SEPTEMBER
Library Card Sign-up Month

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GET YOUR WPL LIBRARY CARD IN SEPTEMBER AND BE ENTERED TO WIN A $25 GIFT CARD

FALL PROGRAMS INSIDE
Preschool Storytime, Ages 3 – 5
9:30 a.m., Mon., Tues., Wed., or Thurs.

Toddler Time, Ages 2 - 3
10:15 a.m., Mon., Tues., Wed., or Thurs.

Baby Lapsit 2, Ages 12 – 24 months
11 a.m., Mon., or Thurs.

Baby Lapsit 1, Ages 0 – 12 months
11 a.m., Wed.

Babies to 12 Months
Attend with Caregiver

Bouncing Babies
Fri., Sept. 16, 10 a.m.
Shake, rattle, and roll at a one-of-a-kind zany event. Register.

Pumpkin Finger-Painting
Fri., Oct. 14, 10 a.m.
Create pumpkin pictures and a handprint pumpkin. Register.

Stay & Play: Sensory Fun
Fri., Nov. 11, 10 a.m.
Explore sensory activities & play with other babies. You'll have so much fun playing that you won't want to leave! Register.

Preschoolers Ages 3 – 5
Attend with Caregiver

Creative Preschoolers
Wed., Oct. 12, 7 p.m.
Choose supplies and create art. Register.

Building Blocks for Tots
Each Monday, a new Building Blocks learning kit is available for pickup at the Circulation Desk. While Supplies Last

Babies 12 to 24 months or 2-Year-Olds
Attend with Caregiver

Baby Tunes
Fri., Sept. 30, 10 a.m.
Get ready for a rockin' and rollin' good time: sing, move, and play instruments. Register.

Paint a Pumpkin
Fri., Oct. 21, 10 a.m.
Work with your baby to paint a mini pumpkin together. Register.

Baby Explorers
Fri., Nov. 18, 10 a.m.
What will your baby discover during this half hour of fun and exploration?! Register.

TOTALLY TOTS: PLAY WITH PURPOSE!

Totally Tots: Alpha Palooza
Tues., Sept. 20, 1:30 p.m. Register.

Totally Tots: Math Wizards
Tues., Oct. 18, 1:30 p.m. Register.

Totally Tots: Super Science
Tues., Nov. 15, 1:30 p.m. Register.
**Grades K – 3**

**Book Magic: Going to the Zoo**
Thurs., Sept. 15, 4 p.m. OR 7 p.m.
Wild stories, activities, and craft. Register.

**Book Magic: Monstrous Tales**
Thurs., Oct. 20
4 p.m. OR 7 p.m.
Spooky stories, activities, & craft. Register.

**Kids Coloring & Conversation**
Thurs., Oct. 13, 3:30 p.m.
Chat & create art with our large assortment of coloring pages, crayons, and pencils. Register.

**Grades 3 – 5**

**Paper Airplane STEM Challenge**
Mon., Oct. 10, 1 p.m.
Farthest throw? Closest to the target? Most creative design? Let's go! Register.

**Squishies, Pop-its, and Fidgets Galore**
Sat., Nov. 19, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Pop in to rank fidget toys & create an oddly satisfying fidget to take home. Bonus: we're raffling off the test fidgets!

**Grades 4 – 8**

**S.T.E.A.M. Time**

**Rocket Launch**
Mon., Sept. 12, 4:30 p.m.

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**Build the Tallest Paper Tower**
Mon., Nov. 14, 4:30 p.m.

**S.T.E.A.M TIME: Chain Reaction Machines**
Mon., Oct. 10, 4:30 p.m.
Register for each program.

**Stranger Things:**

**Ultimate Dungeons & Dragons Campaign**
Fri., Oct. 21, 6 p.m.
Step into the world of Stranger Things -- you too can be just like Mike, Will, Dustin, or Lucas. Play a *brief* Stranger Things-themed Dungeons & Dragons campaign, with a special library twist. Register.

**Grades 1 – 4**

**Beyblade: Tournament of Champions**
Fri., Sept. 9, 6 – 8 p.m.
Compete in a live, in-person tournament at the library. Battle forces of good and evil on your way to winning it all! Bring your own Beyblade(s) & launcher to compete. Register.

