

West Hempstead Public Library Newsletter

Winter 2024

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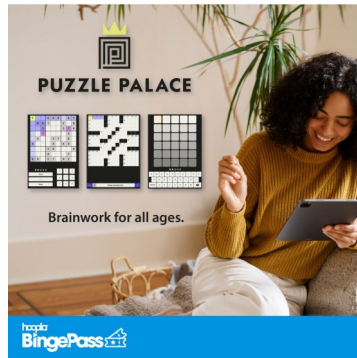
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NEW Puzzle Palace BingoPass from hoopla

Set off on a puzzle-packed adventure with the new Puzzle Palace BingoPass on hoopla! With 19 mind-bending puzzles including Sudoku, crosswords, word games, and more, endless brain-teasing fun awaits.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/title/16101808>

Try out our **NEW** self-checkout machine!



Please take a few minutes to take our library survey. It is completely anonymous and will allow us to better serve you.

Thank you!



Also available on our homepage
www.whplibrary.org

CELEBRATION

National Tea Month

Stop by the Adult Reference today for a free tea bag.

Monday, January 8

Assorted teas available.

ADULTS

Registration begins Tuesday, January 2 except where indicated.
All registration fees are non-refundable.

Crafts

Hug Day - Hug This Kits

TAKE AND MAKE

Wednesday, January 24

Cost: \$5 (check payable to WHPL)

This kit comes with an adorable stuffed animal that "hugs" the yarn you will use to knit or crochet a beautiful blanket. Animals and yarn colors vary and will be available on a first come basis. A crochet video is available upon request. One crochet hook is available per person (not per kit) as supplies last. **Pickup begins at 1 p.m.**



Hot Chocolate Mug

IN PERSON

Tuesday, January 30

7-8 p.m.

Join us in decorating a mug for National Hot Chocolate Day (Jan 31). Choose from selected designs; then choose from selected vinyl and let our Cricut machine do the rest! West Hempstead cardholders only.

Sumi-e Painting

IN PERSON

Monday, February 26

2-3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$3 (check payable to WHPL)

In celebration of Chinese New Year, instructor Eddie Hug will teach this distinctive art form using black ink to create a lovely Chinese painting.



Financial

IN PERSON

Taxes 101: Preventing Needless Tax Liabilities

Monday, January 22

7-8:30 p.m.

The average American pays more income taxes than necessary simply because of a failure to understand the tax code and by not capitalizing on opportunities permitted. This class demonstrates how an informed taxpayer can reduce his tax burden by planning and deploying strategies designed to take full advantage of the code's allowances, credits and deductions. The presentation also examines the most important line item on Form 1040.

Financial Fridays

Rory Pinsky from Cetera Investors will discuss a different topic every month. Bring your questions!

February 9: Savvy Social Security Planning: What Baby Boomers Need to Know to Help Maximize Retirement Income
11 a.m.-12 p.m.

March 8: Managing Healthcare Expenses in Retirement: What Baby Boomers Need to Know About Medicare and Long-Term Care
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Grieve Your Assessment

Monday, February 12

2-3 p.m.

Town of Hempstead Department of Assessment will enlighten residents on the grievance process which may result in a lower home assessment, thus reducing property taxes.

Health



IN PERSON

Vaccination Event

Friday, January 19

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Parker at Your Door (Parker Jewish Institute) will be here with the flu and COVID-19 vaccinations. No registration, just walk-in. *In the Community Room.*

Multigenerational

See **S.T.A.G.E.S.** (page 5)

IN PERSON

Chocolate Bark

Monday, February 12 7-8:30 p.m.

Cost \$3 (check payable to WHPL)

Join us for some hot chocolate and make this Valentine's Day chocolate bark for yourself or share with someone special.

Irish Soda Bread

Monday, March 11 7-8:30 p.m.

Cost \$3 (check payable to WHPL)

St. Patrick's Day isn't complete without a loaf of Priscilla's Irish Soda Bread! Make it here; take it home to bake and enjoy!

ADULTS

Registration begins Tuesday, January 2 except where indicated.
All registration fees are non-refundable.

