

Are you a "Friend" of the library?



Who are the Friends?

The Friends of the

Library is an organization created to help support Western Allegheny Community Library through various fundraising and volunteer efforts. They raise money to help maintain the library's budget, provide funding for the summer reading program, and volunteer at events and fundraisers throughout the year. The Friends also help establish and grow community partnerships, operate regular book sales, and manage donated materials.

How do I get involved?

Are you looking for a rewarding way to give back to the community? Why not become a Friend of the Library! Membership privileges include early entry to the book sale and discounted tickets to Fall for Your Library. Quarterly meetings are also held at the library for anyone who wishes to attend. Contact the Friends of the Library at wacfriends@gmail.com, or visit the library website under "Friends of the Library" for more information and to apply.

Spring Book Sale

April 27—29

Wednesday, April 26, 3—6 pm
(Teachers Only Preview Night)

Thursday, 9 am—8 pm
(\$10 Early Bird fee 9—10 a.m.)

Friday, 9 am—4 pm

Saturday, 9 am—2 pm



\$10 per bag or individually priced

- ★ Fiction & Non-Fiction Books
- ★ Adult, Teen, and Children's Materials
- ★ Audiobooks on CD
- ★ Movies on DVD & Blu-ray
- ★ Music on CD
- ★ Puzzles, Games, & More!

Also includes raffle items. Accepts cash or credit.

Hosted by the Friends of the Library

Interested in joining our Friends group or helping out with our book sales? Visit our website under "Friends of the Library" to learn more!

VITA Tax Service 2023 Tax Season

VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) volunteers will once again be at the library to complete tax forms for senior citizens and qualified tax payers earning less than \$75,000 on Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays from February 6—April 13. This service is free but by appointment only. NO walk-ins will be taken.

Appointments will be taken starting January 9. Interested residents should call the library front desk at 724-695-8150 option 1 to schedule an appointment. Please call early to be assured of obtaining an appointment.

The library will have standard Federal tax forms and instructions available estimated January 31. Other Federal tax forms may be obtained from the IRS website (irs.gov) or by calling 1-800-829-3676.

State tax forms are no longer being distributed to libraries. They can be obtained from the PA Department of Revenue at www.revenue.pa.gov/PIT or by calling 1-888-PATAXES or 1-717-787-8201.

Love local history? Join the club!



Western Allegheny
Historical Society
Findlay — North Fayette — Oakdale

"History - the story of a tale of what has happened or may have happened in the past."

In 2015, a small group of residents from the West Allegheny community formed a Historical Society to do just that - tell a story of our community's past through pictures, articles, and programs. Their hope is to expand the group to further explore the wealth of information from the past that our area has to offer.

"Step into our Past" by visiting the History Wall at the library, which showcases the communities of Findlay, North Fayette, and

Oakdale. A case near the front desk displays some of the historical artifacts that are being donated by area residents.

The Historical Society is planning a couple of exciting events this spring! See page 7 of this newsletter for information on the **Whiskey Rebellion Author Visit** and the tour of the **South Side Historical Village**.

If you are interested in exploring the history of our community, the WAHS group is open for yearly memberships at a cost of \$10 per person. Membership meetings are held four times a year. Email WAHS at wahistoricalociety@gmail.com for more information or visit the library website under "Get Involved."



WESTERN ALLEGHENY
COMMUNITY LIBRARY

News

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Got documents?
Get notarized!



**Notary services
are available at
the library!**

Our librarian
Heather Auman

is a registered Notary Public, and
can perform notary services **by
appointment only** during open
library hours.

Please fill out the notary
appointment request form on our
website under "Programs &
Services" or call 724-695-8150 x2.

All parties to the transaction must
have proper identification and be
prepared to pay the required
standard fees. See our website for
more information and pricing.

