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

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9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
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Summer Reading Features Trails and Tales

Summer Reading doesn't have to be a drag! If you're a child between the ages of 2 and 18, paddle your canoe to Camp Wanareadit after June 11 to sign up for our Summer Reading Club. We'll give you a reading log at the Youth Services Desk. Read five books at your level (grade or reading) or above. Fill out your reading log, and bring it to the library to get a cool reward! Do that two more times to finish your sheet and be eligible to win a great prize! Youth Services will also be offering fun contests, cool camp crafts, special programs and storytimes starting June 11.

Our Popular Materials Department is planning some great activities for adults, including a monthly movie series featuring recent releases (*March of the Penguins*, for example) and a chance to win a portable DVD player. Watch 10 DVDs or attend one of the movies here at the library, and fill out your log to enter. And don't forget the Friends of the Library's annual Ice Cream Social on Monday, July 23 at 6 p.m. (See the article on page 2 for more information.)

Check our program calendar (pages 3 and 4) for details on the great programs we're offering this summer, and sign up for reading, prizes and fun at the library!



Now Playing: Animated E-books and Games for Kids!

Westlake Porter Public Library is now offering children the opportunity to enjoy online e-books and games through the TumbleBook Library.

The TumbleBook Library is a collection of animated, talking books and games. They can be viewed on the library's Funstation PCs or on any computer via the library's web site (www.westlakelibrary.org).

TumbleBooks are created from existing picture books which are licensed from children's book publishers and converted to the TumbleBook format. They have added animation, sound, music, and narration.

TumbleBooks can be enjoyed by readers and non-readers alike. They are excellent for children who are learning to read. Titles include a number of favorites from publishers like Scholastic, Harcourt, and Little Brown. Other content includes Spanish, French and German language books, folk and

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Director's Notes: Spend Summer At the Library!

“I'm bored!” When I was a kid those words were on the short list of words that my sisters and I were never allowed to utter. I know it's hard to believe that playing inside a cardboard box, endless games of Monopoly, or waiting for the bookmobile would ever get boring.

Well, waiting for the bookmobile never got boring. I would stand at the appointed spot in 100 degree weather waiting, waiting... We lived far enough outside of town that we never actually went to the library itself. I was in junior high before I went to a public library so I had no idea of all the cool things I was missing out on!

At Westlake Porter Public Library we have a ton of things to keep you busy during summer vacation.

Topping the list, of course, is the summer reading program. This year's theme is “Trails and Tales.”

Read books, win prizes! The summer reading program is for youth, young adult and adult readers.

Out back we have a delightful reading garden, complete with foliage and fountain for outdoor relaxation.

Don't forget to put July 23rd 6-8 p.m. on your calendar. The Ice Cream Social sponsored by the Friends of the Library is always a huge hit.

Come out and meet library staff as they parade through the streets of Westlake on Memorial Day and the 4th of July.

And, as always, we have a wide variety of programs for all ages throughout the summer.

Chances are, though, you won't spend your entire summer at the library or even in Westlake. Summer vacations are great for getting out and seeing new places and doing new things. For example, I'm

looking forward to seeing Washington D.C. and the Library of Congress.

I don't know what it is but when I travel with my family I always like to check out other public libraries. My wife makes fun of me and points out that, as a nurse, she doesn't go check out other hospitals on her vacation. Good point, but I just can't help myself.

Whatever you decide to do this summer, we would love to hear from you. Send us a postcard from where ever you go this summer and let us know how much fun you are having and how much you miss your library!

Send postcards to:

Westlake Porter Public Library
27333 Center Ridge Rd
Westlake, OH 44145

— Andrew Mangels,
Director

Ice Cream Social = Family Fun!

It's almost time again for that staple of family fun at the library, the Friends of the Library's annual Ice Cream Social! The social will take place on Monday, July 23 from 6 - 8 p.m. The \$1 sundaes and toppings will once again be provided by Mitchell's Ice Cream.

There will also be entertainment for all ages, including the cake walk, face painting, a show by the Flower Clown, and appearances by Clifford the Big Red Dog, the Energizer Bunny.

In addition, bargain lovers can take advantage of a mini-book sale and Portables Gift Store's side-walk sale (10 a.m. - 8



Coming Soon...

This July we'll be celebrating the 5th Anniversary of the opening of our current building. Stay tuned for details!

Also, our WestFest author festival returns this fall. Details in the August - September issue of Notes!

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fairy tales, and books that teach important life lessons.

TumblePuzzles and TumbleGames are a collection of online puzzles and games using pictures and clues from the books.

TumbleBooks, TumblePuzzles and other Tumble content are created in Flash animation and require the Flash plug-in to view and hear the animation. Most computers and operating systems are already pre-loaded with Flash. If you are unable to view the books, download the Flash plug-in for free at www.adobe.com.