Food

Caramel Apple Popcorn Bars

TAKE AND MAKE

Friday, January 19 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Register for this delicious kosher take and make! All ingredients are included, except for butter. West Hempstead cardholders only. One per household.

National Ice Cream for Breakfast Day

IN PERSON

Saturday, February 3 10-11:30 a.m.

Join us for National Ice Cream for Breakfast Day. We will be making Belgium waffles with ice cream. A topping bar will also be provided, so bring your appetites! West Hempstead cardholders only.



National Pizza Day

TAKE AND MAKE

Friday, February 9 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Register for this scrumptious take and make. Pick up pizza dough, pizza sauce, cheese and Italian spices to make your very own pizza! You can add any additional toppings you want. There is a kosher option. West Hempstead cardholders only. One per household. All ingredients are included.

Grilled Cheese

IN PERSON

Monday, April 8

7-8:30 p.m.

Cost: \$3 (payable by check to WHPL)

You will be amazed with the multitude and assortment of items Chef Julie will provide for you to create the perfect grilled cheese sandwich in celebration of National Grilled Cheese Day (April 12). Let your imagination run wild!



Exercise

HYBRID

Our exercise classes are now HYBRID. You can choose to register for either an **in person/hybrid** **OR** a **virtual** class. All registrants will receive a link to access the 24/7 recorded video. Your registration will NOT be approved until payment is received. No refunds will be given. A voucher will be provided if more than three classes are canceled by the library. Make your check payable to WHPL and mail/bring it to the West Hempstead Public Library - Attn: Programs, 500 Hempstead Avenue, West Hempstead, NY 11552. Include on the check: your name, address, phone number and the name of the class.



SIMPLY STRONGER with Marilyn Bunger

9:45-10:45 a.m.

Tuesdays: January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19

Cost: \$33 (payable only by check to WHPL)



YOGA with Joe Cilmi

12-1 p.m.

Wednesdays: January 10, 17, 24, February 14, 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20

Cost: \$33 (payable only by check to WHPL)

TAI CHI / MEDITATION with Eddie Hug

7-8 p.m.

Wednesdays: January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20

Cost: \$33 (payable only by check to WHPL)

ADULTS

Registration begins Tuesday, January 2 except where indicated.

Lectures and More

Conversation Circle

VIRTUAL

with Sandy Hinden

Wednesdays:

February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27
2:30-3:30 p.m.

Sit virtually and chat with friends and neighbors and stay connected. Have a topic you'd like to discuss? Join us and share it with the group. Registrants will receive a copy of Sandy's book, *7 Keys to Love*.

Solar Eclipse

IN PERSON

Thursday, March 7

7-8 p.m.

All ages may join local astronomer Jim to learn about the upcoming solar eclipse in April.

FARE

VIRTUAL

Friday, March 8

12-1 p.m.

It's International Women's Day! FARE (Fostering Access, Rights and Equity) is an outreach program presented by the NYS Department of Labor. The goal is to empower women with the important knowledge and information regarding employment rights and benefits. The presentation will cover topics such as: Minimum Wage and Overtime; The Gender Pay Gap; Salary History Ban Law; Pay Transparency Law; Equal Pay Provision; Worker Misclassification; NYS Paid Family Leave; NYS Paid Sick and Safe Leave; Sexual Harassment in the Workplace; Expressing Breast Milk in the Workplace and How to File a Complaint with the NYS Department of Labor.



BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK



Single? In a relationship? No matter! Stop by the library between January 26 and February 14 and if you are up for a rendezvous, check out one of the books on display. They will be wrapped up and you will not know the identity of your blind date until you get it home. You might be disappointed; but then again... you may end up having a great time with an author you would otherwise never have read.

Sign up and get your "Blind Date" at the Reference desk! **One "Blind Date" per patron.** If any books are still available after February 9, you may check out more.

Inside each book is a "Rate Your Blind Date" slip. Email your completed slip to wosorno@whplib.org or drop it off at the Reference desk by Friday, February 23 to be invited to our celebration on **Monday, March 4 at 7 p.m.** We will discuss our blind dates, pick our raffle winners and have some fun!

