

**CALLING FOR NEW
VOLUNTEERS**

**JOIN THE
JUNIOR
LIBRARY
COUNCIL**

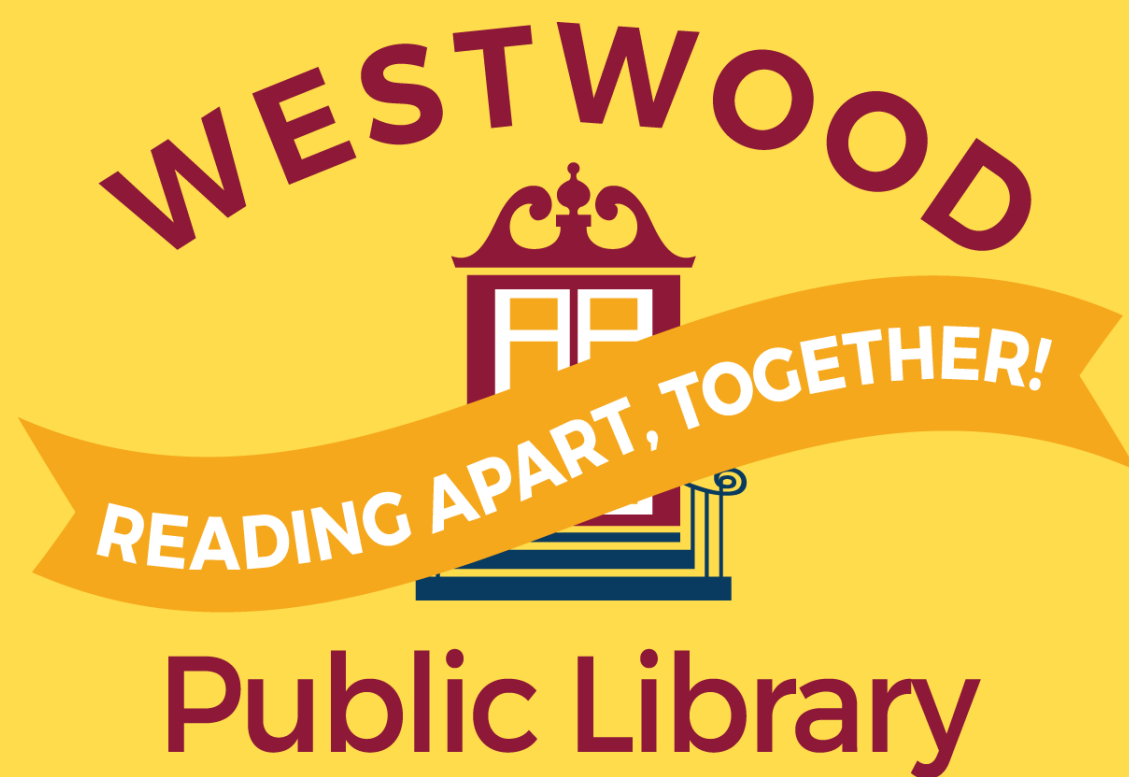
Plan Programs
Charity Drives
Earn Community
Service Hours