Youth Services staff are happy to help you with them, so give Tumblebooks a try with your child!

Long-time Volunteer and Student Page Honored

Long-time library volunteer Barb Hajek and Student Page Laura English were honored recently for their commitment at two separate events. Hajek received the library's Myrna Chelko Award for outstanding volunteer efforts on behalf of the library at our Volunteer Recognition event on April 22. English received the West Shore Chamber of Commerce's Student Achievement Award at the Chamber's May luncheon.

Hajek has been a member of the Friends of the Library since 1993, and has held every Friends Board office during that time period. She is currently serving her second term as Treasurer of the Friends Board. In addition to her Board duties, Hajek has worked at every Book Sale held since she became a member of Friends, as well as at most Ice Cream Socials. She has been Portables manager Sharon Didion's right hand, managing the store when Didion was away and accompanying her on buying trips. In addition, Hajek has chaired various fund raisers, such as the Murder Mystery Night shortly after the opening of this building in 2002, and has been involved in countless Friends of the Library efforts, whether they required manual labor or bylaw revisions. She is an avid library user and reader, and has been a great “Friend” to the library.

The Myrna Chelko Award is named for Myrna Chelko, a longtime library volunteer who epitomized the volunteer spirit of dedication and commitment.

Laura English has been a Student Page at the library since September, 2005. She is a resident of Westlake, and a Senior at Magnificat High School. English's supervisor, Stacks Manager Alisa Sicker, nominated her for the Student Achievement Award because she was impressed by her serious attitude about her job. She tries hard to complete her duties in an accurate and timely manner, and with a smile on her face. English is also quick to offer additional assistance to Sicker and other Circulation staff to make sure the department runs smoothly. Other

Circulation Department supervisors have noticed her dedication and excellence. Assistant Circulation Manager Ann Salazar said, “She creates a calm, peaceful feeling among others.” Thursday evening supervisor Vicki Glavinovs calls English her “go-to girl,” the first one she asks for assistance to find items for patrons or help with other necessary Page duties.

In addition to her job at the library and her studies, English is an active member of WAY, the St. Bernadette's Church youth group. She takes part in many community service projects benefitting Westlake through the church.

The West Shore Chamber of Commerce Student Achievement Award is given to a student employed by a member organization and who demonstrates excellence in his/her job duties, academics, and extra-curricular activities.

The Library's Board, Friends and Staff congratulate Barb and Laura on their awards.



Barb Hajek (left) with Myrna Chelko.



Laura English

Trustee Corner: Summer at the Library

A retired lawyer, John Weedon has been a member of the Board since 1999.

Summer's not far away, and WPPL's Youth Services Department is ready to help with your summer plans. Our summer reading program, “Trails and Tales,” begins June 11 and ends July 23.

Each youngster who enrolls is asked to read a particular number of books and then list them. When the list is completed, the child will get a small prize.

The program is a lot of fun for the kids, and from the parents' perspective, continued reading during the summer helps keep reading skills sharp and school grades up.

There are also activities for adults. Rumor has it that a drawing will be held for adult participants, and the prize is a portable DVD player! And don't forget the Friends' ice cream social on July 23.

But reading, prizes and ice cream are only part of the fun. Consider taking your child and your books outside to our reading garden. Go in the morning and feel the warm sun and cool breeze. Go in the afternoon or evening and enjoy the warmth and watch the evening come. See the bright colors and shapes on the tile walls and the flowers. Hear the water trickle over the statue boy's umbrella. Read your books, smile at each other, and make memories that will last a lifetime.

We hope that you will share part of your summer with WPPL. See you in the garden with a book or two!

— John Weedon,
Board of Trustees

Westlake Porter Public Library's *Calendar of Events*

June — July, 2007

Adult Programs

Tuesday, June 12 (7 p.m.) Book Discussion Group — This month's selection is *Marley and Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog* by John Grogan.*

Saturday, June 16 (10:30 a.m.) West Side Writers

Monday, June 18 and July 16 (7 p.m.) Monthly Monday Movie — Join us for this movie series for grown-ups, featuring *The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill* on June 18 and *March of the Penguins* on July 16. Registration required.

Monday, June 25 (1 - 7 p.m.) American Red Cross Bloodmobile

Monday, June 25 (7 - 8:30 p.m.) and Saturday, July 21 (10 - 11:30 a.m.) Using Reference USA to Generate a Business Mailing List — Learn how to use this database to help make your business grow. Open to individuals who live or work in Westlake. You MUST be an experienced computer user and have a library card (and know your PIN number). Registration required. Limit 10.

