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Our mission:

“...to educate, empower, enlighten, and excite...”

Hours:

Monday - Thursday:
9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday and Saturday:
9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sundays: 1 - 5:00 p.m. during the school year. Closed during the summer.

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Celebrate National Library Week, April 15 - 22

If you've been in the library recently, you know it's as a much a place where people come together to study, network, catch-up, and make plans as it is a place to get the latest books and DVDs. Help us celebrate that during National Library Week, April 15-22. There will be a variety of programs for kids and adults showcasing the ways people come together at the library.

Kicking off the week will be a screening of the film *The Corner Shop* on Monday, April 16 at 7 p.m. This short documentary about the important social role filled by beauty shops was created by local filmmaker Lauren Steiner, who will also be on hand to say a few words and answer questions. If you've spent time in a beauty parlor, you won't want to miss this! Also on tap:

Tuesday, April 17 (10 - 10:30 a.m.) *Thirty Turtles in Tune* — Join Library Director Andrew Mangels on a musical journey for kids of all ages. Tickets available in Youth Services beginning April 10.

Tuesday, April 17 (7 p.m.) *First Aid for Book Groups* — Want to start a book discussion group or revitalize a struggling group? Join Susan Cozzens and Lynda Thomas for a look at every aspect of book discussions. Registration required.

Wednesday, April 18 (3:45 - 4:30 p.m.) *Get A Clue* — It's all about the clues. Come spend the afternoon solving mini-mysteries, playing games and going on a scavenger hunt through the Youth Services Department. For kids in grades K - 2. Registration required, starting April 11.

To register for any of these programs, please call the library (440-871-2600) or visit <http://signup.westlakelibrary.org:8080>.

Wednesday, April 18 (7 - 7:30 p.m.) *Family Storytime* — Children ages 5 and under and their parents are invited to celebrate National Library Week with an evening of silly stories. Pajamas and a favorite stuffed animal are welcome. No registration needed.

Thursday, April 19 (8 a.m.) *Investor Breakfast* — Join Sr. Business Specialist Cynthia Hall in the Reference Area for an introduction to the reference resources available to investors at WPPL. Continental breakfast included. Registration required. Limit 20.

Friday, April 20 (10 a.m.) *Come Play With Me* — Open play time with a variety of age-appropriate toys for children ages 2-4 with a caring adult. Registration begins April 13.

Director's Notes: Preserving Our History

Do you remember when Westlake was mostly farmland? Did you, your parents or grandparents attend the Red Brick School? When you feed the ducks at the pond in Clague Park have you ever wondered who the Clagues were or what the pond looks like without all the water?

Founded in 1812 as Dover Township and renamed Village of Westlake in 1940, this community is chock-full of history and tradition. Much of the development of Westlake can be seen in photographic evidence. Unfortunately, much of this documentation is deteriorating at a rapid pace. Many pictures that were created using glass slides, tintype, and other early mediums have not withstood the test of time.

Like libraries all over the country, Westlake Porter Public Library is rescuing images by scanning and digitizing old photographs that are fading into obscurity, crumbling, or are too

fragile to handle except under the most restricted conditions. Once scanned, images are then loaded onto our webpage and are available for your viewing virtually anywhere and anytime through the Internet.

Don't forget, however, that today is tomorrow's history and the Local History page is more than just an archive of old photos. It is also a place to compare the past with the present and preserve today's events for posterity.

By clicking on the Local History link on our website, www.westlakelibrary.org, you will encounter a multitude of photographic images of this community from the Civil War to the present day.

Click on the link for the Westlake Fire Department and see pictures of the evolution of the "bucket brigade" in the 1800s to the first fire truck in 1926, as well as the new fire trucks used today.

Click on the Police Department link to see a stolen property report from 1932 that reads in part "someone entered pheasant [sic] coop during night and stole 18 hens 4 cook pheasants ... good reasons to believe, that it might be someone who knows the place" or click on a current picture of Capt. Guy Turner in full riot gear, ostensibly not to apprehend pheasant thieves.

These pictures remind us that things are always changing including the technology that we use to remember "the good old days". The library is taking a primary role in using current technology to preserve the historical record of this wonderful community and ensuring that it is available to all. We hope you enjoy taking a virtual walk down our collective memory lane.

— Andrew Mangels,
Director

Group Services: Your Meeting Room, Art Gallery & Display Liaisons

Meeting rooms, displays, and art. What do these three things have in common? At the library, they are all managed by our Group Services Department.