Sunday Programs

IN PERSON

February 4

4 Ways from Sunday

2-3:15 p.m.

4 Ways from Sunday presents a lively program of time-tested classics from the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s.

March 3

The Traditions

2-3:15 p.m.

The Traditions are an oldies a cappella band that brings back the wonderful sound of the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s.

EARTH DAY FAMILY EVENT

April 14

2-4 p.m.

Join us for this outdoor family event. Each family will receive supplies to plant a beautiful butterfly garden consisting of four flower pots and a butterfly stake.

Seniors, Teens, Adults, Generational Events and Spotlights

Programs are open to West Hempstead residents. Space permitting, non-residents may participate. Multigenerational programs welcome adults and teens (13+); family groups (parent/child) are not required. Emerging Adults programs are for ages 18 to 25 and college students of all ages.

Multigenerational

IN PERSON


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Irish Soda Bread

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St. Patrick's Day isn't complete without a loaf of Priscilla's Irish Soda Bread! Make it here; take it home to bake and enjoy!



Emerging Adults

TAKE AND MAKE

Diamond Painting

Thursday, March 21

Complete a diamond painting art project to decorate your dorm or room.

Spotlight

Ready for your
GRE®, GMAT®, LSAT®, or MCAT®?
Take FREE practice tests from
The Princeton Review®

tutor.com
A Service of The Princeton Review

Access Tutor.com with your WHPL Card

Your West Hempstead Public Library card and an email address is all you need to register for Tutor.com. Connect with a live tutor from 2 to 10 p.m. to cover your introductory college courses or prep for many exams. Also included is a writers "Drop Off" to receive feedback before submitting to your professor.

BILINGUAL

Registration begins Tuesday, January 2.

VIRTUAL

BEGINNER SPANISH CLASSES with Mrs. Preciado

Tuesdays: January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26

1:30-3 p.m.

INTERMEDIATE SPANISH CLASSES with Mrs. Preciado

Tuesdays: January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26
Cost: \$10 (check payable to WHPL)

4-6 p.m.

ADVANCED SPANISH CLASSES with Mrs. Preciado

Tuesdays: January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26
Cost: \$10 (check payable to WHPL)

7-8 p.m.

SPANISH/ENGLISH CONVERSATION CIRCLE with Piedad

Thursdays: January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, March 7, 14, 21, 28
Come practice your Spanish and read a bilingual book together!

3-4:30 p.m.

Bilingual Cooking

Gorditas de Leche Condensada (Sweetened Condensed Cakes)

Saturday, February 10

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$3 (check payable to WHPL)

IN PERSON

TWEENS / TEENS

Registration begins Tuesday, January 2.

Tweens (grades 5-8)



Winter Hat Décor

Monday, January 22

Paint a wooden hat and then add a pom-pom and trim accent.

TAKE AND MAKE



Spring Wind Chimes

Thursday, March 7

Paint and decorate wooden wind chimes to get ready for the nicer weather.

TAKE AND MAKE



Huggable Sloths

Tuesday, February 6

Follow along and paint a huggable sloth ceramic.

TAKE AND MAKE



Soap Making

Tuesday, March 19

Melt and pour your own soap into molds.

IN PERSON

7-8:30 p.m.



Embroidered Tote

Monday, February 26

Learn some embroidery stitches to monogram a tote bag.

IN PERSON

7-8:30 p.m.



KEVA PLANK PLAY

Build and Explore on the Teen Table

Saturdays & Sundays

January 20, 21 & February 24, 25
12-4 p.m.

Teens (grades 6-12)

PAPER CIRCUIT
3D house



3D Paper Circuit House

Wednesday, January 10

Create a simple electric circuit using conductive copper tape, an LED and a coin cell battery. Add your creative finishing touches by decorating and personalizing your lit-up house.

TAKE AND MAKE



SAT Prep Course - 5 week class

Thursdays: January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Learn study tips and tricks from Hofstra Prep teacher, Laura La Vacca. This course will cover the digital format. Students should bring a copy of the *Official SAT Study Guide 2020 Edition* by The College Board with them to the class.

