

WDL WASHINGTON DISTRICT LIBRARY

A welcoming, inclusive community space to foster learning, enjoyment, and engagement.



WDL BOOK CLUB - SILENT BOOK CLUB EDITION



Thursday, January 8 @ 6:00 PM

Main Library Meeting Room

Join us for a Silent Book Club meeting this January! Check in at 6:00 PM, then find a comfortable seat and read for an hour. When reading time is over, connect with fellow bookworms for refreshments and conversation. Snacks and drinks provided.

Ages: 18+; Registration Required

Screen Free(er) January

Commit your family to less screen time during the month of January. Pledges & a calendar of events will be available starting in December.

Everyone who completes the challenge will receive a small prize and be entered to win one of five gift cards to local experiences.



CABIN FEVER

All Ages Winter Reading

February 2 - March 15, 2026

FoWL: Friends of Washington Library

Tuesday, Jan. 13 @ 6:30 PM - Main Library

Friends assist with book sales, underwrite youth and adult programs, replace worn materials, and volunteer at the library.

BIG NEWS...

Come see us
January 10th 2026!

At Washington Community High School
115 Bondurant Street, Washington, IL
for...



STEAM INTO THE
storyverse

Explore the magical worlds of
Star Wars, Harry Potter,
Superheroes, and more!

ADULT EVENTS

MONDAY MORNING MOVIES

Monday, January 5 @ 10:00 AM

Sunnyland Branch

Come in for some mid-morning entertainment! Join us at Sunnyland on the 1st Monday of the month for a movie. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Movie: Cloud 9 (2014) G



The
Palace
Project

The Palace Project is here!!!
Download the app from your
app store, find our library,
and start reading today!



Puzzle Competition

Wednesday, January 7 @ 5:30 PM

Main Library Meeting Room

Get your puzzle on! Participants will work in teams to complete a 300 piece jigsaw puzzle as quickly as possible. Every group will receive the same puzzle, and the first group to finish will win prizes.

Registration Required



This year to date, WDL has received \$18,995.00 in donations. Donations have been spent on furniture, STEM kits, prizes for programs, phonics materials, and large print books.

If you would like to support Washington District Library with a monetary donation, contact Director Lexie Walsh at 309.444.2241.

Cozy Mystery Book Club

Tuesday, January 13 @ 2:00 PM

Sunnyland Branch

Join us on the second Tuesday of every month for a discussion of that month's book pick.

Book: The Little Lost Library (Ellery Adams)



COFFEE & COMPANY

Wednesday, January 14 @ 10:30 AM

Sunnyland Branch

Have you been feeling isolated? Are you interested in getting out of the house and getting social? Meet new faces and make social connections. Donuts & drinks provided.

Stitch & Sip

Tuesday, January 20

10:30 - 11:30 AM



Main Library Adult Seating Area

Join us for a relaxed morning of crocheting, knitting, cross-stitching, embroidery, or any thread-based craft. Bring your current project from home and spend time with fellow crafters. Stitch at your own pace while you sip on a free cup of coffee or tea. All skill levels are welcome.

Winter Barn Birdhouses

Wednesday, January 21 @ 6:30 PM

Main Library Meeting Room



Do you like doing fun and unique crafts? Join us to paint a charming barn birdhouse with snowy details, winter accents, and festive colors.

Registration Required



Axes & Snaxes

Thursday, January 15 @ 6:30 PM

Main Library Meeting Room

Are you a fan of podcasts like Crime Junkie and Killer Queens? Do you have a not-so-secret crush on Keith Morrison? Then we have a group for you! Join us every month on the third Thursday to discuss true crime documentaries, podcasts, cold cases, & more! Snacks & drinks provided.

Tiny TBR

Wednesday, January 22 @ 6:00 PM

Main Library Meeting Room

Plan your New Year's reading with a tiny bookshelf TBR! Decorate your miniature bookcase with craft paper, plants, and books. Choose pre-printed titles or pick titles you intend to read in the upcoming months.

Registration Required

Sunnyland Craft Night:

Sheet Music Bottle



Tuesday, January 27 @ 6:30 PM

Sunnyland Branch

Escape the cold, and come to the Branch to make a beautiful sheet music bottle.

Registration Required

KID EVENTS

Babytime



Thursdays, December 4 - January 15 @ 9:30 AM
Main Library Meeting Room

Spend time with your Baby Bounce friends while you get to play with shakers, bells, and all of our other class favorites!

Intended for ages 0-2

No Babytime Dec 25 & Jan 1

Tiny Town Playtime

Fridays, December 5 - January 16 @ 10:30 AM
Main Library Meeting Room

Missing storytime? Play with your storytime friends while visiting our tiny town!

