Book Bundles

Not sure what to read? Let us surprise you! Fill out an online Book Bundle request form and our librarians will pick out books just for you. Book Bundles are a great way to discover titles, find new favorite authors, or learn something you never knew! Available for all ages.
Visit https://www.wnpl.info/book-bundles to start your Book Bundle request.

Reading Resources

Grab your WNPL card and use these resources from home, available from the library website at wnpl.info.

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Toward a More Inclusive Library

In June of this remarkable and challenging year of global pandemic, social injustice and democracy in upheaval, your library forged a five-point pledge to renew and reshape our commitment to create a more equitable, inclusive and representative community library. Specifically we pledge to:

1. develop an equity, diversity, and inclusion committee;
2. foster a library culture of welcome, acceptance and openness;
3. recruit, hire and mentor a diverse staff;
4. build collections that showcase all voices; and
5. present programs that address societal issues, encourage civic conversations and celebrate cultural diversity.

Words are important, but actions are better. Here are some actions we are taking to prioritize equity, diversity and inclusion, and to foster an environment in which our community can have challenging conversations in a safe space.

- A 13-member staff Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, representing all departments and levels, began meeting in August 2020 and has undertaken steps to learn, listen and set organizational and personal goals.
- Job recruitment will become more transparent in an effort to reach candidates outside the library community, including job boards for people of color. Openings for library trustee are advertised widely (see sidebar).
- Internal audits are underway to assess representation of “own voices” in collections. Programs have expanded to include diverse author talks and community conversations on race.
- I personally pledge to reach out to underrepresented and marginalized groups when the library board and I resume strategic planning for the Warren-Newport Public Library District. Please feel free to drop me a line at rlivergood@wnpl.info with your thoughts and concerns.

Thank you for continuing to support this important effort.

Ryan Livergood  EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

P.S. And thank you for wearing masks, watching your distance and washing your hands!
Read with Me Early Literacy Kit

Now available for our littlest patrons, the Read with Me Early Literacy Kit is here! Kits will help parents and caregivers encourage important early language and social-emotional skills in their children through reading, talking, singing, writing, and playing. Use the items in the kit to enrich your child’s early literacy journey and foster a love of reading right from the start! Kits are available upon request at the Youth Services Desk and are designed with children aged 2 years and under in mind.

Illinois Award Book Challenge

Look for the WNPL Illinois Award Book Challenge reading program for students online via Beanstack through March 10, 2021. Find more information at wnpl.info.

Job Resources in a Tough Market

TUES., DEC. 8, 1PM - ON ZOOM
Are you seeking a job or transitioning careers? The Job Center of Lake County can help! Get three tips for seeking work during a time of social distancing. REGISTER

Introduction to Excel

THURS., FEB. 18, 7-8:30PM
Join us for an introductory tour of Excel, including data entry, editing, simple formulas and functions, and basic charting. The Zoom link and handouts will be sent to all registrants the week of class, and the Zoom link will be posted on the library website 24 hours prior to the start of class. REGISTER

ZOOM BOOK DISCUSSIONS

NON-FICTION
MON., DEC. 7, 1:30PM
Christmas: A Biography by Judith Flanders

FICTION
SAT., DEC. 12, 1:30PM
There There by Tommy Orange

EVENING
WED., DEC. 16, 7PM
The Other Americans by Laila Lalami

WARREN TOWNSHIP CENTER
MON., DEC. 14, 1:30PM
Lab Girl by Hope Jahren

Please visit https://calendar.wnpl.info/events for book discussion dates and titles for January and February.

Volunteers Needed

Seeking authors, as well as current or retired English teachers, to help judge contest entries. Please contact us: friends@wnpl.info

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Join us for WNPL at Home

Look for WNPL’s virtual programs and events for all ages in our online calendar at https://calendar.wnpl.info/events

Check our calendar often, as we’ll be adding more fun activities as winter continues!
A Season of Giving

Fund for WNPL

Please consider a year-end gift to the Fund for Warren-Newport Public Library.

Legacy Society

Join the Warren-Newport Public Library Legacy Society by remembering the library in your will.

Celebration Square

Buy a brick to honor your loved one. Prices start at just $75.

For details and a free brochure, please contact Laura Stone at (847) 244-5150, ext. 3059 or lstone@wnpl.info.

Thank you for your enduring support of your community library!

Recent Donors to the Fund for WNPL

JULY-SEPT 2020

Melissa Chen and Adam Myhre
Janet and Tom Colwell
The Family of Carol Benno, in her memory
Carl E. Mellen and Company
Janet Riehecky
Diana and Ray Vickery

CELEBRATION SQUARE PHASE IV

Latrina Presley

Instead of the seasonal donation tree usually available in the library lobby, the WNPL Staff Association is requesting your consideration in helping both Keeping Families Covered and the Warren Township Food Pantry this holiday season. Please contact each organization to determine community needs. As this has been a challenging year for so many, please keep other community organizations in mind when considering your holiday or end of year donations.

Keeping Families Covered
224-637-1644
https://www.keepingfamiliescovered.org/how-to-help

Warren Township Food Pantry
847-244-1101
https://www.warrentownship.net/services/food-pantry/