Program fee of \$95 made payable to Laura La Vacca is due with registration.

IN PERSON



Escape Room: Hunger Games

Monday, January 29

Work as a team to escape the arena and the Capitol before time runs out. May the odds be ever in your favor! **Please choose 1 session.**

IN PERSON

6-6:45 p.m. or 7:30-8:15 p.m.



Mini Pizza Swirls

Wednesday, February 7

Receive basic ingredients to make a delicious snack just in time for Super Bowl Sunday!

TAKE AND MAKE

Introduction to College Admissions

Monday, March 4

Find out everything you need to know about applying to college from school guidance and college advisor, Debbie Gershow Lindell. Students and parents welcome! Program will take place on Zoom.

VIRTUAL

7:30-8:30 p.m.



Rainbow LED Nightlight

Wednesday, March 13

Create a rainbow nightlight to brighten your room.

TAKE AND MAKE

Programs are open to West Hempstead residents. Space permitting, non-residents may participate.

TWEENS / TEENS**Community Service (grades 6-12)****TAKE AND MAKE***Registration begins Tuesday, January 2.***3Cs**

January 5, February 2, March 1, April 5
Separate registration required each month.
 Pick up a packet to make cards for children or adults. Cards are donated to a different organization each month of the school year.

Miscellaneous Kits*Wednesday, January 17*

Choose from a variety of kits to complete for donation to various organizations. Projects due by February 29.

BONUS: Earn an additional 2 hours by emailing teens@whplibrary.org a video of completing the project for use on the library's social accounts.

Totes for National Library Week*Wednesday, February 21*

Decorate tote bags to be given out to patrons during National Library Week. Projects must be returned by March 31.

**Bookmark Preparation***Wednesday, March 20*

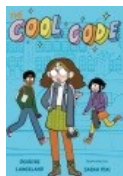
Cut and label bookmarks to be given out to patrons throughout the year.

Photos from the Great Give Back Frames for Shelter Pets!*For grades 9-12*

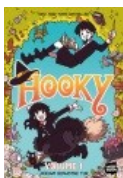
Join the **Review Crew** and submit reviews of books to be posted on our website.

Book in a Bag (grades 5+)*Registration begins Tuesday, January 2.*

Receive a book, snack and prizes. Return the book, but keep the rest.
Don't forget to rate your book!

**Graphic Novel:*****The Cool Code* by Diedre Langeland***Wednesday, January 24*

When a twelve-year-old coding whiz goes from homeschooled to new school, she develops an app to help her make friends. Will the Cool Code help Zoey fit in? Or will it completely crash her social life?

**Graphic Novel:*****Hooky* by Miriam Bonastre Tur***Wednesday, February 14*

When Dani and Dorian missed the bus to magic school, they never thought they'd wind up declared traitors to their own kind! Now, thanks to a series of mishaps, they are being chased by powerful magic families.

Free with your library card!**Test Prep: AP, SAT, ACT and Regents exams**

Tutor.com offers live one-on-one help available everyday from 2 to 10 p.m.
Skill Center with practice tests and study guides available 24/7.



Fiero Code is a self-paced, learn-to-code software. Note: To sign up, you will need a West Hempstead Library Card, email address and will need to create a username and password.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Registration dates for Children's programs begin one week prior, except where noted. Please check on EventKeeper.

Children's programs for West Hempstead residents are listed below. A library card is needed to register for all programs, with preference given to West Hempstead residents. Non-residents can be added 24 hours before a program, if space allows. **Register on EventKeeper.**

January

Complete our **Winter Reading Challenge** running **January 2 - February 4!** Log your time on **READSquared** & use the sheet we give you. Then come in for games & a weekly prize! A final prize will be awarded if 150 minutes are logged. For children **Birth-Grade 5.**

READ squared
Habit Forming

Storytime & Activity with Miss Kristin



Wednesday, January 3 - **Sledding** 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday, January 24 - **Hibernation** 4 p.m.