WHAT'S INSIDE:

- Programs for All Ages
- Special Events & Fundraisers
- Winter Reading Challenge
- VITA Tax Service

LIBRARY HOURS:

- Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.
- Friday & Saturday: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
- Sunday: CLOSED

Western Allegheny Community Library

181 Bateman Road
Oakdale, PA 15071

www.westernalleghenylibrary.org

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LINKS
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Links for the Library

April 14—15

Our popular new event returns in 2023! We're teeing off with a custom designed, 18-hole miniature golf course, that will be set up throughout the library. We hope you'll join us for this two-day, family-friendly fundraiser to benefit Western Allegheny Community Library.

Friday Fairway Frolic

Friday, April 14

6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

This adults-only event is guaranteed to be a night of fun! For just \$35 you'll enjoy food, beverages, silent auction, raffles, and miniature golf.

Links for the Library

Saturday, April 15

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Gather up the kids and head on over for a fun-filled family day. For \$5 per person (a maximum of \$20 per family), your family will enjoy a round of mini-golf, raffles, silent auctions, and goodies from our sponsors.

Ticket will be available this spring at the library or on our website at www.westernalleghenylibrary.org

**Sponsorship opportunities available! Please contact
mcdonalda@westernalleghenylibrary.org**

Event Highlights

See details & sign up on our website.

BUYING & SELLING A HOME IN TODAY'S MARKET

Thursday, February 9
6:30—7:30 p.m.

Thinking of buying your first home? Want to sell your current home and move into your dream home? Now could be the time to do it! Join Kathy Pfister of Coldwell Banker Realty and Stephanie Buford of Huntington Bank for information about the best way to proceed in today's market.

YOUR HEALTHY HEART

Tuesday, February 14
10:00—11:00 a.m.

Heart disease and stroke, the first and third leading causes of death for men and women, are among the most widespread and costly health problems facing our nation today. An estimated 805,000 heart attacks and 795,000 strokes occur each year. Join the experts from Encompass Health to learn how to boost heart health, with emphasis on how to prevent heart attacks and strokes.

PUZZLE EXCHANGE

Wednesday, March 1
9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

Looking for something for the whole family to do this winter while you have to stay cooped up indoors? Start by dropping by our puzzle exchange at the library! Bring in a gently used, complete puzzle and take one from our stack to share. Drop in any time we're open, 9 a.m.—8 p.m. to make your trade, and then let the puzzle fun begin!

DRUGS & ALCOHOL 101

Thursday, March 9
6:30—7:30 p.m.

Join Gateway Rehab as they provide us with some drug and alcohol education, primarily understanding addiction and what can be done to help. This program is appropriate for adults and teens.

CRAFT SWAP

Saturday, March 18
10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Did you pick up a crafting hobby that is no longer interesting you? Want to try a new one without the upfront cost? Then come to our craft swap! Donations will be accepted starting March 1, or bring them in the day of the swap. See our website for donation guidelines and suggestions.

VACATIONING DOWN UNDER

Wednesday, March 29
6:00—7:00 p.m.

Come see and hear tales and tips about a visit to the southern hemisphere. Traveling to Sydney and then voyaging around New Zealand and along the southern Australian coast to a final visit to Perth. This program covers information about wildlife to see, fjords of New Zealand, and several ports along the way.

L.A.M.P. PRESENTATION

Tuesday, April 4
6:30—7:30 p.m.

Residents who are unable to read standard newsprint, hold a book, turn pages, or who have a physically-based reading disability may be eligible for services through CLP's Library of Accessible Media for Pennsylvanians. Come learn the history of services, what they offer, and how to apply.

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM IDENTITY THEFT

Thursday, April 20
6:00—7:00 p.m.

According to the National Council on Identity Theft Protection, reports of identity theft have increased significantly over the past few years. While there's no way to completely shield yourself against identity theft, there are steps you can take to protect yourself. Join Danielle Kicielinski from Huntington bank to learn how your information can be at risk and what fraudsters can do with it. With this information, you'll be better equipped to protect your data and act quickly if someone does manage to steal it.

