



# West End Library

## Fall Newsletter 2023



Greetings! West End Library Patrons and Friends,

We have had a very busy Summer here at the library. The theme for the Summer program was “All Together Now” and focused on kindness. Our theme statement was “In a world where you can be anything be kind.” We had much positive feedback about our program and feel that it was very successful.

The Adult Summer Program went well. There was a total of 30 adult readers participating. They read 383 books for a total of 367,680 minutes. The prizes that they could earn included a keychain, a pen, a small notebook, post it notes, and books. At the end of the summer anyone who participated in any of our adult programming was invited to a carry-in dinner. This included the West End Readers, Mah Jongg players, and the Basic Crochet Class.

The Children’s Summer Program was also very successful. We had 64 children from ages 2 to 12 participating and they read a total of 1,072 books!

Each child that participated had the opportunity to earn brag tags for reading, making the crafts, and participating in activities at the library. Most of the children were able to earn all 10 of the available brag tags. Each child received a book at the mid point of the Summer, and at the end of Summer Picnic on August 23 they each received another book and a small prize. We are very proud of our young readers!



### Music Garden Completed

In July our Music Garden was finally completed and the children just love it! Besides the original set of chimes we now have three flower petal drums, mushroom bells, and two flower bells. The instruments were made by a company in England called Percussion Play that specializes in producing instruments for making music outdoors.

The funds for the garden were provided by donations from the family of Margaret Moyer in her memory and a grant from the Degenstein Foundation.

There was a lot of hard work required to install the garden. We want to extend our thanks to Jeff Snyder, Eric Snyder, David Swanseen, Joe Schnure, and John Hoover.

If you haven’t seen the garden yet be sure to stop by the library and try out these colorful bells.



### Butterfly Garden

Also new this Summer is our Butterfly Garden. The funds for this garden were provided by donations given in memory of Betty Rote. The garden includes plants that butterflies like and also a pretty bird bath.

The installation of the garden was completed by Fohringer’s Landscaping who did an excellent job. This new garden adds a pretty touch to our library.

## What's Happening this Fall for Kids at the WEL

Weekly Program: Every Tuesday morning at 10:30 am we have the Preschool Story and Activity Time for children ages 18 months to 5 years accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Children enjoy a weekly theme with read-aloud stories, age-appropriate activities and crafts, and more. Adults are offered a take-home paper with theme-related crafts, rhymes, snacks and suggested getting ready for kindergarten activities.

Monthly Programs: Craft of the Month: Each month children ages 3 to 12 are offered a take home craft. There is one craft per child and supplies are limited.

Reading to Maverick is held on the last Saturday of each month from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Children of reading age can sign up for 15 minute increments to read to Maverick. One child is allowed at a time. Please call the library to register.

Special Programs: Wonder Writers: Sat., Sept. 16 at 10:00 AM. Free cursive hand writing class for kids. Each student will receive a composition book and pencil. Limited to eight participants.

Pollinator Program: Thurs., Sept. 21 at 4:30 PM. Be inspired by the magic of bees and butterflies with Jerry Schneider (the Butterfly Guy)! He will be doing a t-shirt craft with the kids. Buy a t-shirt for \$5.00 or bring your own.

Trunk or Treat on Sat., Oct. 28 from 1:30 to 3:30 PM with Girl Scout Service Unit 642 and the Susquehanna Trail Dog Training Club. Canned dog and cat food will be collected for Arthur's Pet Pantry.

Sat., Oct. 14 from 10 AM to 12 noon. Eek! Its Slimy and Sweet! We will be making slime at 10:30 AM. Also decorate a small pumpkin jar and fill it with candy.



## Monthly Activities for Adults

Basic Crochet meets on the second Saturday of each month from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon.

West End Readers meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM.

Cooking with Friends will meet on the fourth Thursday in September and October at 6:00 PM and then take a break for the winter months.

Mah Jongg meets on the first and third Fridays of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. They will not meet on September 1st because that is the Marianna's Hoagie and Pizza pick up day. They will meet on the 29th of that month.

### Special Events:

Daily Gift Basket Raffle each day in October. One winner drawn each day. Tickets are a \$20.00 donation available for purchase at the library.

Bi-Weekly Book Sale on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month September through November. It will be held in the WEL book shed at the side of the library from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Drop Your Drawers Campaign through the month of September. Drop off packages of new underwear, boys and girls sizes 4 to 16 are needed. Donations go to the Mazeppa Manna Food Pantry.



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