Ages 3 years & up
Join Miss Kristin for some stories; then do an activity together.



Parenting & Playtime



Thursdays: January 4, 11, 18, 25 & February 1
6-7:15 p.m. Ages 1-3 years w/an adult

Parents & caregivers bring their baby for playtime one-on-one, without the distractions of home or electronic devices. Ask questions & learn more about nutrition, speech & hearing, as well as motor development from early childhood specialists. **Siblings up to age 5 welcome.**

Toddler Open Play

10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Friday mornings Jan. 5 - Feb. 2
in the Children's Room all month!

Come visit the library for some fun toy open play! **No registration necessary.**



Long Island STEAM Group



Sunday, January 7
2-3 p.m. Gr. 1-5

Join the **Crayola® Imagine Arts Academy™** for a special Conservation Polar Bear Model!



Story & Craft with Miss Samantha



Tuesday, January 9 - **Winter Mason Jar**
Tuesday, January 30 - **Snowmen**
6:30 p.m. Ages 3 years & up w/adult

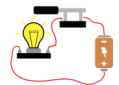
Join Miss Samantha for some stories & a craft!



Snap Circuits Jr. with Miss Kristin



Wednesday, January 10
6:45 p.m. Gr. 3 & up



Join Miss Kristin for fun with building simple circuits at the library!

PlayHooray



Tuesdays: January 16 & 30
9:30 or 10:30 a.m. Ages Birth-5 years
Join Molly Mouse and the PlayHooray ladies for some dancing and singing fun!



Winter Sand Art with Miss Samantha



Tuesday, January 16
6:30 p.m. Gr. K-5 w/an adult

Come fill a curvy bottle with colorful sand to bring home!

Indoor STEAM with Miss Samantha

Tuesday, January 23 - **Paper Chain Competition**
6:30 p.m. Gr. 1-5 w/adult



Join Miss Samantha for some fun at the library!

Train Table Weekend!

Saturday, January 27-Monday, January 29
Come visit the library for some Train Table Open Play!
See EventKeeper for times.
No registration necessary.



February

Bring Your Child to the Library Weekend!



Saturday, February 3- Sunday, February 4
1-4 p.m. Gr. 5 & younger

Families: stop into Children's for a special prize!



Baby Rhyme-Time with Ms. Kerry

Tuesdays: February 6, 13, 20 & 27
9:30 a.m. Ages Birth -1 year



Join Ms. Kerry and enjoy stories, scarf play and soft toys. Come ready to listen, sing and play!
Pre-walkers ONLY.

Literature Bingo



Wednesday, February 7 **Gr. K-2** 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday, February 14 **Gr. 3-5** 6:45 p.m.

Join Miss Kristin to test your book knowledge & have some fun!



Stories & Songs with Ms. Victoria

Wednesdays: February 7, 14, 21, & 28
9:30 OR 10 a.m. Ages 12 months-3 years



Join Ms. Victoria for some stories and songs.
Come ready to listen, sing and enjoy.



The West Hempstead Public Library is a Family Place Library, a national initiative of Libraries for the Future & the Middle Country Public Library.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Registration dates for Children's programs begin one week prior, except where noted. Please check on EventKeeper.

February



Story & Craft with Miss Samantha

Thursday, February 8 - Owls
6:30 p.m. Ages 3 years & up w/adult



Join Miss Samantha for some stories and a craft!

LEGO Table Weekend!

Friday, February 9-Monday, February 12

Come visit the library for some LEGO Table Open Play! See EventKeeper for times.



No registration necessary.

Indoor STEAM with Miss Samantha

Tuesday, February 13 - Spaghetti Tower

Tuesday, February 27 - ScribbleBots



STEAM

6:30 p.m. Gr. 1-5 w/adult

Join Miss Samantha for some fun at the library!

PlayHooray



Thursdays: February 15 & 29

9:30 or 10:30 a.m. Ages Birth-5 years



Join Molly Mouse and the PlayHooray ladies for some dancing and singing fun!