CPR & FIRST AID CLASS

Saturday, April 22
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

A presenter from CCAC is coming to the library to present an American Heart Association Heart Saver CPR/AED/First Aid certification class. This 4-hour class is for adults age 18 & up and is offered at a special discounted price of \$25 per person. Participants will receive an AHA Heartsaver course completion card valid for 2 years.

ADOPT A HOUSE PLANT

Thursday, April 27, 2:00—7:00 p.m.

Come pick up an indoor plant, share cuttings of your own, or drop off a plant you no longer want. While supplies last.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, May 6, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

This spring—give the gift of life! Vitalant is once again holding a Blood Drive at the library. Donations are greatly needed at this time. Appointments recommended; walk-ins welcome. Check our website for details on donor eligibility & to sign up to participate in this worthy cause.

SPRING VENDOR & CRAFT SALE

Saturday, May 13
9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Get some Spring shopping done and support your library! A number of vendors will be featured, PLUS a wide variety of handmade crafts, jewelry, accessories, and gifts. Attention Vendors & Crafters: Sign up to be a part of our popular event! \$25 per table plus a raffle item. See details and fill out the interest form on our website.

LIBRARIES ARE FOR EVERYONE: Programs for All Ages & Abilities

Monday, January 16, 10 a.m.: *BINGO*
Monday, February 20, 10 a.m.: *Painting*
Friday, March 3, 10 a.m.: *Magic Show*
Monday, March 20, 10 a.m.: *Skins & Skulls*
April TBD: *Wildlife of PA*

Come join people from all walks of life for a series of interactive programs. See details on each week's theme and register online. A special program for all ages and abilities.

Adult Programs

Please register online for all programs.

YARN WARRIORS

Saturdays, 9:00—10:30 a.m.

**January 21, February 11, March 18,
April 22, May 20**

Bring your hooks, needles, and yarns and join us at the library for our knitting & crocheting group! Swap patterns, share your latest projects, and enjoy the company of other crafty crafters. Beginners welcome, as an expert will be on hand to show you the ropes...or yarns, that is! We'll even have some extra supplies if you're just starting out.

REMEMBER WHEN?

SENIORS STORYTIME

Third Tuesdays, 1:00—2:00 p.m.

An interactive storytime format for older adults designed to engage them in sharing their own stories and memories. Every event is based on a certain theme—fashion, major world events, school—and can include memory-jogging props, photos, and music to help participants remember their own stories.

THE WHISKEY REBELLION

Saturday, April 1, 10:00—11:00 a.m.

Western Pennsylvania's history has a unique connection to the Whiskey Rebellion of the 1790's. Join us to hear from local author and historian Brady Crytzer as he describes the factors leading up to this tax protest, the characters involved, and the significance to our region. Sponsored by the Western Allegheny Historical Society.

SOUTH SIDE HISTORICAL VILLAGE TOUR

Saturday, May 13, 10:00—11:30 a.m.

Come take a tour of the South Side Historical Village, including a one-room school house, blacksmith shop, log cabin, a large outdoor brick bread oven, a pedestrian covered bridge, the General Store, and more. Those attending will meet at 10 a.m. at the Village which is located in Hookstown, PA. Sponsored by the Western Allegheny Historical Society. Register online by May 6.

Computer Classes

MICROSOFT OFFICE ON THE JOB

Tuesdays, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Part One, Word: January 31

Part Two, PowerPoint: February 28

Part Three, Publisher: March 28

Part Four, Excel: April 25

Are you new to the workforce or going back for a second career, and the job description requires "proficiency in Microsoft Office"?

Come get the skills you'll need to start out! In this series of computer lab-style classes, we will cover the basics, including creating a document, using a template, changing fonts and styles, and using pictures and other objects. Sign up for one class or come to them all to experience the entire Office Suite.