Meet once per
month
Gr 6-12

**MEETING DATES ON
GOOGLE MEET**

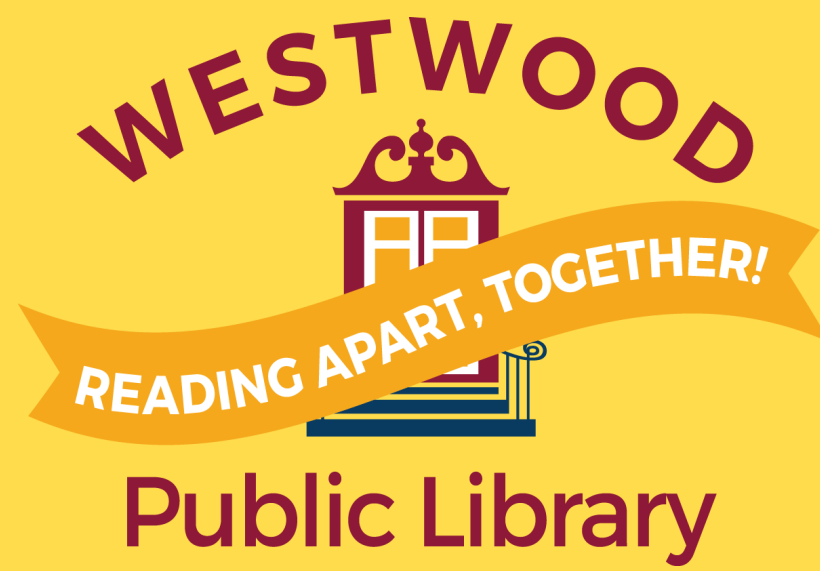
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THE JUNIOR LIBRARY COUNCIL GUIDE BOOKLET

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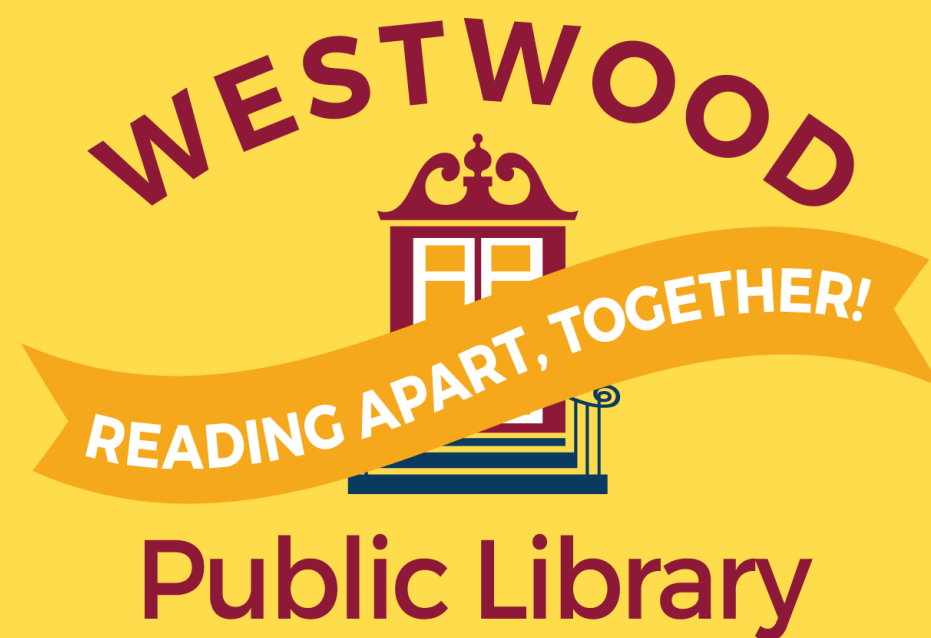


Mission Statement

To actively help support the library and its services to the community by volunteering time, skills, talent or contributing ideas for the betterment of the library.

Objective

JLC is a Service-learning Group. This means there is a principle-centered partnership between community and schools. Members will work with the library and/or its committees to identify and serve a library/community need.

