

West Regional Library Monthly Events - July 2009



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Events @ West

West Regional Library
4000 Louis Stephens Drive
Cary, NC 27519
Tel. 919-463-8500
Get directions to West Regional

Library Hours
Mon-Thurs: 9am - 9pm
Fri: 10am-6pm (starting 7/10/09)
Sat: 10am - 5pm
Sun: 1pm - 5pm
Bookdrop open 24 hours



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News & Announcements

New Hours for West Regional Library

Effective Friday, July 10, 2009, West Regional Library will no longer be open 9AM to 9 PM on Fridays. The new Friday hours will be: 10AM - 6PM.

The Wake County Commissioners recently passed the 2009-2010 budget. As a result, the library system book and electronic resources budgets will be reduced by 26% or approximately \$800,000. Bookmobile service is also being cut from two vehicles to one vehicle. Additionally, all libraries will be reducing hours. As a result, some libraries will also experience a reduction in staffing levels. At West Regional Library, the staff will change from 24 full-time equivalent staff members (FTEs) to 22.5 FTEs. We will do our best to not let this affect service to our customers. The hours that were reduced (Fridays) are those utilized least by our customers. This was determined via hourly door counts.

Please check the library website at www.wakegov.com/libraries before visiting other library branches as their hours will also change beginning Monday, July 5, 2009.

Questions? Please ask any library staff member.

Library Holiday Closings

All Wake County Libraries will be closed Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4, 2009 in observance of Independence Day. The drive-up book drop for book returns will be open.

Get Book Newsletters in Your Email!

Wake County Public Libraries offers 25+ e-newsletters delivered via email! The e-newsletters encompass new fiction and non-fiction, and a variety of genres such as: mystery, audio, romance, sci fi / fantasy, horror, inspirational, large print, book club choices, teen, childrens' books and classic titles. [View and/or sign up for the newsletters here!](#)

Storywriting Contest Winners Announced!

We would like to thank all who participated in the 3rd Annual Story Writing Contest. We received 42 entries, double from last year, and all participants were honored at a ceremony on May 31. Congratulations to this year's winners in the 7- 9 and 10-11 age categories:

1st Place – Arvind P “The Lost Alien” and Kyra J “Lost in the Woods”

2nd Place – Abby R “Tropical Island Adventure” and Divyansh D “Never Give Up”

3rd Place – Melody Z “The Disaster Feast” and Hanna S

Honorable Mentions – Kiera T “The 9th Wish” and Adrienne N “Ms.Slam”

We look forward to next year's stories!

Family & Special Events

See Spot Read

For School Age Kids (readers Kindergarten and up)

Every 4th Saturday of the month

Starting Jan 24

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM or noon

Dogs are patient, attentive, non-judgemental--AND they love to be read to! We invite beginning readers to come and practice their skills with the certified therapy dogs of the local organization. No advance sign up required.



WOOF!

Be Sweet to Bees: Meet a Beekeeper and His Hive

Saturday, 6/27/09 - 2:00-4:00 PM

News is buzzing about the decline of the bee. Meet Jim Howard, a beekeeper, and his hive as he talks about the importance of bees for food crops, flowers, fruit trees, and tasty honey

Advance Sign Up Required? Yes

Date Sign Up Opens: 5/23/09 - event full - wait list only

Ages: Family, but ages 4+



SUMMER READING @ WEST REGIONAL LIBRARY

We have summer reading programs and events for kids, teens and adults!

Adult Summer Reading

The Adult Summer Reading Program returns with a theme that encourages fun and games while reading. Pick up one of six different cards with games on one side and staff suggestions on the other - all summer long! Collect them all as different lists come out every two weeks. Plus, play "book bingo" by reading different types of books, and enter your name in our drawing for a chance to win fun prizes at the end of the summer.

Teen Summer Reading

See "Teen Events" below for more information about registering for the teen summer contest.

Kid's Summer Reading Program

The theme this year is "Be Creative!" Look forward to a summer of creativity @ your library. Ages 11 and under. Celebrate summer reading with games and fun!

Movies @ West

Movies at West Regional are always free! Come and join us for a flick on the big screen. We are not allowed to advertise the name of the film, but we can describe it, or you can call the library at 463-8500 to find out more information.

Family Movies Series - Please Note Change!

The Family Movie series will take a break in July and resume in August. It will be on a different day and time due to the closing of the library on Friday nights. Look for the details in the August edition of the enewsletter!