**Grades 1 – 6**

**School BINGO**
Thurs. Sept. 8, 4 p.m. OR 7 p.m. Register.

**Halloween BINGO**
Thurs., Oct. 27, 4 p.m. OR 7 p.m. Register.

**Thanksgiving BINGO**
Fri., Nov. 18, 4 p.m. OR 7 p.m. Register.

**Can you Build an Animal with Legos?**
Tues. Sept. 20, 6 p.m. Register.

**LEGOs: Things That Go**
Tues. Nov. 15, 6 p.m. Register.

**Grades 3 – 8**

**Faux Stained Glass Program**
Sat., Sept. 10, 11 a.m. OR 1 p.m.
It's not real stained glass, but it looks like it! Paint a character like Stitch, Hello Kitty, Among Us, and more. Register.

**What Can You do with...Sharpies?!**
Fri., Sept. 16, 3:30 p.m.

**What Can You do with...Puzzle Pieces?!**
Fri., Oct. 21, 3:30 p.m.

**What Can You do with...Glue?!**
Fri., Nov. 11, 3:30 p.m.
Register for each program.

**Clay Creations**
Tues., Sept. 27, 3:30 p.m.
Sculpt with amazing quick drying clay. Register.

**Clay Creations: Turkey Edition**
Mon., Nov. 21, 10 a.m. OR Noon
Register.

**Paint & Jam**
Sat., Oct. 8, 11 a.m. OR 1 p.m.
Listen to cool music & paint. Register.
**CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS**

**Family Programs**

**Stories in the Park**
Pet Stories at 83rd Street Park
Fri., Sept. 9, 10 a.m.

**Halloween Stories at Sunnydale Park**
Fri., Oct. 7, 10 a.m.
Meet us for stories, songs, and a craft. Register.

**Ultimate Family Game Night**
Fri., Sept. 23, 6 – 7:30 p.m.
Boredom-busting, cool games.

**Dia de los Muertos Craft Week**
Oct. 24 – Oct. 30
Drop by to make colorful crafts related to the traditional celebration of the Day of the Dead holiday.

**Day of the Dead, Celebration & Parade**
Tues., Oct. 25, 7 p.m.
Dance, join a children's parade, & hear traditional Mexican music as Senorita Alejandra Osorio tells the story "Dia de los Muertos" while wearing beautiful skull makeup! Register.

**Library Trick or Treating**
October 31, All day. Drop in.
Stop by the library in costume and we will have a treat for you.

**Magic Show! All Ages**
Sat., Nov. 12, Noon

Don’t miss magician Gary Kantor's thrilling and entertaining magic show packed with vanishing, mind-reading, and a variety of hilarious tricks that will have kids rolling on the floor with laughter. Register.

**Take & Make**
Available for pick up at the desk in the lobby starting on the date listed while supplies last.

- Fall Hedgehog
  Sept. 12 – 18
- Tissue Paper Fall Tree
  Sept. 26 – Oct. 2
- Pumpkin Patch or Witch Scene
  Oct 10 – 16
- Flying Bat
  Oct 24 – 30
- Turkey Headband
  Nov. 7 – 13
- Scarecrow Craft
  Nov. 21 – 27

**TWEEN Take & Makes**

- Tween Pony Bead Animals
  Sept. 19 – 25
- Tween 3D String Art
  October 17 - 23
- Tween Straw Weaving: Yarn Keychain
  Nov. 28 – Dec. 4

**Scavenger Hunts!**
In the Children’s Dept.
September 4 – 11
October 23 – 31
November 13 – 20

**Tween Takeover After Hours:**
Cartoons, Games & Crafts
Sat., Nov. 5, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
When the library closes the fun begins! We are ordering pizza and you can snack at the cereal bar while watching your favorite cartoons, make cool crafts, and play games. Wearing PJs or lounge pants is optional but encouraged. Register.
Celebrate Library Card Sign-up Month with prize giveaways and more.

A month-long "Get a Library Card" campaign with weekly prize drawings kicks off on September 1 at the Woodridge Public Library. Every adult who signs up for a card wins a WPL emoji magnet and a chance to win one of four gift cards to local restaurants: Legends, Ike & Oak, Jameson's Charhouse, and Lima Fresca.

ALL cardholders--new cardholders and current cardholders--may enter to win a $25 gift card.

Children and teens who sign up can choose a fidget toy prize and can have their parent take their photo on our red carpet as they show off their new card.

To enter, visit the Circulation Desk in the lobby.

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Winners Announced: November 7
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- Winners will receive a gift card & have their photo featured online.
- For details, and to submit photos, visit the library’s website starting October 1: woodridgelibrary.org

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Pick up a small pumpkin from the library, while supplies last. Take it home & decorate it. Return the pumpkin to the library by October 21 for display and judging. Gift cards awarded! One pumpkin & entry per household. Work as a team. You may supply your own mini pumpkin if desired.