E-LIBRARY FREE-FOR-ALL

Tuesday, February 21, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Did you know the library offers over 80,000 eBooks for FREE download from anywhere with never any late fees? Not to mention over 150 magazines, 20,000 audiobooks, and thousands of streaming movies, TV shows, and music albums—all accessible from the comfort of your own home. Bring in your eReader, laptop, or mobile device and learn how to access Overdrive/Libby, Hoopla, and more—all completely FREE with your library card.

SELLING ONLINE

Tuesday, March 21, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

In this class we will explore the various platforms for buying and selling online, including eBay, Craigslist, Facebook, and more. Learn about the buying and selling process, advantages and disadvantages, best practices, scams, and online safety.

EXTREME E-COUPONING

Tuesday, April 18, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

Are you still clipping coupons to save money? Why not ditch the scissors and hit the apps instead! We'll overview this new wave in couponing using cash back services like Ibotta and Checkout 51, plus discuss paperless coupons in RetailMeNot and various store-specific savings and rewards programs. A Money Smart Week program.

Need tech help? Get tutored!

We offer free one-on-one tech classes! They last about 30 minutes and are on a flexible schedule. Visit our website under "Programs & Services—Technology" to request a Tech Tutoring session. Who needs the "Geeks" or "Geniuses" when you have a tech-savvy librarian?

CUT THE CABLE CORD

Monday, May 1, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Can you really live without cable? You can... and maybe you should! Learn about entertainment alternatives to cable, including streaming services and on-demand viewing, and how they can save you thousands of dollars—not to mention hundreds of hours wasted watching commercials.

Book Clubs

BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB

1st Wednesdays, 1:00—3:00 p.m.

WACL's Monthly Adult Book Club. Join the Bookworms to discuss each month's title in a variety of genres of adult fiction. Check our website for each month's book choice.

WE BE BOOK'N

2nd Wednesdays, 6:00—8:00 p.m.

Each month, we'll reserve a copy of the book for you and make reservations at a local restaurant. All you have to do is show up, enjoy the deliciousness, and share your thoughts on the book. Please RSVP by the evening before so we can make accurate restaurant reservations. This is a 'Dutch Treat' event. See our website for each month's book & restaurant choice.

BOOK-TO-MOVIE CLUB

4th Mondays, 5:30—7:30 p.m.

"The book was better" - or was it? Come answer the age-old question at our Book-to-Movie Club! Each month we'll choose a book to read, then watch the movie version to share & compare! See our website for each month's book & movie choice. Will meet 5th Monday in January.

School Age & Teen

Please register online for all programs.

School Age K–5

HOMESCHOOL LUNCH BUNCH

Thursdays, January 12—April 27

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Bring your lunch to munch and chat alongside fellow homeschoolers and parents here at the library! Afterwards, enjoy some self-directed free play, exploration, and art activities. This program is for homeschool families with children in grades K-5. Please register online once for the whole season. No program on Jan. 26, Feb. 23, & Mar. 30.

DANCE THE STORY:

**THE SLEEPING BEAUTY WITH
PITTSBURGH BALLET THEATRE**

Saturday, March 11

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Dance the Story is a fun, interactive program that mingles storytelling and movement! Children learn basic ballet positions while leaping into the story and characters of *The Sleeping Beauty*. For kids in grades K-5. Please register online; limited space.

MINECRAFT MADNESS

Monday, March 6, 4:30—5:30 p.m.

Calling all Minecraft maniacs! Go mad for an afternoon of Minecraft-inspired crafts, games, and more. For school age children in grades K-5; limited space.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

PRACTICE NIGHT

Monday, May 15 OR Tuesday, May 16

5:00—6:30 p.m.

West Allegheny School District Battle of the Books teams are encouraged to register for a BotB Practice Night to test their skills right before the big event. Team Managers MUST attend. The same questions will be asked both nights. Please register your team online for only one session (unless the whole team can't attend the same night); limited space.

Middle Grade

MIDDLE GRADE MAKER LAB:

JUDGMENT JANUARY

Thursdays, January 12—26

5:00—6:00 p.m.

