggles out with Miss Mallory!

Thursdays • 11 - 11:30 am

January 11 & 25, February 8 & 22, March 28,

April 11 & 25

Baby and Toddler Time!

(Birth - 3 years old)

Babies, Toddlers and their caregivers can join Miss Stephanie in the children's area for some early literacy fun.

Mondays • 2:30 - 3 pm

January 8 & 22, February 5, March 4 & 18, April 1 & 15

Kids' Make-It Kits

(Grades PreK - 5)

Get crafty and discover your inner maker. Kits are available starting the first of the month on a first-come, first-served basis while supplies last. **No registration required.**

January: Egg Carton Penguins

February: Pop-Up Cards

March: Gnome Homes

April: Mystery Crafts

Tail Waggin' Tutors

(Grades K - 5)

These lovable dogs make great listeners and reading to a therapy dog helps build confidence and self-esteem in a fun, non-judgmental environment.

Saturdays • 10:30 - 11:45 am

January 20 & 27, February 17 & 24,
March 16 & 23, April 20 & 27

Tuesdays • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

January 16, February 20,
March 19, April 16

Wednesdays • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

January 17, February 21,
March 20, April 17

Family Movie

Come and watch a movie the whole family will enjoy on our big screen. Popcorn provided. Bring your own drinks in containers with covers. Please call for movie title.

Saturdays • 2:30 - 4:30 pm

January 20, February 17, March 30, April 27

Book Clubs

Read the book ahead of time and join us for book discussions!

Comic Whiz Kids (Grades 3 - 5)

Join our book club! The first ten kids to register get to KEEP a copy of the book! We'll discuss GREAT graphic novels together.

Saturdays • 2:30 - 3:30 pm

February 10: *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein

April 20: *Roller Girl* by Victoria Jamieson

Chapters & Chow (Grades 3 - 5)

Check out our chapter book club! The first ten to register receive their own copy of the book to keep!

Thursdays • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

February 8: *Finding Langston* by Lesa Cline-Ransome

April 11: *Are You Ready to Hatch an Unusual Chicken* by Kelly Jones with special visit from the author!

Get the Picture (Grades K - 2)

Join us for this book discussion group for emerging readers! The first ten families to sign up for this program will receive their own copy of the book to keep! The day of the program we will read through the book together, talk about it, and then do a craft or activity!

Thursdays • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

February 15: *One Day in the Eucalyptus Eucalyptus Tree* by Daniel Bernstrom

April 18: *Interrupting Chicken* by David Ezra Stein

Baby & Toddler Sensory Play

Do you have a baby or toddler in your household? Well then this program makes SENSE for you! Join us for some sensory play and take home recipes for at home play!

Thursday, January 18 • 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Indoor Snowball Fight

(Grades K - 5)

Back by popular demand, it's time for another Indoor Snowball Fight!

Saturday, February 3 • 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Super Science Saturday

(Grades K - 5)

Whether or not you have a green thumb, Garden Science is sure to GROW on you! You won't be-LEAF what we're going to discover through 3 fun, hands-on experiments. You'll even make a seed starter greenhouse using recyclables and seeds from our Seed Library and a pair of kid size garden gloves!

Saturday, March 2 • 10:30 - 11:30 am

Harry Potter Escape Room

(Grades 3 - 6)

The Harry Potter Escape Room is back by popular demand! Sign up for one appointment time to see if you can use your magical skills to escape.

Saturday, March 9 • 2 - 4:45 pm

Hero Kids Role-Playing Game

(Grades 3 - 5)

Curious about the world of tabletop role-playing games like Dungeons & Dragons? Join us for a session of Hero Kids for a fast and fun introduction to RPGs. All supplies are provided, but players are welcome to bring their own dice.

Saturday, March 16 • 2:30 - 4 pm

Early Lit Dance Party

(Babies & Toddlers)

It's time for a dance party designed for 0 - 5 year olds and their caregivers! Get ready to move to the music and maybe even make some music of your own!

Thursday, March 21 • 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Kids Temporary Tattoo Parlor

(Grades K - 5)

Cover yourself in fun temporary tattoos! **No registration required.**

Wednesday, April 10 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Life Size Candy Land

(Grades K - 5)

Come explore the land of candy in this life-sized board game classic! Each group of players will see who will be the first to reach King Kandy in his Candy Castle!