Adult Events & Book Clubs

Call the library at 463-8500 to sign up for any adult event.
Great events for adults this month include:

Pam Beck: Herbs Show & Tell

Mon., 7/20/09 - 7:00 PM

Herbs: Show and Tell. Pam Beck, Garden Writer, Lecturer & Photographer will present a delightful program about herbs. For more information about this speaker you may visit her website at <http://pambeckgardens.com/>

Advanced Sign Up Required: Yes

Date Sign Up Opens: Open Now

Ages: 12 & Up Only

Free Business Counseling

Thurs. 7/16, 7/23 - 9:30AM - 12:30PM

Free business counseling is provided by SCORE, the Service Corps of Retired Executives. No Appointment Required.

Advance Sign Up Required? No

Ages: Adults

Yoga

Fri., 7/31/09 - 10:15 AM (note: this is a time change from 10:00 AM)

Join us for our ongoing series. Relax and rejuvenate with some basic yoga poses.

Advance Sign Up Required? No

Bingo Night

Mon., 8/10/09 - 7:00 PM

Join us for some old-fashioned fun! To coincide with our Adult Summer Reading program theme, Fun & Games @ Your Library. Prizes are courtesy of Planet Smoothie.

Advanced Sign Up Required: Yes

Date Sign Up Opens: Open Now

Ages: 13 & Up Only

Finding the Work You Want After 50

Tues. 8/18/09 9:30 AM

Has it been years since you had to apply for a job, or write a resume? Join us for AARP's employment workshop for those over 50.

Advanced Sign Up Required: Yes

Date Sign Up Opens: Open Now

Ages: Adults

Book Clubs For Adults

Interested in one of our book clubs? We currently offer three book clubs for adults. You can find information on all three book clubs on our book club page available [directly from this link](#), or by visiting [West Regional Library's location page on the Wake County Public Libraries website](#), and clicking the "book clubs- adults" button on the bottom right corner.

Between The Lines Book Club

Contact: Kristen O'Daly (919-463-8500) contact: kristen.o'daly@co.wake.nc.us

Meeting time: Second Thursday evening of each month at 7:00PM

We read mostly fiction by a wide variety of authors, as well as some nonfiction.

We're taking a break in July - see you in August!

Our Selection for August is...*Shutter Island* by Dennis Lehane

Chapter One Readers Book Club

Contacts: Kathryn Gundlach (919-463-8500) contact: kathryn.gundlach@co.wake.nc.us

Janet Lockhart (919-463-8500) contact: janet.lockhart@co.wake.nc.us

Heidi Rodriguez (919-463-8500) contact: heidi.barryrodriguez@co.wake.nc.us

Meeting time: First Wednesday morning of each month at 10:30AM

We read mostly fiction by a wide variety of authors, as well as some nonfiction.

We are not meeting in July - next meeting is August 5, and we'll read *Deep Dish* by Mary Kay Andrews. Come by the library to pick up your copy of the book.

Everything In the World Non Fiction Book Club

Contacts: Rebecca Stacy (919-463-8500) contact: rebecca.stacy@co.wake.nc.us

Laura Todd (919-463-8500) contact: laura.todd@co.wake.nc.us

Meeting time: Third Wednesday evening of each month at 7:30PM

Our focus is reading primarily nonfiction about interesting people and places.

Our Selection for July is... *The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals* by Michael Pollan

Our Selection for August is... *Honeymoon with my Brother: A Memoir* by Franz Wisner

Children's Events & Book Clubs

Some events have dates that registration opens. Many events fill up quickly, so make sure you sign up as soon as possible if you are interested in a particular event. Call the library at 463-8500 to sign up for any event.

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Book Adventures

Thurs., 7/2/09 - 4:15 PM

Join us on an adventure into the world of books for children. Enjoy a new book experience each month. For more information and registration please call the library at 919-463-8520.

Advanced Sign Up Required: Yes

Date Sign Up Opens: Open Now

Ages: 5-7

Hands On!

Thurs., 7/16/09 - 4:15 PM

Come for some more creative and interactive fun!

Advanced Sign Up Required: Yes

Date Sign Up Opens: Open Now

Ages: 8-11

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Thurs., 8/6/09 - 4:15 PM

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Date Sign Up Opens: 7/23/09

Ages: 5-7

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Advance Sign Up Required? No

Date Sign Up Opens:

Ages: Readers in Kindergarten and up

Book Clubs for Kids

Bookworm Club

Thurs., 7/09/09 - 4:15 PM

A 45 minute program including the reading and discussion of an age appropriate book followed by a book related activity.