It's Judgment January, and we're making our feelings known! With treats provided by Universal Yum, we'll taste test some international snacks and share our opinions. It is highly recommended that adults stay in the library in case of any allergic reactions. For teens in grades 4-7. Please register only once for the whole January series.

MIDDLE GRADE MAKER LAB:

FEBRUARY FREE-FOR-ALL

Thursdays, February 2—23

5:00—6:00 p.m.

This month's maker lab is a free-for-all! We're busting out leftovers and letting you have at it with whatever strikes your fancy, from canvas painting to stuffies, diamond dots to finger knitting. For teens in grades 4-7. Please register online only once for the whole February series; limited space.

MIDDLE GRADE MAKER LAB:

MINDFUL MARCH

Thursdays, March 2—30

5:00—6:00 p.m.

Go ahead and treat yo self! We're calming things down a bit and testing out different ways to take care of ourselves. From bath bombs and sugar scrubs to a few ideas from Miss Mia. For teens in grades 4-7. Please register online only once for the whole March series; limited space.

MIDDLE GRADE MAKER LAB:

ARTSY APRIL

Thursdays, April 6—27

5:00—6:00 p.m.

Artists assemble! From simple creations like yarn butterflies to trickier tasks like faux stained glass, let's get our art on for the last month of Maker Lab before summer. For grades 4-7. Please register online only once for the whole April series; limited space.

Teen Programs

TEEN HOMESCHOOL HANGOUT

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

January—March, 2:00—3:00 p.m.

Teen homeschoolers are invited to build, create, draw, or just hang out together while their parents chat about homeschool activities, curriculum, and challenges. Teens can also feel free to bring a project from home to work on or share. Parents are welcome to attend without their busy teens. This program will be led by a local homeschool parent and supported by the library. For homeschool families with teens in grades 6-12. Please register online only once for the whole season.

TEEN PAINT NIGHT

2nd Mondays, 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Enjoy a fun night of step-by-step painting as we make a masterpiece! Try to match the original piece, or use some creative license and give it your own spin. We will be using Step-By-Step Painting by Tracie Kiernan. For teens in grades 6-12. See details on each month's project and register online for each date separately; limited space.

TEEN MAKER LAB

3rd Mondays, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

Middle School Maker Lab has been so successful that we are now adding a Teen Maker Lab to our programming season. We will be crafting, creating, building, and more! For teens in grades 6-12. See details on each month's session and register online for each date separately; limited space.

TEEN TEST KITCHEN

4th Mondays

6:00—7:00 p.m.

Teen Test Kitchen will finally return IN PERSON for aspiring teen chefs and foodies! Learn how to make some easy yet show-stopping delicacies. Recommended for teens without food allergies. For teens in grades 6-12. See details on each month's delicious theme and register online for each date separately; limited space.



Dear Library Friend,

The Western Allegheny Community Library, a local non-profit, is fortunate to have supporters like you. Because I know you value the Library and the services it provides to our community, would you please consider a year-end gift to the Library? It is all about continuing, and even increasing, the support for the Library - an essential institution in the Western Allegheny Community, and a personally important destination for many who live here. Past gifts have enabled the Library to:

- ✦ Provide unique, hands-on recreational and educational programs for thousands of children, teens, and adults.
- ✦ Offer computers and internet access to patrons who would not otherwise have digital access.
- ✦ Continue to support the West Allegheny School District through our summer reading program, the Library Cards for All program (which ensures every student has a free public library card) and our Preschool Outreach Program, which helps support literacy at an early age.
- ✦ Purchase thousands of books and other materials such as telescopes, yard games, carbon monoxide detectors, and metal detectors.
- ✦ Offer a myriad of services, including free tax preparation, notary services, and 1:1 technology help.

We have made certain that Western Allegheny Community Library is there for everyone to use and enjoy. If we want the Library to continue to be there, now is the time to make a gift.

