The City of Westlake Village and the Westlake Village Library present Westlake Village Discovers 2023. This year’s event theme is “The Great Outdoors!”

Programs will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2023, 11am–3pm, at the Westlake Village Civic Center (31200 Oak Crest Drive).

For more information, please contact City Hall at (818) 706-1613. See the program line-up below! *All details are subject to change.

This FREE program for ALL AGES aims to encourage continued learning and reading through interactive and educational programs. This year, all programs are centered around the theme of getting outside and learning about the place we call home. There will be live animals, a lesson on bee keeping, and tips about wildlife safety.

**Cougar Conservancy**
Join the Cougar Conservancy to learn about how they work to protect and conserve cougar populations through science-based management and conservation.

**Backyard Wildlife Safety with Teranga Ranch**
Learn about the history and behaviors of local wildlife, what attracts them and what deters them from your home. Topics include pet safety, humane hazing techniques, and ways to co-exist with native wildlife.

**Valley Hive Honey & Beekeeping Presentation**
Why are bees so important? The Valley Hive is here to show us! Learn about the history of beekeeping, bee biology, why bees sting, how they make honey, and the importance of pollination! Stick around after the presentation to buy some local honey and products.

**Saving Wildlife International Animal Show**
Join us for a wildlife show with Saving Wildlife International. Meet their animal ambassadors, including mammals, birds, reptiles, and amphibians, to learn about wildlife conservation.

**WLV Library Story Time & Craft**
Stop by the Library throughout the day to browse adventure books curated for all ages; book selections include fiction and non-fiction works. The Library will also host a family story time & craft activity at the conclusion of the event.
Save the Dates!

Summer is coming soon and that means the TGIF Concerts in the Courtyard and the Saturday Concerts in the Park will return! Save the date for the events and start practicing your dance moves! All details are subject to change.

**TGIF CONCERTS IN THE COURTYARD**

**Tentative 2023 Dates:**
- Friday, May 26th
- Friday, June 23rd
- Friday, August 4th

All TGIF Concerts in the Courtyard begin at 7:00 p.m. with food trucks open for service beginning at 6:00 pm. A limited number of chairs and tables are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Attendees are welcome to pack their own picnic dinner and bring their own folding chairs.

**SATURDAY CONCERTS IN THE PARK**

**Tentative 2023 Dates:**
- Saturday, June 10th
- Saturday, July 15th
- Saturday, August 12th

All Concerts in the Park begin at 7:00 p.m. with food trucks open for service beginning at 6:00 p.m. All Attendees are welcome to pack their own picnic dinner and are encouraged to bring their own folding chairs or blankets to the park. No chairs or tables will be provided at the park.

LVUSD Now Enrolling Students!

The Las Virgenes Unified School District is now enrolling TK – 12th Grades for the 2023-2024 school year!

Visit LVUSDenrollment.org or call 818-880-4000 to learn more.
The House of Eve by Sadeqa Johnson  1950s Philadelphia: fifteen-year-old Ruby Pearsall is on track to becoming the first in her family to attend college, but a taboo love affair threatens to pull her back down into the poverty and desperation that has been passed on to her like a birthright.

Eleanor Quarles arrives in Washington, DC, with ambition and secrets. When she meets the handsome William Pride at Howard University, they fall madly in love. But William hails from one of DC’s elite wealthy Black families, and his parents don’t let just anyone into their fold. Eleanor hopes that a baby will make her finally feel at home in William’s family. But having a baby--and fitting in--is easier said than done.

With their stories colliding, they will both make decisions that shape the trajectory of their lives. Adult Fiction

The Survivalists by Kashana Cauley A single Black lawyer puts her career and personal moral code at risk when she moves in with her coffee entrepreneur boyfriend and his doomsday-prepping roommates in a novel that’s packed with tension, curiosity, humor, and wit from a writer with serious comedy credentials

In the wake of her parents’ death, Aretha, a habitually single Black lawyer, has had only one obsession in life--success--until she falls for Aaron, a coffee entrepreneur. Moving into his Brooklyn brownstone to live along with his Hurricane Sandy-traumatized, illegal-gun-stockpiling roommates, Aretha finds that her dreams of making partner are slipping away, replaced by an underground world, one of selling guns and training for a doomsday. Adult Fiction

Half American by Matthew F. Delmont The definitive history of World War II from the African American perspective, written by civil rights expert and Dartmouth history professor Matthew Delmont.

Over one million Black men and women served in World War II. Black troops were at Normandy, Iwo Jima, and the Battle of the Bulge, serving in segregated units and performing unheralded but vital support jobs, only to be denied housing and educational opportunities on their return home.

Without their crucial contributions to the war effort, the United States could not have won the war. And yet the stories of these Black veterans have long been ignored. Adult Nonfiction

Home Safety

After a stormy December and January, it is wise for residents to check their home for damages that could be caused by wind and rain; especially if we’re hoping for more rain later in the season. Taking the time to quickly identify damage or potential leaks can reduce the cost of repairs and prevent further damage to your home. Here are some tips on how to secure your home after a storm:

Inspect your roof – Your roof may be designed to keep the elements out, but it can still be damaged by a storm. Check for broken or missing roof tiles and any damage to your chimney.

Clean your gutters – Leaves and small branches can clog your gutters which can lead to roof damage and leaks.

Check exterior walls for dents or broken siding – Chipped paint or plaster can signal damage to the exterior of your home. Even small chips or dents can lead to significant problems in the future.

Assess your attic – Make sure there is no moisture in your attic that could damage your ceiling or walls. Any amount of moisture can quickly lead to mold so it is key to fix a leaky roof as quickly as possible.

Westlake Village Library Books of the Month

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DROUGHT CONDITIONS UPDATE

Despite the recent storms and the small dent we've made in our water needs, the drought is unfortunately not over. While recent storms have been intense and delivered a lot of rain and snow throughout the state, outdoor watering restrictions remain in place. The rain and increased snowpack will help alleviate current conditions but the storms we experienced in December and January are not enough to undo the decades long severe drought we find ourselves in.

Although this has been a promising start to the rainy season, factors such as aridification, evaporation, soil moisture, and runoff all impact the snowmelt that eventually becomes our water supply in the spring and summer. These storms brought good rainfall totals but all that water may not be available in the summer and fall when we need it the most.

Westlake Village residents have done an exemplary job conserving water over the past several months, and we need to keep those efforts up.

It is, however, a great time to consider replacing your turf with climate appropriate and drought tolerant landscaping. Recent rains have improved the region's landscape health, and now is the time to take advantage of that, as well as available turf replacement rebates! Residents can apply for these rebates at www.socalWaterSmart.com. For more information on drought conditions and strategies you can implement around your home to reduce your water bill and conserve, please visit LVMWD.com.

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UPCOMING CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

February 8 and 22, 2023

City Council meetings can be seen live on WVTV Channel 10 and via web streaming on www.WLV.org.