Intended for ages 0-4

No Tiny Town Dec 26



Untidy Toddlers

Monday, January 26 @ 10:30 AM
Main Library Meeting Room

Come take part in a messy sensory spectacular! Enjoy some winter-themed fun, and be sure to dress for a mess.

Intended for ages 0-4

Super Family Literacy Night

Tuesday, January 13 @ 6:30 PM
Sunnyland Branch

Join us at the Branch for a night full of fun, superhero-themed reading, and writing activities! Snacks will be provided.

Intended for kids and their families

Homeschool Connections

Monday, January 12 @ 10:30 AM
Sunnyland Branch

Join us for a morning of sharing ideas, having fun, and connecting with other homeschooling families every 2nd Monday. This month, we will be doing Winter-themed activities! All ages are welcome

Krafty Kids

• Bead Pipe Cleaner Snowflakes•

Monday, January 12 @ 4:00 PM

Main Library Meeting Room

Brighten up the afternoon with a relaxing and creative craft with Miss Morgan!

Ages: 5-12

Pokemon Club

Monday, January 26 @ 4:00 PM
Sunnyland Branch

Calling all Pokémon trainers! Come join us every month for an afternoon of fun with themed games, crafts, and a time to trade cards.

Ages: 5-12

KIDZ ZONE

Afterschool Activities for Kids

Thursday, January 15 @ 4:00 PM
Sunnyland Branch

Join us for a variety of fun activities after school! Have a snack, make marshmallow snowman sticks, and make homemade snow.

Ages: 5-12

Lego Club

Tuesday, January 27 @ 4:00 PM
Main Library Meeting Room

Use library-supplied Legos to build original creations that will be displayed for the month!

Ages: 5-12



Winter Storytime

Week of January 28 – Week of March 27
Main Library Meeting Room

Little Listeners - 2-3 Year Olds: Wed, 10:00 AM

20 minutes of short stories, rhymes, & songs, to be enjoyed from the comfort of a caregiver's lap. Storytime is followed by 10 minutes of sensory playtime.

Baby Bounce - 0-24 Months: Thurs, 9:30 AM

30-minute music and movement class that teaches pre-literacy skills and prepares your child for a storytime-like setting.

Together Time - 3-5 Year Olds: Fri, 10:30 AM

30 minutes of stories, songs, & rhymes, followed by 15 minutes of activity stations. Stations include craft, sensory bins, and dramatic play.

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TEEN EVENTS

DROP-OFF EVENTS FOR GRADES: 6-12



Tuesday, January 6
6:00 - 7:30 PM

Main Library Meeting Room

Invite your friends to play giant versions of board games like Uno, Connect 4, Sorry, Guess Who, Jenga, and more! Snacks provided.

Registration Required



ANIME

Tuesday, January 13
6:00 - 7:30 PM

Main Library Meeting Room

Love anime and manga?

Join us every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Meet other fans as we play trivia and try some Japanese and Korean snacks.

CrafTEEN: Paint By Number Kits

Tuesday, January 27 @ 6:30 PM

Main Library Meeting Room



Sign up to make a different craft every month!

Registration Required

Donut Decorating

Tuesday, February 3

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Main Library Meeting Room

Take the challenge and decorate your own donut. Prizes will be awarded to the top decorators. All supplies provided.

Registration Required

Main Library

380 N Wilmor Rd
309-444-2241

HOURS

Mon: 9-6
Tues-Thurs: 9-8
Fri: 9-5
Sat: 9-1
Sun: 1-5



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Closed: January 1 & 19

Delayed Opening: January 30

TWEEN EVENTS

DROP-OFF EVENTS FOR AGES: 9-14

Tween Wednesday

Cake Pop Demon Hunters

Wednesday, January 14 @ 6:30 PM

Main Library Meeting Room

Join Miss Morgan every month for a variety of events & activities. Decorate K-Pop Demon Hunter themed cake pops while listening to the movie soundtrack.

Registration Required

OUTREACH EVENTS

PROGRAMS HOSTED OUT IN OUR COMMUNITY

Library Lobby Stops

Tuesday, January 13

1:30 - 3:30 PM

Charter Senior Living

Monday, January 20

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Villas of Holly Brook

Books will be available for the facility's residents to check out.

Supportive Living Book Club

Thursday, January 15 @ 10:00 AM

Washington Supportive Living

Supportive Living Residents, join us for a book discussion every month.



Library Day

Friday, January 30 @ 2:30 PM

Leisure Acres

Get in the spirit of love and creativity! Join us for a fun and festive craft session where you'll create your very own Valentine bead garland.

Branch Library

16 Washington Plz
309-745-3023

HOURS

Mon: 9-6
Tues: 1-8
Weds: 9-6
Thurs: 1-6
Fri: 9-5
Sat: 9-1
Sun: Closed