

MARCH EVENTS AT THE WESTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Memories of World War II series

The Weston Historical Society and Friends of the Weston Library are proud to present Memories of World War II, an exhibition celebrating our town's contributions to the war. A series of movies and lectures will accompany the exhibition. A full description and schedule of events can be found at: <http://www.westonhistoricalsociety.org/wwii-2016/>.

March 1 Lecture: "The War with Japan is Over," with lecturer Art Gottleib, historian. Held at the Weston Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

March 8 Lecture: "Weston in the Years of World War II," with lecturer Karl Meyer, correspondent/historian. Held at the Weston Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

Mini-Maker Program– Makerspace Open House Thursday, March 2 at 3:30PM

Come try out our new makerspace! See the tools we have to offer, find out how you can learn to use them, try out some of our electronics kits, or build something with our materials. We'll have a project you can try out, or you can come up with your own creation! All ages are welcome, no registration is required.

America: A Republic? A Democracy? Sunday, March 5 2:00-4:00PM

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Weston Public Library, and the League of Woman Voters of Weston. Presented by lecturer and historian Mark Albertson. Free and open to the public. Coffee and light refreshments provided. For more information call Helen R. de Keijzer: 203-226-7830

New Yorker Roundtable March 7, 14, 21 at 10:45AM

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Weston Public Library, and the Weston Public Library Board of Trustees, the New Yorker Roundtable is a community discussion group where participants talk about news events, arts, politics and more! Moderated by Diana Loevy. Issues and reading selections are available at the Library.

Delay Your Gray; Keep Your Teenager Safe and Yourself Sane Tuesday March 7 at 7PM

In this workshop, Elizabeth Jorgensen, CADC, Director of Insight Counseling, will teach participants: How to understand what is "normal" adolescent behavior, how to set effective limits with pre-teens and teens, how to keep your teen safe from alcohol and other drug use, how to cope with teens' intense moods, how to create and increase your network of like-minded parents, and more. Presented in collaboration with the Wilton Youth Council.

Mini-Maker Program– Learn to Knit **Thursday March 30 at 3:30PM**

Ever wanted to knit? Come learn how! We'll show you how to get started, and you'll even get to make your own knitting needles. This program is intended for beginners who have never knit before, but experienced knitters are welcome to come help the newcomers. All ages welcome. Registration required; to register, email rsimpson@westonct.gov.

SCORE workshop- Applying for a Small Business Loan **Thursday March 30 at 6PM**

Do you need funding to start or grow your business, but don't know where to start? Get the inside scoop on how to find funding and woo small business lenders from Aya Beckles Swanson, VP Community Lending at Community Investment Corporation, a non-profit economic development lender. Learn what to do before seek funding, how to approach a lender, what lenders are looking for in a borrower (aka The Cs of Credit), to do if banks say "no," and how to avoid predatory lenders.

March Book Groups

Thursday Morning Book Group – *The Little Red Chairs* by Edna O'Brien **Thursday, March 9 at 10:30 AM**

A fiercely beautiful novel about one woman's struggle to reclaim a life shattered by betrayal, from one of the greatest storytellers of our time

One night, in the dead of winter, a mysterious stranger arrives in the small Irish town of Cloonoila. Broodingly handsome, worldly, and charismatic, Dr. Vladimir Dragan is a poet, a self-proclaimed holistic healer, and a welcome disruption to the monotony of village life. Before long, the beautiful black-haired Fidelma McBride falls under his spell and, defying the shackles of wedlock and convention, turns to him to cure her of her deepest pains.

Then, one morning, the illusion is abruptly shattered. While en route to pay tribute at Yeats's grave, Dr. Vlad is arrested and revealed to be a notorious war criminal and mass murderer. The Cloonoila community is devastated by this revelation, and no one more than Fidelma, who is made to pay for her deviance and desire. In disgrace and utterly alone, she embarks on a journey that will bring both profound hardship and, ultimately, the prospect of redemption.- *Amazon*

Wednesday Evening Book Group – *Connected Underneath* by Linda Legters **Wednesday, March 22 at 7:00 PM**

Madena, upstate New York. Like any other small town, everybody keeps an eye on everybody else's business without recognizing the secrets that connect them. The wheelchair-bound Celeste conjures up lives from what she sees and thinks she sees while peering through binoculars from her kitchen fan vent. Fifteen-year old Persephone trades sex for tattoo sessions that get her high and help her forget her girlfriend doesn't love her. Theo was the high-school bad boy who couldn't have the respectable girl he adored from afar, but now, sitting behind the counter of the last video store in town, worries wretchedly about the restless daughter he never understood. Natalie, trying to grasp the last shreds of respectability, would do anything to forget the baby she gave up long ago, including betray her husband and son.