Wednesday, June 27 (2 p.m.) Afternoon Book Discussion Group — This month's selection is *One Thousand White Women* by Jim Fergus.*

Wednesday, July 4 Independence Day — Library Closed

Tuesday, July 10 (7 p.m.) Book Discussion Group — This month's selection is *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls.*

Saturday, July 21 (10:30 a.m.) West Side Writers

Monday, July 23 (6 - 8 p.m.) Ice Cream Social — Bring the whole family to this annual Friends of the Library event!

Wednesday, July 25 (2 p.m.) Afternoon Book Discussion Group — This month's selection is *Riding the Bus with my Sister* by Rachel Simon.*

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

*Books available at Circulation Desk.

Teen Programs

Tuesday, June 5 and Thursday, June 7 (3:45 - 5:15 p.m.) and Tuesday, July 3 (6:30 - 8 p.m.) Come Dancin' — Open Dance Dance Revolution. Come in and dance to the music. Grades 6 - 12.

June 11 - 30 Camp Trivia — Whether you've been to camp or not, see if you can ace these trivia questions for a prize. Grades 6-12.

Tuesday, June 12 (6:30 - 8 p.m.) Harry Potter Meets — Join us for an evening of Harry Potter "Jeopardy." Grades 6-12. Registration required, starting June 5.

Wednesday, June 13 (2 - 3:30 p.m.) Flip Flop Deco — We found something really cool to add some pizzazz - so stop in anytime between 2 and 3:30. Grades 6 - 12. Registration required, starting June 6.

Thursday, June 14 (2:30 -4:30 p.m.) Scrapbooking — Bring in some of your favorite photos and turn them into works of scrapbook art. Grades 6 - 12. Registration required, starting June 7.

Tuesday, June 19 (6:30 - 8 p.m.) Chocolate Bingo — We're taking chocolate to a new place — a bingo card! Come join us for bingo and prizes. Grades 6 - 12. Registration required starting June 12.

Thursday, June 21 and July 5, 12, 19 and 26 (2:15 - 4:45 p.m.) Teen Thursday Theatre — Bring your own (non-messy) munchies. Grades 6 - 12. Films to be shown:

June 21 *With Honors* (PG-13)
July 5 *Tremors* (PG-13)
July 12 *School of Rock* (PG-13)
July 19 *The Journey of Natty Gann* (PG)
July 26 *The House of Dies Drear* (PG).

Tuesday, June 26 (10 a.m. - 6 p.m.) Electronic Game Swap — Come and swap your games! All games should be dropped off starting June 19 and labeled with your name and phone number. Games not swapped will be available for

pick-up on June 27. No mature titles. All formats. Teen area. Grades 6 - 12.

Tuesday, June 26 and July 31 (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!

Saturday, June 30 and July 28 (2:15 - 4:45 p.m.) Teen Saturday Matinee — Bring your own (non-messy) munchies. Grades 6 - 12. Films to be shown:

June 30 *Ladyhawke* (PG-13)
July 18 *Ice Princess* (G).

July 2 - 21 Camp Songs — Even if you've never been to camp you probably know the missing words to the songs on the contest sheet. We're giving a prize! Grades 6-12.

Tuesday, July 10 (6:30 - 8:00 p.m.) Choc-o-licious — Achieve greatness with our chocolate games. Taste it, relay it, I.D. it for fun and prizes. Grades 6 - 12. Registration required, starting July 3.

Wednesday, July 11 (2 - 3:30 p.m.) Sun Baked S'mores — Recycle empty pizza boxes by using them to bake s'mores outside. Bring your own pizza box; we'll provide the rest. Grades 6 - 12. Registration required, starting July 5.

Tuesday, July 17 (6:30 - 8 p.m.) Camp Wheel of Fortune — Come play the game for fun and prizes. Grades 6 - 12. Registration required, starting July 10.

Wednesday, July 18 (2:30 - 4:30 p.m.) Tie Dye Ts — Bring your tees, socks, and anything else you'd like to ramp up (all cotton is best) and a pair of long rubber gloves. Grades 6 -12. Registration required, starting July 11.

Tuesday, July 24 (6:30 - 8 p.m.) Idol Karaoke — We're plugging in the karaoke machine and judging the best sing along. Prizes! Grades 6 - 12. Registration required, starting July 17.

Holidays

The Library will be
CLOSED on the
following holiday:
Independence Day (July 4)

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.

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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.

Children's Programs

Saturday, June 2, 30 and July 28, and Friday, June 15 and July 13 (10 - 11 a.m.) Come Play With Me — Open play time for children ages 2 through 4 and their caring adults. Registration required one week before each program.

Saturday, June 9, June 23 and July 7 (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.) MITICraft — A drop-in craft for children & their caring adults.

