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Petit Branch Library
October 2026 Events

Art Exhibit

Westcott World
William Rollins Hall Jr.
Throughout October

A presentation of unique and original images from in and around the Westcott Neighborhood. Each picture includes a quote from a famous author.

For Everyone

Petit's Annual Book Sale

- **Half-Price Sale**
Monday, September 28 – Friday, October 2
- **10¢/Item & \$1/Bag Sale**
Saturday, October 3

Sew Your Own: Pumpkin Pal
Saturday, October 10
3:00 p.m.

Halloween wouldn't be the same without your own pumpkin! Join us for a beginner sewing program intended for participants of all ages and skill levels. All materials, including patterns and felt in a variety of colors, will be provided. **Recommended for ages 8 and up. Registration required. Call, drop by, or visit the calendar event listing at onlib.org to register.**



Fall Card Making

Monday, October 26 – Saturday, October 31

Drop in any time to make your own fall themed card! Whether it be for a birthday, a thank you note, or a simple season's greetings, you'll be able to give your loved one your very own handmade card. **Recommended for ages 7+.**

WNA Halloween Dog Parade
Saturday, October 31
11:00 a.m.



All your furry friends are invited to strut their stuff at the Westcott Neighborhood Association's 5th Annual Halloween Dog Parade. Meet up at the Petit parking lot and join the ½ mile procession around the neighborhood. Live music by Second Line Syracuse, a New Orleans style brass band, will be accompanying the walk. After the parade, return to the library for cider and doughnuts!

For Adults

Witchcraft in Colonial America:
The Road to Salem
Saturday, October 17
2:30 p.m.

Join us as we explore how witchcraft in Colonial America culminated into the famous eleven-month ordeal centered on Salem, MA in 1692-1693. This talk will cover beliefs about magic, sorcery, and the occult in Europe and colonial America; bring to light other episodes of witchcraft prosecution in the colonies; and address the final, famous episode in Salem, MA. The presenter is Dr. Sara French, a visiting lecturer at SUNY-ESF, historian, and genealogist who has traced her own family heritage back to an accused Salem witch.

Westcott Readers: Book Discussion Group
Monday, October 26
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Join us for this month's pick *The Sea of Tranquility* by Emily St. John Mandel – a novel exploring time, memory, reality, and whether human lives are shaped by fate or by the stories we tell ourselves. **Attend in person or via Zoom. If attending via Zoom, please register in advance through the calendar event listing at onlib.org.**



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For Children

Make Your Own: 3D Paper Strip Apples
Monday, October 5 – Saturday, October 17
Celebrate apple season and fall by making your own 3D apple from construction paper and brass fasteners.



Story Time: Read, Sing, and Play
Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 20, & 27
10:30 a.m.

Combined toddler and preschool story time for children ages 1½ to 5 and their families or caregivers. Includes stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs. We ask that daycare centers, nursery schools, preschools, and pre-kindergarten programs please make an appointment for a special story time.

Fidget Keychains
Thursday, October 8
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Drop by after school to create your own fidget keychain from pony beads, silky cord, and key rings. **Recommended for ages 5 and up.**

Spooky Scavenger Hunt
Saturday, October 17 – Saturday, October 31
Spooky monsters have invaded Petit! Help scare the monsters away by finding them hidden around the library. If you find all the monsters, you'll get a small spooky prize!



Science Saturday with Young Naturalists
Saturday, October 17

11:00 a.m.

Do you love science, nature, and animals? Then drop in for a fun hour with the Young Naturalists to learn all about the natural world. **Recommended for ages 5-12, but all are welcome.**

Saturday Story Time
Saturday, October 24
10:30 a.m.

All the fun of Tuesday's "Read, Sing, and Play" but on Saturday. Combined toddler and preschool story time intended for ages birth to 5 years and their families or caregivers. Includes stories, rhymes, fingerplays, and songs.

Gnome Gardens
Saturday, October 24
2:30 p.m.

Create a gnome garden from sand, gnome figurines, moss, rocks, and shells. **Space is limited. Registration required. Call or drop by to register. Recommended for ages 5 and up.**



Pony Bead Ghost Keychains
Thursday, October 29
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Drop by after school to create your own ghostly keychain from pony beads. **Recommended for ages 5 and up.**

