What's New at the Library!

Summer 2023

- Summer Reading Challenge
- Summer Concert Series
- Community Drum Circle
- Sewing 101
- Fairy Garden Crafting
- Life Size Hungry Hungry Hippos & Among Us
- Stuffed Animal Sleepaway Camp
- Teen Murder Mystery Game
- Squirt Gun Painting
- Dorm Room Cooking
- 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Celebration
- Food Trucks
- And participate in our Strategic Planning Survey!

INSPIRATION through INFORMATION
While the weather this season may have been icy and cold outside, the Library provided exciting programs and services inside. Now that spring is popping up, we are planning our Summer Reading Challenge and much more. This summer is heating up with concerts, stuffed animal sleepaway camp, dorm room cooking, a Detroit Institute of Arts bus trip, art installations, and even food trucks.

In addition, the Library is engaging in Strategic Planning. It is time for us, with your help, to set a path for the next few years. To determine what new services and programs we should offer. Check out the QR code to our Strategic Planning page on the front of this newsletter to participate in our survey.

Throughout this newsletter, you will find many reasons to visit your Library this summer, including free wi-fi, hot spots, and our incredible seed library. So stop by and take a look. You won’t want to miss a thing!

- April

News from the Friends

Home Educators Curriculum Sale

We need Sellers and Buyers!

Turn your used curriculum into cash, buy used books, or come meet veteran homeschooling parents to learn about this education option. The Friends will also offer a fantastic selection of children’s and educational books from their donated collection.

Sale open to the public 11 am - 3 pm. (Vendor set-up 10 - 11 am).

Vendors $20/table (6’ x 30”) or 2 for $30 (limited spots). Email friends@whitelakelibrary.org for more information or to sign up as a vendor. Make checks payable to: "Friends of the White Lake Township Library." No fee for Shoppers.

Saturday, May 20 • 11 am - 3 pm

Book Sale

Wednesday, June 14, Friends Only 5 – 7 pm
(memberships available at the door)
Thursday, June 15, 10 am – 7 pm
Friday, Saturday, June 16 & 17, 10 am – 4 pm
Saturday, June 17 Bag Sale, 1 – 4 pm

Bunco

Join us for another fun afternoon of Bunco in the Gathering Place. Entrance fee of $5/person will be collected at the door, advance registration is available through the library’s programming calendar. Even if you’ve never played, join in the fun!

Saturday, June 24 • 1-3:30 pm

Quarterly Meeting

Join us for an overview of the Friends, what we’ve been doing, what’s in the works, and how YOU can help us get there!

Wednesday, July 12 • 6:30 pm
**Storytimes**

**Preschool Storytime (Ages 3 - 5)**
Join Miss Stephanie for stories, songs, crafts, and more as we get down to the serious work of play!

**Tuesdays • 1:30 - 2 pm**
June 13 - July 25 (No Storytime July 4)

**Family Storytime (All Ages)**
Gather your family to enjoy stories, rhymes, and fun.

**Wednesdays • 10:30 - 11 am**
June 14 - July 26 (No Storytime July 5)

**Music & Movement (All Ages)**
Get the wiggles out with Miss Mallory!

**Thursdays • 11 - 11:30 am**
June 8 & 22, July 6 & 20

**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**
June 12 & 26, July 10 & 24

**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 is required.

**June: Marvelous Masterpieces**

**July: Kool Kaleidoscopes**

**August: Mosaic Frames**

**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. Please register for only one fifteen-minute time slot each month.

** Saturdays • 10:30 - 11:30 am**
June 17, July 15

**Tuesdays • 6:30 - 7:30 pm**
June 13, July 18

**Wednesdays • 6:30 - 7:30 pm**
June 14, July 19

**Family Movie (All Ages)**
Come and watch a movie the whole family will enjoy on our big screen. Popcorn provided. Bring your own drinks in containers with covers.