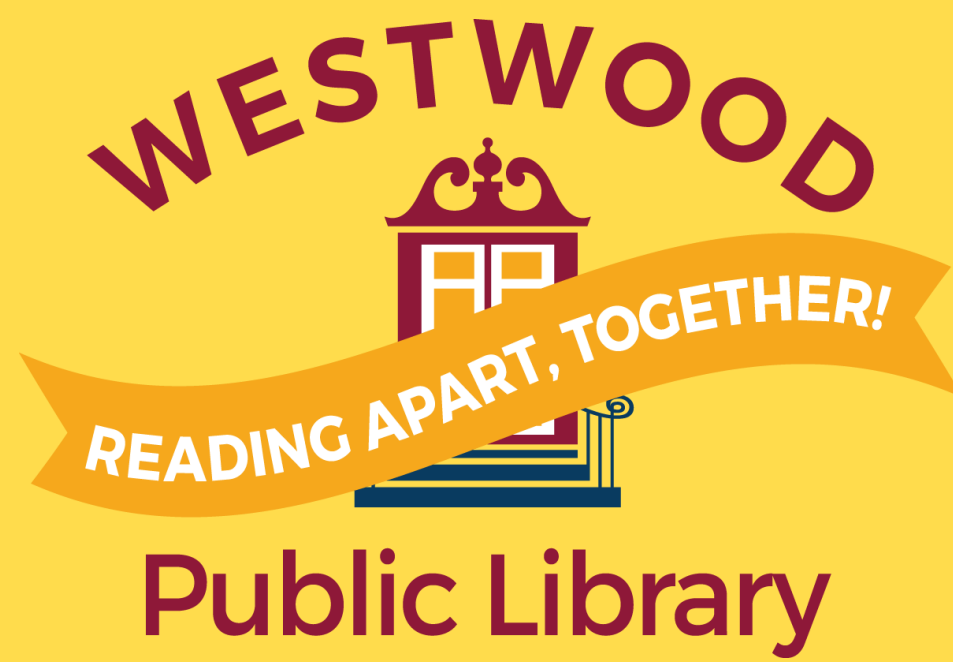


Enrollment

Students must be in Grades 6th-12th to enroll.

Meetings will be held once per month (October - May) either virtually on Google Meet or in-person to monitor student projects and progress. Depending on the length of the meeting, members will earn between 30 mins - 1 hour per each meeting attended.

Students must be actively working on a project that benefits the library and community.

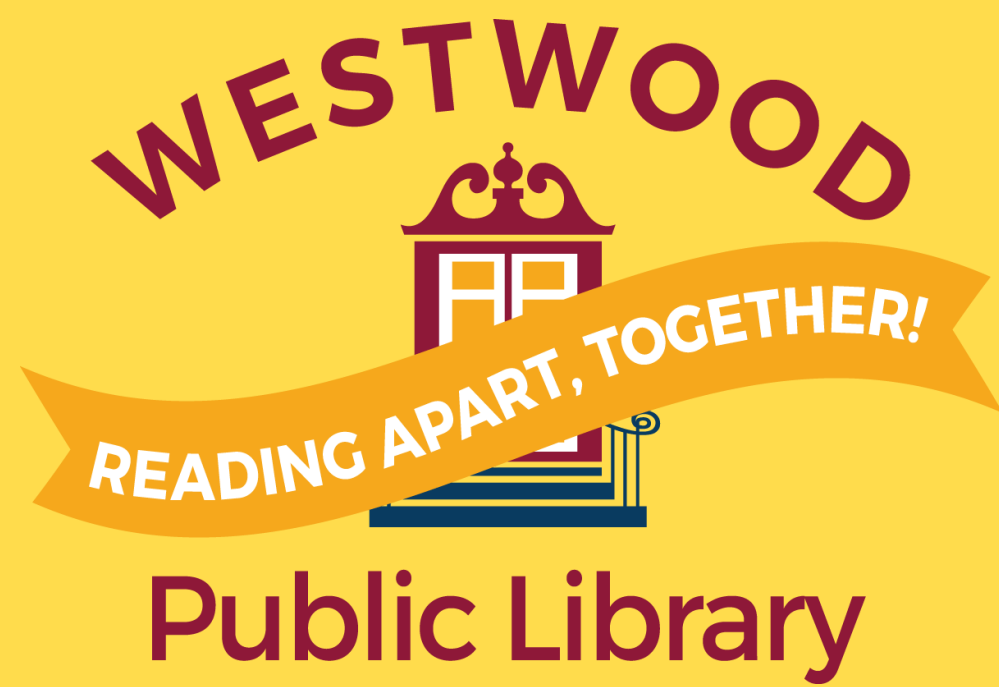


Volunteer Hours

The JLC requires 15 hours of service which can be applied towards other organizational groups such as, Scouts, religious institutions, schools, scholarships, etc.