Events Facilitator Judy McNamara books library meeting rooms, art exhibitions, and displays. But even before she schedules them, McNamara goes over the available meeting rooms and equipment with you to make sure just the right room is selected. After scheduling, she works with groups and individuals and the library's Building Services staff to make sure meeting rooms and equipment are set up as requested. In addition, she facilitates installation of displays and artwork as necessary, and provides onsite assistance during your meeting or exhibition.

When McNamara isn't available, Senior Group Services Assistant Liz

Sauer is on hand to give out meeting room and display applications and assist during meetings.

To schedule an event, display or exhibition, stop by the Group Services office at the library or call (440) 250-5449.



Meeting Rooms

The library has four public meeting rooms available for use by non-profit organizations during regular library hours:

1. The Porter Room — The Porter

Room can accommodate up to 200 people, depending upon the set-up selected. (Use of tables will decrease the number of people who can fit in the room.) Best suited for performances, large meetings, and public programs. A microphone and speakers are available for use in the Porter Room, and there is an attached kitchenette.

2. The Dover Room — The Dover Room (left) accommodates up to 60 people, and is best suited for large meetings.

4. The Craft Room — The Craft Room accommodates 25 people, and is best used for hands-on craft activities. It includes a sink for easy cleanup.

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User Spotlight:

Nancy Shaw



Bio: I retired 3 years ago from the NASA Glen Research Center where I managed a group of project managers and engineers who designed and built experiment equipment for the Space Shuttle and the Space Station.

Family: I have three adult sons and three grandchildren and a yellow lab named JoJo. Library patrons may remember JoJo from when she was in training and we were at the reception desk in the lobby on Saturday mornings. Unfortunately, she didn't make it as a service dog, but I'm so happy to have her as a pet.

What I Like to Read: Besides mysteries, I read historical fiction and non-fiction, especially things that tie into my family history.

Why I Use the Library and its Services: It's a great library with a great, friendly staff. I originally started using Porter when I discovered that it had such an extensive collection so that I could always find the book or movie I was looking for — or even something interesting that I found while I was there. I love how bright and cheerful the new building is too.

Reading Influences: I grew up in a home with lots of books and had a library card beginning when I was very young. My mother, at age 90, is still a reader with many interests and she volunteers at her library too.

Hobbies and Other Activities: My main hobby is genealogy. I love helping other people trace their families too. I'm on the Friends of Porter Library board and volunteer in the Book Nook. I also volunteer directly for the library by shelving books and movies on Tuesday mornings. I also volunteer for the Bay Village Meals on Wheels.

Also on Nancy's Reading List:

📖 Margaret Atwood 📖 Toni Morrison
📖 Margaret Drabble 📖 Maeve Binchy
📖 Barbara Kingsolver

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5. The Conference Room — The Conference Room seats 8-12, and is best used for small groups and committee meetings.

There is an array of audiovisual equipment available for use in the library meeting rooms, including an overhead projector, TV/VCR units, a DVD player, a stereo CD/cassette player, and an LCD projector.

Displays and Art Exhibits

In support of the arts and culture, the library offers its lobby display cases and art gallery wall to local residents and non-profit groups. The gallery and display cases are usually booked for a period of one month, but different periods can usually be accommodated. Please note that neither area may be used for sales purposes. For information or to apply for either, please call or visit Group Services.

Trustee Corner: Things to Do at the Library this Spring

A retired business executive, Dave Berns helps manage several not-for-profit organizations. He has been a member of the Board since 1992.

As you plan your spring and summer activities, you might want to consider spending some time at your local library.

National Library Week is April 15 through 21. This would be a good time to drop in and meet some of our friendly staff and check out a few items or participate in some special activities. This will be a really fun week here!

Our Reading Garden is maturing now, so it's also a good time to stop by and take a walk through it. You can also take your book or magazine or laptop outside and relax in this really comfortable space.

When you come into our building, you might want to stop by for a "Hello" and conversation with that friendly volunteer that is taking care of our Reception Desk. These are just a few of the many people who volunteer at the Library or with the Friends of the Library. You might also consider doing some volunteer work yourself!

Finally, I and the other members of the Board of Trustees wish to thank you and the rest of the Westlake community for the support that you give to your local Library. WPPL continues to be one of the highest-ranking in the country due to your financial support as well as your usage of the Library's facilities and collections.

— Dave Berns,
Board of Trustees

Westlake Porter Public Library's *Calendar of Events*

April — May, 2007

Adult Programs

Tuesday, April 3 (7:00 p.m.) FYI:Opera — Dr. Alan Montgomery, Assistant Music Director at Oberlin College's Conservatory Opera Theater, and Opera Theater students will discuss *Salome*.