**Saturdays • 10:30 - 11:30 am**
June 17

**Sundays • 1:30 - 3 pm**
May 28

**Book Clubs**

**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.

**Thursdays • 2:30 - 3:30 pm**
June 15: Secret Coders by Gene Luen Yang & Mike Holmes

**July 20: I Survived Hurricane Katrina, 2005**

**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**
June 22: The Magic Misfits by Neil Patrick Harris

**July 27: My Life as a Book by Janet Tashjian**

**Get the Picture (Grades K - 2)**
Sign up for our book discussion group for emerging readers! The first ten families to register 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!

**Saturday, July 22 • 2:30 - 3:30 pm**

**Craftapalooza: Masterpieces! (Grades K - 5)**
Learn how to make a cool painting that represents the style and works of a few famous artists. Each participant will make their own masterpiece using the inspiration of the artists, their own imagination, or both!

**Thursday, June 8 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

**LEGO Family Challenge: All Together Now (All Ages)**
The challenge is on! Work together with your family to build a structure that represents your community. Community gardens? Lake? Or maybe even your library? Your masterpieces will remain on display through the summer! Each family will be entered in a drawing for a LEGO classic set!

**Saturday, June 10 • 10:30 - 11:30 am**

**Community Drum Circle (All Ages)**
Join Dynamic West for this interactive musical experience for participants of all ages, backgrounds, and musical abilities. Your family will enjoy participating in this fun, hands on experience with talented artists that specialize in entertainment for children!

**Wednesday, June 21 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

**Juneteenth Freedom Day Drop-In Craft (All Ages)**
Stop in on Juneteenth with your families to make a craft and learn about this holiday. While supplies last. No registration is required.

**Monday, June 19**

**Fairy Garden Crafting (All Ages)**
Join Girl Scout Troop #71057 to create mini fairies and decorate rocks to add to the library's outdoor fairy garden.

**Friday, July 7 • 1 - 3 pm**

**Super Science Saturday: All Together Now (Grades K - 5)**
We’re going to find out what makes things stick together! Magnets? Electricity? How about putting them together with electromagnetics? Get together with your library scientist friends and find out!

**Saturday, July 8 • 10:30 - 11:30 am**

**Stuffed Animal Sleepaway Camp (All Ages)**
Come get your favorite stuffed animal ready for a sleepaway camp at the library! Decorate their tents, join in a campfire story, and tuck them in! Friends will be ready to head home the next day with pictures of their adventures!

**Friday, July 28 • 2:30 - 3:30 pm**

**Squirt Gun Painting (Grades K - 5)**
Looking for a super fun, super messy art project? Come make some art by using squirt guns instead of paint brushes! Make sure you wear clothes that you are okay with getting stained.

**Saturday, July 29 • 10:30 - 11:30 am**

**First Annual 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Celebration**
Are you a 1,000 Books finisher? Join us for our first annual 1,000 Books celebration to honor all those who have completed the challenge! Check out the bubble zone, coloring mural, tie-dye station, suds and slide, and more! Bathing suits are highly encouraged.

**Saturday, July 29 • 2:30 - 4:30 pm**
Teen Programs Grades 6 - 12

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 is required.
June: Ice Cream Pom-Pom Garlands
July: Fruit Fans
August: Egg Carton Geodes

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 if you are registered as a library volunteer.
Saturdays • 2:30 - 3:30 pm
June 17, July 15

Canvas Tote Bag Painting
Paint your very own custom canvas tote bag! It’s great for carrying around all of your library books!
Wednesday, June 14 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Sewing 101 (Adult & Teen)
Calling all sewing newbies! Come together and learn the basics of sewing from Miss Maria. Adults and Teens welcome.
Monday, June 26 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Life Size Among Us - After Hours
Join us after hours for a life size game of Among Us! Work together to discover who among you is the Impostor!
Friday, July 14 • 4:30 - 6:30 pm

Nailed It: Art Edition
Are you ready for a "Nailed It" inspired art challenge? Once the theme is announced it is time to go!
Monday, July 17 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Dorm Room Cooking
Moving to college soon? Looking for quick and easy recipes? Look no further! We will try some mug microwave recipes and answer questions about dorm life. Allergy friendly: gluten-free, vegan, and nut free options available.
Tuesday, July 25 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

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 is required.
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July: Fruit Fans
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Book Clubs