Advanced Sign Up Required: Yes

Date Sign Up Opens: 6/25/09

Ages: 5-7

Bookworm Club

Thurs., 8/13/09 - 4:15 PM

A 45 minute program including the reading and discussion of an age appropriate book followed by a book related activity.

Advanced Sign Up Required: Yes

Date Sign Up Opens: 7/23/09

Ages: 5-7

Storytimes for All Ages

This session of storytimes starts week of June 22, 2009 and ends August 13, 2009.

Mother Goose Magic

Birth to 18 months - Thursdays, 9:30AM

15-minute program of songs, fingerplays and rhymes.

Toddler Time

18 months to 3-year olds - Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9:30 and 10:30AM

20 minute program of songs, fingerplays, rhymes, flannel board stories and books.

Pre-School Pals

3-year olds to 5-year olds - Wednesdays, 2:00PM

Thursdays, 10:30 and 2:00PM

25 minute program of songs, fingerplays, rhymes, flannel board stories and books.

Pajama Time

Fun for the whole family!

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:00PM

25 minute program of songs, fingerplays, and rhymes, flannel board stories and books. Pajamas and teddy bears optional!

Teen Events

Sign up for any of these programs by calling West Regional Library at 463-8500!

Generally, events are open to teens ages 12-18, although some events may be for specific ages or grades.

Teen Summer Contest

Spend your summer earning tickets for fabulous prizes! The contest runs from June 1 - August 15. Register in person to receive your starter kit. Call 463-8500 for details.

Advance Sign Up Required? Yes

Date Sign Up Opens: 6/1/09

Ages: 12-18

Teen Photography Contest

Pick up an entry packet at the West Regional Library or [get the registration packet online](#). Submissions are due July 31. Even if you don't enter, come to the library to vote for your favorite August 10-21. Reception will be held and prizes awarded August 22 at 2 pm.

Advanced Sign Up Required: Yes

Date Sign Up Opens: Open Now

Ages: 12-18

T-Shirt Tie-Dye

Sat., 7/11/09 - 3:00-4:00PM

Bring a white or light-colored t-shirt and we'll create colorful tie-dye masterpieces.

Advanced Sign Up Required: Yes

Date Sign Up Opens: Open Now

Ages: 12-18

Get Crafty: Coffee Art

Tues., 7/14/09 - 2:00 PM

Ever try painting with espresso? Coffee art is a truly unique art form; come try it out.

Advanced Sign Up Required: Yes

Date Sign Up Opens: Open Now

Ages: 12-18

Photography Workshop

Sat., 7/18/09 - 3:00PM

Photographer Matt Todd will be here to teach you how to make your pics really pop! Take this course, then enter our Teen Photography Contest; submission deadline is July 31.

Advanced Sign Up Required: Yes

Date Sign Up Opens: Open Now

Ages: 12-18

Read, Rant & Rave Teen Book Club

Wed., 7/22/09 - 7:00 PM

This month's book is *Adoration of Jenna Fox* by Mary Pearson.

Advanced Sign Up Required: Yes

Date Sign Up Opens: 6/24/09

Ages: 12-18

Movie Matinee

Tues., 7/28/09 - 3:00-5:00 PM

When a young woman is cursed with an old body by a spiteful witch, her only chance of breaking the spell lies with a young wizard and his companions in his legged, walking home. Rated PG, 119 min.

Advanced Sign Up Required: No

Ages: 12-18

Bingo Night

Mon., 8/10/09 - 7:00 PM

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Advanced Sign Up Required: Yes

Date Sign Up Opens: Open Now

Ages: 13 & Up Only

Get Crafty: Paper Beads

Tues., 8/11/09 - 2:00 PM

Learn how to make beautiful handmade beads. It's easy, fun, and makes great gifts!

Advanced Sign Up Required: Yes

Date Sign Up Opens: Open Now

Ages: 12-18

Teen Summer Contest is Ending!

Sat., 8/15/09

August 15th is the last day to earn tickets for our Teen Summer Contest!

Movie Matinee

Tues., 8/18/09 - 3:00-5:00 PM

Advanced Sign Up Required: No

Ages: 12-18

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Advanced Sign Up Required: Yes

Date Sign Up Opens: 7/22/09

Ages: 12-18

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