Sunday, April 8 Easter Sunday — *Library Closed*

Tuesday, April 10 (7 p.m.) Book Discussion Group — This month's selection is *The Pact* by Jodi Picoult.*

Thursday, April 12 (7 p.m.) Investors Interest Group — John Sawczak of AAI will discuss the *Technical Analysis & Indicators*. This is the third of a 4-part series. You need not attend all 4. Registration is required, and we need an e-mail address to send you stock charts before the program.

Sunday, April 15 (2 p.m.) Sunday Sounds — The Friends of the Library present the Beck Center Children's Choir.

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● **Monday April 16 (7 p.m.) "The Corner Shop"**

● **Tuesday, April 17 (7 - 8:30 p.m.) First Aid for Book Groups**

● **Thursday, April 19 (8 a.m.) Investor Breakfast**

Saturday, April 21 (10:30 a.m.) West Side Writers — Mini Writers' Conference

Sunday, April 22 (2 p.m.) Joyful Noise at the Library — The Friends of the Library showcase young musicians. This month's performers are jazz guitarist Rob Rossman and a friend.

Wednesday, April 25 (2 p.m.) Afternoon Book Discussion Group — This month's selection is *The Prizewinner of Defiance, Ohio* by Terry Ryan.*

Monday, April 30 (1 - 7 p.m.) American Red Cross Bloodmobile

Tuesday, May 8 (7 p.m.) Book Discussion Group — This month's selection is *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards.*

Thursday, May 10 (7 - 8:45 p.m.) Investors Interest Group — Ian Abbott will discuss *Technical Analysis and Picking Mutual Funds*. Registration is required, and we need an e-mail address to send stock charts before the program.

Wednesday, May 23 (2 p.m.) Afternoon Book Discussion Group — This month's selection is *Foreign Affairs* by Alison Lurie.*

Monday, May 28 Memorial Day — *Library Closed*

Tuesday, May 29 (1 - 7 p.m.) American Red Cross Bloodmobile

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*Books available at Circulation Desk.

Computer Classes

Tuesday, April 10 (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) OR Tuesday, May 8 (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) Mouse 101 — Learn how to use a mouse while exploring the library website and catalog. Registration for Westlake residents begins April 3. Open registration begins April 5.

Wednesday, April 11 (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) OR Wednesday, May 9 (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) Computers for Beginners — Learn about types of hardware and software, memory, drives and storage devices, and parts of the desktop. Registration for Westlake residents begins April 4. Open registration begins April 6.

Thursday, May 10 (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.) Introduction to Windows & Toolbars — Practice using toolbars and drop-down menus, copying, pasting, and saving documents. Registration for Westlake residents begins May 3. Open registration begins May 5.

Saturday, April 21 (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) OR Saturday, May 12 (9:30 - 11:00 a.m.) Introduction to the Internet — Learn about types of Internet connections, web browsers, web addresses, and how to get to a web site. Registration for Westlake residents begins April 14. Open registration begins April 16.

Saturday, May 19 (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) Searching the Internet with Google — Learn how to narrow down your search results and discover some fun features of Google. Registration for Westlake residents begins May 12. Open registration begins May 14.

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Thursday, April 12 (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.) OR Tuesday, May 15 (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) OR Tuesday, May 22 (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) Introduction to Microsoft Word — Learn basic word processing skills using Microsoft Word. Registration for Westlake residents begins April 5. Open registration begins April 7.

Saturday, April 14 (9:30 - 11:00 a.m.) OR Wednesday, May 16 (10:00 - 11:30 a.m.) Introduction to Microsoft Word II — Learn how to further customize a Word document. Must have previous Word experience. Registration for Westlake residents begins April 7. Open registration begins April 9.

Saturday, April 14 (2:30 - 4:00 p.m.) OR Thursday, April 26 (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.) OR Thursday, May 17 (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.) Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint — Learn how to create a basic PowerPoint presentation. Registration for Westlake residents begins April 9. Open registration begins April 11.

Saturday, May 12 (2:30 - 4:00 p.m.) OR Thursday, May 24 (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.) Introduction to Microsoft Excel — Learn how to work with an Excel worksheet. Registration for Westlake residents begins May 5. Open registration begins May 7.

Ability to use a mouse is required for all classes except Mouse 101.