Monday, April 15 • 6 - 7:30 pm

Please register @ whitelakelibrary.org or by calling 248-698-4942.

Registration is required for all programs unless noted otherwise. Registration will open 30 days prior to program. Storytimes will open 14 days prior. Programs subject to change. The first week of registration is open for White Lake residents; non-residents may also register after one week.

Teen Programs

Teen Make-It Kits

Visit us every month for a new Make-It Kit. Each kit will contain the materials and instructions needed to create a craft at home! First-come, first-served basis while supplies last. **No registration required.**

January: Shrinky Dink Pins

February: Decorated Heart Sunglasses

March: Lucky Cat Bookmarks

April: Rock Candy

Book Clubs

Read the book ahead of time and join us for book discussions!

Book Bites: YA

Join our Young Adult Book Club. We will alternate reading chapter books and graphic novels. Books for the YA Book Bites will come from our Young Adult collection.

Mondays • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

February 26: *Batter Royale* by Leisl Adams (Graphic)

April 29: *Truly Devious* by Maureen Johnson (Chapter Book)

Book Bites: Middle Grade

Check out the Middle Grade Book Club! We will alternate reading graphic novels and chapter books.

Tuesdays • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

February 6: *Beyond the Bright Sea* by Lauren Wolk (Chapter Book)

April 9: *The Moth Keeper* by K O'Neill (Graphic)

B.L.T.: Board of Library Teens

Share ideas for teen programs, discuss books, organize community service projects, and play games! Meeting attendance will count as volunteer hours.

Saturdays • 2:30 - 3:30 pm

January 27, March 23

Cupcake Wars

Compete for the title of Cupcake Wars Winner! Participants will produce a cupcake creation inspired by a book of their choosing.

Monday, January 22 • 6 - 7:30 pm

Scooter Olympics

Scoot your way to victory in the Scooter Olympics! We will have a variety of events, including the Mission Impossible challenge.

Tuesday, January 30 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Life Size Clue

Calling all detectives! You are invited to Mr. Boddy's estate to explore the house and find clues to help solve his murder.

Wednesday, February 14 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Teen Temporary Tattoo Parlor

Cover yourself in fun temporary tattoos! **No registration required.**

Tuesday, February 27 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

DIY Book Nooks

Looking to make your bookshelf magical? Join us for a cozy crafternoon of DIY book nooks where you can create any scene to add to your shelves.

Saturday, March 2 • 2:30 - 3:30 pm

All The Rage

Ever wanted to go to a rage room? This is your chance! Join us at the White Lake Township Fire Department for a makeshift rage room, where you will have the chance to smash a car! **Registration and waiver required.**

Saturday, April 6 • 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Bullet Journals

Join us for a cozy crafternoon of bullet journaling! Whether you're just starting out or have mastered bullet journals, all are invited to attend. Supplies will be provided, but attendees are welcome to bring their own materials.

Saturday, April 13 • 2:30 - 3:30 pm

DIY Mini Squishmallows

Learn how to make a mini stuffed animal out of fuzzy socks! We will teach you how to sew and use fabric glue to make a tiny cuddly friend.

Tuesday, April 30 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Totally Hooked Crochet Club - Beginners (Grades 3-12)

Ready to get hooked? Grades 3-12 are welcome to join our beginners crochet club! Learn about different crochet hooks, basic stitches, and easy patterns. Each session will review the basics, then learn something new!

Saturdays • 10:30 - 11:30 am

January 27, March 23

Totally Hooked Crochet Club - Intermediate (Grades 3-12)

Ready to get hooked? Grades 3-12 who have crocheted before are welcome to join our intermediate crochet club! Learn about different crochet stitches and patterns. Each session will review the basics, then learn something new!

Saturdays • 10:30 - 11:30 am

February 24, April 20

Solar Eclipse Viewing Party! (All Ages)

Join the White Lake Township Library to view the 2024 Solar Eclipse! While we won't be able to see the full eclipse, we should be able to view about 98% coverage! Eclipse glasses will be available on a first come/first served basis while supplies last.