Scheduling Hours

Member hours will be tracked individually via an Excel spreadsheet by library staff and monthly updates will be provided via email. Hours may not be carried over to the next school calendar year.



Suggested Monthly Activities (This is not a finite list)

Write a review or film a trailer for a book, movie or video game that the library owns.

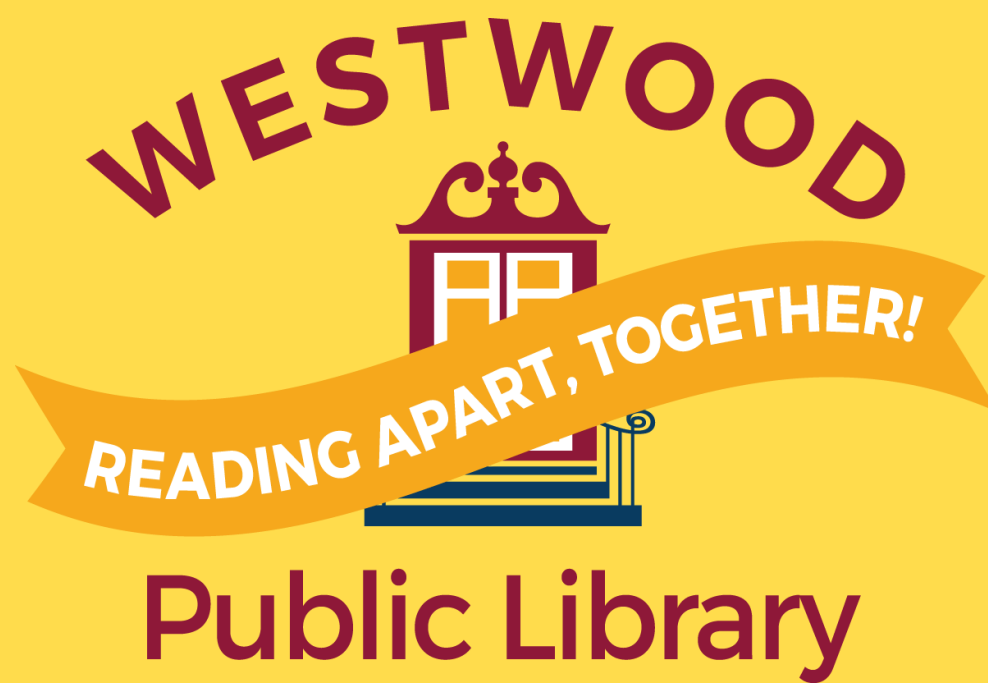
Choose a science activity through Citizen Science that helps with scientific research.

Write letters to U.S. active soldiers or senior citizens who reside at Westwood House.

Align with a local charitable organization for a “drive” (toy drive, women’s shelter, sneaker drive, pet drive, food drive or book drive). The drive can be done as a group activity.

Contribute to library programming by leading a program for children in grades K-5. The program can be academic based (STEM) or recreational (chess, language, magic, pre-recorded story time, etc)

Volunteer to assist at town functions (Home for the Holidays, Ragamuffin Parade and others as they arise)



Mandatory Activities

Attend a Town Council meeting, total 1 service hour. See JLC web page for meeting dates (on your own time)

Attend a Friends of the Library meeting (as a group). Meeting date TBD. total 1 service hour.