Tiny Song Birds



Sunday, February 18
2 or 3 p.m. Ages Birth-5 years



Join this early childhood music class that will have you & your child singing, moving & creating music together!

Storytime & Activity with Miss Kristin



Wednesday, February 21
4 p.m. Ages 3 years & up



Join Miss Kristin for some **Winter Clothing** stories; then do an activity together.



Open Craft Session

Thursday, February 22 6-7:30 p.m.

Stop into the Children's Room to do a craft! Craft selection offered on a 1st come, 1st served basis.



Train Table Weekend!

Friday, February 23-Monday, February 26

Come visit the Library for some Train Table Open Play!

See EventKeeper for times.



No Registration necessary.



March

Robot-Themed Play with Miss Kristin



Monday, March 4
6:45 p.m. Ages 3 years & up

Join Miss Kristin for *Spin to Play: Build a Robot & Snap-Bots!*

Baby Rhyme-Time with Ms. Kerry



Tuesdays: March 5, 12, 19, & 26
9:30 a.m. Ages Birth-1 year



Join Ms. Kerry and enjoy stories, scarf play and soft toys. Come ready to listen, sing and play!

Pre-walkers ONLY.

Story & Craft with Miss Samantha



Tuesday, March 5 - Bird House Mobile
Thursday, March 14 - Bird House Planter
6:30 p.m. Ages 3 years & up w/adult



Join Miss Samantha for some stories and a craft!

Stories & Songs with Ms. Victoria



Wednesdays: March 6, 13, 20 & 27
9:30 OR 10 a.m. Ages 12 months-3 years



Join Ms. Victoria for some stories and songs. Come ready to listen, sing and enjoy.

Toddler Open Play Weekend

Friday, March 8-Sunday, March 10



Visit the library for fun toy open play! See EventKeeper for times. **No registration necessary.**

Game Night with Miss Kristin



Monday, March 11
6:45 p.m. Ages 6 years & up



Join Miss Kristin for Connect 4, Jenga, & more!

PlayHooray



Fridays: March 15 & 22

9:30 or 10:30 a.m. Ages Birth-5 years



Join Molly Mouse and the PlayHooray ladies for some dancing and singing fun!

Too Many Tails!



Sunday, March 17 2 or 3:30 p.m.



Join **Steve Petra**, the comedian ventriloquist, for some laughs! Families with children 4 years & up.

Storytime & Activity with Miss Kristin



Wednesday, March 20
6:45 p.m. Ages 3 years & up



Join Miss Kristin for some **Winter into Spring** stories; then do an activity together.



Indoor STEAM with Miss Samantha

STEAM

Thursday, March 21 - Fun with Colors!
6:30 p.m. Gr. 1-5 w/adult



Join Miss Samantha for some fun at the library!

Spring Sand Art

Tuesday, March 26
6:30 p.m. Gr. K-5 w/an adult



Join Miss Samantha to fill a flower pot with sand to bring home!

**WEST HEMPSTEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY
HELPFUL PHONE EXTENSIONS
(516) 481-6591**

If you want to reach a department quickly, please dial these extension numbers any time during your call:

Director's Secretary	Ext. 25	Children's Room	Ext. 32
Adult Programming	Ext. 13	Teen Desk	Ext. 18
Circulation Desk	Ext. 10	Reference	Ext. 21/22
Outreach	Ext. 19	Bilingual	Ext. 11

Library Closings

Not sure if we're open? Call (516) 481-6591 and press #1 (Library Hours).



**LATE OPENING
(Staff Training)**

Thursday, March 21

1 p.m.



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500 Hempstead Avenue
West Hempstead, NY 11552
(516) 481-6591
www.whplibrary.org

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**WEST HEMPSTEAD LIBRARY
BOARD MEETINGS - 7:30 PM**

(Dates subject to change)

Monday, January 22

Monday, February 26

Monday, March 18

REGULAR HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9-9
Friday 9-6
Saturday 9-5
Sunday 12-5

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Monday, January 1
Monday, January 15
Monday, February 19
Friday, March 29
Sunday, March 31

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Presidents' Day
Good Friday
Easter Sunday