

# Westland Public Library

## Happenings

December 2011



Funding for all library programs provided by the Friends of the Westland Public Library

### Winter Concerts

(Sundays in December)

Dec 04 | 2 pm

*Gratitude Steel Band*

Holiday-style Carribean drums

Dec 11 | 3 pm

*Nique LoveRhodes*

Hip-hop with a positive spin

Dec 18 | 2 pm

*Kim Waldorf*

Harp music for all ages

### Cookie Exchange\*

Sunday, Dec 11 | 4 pm

Bring in your favorite recipe and 2 dozen homemade cookies and leave with samples and recipes from other baking enthusiasts.

### eReader Information Session\*

Tuesday, Dec 06 | 7 pm

Thinking about adding an e-reader to your holiday wish list, but don't know which one is right for you? We'll have an **e-Reader Specialist** from the Westland Best Buy to demonstrate different brands and models.

### Future of NASA\*

Wednesday, Dec 07 | 7 pm

Join NASA JPL Solar System Ambassador, **Sarah Smith**, to discuss the future of NASA and America's work in space. Sarah will have goodies for everyone who attends.

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### Hot Cocoa Kits

Monday, Dec 19 | 6:30 pm

Have a lot of people on your "nice" list? Make a gift for them that's fun, delicious and inexpensive. We'll show you how to make your own cocoa mix, personalize marshmallows, and wrap it up in a holiday package. A great gift for teachers and coworkers! All Ages Welcome!

### Glass Etching\*

Tuesday, Dec 13 | 6:30 pm

Turn ordinary glass into an extraordinary present! We'll show you how to etch wintry designs onto water glasses to make a personalized gift.

### DIY Holiday: Crafty Gifts

Get crafty this holiday season with homemade gifts! All materials provided.

### Teens: Hot Beverage Sleeves\*

Thursday, Dec 15 | 6 pm

We're making hot beverage cozies or sleeves from felt. They are perfect to place over your disposable hot chocolate or tea container to protect your hands from heat. They also make great gifts for any coffee drinker you know!

### Paper Ornaments

Saturday, Dec 17 | 2 pm

Come learn how to make some beautiful paper ornaments for your Christmas tree or to give to others this holiday season.

### Winter Hours

Monday—Thursday

9 am — 9 pm

Friday—Saturday

9 am — 5 pm

Sunday

12 pm— 5 pm

## just for kids! PROGRAMS

### Plastic Modeling Workshop\*

**Ages 6+ | Saturday, Dec 03 | 1 pm**

Learn plastic model building with the **International Plastic Modelers Society of Livonia**. Each registered child will receive a free model kit to complete during the workshop.

### Storm the Castle\*

**Ages 8–12 | Saturday, Dec 10 | 1–2:30 pm**

Have you ever wanted to use a catapult to storm a castle? Here is your chance! Come make your very own catapult and castle for battle!

### Fairy Fun\*

**Ages 5–12 | Sunday, Dec 11 | 2 pm**

Join us for some fairy crafts. These are the crafts done in Fairy Magic in August so if you missed Fairy Magic, here's your chance!

\*Children under 5-7 must be accompanied by an adult.

### Fabric Flowers

**Ages 10+ | Saturday, Dec 17 | 1 pm**

Come learn to sew fabric flowers! Use the flowers in your hair, as a pin, or to give as holiday gifts!

### Family Movie Matinee

**Wednesday, Dec 28 | 1 pm**

Join us for a free family movie (G or PG rating). All ages welcome! Enjoy the show!

\*Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

### Creative Crafts

**Ages 4-12 | Tuesday, Jan 03 | 1–4 pm**

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of winter crafts! Everything you need will be ready to go!

## just for kids! WEEKLY STORYTIMES

*Our weekly storytimes will resume in January-see you then!*

### Toddler Tales Holiday Hoopla!

**Ages 1.5–3 | Tuesday, Dec 06 | 10 & 11 am**

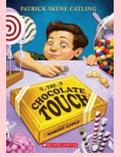
Join Mrs. Fry for tons of stories, songs, and a fun holiday craft!