Our goal is to raise \$15,000 during this year-end campaign, which will provide much-needed annual support for Library programs. I hope you will consider a gift of \$25. If you can give even more, I would be very grateful.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Your gift ensures that WACL will be there for you now and for generations to come.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy L McDonald".

Amy L McDonald
Library Director

P.S. You can learn more about the amazing work your donations make possible by checking out our website at westernalleghenylibrary.org and Facebook page @waclibrary.

Children & Family

Please register online for all programs.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS

2nd Tuesdays

6:00—7:30 p.m.

Need a night out without breaking the bank? How about a family movie night?! Bring your whole family and meet your friends at the library for new release family-friendly movies on our big screen. Free snacks and drinks will be provided. Chairs will be available, or come in your PJs and bring your sleeping bag for extra fun! See our website for each month's movie choice and to register.

SPANISH STORYTIME

4th Saturdays, January—April

10:30—11:00 a.m.

We are excited to offer a new dual-language experience full of well-loved stories and rhymes—in Spanish! This program is intended for both Spanish-speaking families and those interested in learning a new language. Please register online only once for the whole season.

PERLER BEAD PARTY

Saturday, January 14

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

OR 1:00—2:00 p.m.

Fuse away the winter blues with a perler bead creation! Follow along with a pattern or go freestyle. Each registrant will get to make one large design or two small designs. Best for ages 5 to adult. Please register online; limited space.

FAMILY PUPPET MAKING WORKSHOP

Monday, February 6

4:30—5:30 p.m.

Put Kermit and Miss Piggy to shame! Bring your mismatched socks and use our variety of craft materials to make sock puppets with the whole family. An adult must be present to assist in creating the puppets. Best for families with children in grades PreK-5, but all ages welcome. Please register online; limited space.

Storytimes

Winter/Spring Storytimes run

January 9—April 28

Registration required; please visit our website to register.

PLAY K

Thursdays @ 1:00—2:00 p.m.

OR Fridays @ 10:00—11:00 a.m.

Entering Kindergarteners

This program is exclusively for children entering kindergarten in Fall 2023. We'll support the development of kindergarten-readiness skills by focusing on academic, social, emotional, and self-help skills, and even play! Please register online only once for either the Thursday OR Friday session; limited space



WINTER ANIMALS WITH ALLEGHENY COUNTY PARKS

Saturday, February 11

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Allegany County Park Rangers share how local wildlife survives our cold and snowy winters by either moving away, sleeping in, or toughing it out. Discover some of the amazing adaptations that allow animals to survive through the winter. Best for families with kids in grades K-5. Please register online; limited space.

"FOR ME, FOR YOU, FOR LATER" JARS WITH SESAME STREET

Saturday, April 8

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Elmo wants you to know how to be money smart! Watch Elmo make choices with money, work to earn money, and learn about spending, sharing, and saving. Make your own For Me, For You, For Later jars to continue being money smart at home. Best for ages 3-6 with a caregiver. Please register online; limited space. A Money Smart Week Program.

BABY RHYME TIME

Wednesdays, 9:30—10:00 a.m.

Birth—18 months

Enjoy the company of other babies and caregivers while we bounce, clap, sing, and fly! Best for babies ages birth—18 months. Please register online once for the whole season.

LITTLES STORYTIME

Tuesdays, 10:30—11:00 a.m.

Wednesdays, 10:30—11:00 a.m.