Attend a Board of Education meeting, total 1 service hour. See JLC web page for meeting dates. (on your own time)

Watch all 3 youth empowerment leadership videos (on your own time), then write about what you learned total 1 hour service. Links are below:

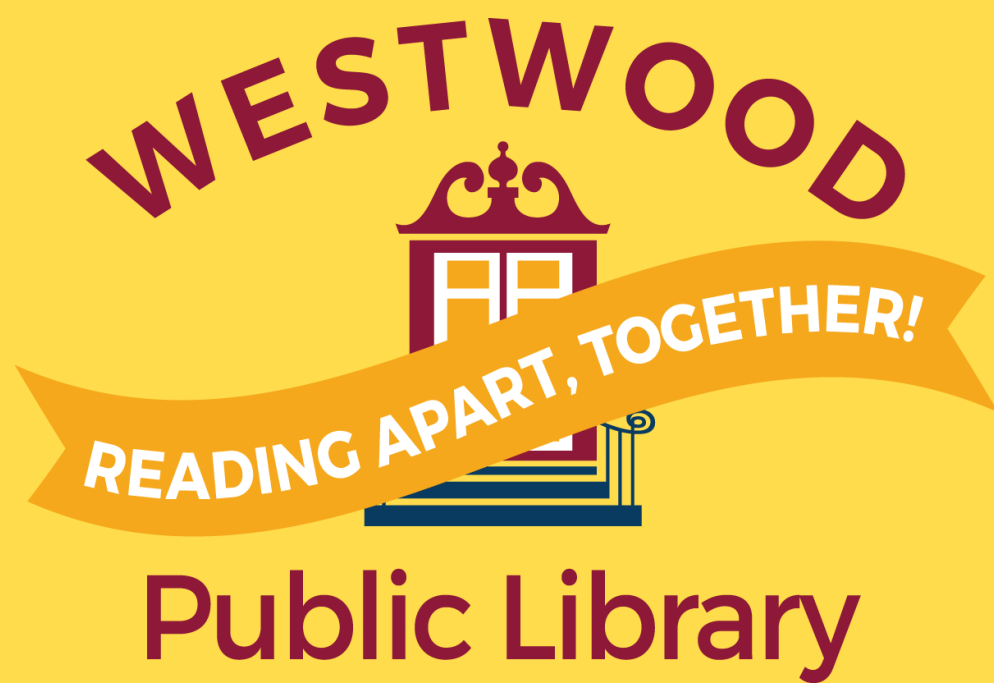
<https://www.pbs.org/video/kids-count-youth-leadership/>

“Start With Why?”:

https://youtu.be/u4ZoJKF_VuA

“Everyday Leadership”:

<https://youtu.be/uAy6EawKKME>

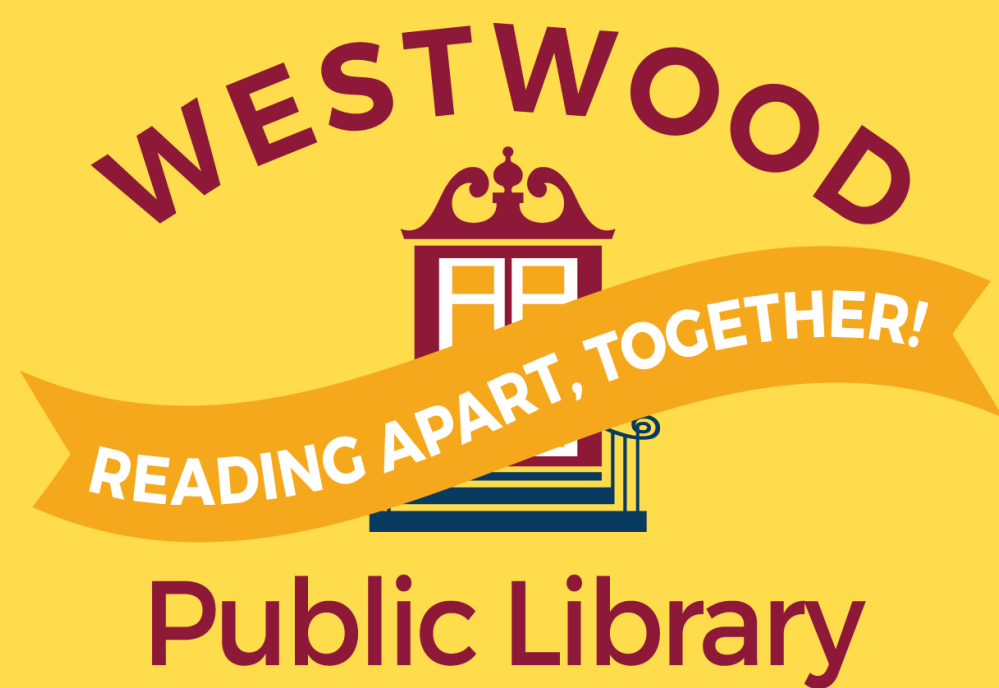


Mandatory Activities

Social Media: You are required to follow the library on Instagram and Facebook.