Celeste, longing to connect, combines truth with fantasy, intervenes and interferes, finally understanding that things have gone terribly wrong and that she stands at the heart of disaster.

Connected Underneath is a lyrical, scalpel-keen dissection of the ties that bind and of those that dissolve.
- Amazon

Book groups sponsored by the Friends of the Weston Public Library.

Children's and Teen Events

To sign up for any program requiring registration, please e-mail or call Miss Alessandra at apetrino@westonct.gov or (203) 222-2651.

Storytimes

First Saturday Storytime: *Saturday, Mar. 4, 10AM.* Stories, songs & a small craft for all ages.

Baby Lapsit: *Tuesdays, 10AM.* Songs, rhymes & fingerplays for ages birth-1.

Wiggleworms: *Wednesdays, 10:30AM.* Music, movement, rhymes & play for ages birth-2.

Tiny Tales: *Thursdays, 10AM.* Stories, songs and play for ages 1-3.

ABC Storytime: *Thursdays, 11AM.* **Awesome Books and Crafts** for ages 3-5.

Family Storytime: *Wednesday, Mar. 1, 4PM.* Stories, songs and play for all ages.

The Pen-Stars Creative Workshop

Tuesday March 1, 10:30AM-11:30AM

This workshop provides a creative platform where children read, learn new words, and create their own stories for a chance to become published authors or artists. Grades K-5, registration needed.

Melty Mondays

March 6, 13, 20, 27, 3:30-5:00PM

Come use perler (fuse) beads to make a picture and Miss Alessandra will fuse it together. For ages 5 and up. No registration needed.

A Peek Behind the CG Screen

Tuesday March 7, 4:00PM

Weston resident Sean Hannon is a professional 3D animator specializing in Character Animation in feature film and television. Join us as he shows you how an animator brings those characters to life.

Make the New YA space Yours!

Wednesday March 8, 3:30PM-5:00PM

Help us to decorate the new YA Space at the library so it really has a touch of you! Come paint our bookends and help design the YA Space banner. No registration

Play-Doh Day

Friday, March 10, 10:30-11:30AM

Come join us for Play-Doh Days where your child can build anything they desire with our Play-Doh and make new friends along the way. Ages 1 to 5. No registration needed; drop in anytime!

Pokémon Club

Friday, March 10 at 3:45PM

Love all things Pokémon? Then join our new Pokémon Club! Bring your cards, phones or tablets. Battle or trade cards, learn more about Pokémon Go, or just watch a Pokémon movie with your friends. Each month will be different, so be sure to sign up. Ages 8 and Up. *Registration required.*

Playgroup

Monday, March 13, 10:30AM-11:30PM

Friday, March 24, 10:30 – 12:30 PM

Come in from the cold and play together. We invite parents, caregivers and children to play in the library. We will have plenty of fun toys, games, and activities for you and you can meet new friends!

St. Patrick's Day Craft

Tuesday, March 14 at 4:00PM

Prepare for St. Patrick's Day by making a special holiday craft. Ages 3 and Up.

Hunt for the Gold

Wednesday, March 15, 4:00PM

Come and hunt for the Leprechaun's gold hidden around the library. If you find enough, cash it in for a prize! Ages 4+

Escape the Room Family Edition

Friday, March 18 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Use your surroundings to find the clues that lead to the key to help you escape, but you only have 60 minutes! All ages, families must sign up together. Registration required.

Springtime Craft

Friday, March 18 and March 20, 2:00PM

Spring is finally here! What better way to welcome Spring than with some springtime crafts! March 18 program is ages 5+, March 20 program is ages 1-5.

Scratch Art for Teens

Tuesday, March 21, 3:00PM-5:00PM

Make unique pictures by scratching a dark coating off CDs to reveal the shiny surface underneath. For ages 12 and up, no registration needed.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting
Thursday, March 23 at 3:45PM

Have great ideas for Teen programs? Want to get involved with your town? Need volunteer hours? Join the Teen Advisory Board. Ages 12 and up. Registration required.

How Does it Work?
Wednesday, March 22, 3:30PM-5:00PM

Mini coding session. Learn what it means to code and use some of our mini-coding sets to see your coding in action. Ages 5 and up.

Make a Stress Ball
Friday, March 24 at 4:00PM

If you're feeling stressed or just want to have fun, come make your own stress ball out of a balloon! Ages 5 and up

Scratch Art for Kids
Tuesday, March 28, 4:00PM-5:00PM

Make unique pictures by scratching a dark coating off paper to reveal the colorful surface underneath. For kids 10 and under, no registration needed.

Teen Escape the Room
Wednesday, March 29, 4:00-5:15PM

Use your surroundings to find the clues that lead to the key to help you escape, but you only have 60 minutes! Sign up with your friends, up to 12 people.