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.
Tuesdays • 6:30 - 7:30 pm
June 13: Project Nought by Chelsey Furedi (Graphic)
August 15: The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes (Chapter)

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
June 27: Legend of the Storm Sneezer by Kristiana Sfirlea with special visit from author! (Chapter)
August 29: Secrets of Camp Whatever by Chris Grine (Graphic)

Life Size Hungry Hungry Hippos
Join us for another life-size game: Hungry Hungry Hippos edition! We will be working in pairs, so register with a friend or find a friend at the program. May the best team win!
Saturday, July 1 • 10:30 - 11:30 am

A Murderous Melodrama: Murder Mystery Game
Test your detective skills by finding clues and solving the mysterious murder of the star of a high school play.
Tuesday, July 11 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

All Together Now All Ages

Summer Reading Challenge
We’re “All Together Now” for our 2023 Summer Reading Challenge! Sign up on Beanstack and track your summer reading progress beginning June 5th. The more you read, the more rewards you earn! Check it out at whitelake.beanstack.com.
June 5 - August 12

Summer Reading Bash
Join us to celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Challenge at our bash! Inflatables, a rock wall, music, and more! Check out our website for more information. No registration is required.
Wednesday, August 16 • 5 - 7 pm
Craft Junkies
Come and get your crafting fix! Supplies will be provided, just bring your creativity.
Mondays • 6:30 - 7:30 pm
May 1, June 5, August 7

Yoga
Looking for a way to boost your health and decrease stress in these uncertain times? Join instructor Debbie Hamina as we explore various styles of yoga practice.
Mondays • 10:30 - 11:30 am
May 15, June 12, July 17, August 21

Avoid the Summer Slide
While there are actually less than 104 days of summer vacation, there is still a lot of time for our teen’s academic skills to slip. Let’s get together and, with the guidance of long-time teacher Rob Osterman, talk about some tricks and tools we parents can use to keep young minds sharp. Presented in Partnership with the Huntington Learning Center of Clarkston.
Thursday, August 17 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Senior Book Group
Looking for a daytime book group? Readers aged 50 and over are invited to join the Dublin Book Group.
Thursdays • 10:30 - 11:30 am
May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17

My Journey as an Author and Speaker with Autism
Come meet Author Ron Sandison. Ron uses humor in his presentations and stories about being a dad with autism and having three nationally published books. Ron shares his learning challenges and sensory issues and how he learned to overcome them. Attendees will receive practical insight into helping individuals with autism learn skills for employment and relationships.
Thursday, August 17 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Home Sweet Home
Sewing 101 (Adult & Teen)
Calling all sewing newbies! Come together and learn the basics of sewing from Miss Maria. Adults and Teens welcome.
Monday, June 26 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Mystery Spice
Stop by the adult services desk to receive your serving of this session’s mystery spice, some background, and a recipe. Take it home to cook with, then join us for a discussion! Spice pickup will begin 7/24.
Monday, July 31 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

West African Kora Concert
Sean Gaskell will give a performance and educational demonstration on the kora, an ancient 21-stringed harp from West Africa. He will feature traditional songs that are the heart and soul of the kora’s musical repertoire.
Monday, May 8 • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Bellissima! Handbell Choir
Enjoy a exciting concert of spectacular handbell music directed by Judy Phillips.
Tuesday, May 16 • 7 - 7:45 pm

Food Trucks
Stop by the library throughout the summer and visit the Food Trucks! For a full list of food trucks and dates they are coming please visit our website.

DIA Inside|Out
Inside|Out brings reproductions of great treasures from the Detroit Institute of Arts into the community. Discover them all around town! Visit dia.org/insideout for maps of other communities and information.

DIA Bus Tour
Looking to visit the DIA? More details on a DIA Bus Tour coming soon! All ages are welcome to attend, under 18 must have guardian in attendance. Watch our website for more details.
LIBRARY HOURS
Monday - Thursday 10 am to 8 pm
Friday & Saturday 10 am to 5 pm

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED
May 27 & 29, Memorial Day
July 4, Independence Day

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