18 months—5 years

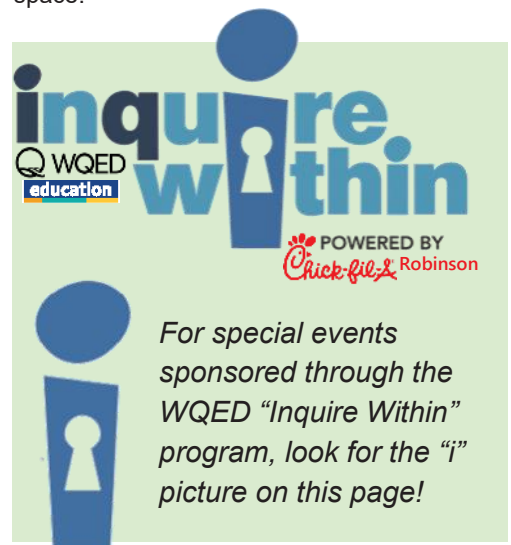
Read, sing, and shake your sillies out! Then make a new friend in our Play Area, and check out some books. The same storytime will be presented both days. For 18 months-5 years. Please register only once for the whole season by registering for either day.

INFANT MASSAGE WITH ACHIEVA

Saturday, January 21

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

It's baby's day out with Achieva! Infant massage can help calm and soothe fussy babies, ease digestive issues such as colic, gas, and indigestion, and induce a more restful sleep, in addition to enhancing the bond between baby and their parent/caregiver. Best for babies ages 8-9 months, but appropriate for all babies near that age range. Please register online; limited space.



For special events sponsored through the WQED "Inquire Within" program, look for the "i" picture on this page!

Sensory Programs

Best for children with sensory concerns, autism, or other developmental differences.

SENSORY STORYTIME

Fridays, February 3—April 14

11:00—11:30 a.m.

Sensory Storytime provides a calm, quiet atmosphere for little storytimers with sensory concerns, autism, or other developmental differences. Miss Mia, a Chatham University Occupational Therapy Doctoral student completing her capstone project here at WACL, will lead children in an interactive storytime that complements their abilities. Please register online; limited space.

SENSORY SATURDAY: LET'S PLAY

Saturday, February 4

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Sensory Saturdays celebrate all children! Miss Mia, a Chatham University Occupational Therapy Doctoral student, will set up an array of fun activities to safely challenge children's gross-motor skills through play. Please register online.

SENSORY SATURDAY: SENSORY PROCESSING TOOLS, TOYS, & TIPS

Saturday, February 18

9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

A child with sensory processing challenges can benefit from a host of tools and toys. But wouldn't it be great to try before you buy? Miss Mia, a Chatham University Occupational Therapy Doctoral student, will share various hands-on resources from headphones to fidget toys, weighted blankets to textured bean bags for you and your child to give a test run. Please register online; drop-ins welcome.

SENSORY SATURDAY: STEAM

Saturday, March 18

11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Full STEAM ahead! Miss Mia, a Chatham University Occupational Therapy Doctoral student, will prepare various hands-on STEAM stations for children of all abilities to explore at their own pace. Please register online; limited space.

School Age K—3

ELEMENTARY PAPER PARTY

Mondays, January 9, 16, & 30

4:30—5:15 p.m.

Bring your creative genius to our first ever paper party! Each week we will be creating something new with paper products: origami, paper airplanes, and even a cardboard city. For grades K-3. Please register online only once for the whole series; limited space.

ELEMENTARY BOARD GAME BONANZA

Mondays, February 13, 20, & 27

4:30—5:15 p.m.

Worked hard at school all day? Well now it's time to play! We will have classic board games, giant games, and even video games. For grades K-3. Please register online only once for the whole series; limited space.

ELEMENTARY MAD SCIENTISTS

Mondays, March 13, 20, & 27

4:30—5:15 p.m.