Tuesday, June 12, 19, and 26 and July 3, 10 and 17 (10 - 10:30 a.m.) Tuesday Tales — A morning of songs, stories and games for children ages 2 - 3 1/2 with a caring adult. No registration necessary.

Wednesday, June 13, 20 and 27 and July 11 and 18 (10 - 10:30 a.m.) Summer Stories — Children ages 3 1/2 to 5 years old are invited to spend Wednesday mornings singing songs and listening to stories. No registration necessary.

Wednesday, June 13 and July 11 (2 - 2:45 p.m.) Trailblazing Tweens — Tweens - Join us for trailblazing talk on books, audios, DVDs and more. Registration required, starting June 6 or July 4.

Thursday, June 14, 21, and 28 and July 5, 12 and 19 (11 a.m. - 12 p.m.) Reading in the Garden — Short stories and more will be read aloud each week. In case of rain, we will move indoors. No registration necessary.

Friday, June 15, 22, 29 and July 6, 13 and 20 Friday Films — Join us for this family-friendly summer film series. Limit 40. Registration required one week before each film. Films to be shown:

June 15 (2 - 4:30 p.m.) *Fly Away Home* (PG)
June 22 (2 - 4:30 p.m.) *The Cat From Outer Space* (G)
June 29 (2-4:30 p.m.) *Oliver!* (G)
July 6 (1 - 4:30 p.m.) *Freaky Friday* double-feature (G and PG)
July 13 (2 - 4:30 p.m.) *Akeelah and the Bee* (PG)
July 20 (1 - 4:30 p.m.) *The Love Bug/Herbie Fully Loaded* (double-feature - both rated G)

Monday, June 18 and 25 and July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 Rainy Days and Mondays — Too hot? Rained out? Bored? Stop by the Youth Services Department and play a game or two!

Monday, June 18 and July 16 (3 - 5 p.m.) Junior Knit Know How — A basic beginner class for grades 4 & 5. Materials are provided. Registration required, starting June 11 and July 9. Limited class size.

Tuesday, June 19 (2 - 3:30 p.m.) Camp Survivor Challenge — Children in grades K - 2 will compete in *Survivor*-style challenges. Registration required, beginning June 12. Sunscreen suggested! Program will be cancelled if it rains.

Wednesday, June 20 (2 - 2:45 p.m.) Tall Tales — Enjoy some rip-roaring tall tales! Fair weather: we'll be outside near the Storytime room; bring a cushion or blanket to sit on. Rain: held indoors. Registration required starting June 13. Grades K - 4.

Wednesday, June 20 and July 18 (7 - 7:30 p.m.) Campfire Tales — Let's sit around the campfire for an evening of stories and songs. PJs and blankets are welcome! All ages. No registration.

Saturday, June 23 (2 - 3 p.m.) Safe on the Trail — We'll learn basic first aid. For kids in grade 3- 5. Registration required, starting June 16.

Tuesday, June 26 (2 - 2:45 p.m.) All Tied Up! — Make a no-sew bandanna tote for your summer gear. Supplies provided. Registration required, starting June 19. Grades 4 and 5.

Wednesday, June 27 (7 - 8 p.m.) Read, White and Blue Zap's USA Tour — Take a magic trip around the world with Zap the Wonder Chap. Tickets will be available in Youth Services starting June 20.

Saturday, June 30 (1 - 4 p.m.) Lego Build-Off — Kids in grades K - 12: bring your Legos and build anytime between 1 and 3 p.m. Prizes awarded at 3:30. Registration required, starting June 23.

Monday, July 9 (2 - 3 p.m.) Outback Ray's Amazing Animal Show — Join

Cleveland's own Outback Ray for a hands-on show featuring a variety of exotic animals. Tickets available in Youth Services starting July 2.

Monday, July 16 (7 - 8 p.m.) Campfire Songs — Gather 'round the campfire for camp stories, songs, sing-a-longs, and maybe a ghost story or two! No registration necessary. All ages.

Tuesday, July 17 (2 - 3:30 p.m.) Camp Survivor Challenge — Children in grades 3 - 5 will compete in *Survivor*-style challenges. Registration required, beginning July 10. Sunscreen suggested! Program will be cancelled if it rains.

Wednesday, July 18 (2 - 3:30 p.m.) Kite Konstruct — We're making kites from clear dry cleaner bags, so bring one in for construction! Grades 4 and 5. Registration required, starting July 11.

Saturday, July 21 (11 a.m. - 12 p.m.) Kamp Krafts for Kids — Make a cool summer camp craft with us! For kids in grades 2 - 4. Registration required, starting July 14. We're using paint, so dress appropriately.

Art at the Library

Check out these artists featured in our art gallery area!

June, 2007

Ed Palsha — Watercolors and Pastels

July, 2007

Doris Minnich — Watercolors



Registering for programs

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