Monday, April 8 • 1:30 - 4:30 pm

Adult Programs

Theater Thursdays

Join us each month for a movie day, closed captioning displayed. Please call for the movie title. You are welcome to bring your own drink in a closed container. Popcorn will be provided.

Thursdays • 2 - 4 pm

January 11, February 8, March 7, April 11

Yoga

Looking for a way to boost your health and decrease stress? Join us at the library with instructor Debbie Hamina as we explore various styles of yoga practice. We will practice simple breathwork and yoga poses suitable for any level of yoga experience. Make sure to bring your yoga mat!

Mondays • 10:30 - 11:30 am

January 8, February 12, March 11, April 8

Tuesdays • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

January 23, February 20, March 19, April 16

Book Clubs

Read the book ahead of time and join us for book discussions!

Read & Discuss

Adults of all ages are invited to join this group! Read the pick of the month and join us for a lively conversation.

Mondays • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

January 8, February 12, March 11, April 8

Dublin Book Group

Looking for a daytime book group? Readers aged 50 and over are invited to join the Dublin Book Group. Located at Dublin Community Senior Center.

Thursdays • 10:30 - 11:30 am

January 18, February 15, March 21, April 18

Craft Junkies

Come craft with us! Supplies will be provided, just bring your creativity.

Mondays • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

February 5, March 4, April 1

Yarn Club

Bring your knitting, crochet, or other fiber craft and share some time with fellow yarners at the library!

Wednesdays • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

January 3, February 7, March 6

Maker Jam

Bring in a craft or project to work on in the Idea Lab with fellow makers, and learn about the tools and resources available from the library!

Thursdays • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

January 25, February 22, March 28, April 25

Powerful Positive Parenting Plus

This All-In-One course provides everything necessary to support you and your family.

A 6-week workshop that provides everything you need to live a happy, healthy, authentic lifestyle you can model for your children. Short, simple, relatable lessons based on natural principles that are easy to implement –designed by a Certified Family Life Educator. Sponsored by Huron Valley Community Coalition and Huron Valley Youth Assistance.

Thursdays • 6 - 7:30 pm

February 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, March 7

Canva 101

Come and learn the basics of this free browser-based graphic design program!

Monday, January 29 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Holistic Health & You: The Benefits of Combining Nature and Science

Natural Scientist, Gloria Jensenius, will share some tips and tricks on incorporating holistic options into your daily life to help support your healing goals. Being healthy shouldn't be reserved for the wealthy.

Wednesday, January 31 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Blood Drive

The Red Cross will be holding a blood drive in The Gathering Place. Limited space and times available, so you must make an appointment. Please go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code: WLTL or call 1-800-733-2767.

Wednesday, March 6 • Noon - 6 pm

Unhinged History with Dennis Fiems

An examination of the unusual ways people with mental illnesses have been diagnosed and treated through world history.

Monday, March 18 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Mystery Spice

Stop by the adult services desk to receive your serving of this session's mystery spice. Take it home to cook with, then join us for a discussion! Spice pickup will begin 3/18.

Monday, March 25 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Digging Into Your Garden Soil with Ellen Zimmerman

During this class, we will be digging into basic soil science to learn some simple tips and tricks to enrich your garden soil.

Tuesday, March 26 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Idea Lab

There is always something to do in the Idea Lab! A new activity is available every month, and we have a growing list of items for use in the Library and to check out. Visit our website for a full list! **No registration required.**

One-on-One Technology Help

Do you need help operating your computer, laptop, or tablet? Become more comfortable with email, the internet, Microsoft Office, downloading eBooks and more from the library. Call the Adult Information Desk or email (reference@whitelakelibrary.org) to schedule an appointment.

Winter Reading Bingo!

Children, Teens, & Adults

Join our winter reading challenge and earn incentives while you're hibernating! Bingo challenges will be run with bingo cards available at the Youth & Adult Services Desk.

January 8 - March 16

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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday - Thursday 10 am to 8 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am to 5 pm

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED

December 30 & January 1, New Years
January 15, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 19, Presidents Day
May 6, Staff In-Service Day
May 25 & 27, Memorial Day

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