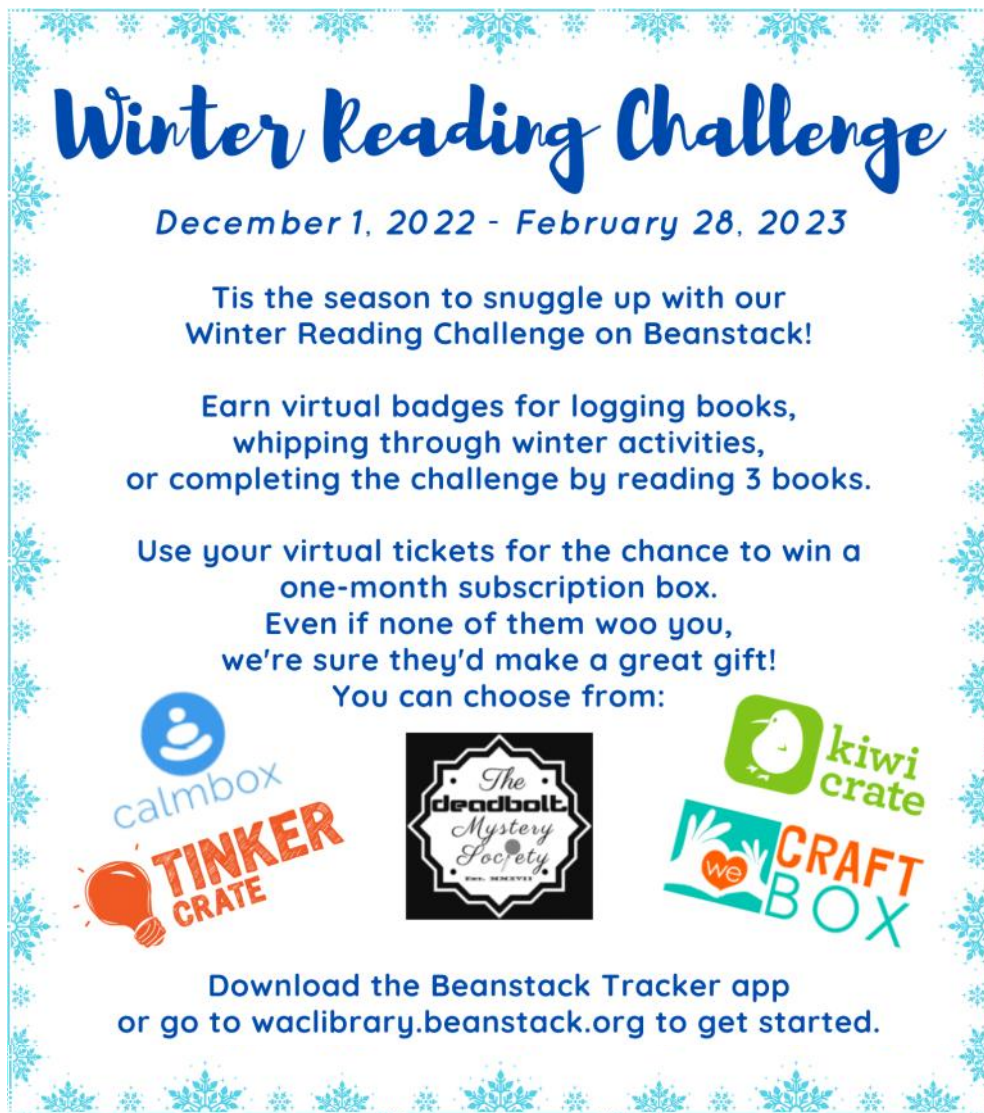
Let's go mad exploring various STEM concepts! Volcanoes, slime, lava lamps, DIY bouncy balls, and so much more. For school age children in grades K-3. Please register online only once for the whole series; limited space.

ELEMENTARY MODEL MANIA

Mondays, April 3, 10, 17, 24

4:30—5:15 p.m.

Put your creativity on display! Create different themed dioramas each week: animal kingdoms, underwater wonderland, the solar system, and edible landforms. For school age children in grades K-3. Please register online only once for the whole series; limited space.




Winter Reading Challenge
December 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023

Tis the season to snuggle up with our Winter Reading Challenge on Beanstack!

Earn virtual badges for logging books, whipping through winter activities, or completing the challenge by reading 3 books.

Use your virtual tickets for the chance to win a one-month subscription box. Even if none of them woo you, we're sure they'd make a great gift! You can choose from:



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