Children's Programs

Thursday, April 12 (2:30 - 4:30 p.m.) Junior Knit Know How — A basic beginner class for grades 4 & 5. You'll learn how to cast on, knit, purl and bind off. Materials are provided, but we do ask that you are familiar with a slip knot. Registration required, starting April 5. Limited class size.

Saturday, April 14 and May 12 (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.) MITICraft — A Make It Take It craft experience with all supplies provided --- a drop-in craft for children and their caring adults.

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Thursday, April 26 (3:45 - 4:30 p.m.) Pickle Tree Club — Kids will explore the real and not-so real world through books, crafts, and other activities — for children in kindergarten through grade 2. Registration required, beginning April 19.

Monday, May 7, 14 and 21 (10 - 11 a.m.) Babygarten — Infants ages 1 - 18 months and their caregivers will share nursery rhymes, songs, and books and do fun projects. Register once for this 3-week series.

Mark your calendar... WPPL's Summer Reading Program begins June 11!

(P.S. The picture below is a hint about our theme!)



Teen Programs

April 2 - 30 Scavenger Hunt — Try our inside the library scavenger hunt. We'll try and make it interesting for teens in grades 6-12. As always we're giving a prize. So come scavenge away!

Tuesday, April 10 (2:30 - 4:30 p.m.) Come Dancin' — Open Dance Dance Revolution. Come in anytime between 2:30-4:30 and dance to the music. Light refreshments. Grades 6 - 12.

April 16 - 30 Guess the Poets — We're choosing poems that are in your head or we'll give you links to find them. Any way you look at it you can try for our prize. Grades 6-12.

Tuesday, April 24 and May 29 (7 - 8 p.m.) Teens Talk Books — Friends, food and fun. Oh, books, too. We meet the last

Tuesday of each month. Sometimes we all read the same book, sometimes it's whatever you're reading. Grades 6 -12. Come join us!

Tuesday, May 1, May 8, May 15, May 22 and May 29 (3 - 6 p.m.) Table Origami — Every Tuesday in May we're putting out origami materials and instructions on the tables in the Teen area. You can stop by at any time and try your hand at our origami. As always this program is for grades 6-12.

Saturday, May 5 (2:30 -3:30 p.m.) Spa-a-licious — Make your own special mixture of ingredients to make lip balm and other cool spa type items. You can also enter a drawing for our door prize. Grades 6-12. Registration begins April 28.



Holidays

The Library will be **CLOSED** on the following days:

Easter (April 8)
Memorial Day (May 28)

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The library's Board of Trustees normally meets the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. Call in advance to verify date, time and location, as occasionally there are changes.

Thank you, Donors!

We would like to thank the following for their generous contributions from January 1 — February 28, 2007.

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Also, special thanks go to the Westlake Westshore Arts Council for providing the Act Out! Touring Company show on President's Day!

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AMG designed the library's new logo (see it in our return address in

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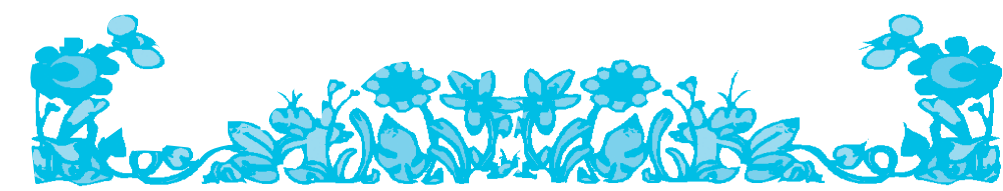
The library welcomes gifts of books, other materials and funds by individuals or organizations, as lasting and useful memorials to friends or family members, and as celebrations of special events.

Many such gifts have allowed the library to provide materials and services it might not ordinarily be able to afford.

Donations to Westlake Porter Public Library are tax deductible, and may be made in a variety of ways. To discuss the options available to you, please call the Clerk-Treasurer at (440) 871-2600.

Cut here

The Bernice Yates Community Reading Garden will open in April, weather permitting.
Spend a warm spring day there with a book or your laptop!



Art at the Library

Check out these artists featured in our art gallery area!

April, 2007
Andrea Krajnik — Nature and scenic photography

May, 2007
Art League of North Olmsted — Watercolors and acrylics

Registering for programs

Online: <http://signup.westlakelibrary.org:8080>

Phone (our area code is 440):
Business Programs — 250-5460
Other Adult Programs — 250-5462
PC/Technology Programs — 250-5461
Children's/Teen Programs — 250-5471

Or visit the appropriate service desk at the library