## just for kids! BOOK CLUBS\*

### Family

**Sunday, Dec 04 | 1–2:30 pm**

*The Chocolate Touch*  
by Patrick Skene Catling



### 1st & 2nd Grade

**Sunday, Dec 18 | 1–2 pm**

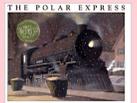
*Choose Your Own Adventure: Ghost Island*  
by Shannon Gilligan



### 3rd & 4th Grade

**Tuesday, Dec 13 | 7 pm**

*The Polar Express*  
by Chris Van Allsburg



### 5th & 6th Grade

**Thursday, Dec 01 | 7 pm**

*Half-Moon Investigations*  
by Eoin Colfer



## Get Up and Move!

**Ages 8-12 | Sunday, Dec 18 | 2:30–3:30 pm**

**Ages 5-7 | Sunday, Dec 18 | 4–4:45 pm**

Each month we'll try a new activity and play a different type of game. Be sure to wear comfortable clothes!

## Get Up and Move! Preschool

**Monday, Dec 12 | 10:30 am & 12:30 pm**

Attend with your preschooler and learn fun new ways to play. Each activity will work on different skills like kick, catch, balance, and more. Come ready to move around and have fun!

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## Red Cross Blood Drive\*

**Thursday, Dec 29 | 10-4 pm**

Make an appointment by stopping by or calling the Circulation desk, calling 1-800-GIVELIFE or just drop in! Donors with appointments will be given priority.

## District Coffee Hour

Monday, Dec 05 | 9-10 am

Join State Senator Glenn Anderson and State Representative Richard LeBlanc for a monthly district coffee hour. Ask questions and share your concerns with your local government officials.

## Open Mic Night

Thursday, Dec 08 | 7 pm

Sing, read, play, express at our monthly open mic nights.

Local Bluesman John Latini emcees.

## Screenwriting Workshop

Thursday, Dec 08 | 7 pm

Learn about the art of writing for the big and small screens with **Drew Tierney**, screenwriter and novelist.

## Writers Club

Monday, Dec 19 | 7 pm

Do you have stories or poems or ideas you would like others to hear, but not critique, in a casual atmosphere?

Led by **Cheryl Vatcher-Martin**.

## Westland Writers Workshop

Tuesday, Dec 20 | 7 pm

The Writers Workshop critiques individuals' writing in a workshop setting. We will tell you what is working with your piece, as well as what needs improvement. All genres accepted.

## Documentary Movie Night

Wednesday, Dec 21 | 7 pm

*Exit Through the Gift Shop* (2010)

Through his relationships with Paris' street artists, amateur filmmaker Thierry Guetta comes to focus on the ever-elusive Banksy, documenting his work and eventually becoming something of a street artist in his own right. By the end of the film subject and documentarist have switched roles, with incredible results. Brilliant documentary or elaborate artistic hoax? You decide.

Refreshments will be provided.

## look for these programs EVERY MONTH

### Computer Classes\*

A variety of free, hands-on computer classes are offered every month at the library. Space is limited, so sign up at the Reference Desk.

### Chess Club

Thursdays | 6 pm      Saturdays | 1 pm

Like to play chess? Come to the Westland Chess Club and hang out and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to chess masters are welcome.

### Drop-In Knitting Nights

Wednesdays | 7 pm

Join **Linda Sparkman** of Black Sheep Northville as she provides group & individual instruction.

All skill levels are welcome.

### Job Seekers Lab

Tuesdays | 10 am – 1 pm

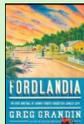
Wednesdays | 5 pm – 8 pm

Fridays | 1 pm – 4 pm

A librarian will be available to assist you in filing for unemployment, creating and uploading a resume and other job-related tasks.

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## monthly BOOK CLUBS\*



Adult

Tuesday, Dec 20 | 7 pm

*Fordlandia* by Greg Grandin

Science Fiction/Fantasy

*The Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club*  
will return in January.

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