Consider:

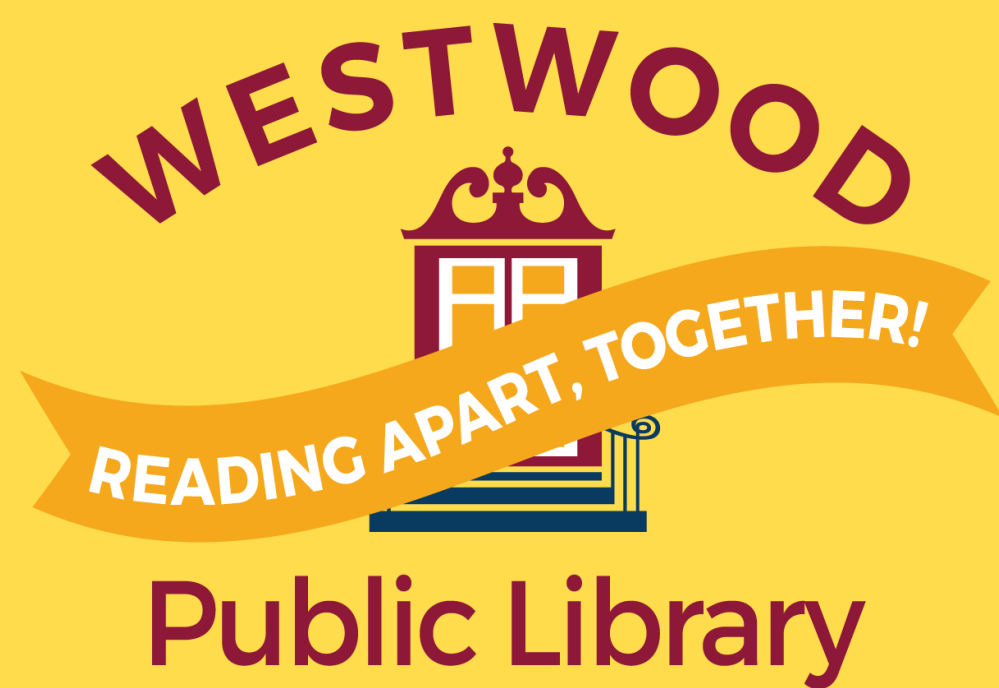
- liking posts
- creating a quick book talk and posting
- tagging the library when attending a town event or completing a library related project
- participating in any library IG poll
- adding #'s that support library events and promotions
- sending library posts to your friends/family circle



Up to Date Information

A variety of events/activities present themselves throughout the year. Please visit the Junior Library Council page on the library's website at www.westwoodpubliclibrary.org to see up to date information on:

- volunteer townwide events
- volunteer library events
- Town Council meeting dates
- Board of Education meeting dates
- Other notices



Completion

A total of 15 hours is required to complete the program. Volunteers who successfully complete their required hours will receive a Certificate of Completion for Volunteerism.

Graduating volunteers in the 8th and 12th grade will also receive a letter of commendation from the Library Director.

JLC Meeting Dates* (mandatory attendance)

- Tuesday, October 20
- Tuesday, November 17
- Tuesday, December 15
- Tuesday, January 19
- Tuesday, February 16
- Tuesday, March 16
- Tuesday, April 20
- Tuesday, May 18

*Dates are subject to change due to scheduling conflicts or unforeseen circumstances. Please actively monitor your e-mail for notifications.