**Want more information?**
Find all the details at woodridgelibrary.org
We hope to see you soon!

**All Ages**
**OBTAINING A LIBRARY CARD IS SIMPLE!**
If you live in incorporated Woodridge, all you need is a photo ID with your current address.
If your ID does not have your current address on it, please also bring a piece of mail (like a utility bill) with your new address on it. Just stop by the front desk and one of our friendly staff members will sign you up for a new card.

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STEM Ghosts
Sat., Oct 1, 1 p.m.
Help engineer a life-sized ghost to haunt the lobby. Make smaller ghosts that seem to defy gravity as they "float." Make & take home a few ghosts.

Teen Halloween Hangout
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Happy Hallow“teen”!
Get in the holiday spirit at our Teen Halloween Hangout. Eat pizza, play games, and make a craft. We’re watching a spooky Stranger Things episode, and we have plenty of candy. Come have a fun time!

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Sept. 19

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Oct. 10

Owl Candy Bar Gift Wrappers
Nov. 14

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Crafting
Candy Corn Wreath Craft Night
Wed., Sept 14, 6:30 p.m.
This wreath is simple to make, and its cute candy corn design will have your neighbors talking!

Day of the Dead Bracelet Craft Program
Sat., October 15, 2–3:30pm
Design, create, and take home a Day of the Dead bracelet. For adults and teens.

Ribbons & Strings: Gift Wrapping Workshop
Wed., Nov. 30, 7 p.m.
Learn new gift-wrapping skills in a fun hands-on workshop: how to deal with hard-to-wrap gifts by creating a bag with wrapping paper, plus amazing bow-making, with professional gift wrapper Hilary Vincent.

Bucket List
Life on the Appalachian Trail
Sat., Sept. 24, 2 p.m.
John Lynn has hiked the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine. His first-hand account of life on the trail is informative and entertaining. Don't miss his stunning images and practical trail tips.

TRENDING
Kombucha Tea: Brewing Demo
Wed., Oct. 5, 7 p.m.
Andrea Pracht shows us how to brew kombucha – a probiotic-rich sweet tea that can help support a healthy gut. You'll be surprised at how easy & affordable it is to make this tasty drink at home.

Puzzle Packs:
Pets Edition, September 7 – 13
Autumn Edition, October 12 – 18
Friends Edition, November 9 – 15
Take home a free collection of word, number, and logic puzzles. Available at desk in the lobby.

Finance
Can You Afford to Retire?
Tues., Sept. 20, 7 p.m.
Assess your retirement readiness with retirement expert Dr. Jim Flanagan.

Medicare 101
Thurs., Oct. 13, 7 p.m.
Get a clear overview of Medicare and the decisions important for anyone about to retire or already using Medicare, from David Wylly.

Fall Book Discussions
Copies available at the Circulation Desk one month before the discussion. Woodridgebooktalk.org for book descriptions.

The Last Thing He Told Me
by Laura Dave
Tues., Sept. 27, 7 p.m.
The Violin Conspiracy
by Brendan Slocumb
Tues., Oct. 25, 7 p.m.
Lessons in Chemistry
by Bonnie Garmus
Tues., Nov. 29, 7 p.m.
WOODRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

From the Director

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, and we are celebrating all month long. Every adult who signs up for a card gets an emoji magnet (made on our in-house 3-D printer). Children and teens who sign up can choose from an assortment of fidget toy prizes. You can also take advantage of our fun red carpet photo op! Take a picture of your child while they feel like a celebrity on our red carpet, complete with a giant library card to help celebrate the occasion.

October is our 4th Annual Mini-Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Unleash your creativity on our pumpkins by decorating them in whatever manner your muse demands. Winners will be selected in categories such as Scariest, Cutest, and Funniest design. Gift cards will be awarded! Pumpkin pickup starts Oct. 1st and decorated pumpkins are due back to the library for display and judging by October 21st. One pumpkin per household.

November is our Family Magic Show! On Saturday, November 12th at noon, join us and magician Gary Kantor for a fun and amazing magic show. You'll be dazzled and mystified by his magic tricks and enjoy a laughter-filled show. Bring your family, bring your friends, bring your neighbors.

- Pam Dubé

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Library Hours
Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
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Sunday 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

CLOSED: Sept. 5 Labor Day
CLOSED: Nov. 24 Thanksgiving

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OUR VISION
We aspire to foster curiosity and delight.