

Spring 2025 Homeschool Classes at WWPL

WWPL is pleased to offer a wide range of homeschool classes for all ages and interests. Please refer to the chart below for an overview of recurring classes, and then find more detail, as well as information about non-series workshops and activities, in the listings that follow. Listings are organized by school subject, and within each subject area, by day and time. A category of “Other” opportunities follows, at the end of the list, for classes and events that do not fit neatly into a school subject area. To find more information and to register, please follow the directions provided with each class listing.

Spring 2025 Schedule of Regularly Recurring Homeschool Classes & Activities											
	MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY			FRIDAY	
10:30	Public Speaking		Introduction to Music		Engineering		Elementary Science	Early Learners	Pottery Workshop	Introductory Comp.	MLK Workshop, 1/10
10:45	1/13-5/12		1/27 – 3/17		1/29-3/12					8/19-5/23	Black History Unit
11:00	2nd Monday, only		Ages: 8-12		Ages 10+	Beginner Spanish	1/9 - 5/29	Co-op	1/9;2/20; 5/15	Grades 2-4	Study, February;
11:15	Ages 10-16					1/29-5/21	Ages 7-12	1/30 - 5/8	Ages 6+		Women's History
11:30		Drama					Teen Lunch & Fun	Ages 2-6		Intro. Grammar	Unit Study; March
11:45		3/3 - 5/12								8/19-5/23	Ages 8-14
12:00		Ages 11 - 17					12/5/24 - 5/29/25			Grades 2-4	Homeschool
12:15							Ages 13 - 18				Drop-In Day
12:30											1/24; 2/21; 3/21;
12:45											4/25; 5/16
1:00	Programming in	Chess			Geography & Global Cooking	Global Adventures				Elementary Comp.	All Ages
1:15	Python & Java	3 sessions:			1/29-3/12	1/29-5/21				8/19-5/23	
1:30	2/17-3/24; 4/7-5/12	1/6-5/19			Grades 5-12	Ages 6-10				Grades 4-6	
1:45	Ages 10-18	Ages 5-18									
2:00										Elem. Grammar	
2:15										8/19-5/23	
2:30										Grades 4-6	
2:45											
3:00					JA Biztown						
3:15					1/29-3/26						
3:30					Grades 4-6						
3:45											
4:00										Robotics & Coding	
4:15										1/31 - 4/18	
4:30										Ages 6+	
4:45											
5:00											

ART

Foundations of Drawing Ages 12—18 Tuesdays, 2:00—3:30 **CANCELLED** \$250/7-week session (materials included)

Students will learn foundational drawing techniques and improve their ability to observe and capture what they see. Hands-on drawing exercises will include rapid sketches, master copies, and studies of objects from life. For more information and to register, visit <https://sites.google.com/view/classicalmindsacademy/classes?>

Figure Drawing Ages 12—18 Tuesdays, 2:00—3:30 **CANCELLED** \$250/7-week session (materials included)

Students will learn the fundamentals of anatomy, proportion, and capturing movement, working from both master copies and live model references. Each week will introduce techniques that help students create expressive, lifelike figures, focusing on gesture, form, and structure. For more information and to register, visit <https://sites.google.com/view/classicalmindsacademy/classes?>

Pottery Workshop Ages 6+ Thursdays, 10:30—12:00 1/13; 2/20; 5/15 \$30/session

Create two clay projects from scratch. Everyone will use the pottery wheel as part of their project. Glaze, sculpt and design with your own two hands. Each session will have a specific topic. Registration will open on December 9, at <https://www.ripplemobilearts.com/about-5-1>

DRAMA

Advanced Drama Ages 11—17 Mondays, 11:30—12:30 3/3—5/12 \$100/10-week session

Students must be comfortable reading from a script. Class will include both improvisation and scene study. Students will study character development and script reading, and participate in activities to build creative awareness. For more information and to register, contact Rachael Weyers at rayabeal@gmail.com

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Beginner Spanish Ages 6—10 Wednesdays 11am—12pm 1/29—5/21 \$15/child/class session

An engaging, immersive Spanish class full of fun, songs, and games! For more information and to register, visit <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1zq6Jg4CgrEFv1APJL3U4Sg7iDqKb5F7sLhR3OltPkBo/viewform?>

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LANGUAGE ARTS

Find Your Voice: Public Speaking for Tweens & Teens Ages 10—16 2nd Monday, 1/8—5/14, 10:30-12:00 \$60/5-class session (includes supplies)

Learn valuable skills like clear speaking, strong body language, and engaging your audience, then craft your own amazing speeches! For more information and to register, email Katie Heddleston at katieheddleston@gmail.com. She will confirm enrollment and coordinate payment details prior to

Introductory Composition Grades 2-4 Fridays, 10:30—11:30 8/23/24—5/23/25 (no mid-year enrollment) \$410/full year

This year, students will be writing about fables, myths, legends, fairy tales and tall tales, as well as crafting some of their own. Writing during class is typically limited to crafting keyword outlines, brainstorming descriptive details, and completing occasional worksheets to support new stylistic or structural elements. For more information, contact Daryl Kessler at dkessler@redbricklanguagearts.com

Introductory Grammar Grades 2-4 Fridays, 11:30—12:30 8/23/24—5/23/25 (no mid-year enrollment) \$410/full year

Students will learn parts of speech, parts of a sentence, sentence types, basic punctuation and foundational sentence diagramming. For more information, contact Daryl Kessler at dkessler@redbricklanguagearts.com

Shakespeare: Twelfth Night Ages 14-18 Tuesdays, 12:30—2:00 **CANCELLED** \$200/7-week session

Explore themes of identity, love, and disguise while developing a solid understanding of Shakespearean language, historical context, and comedic elements. Classes will include scene studies, discussions, and activities that encourage students to connect personally with the text. For more information and to register, visit <https://sites.google.com/view/classicalmindsacademy/classes?>

Shakespeare: Macbeth Ages 14-18 Tuesdays, 12:30—2:00 **CANCELLED** \$200/7-week session

Students will dissect the play's darker elements, examine Shakespeare's techniques for creating tension and drama, and compare various adaptations.

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Elementary Composition Grades 4-6 Fridays, 1:00—2:00 8/23/24—5/23/25 (no mid-year enrollment) \$410/full year

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Elementary Grammar Grades 4-6 Fridays, 2:00 — 3:00 8/23/24—5/23/25 (no mid-year enrollment) \$410/full year

Students will learn classic sentence diagramming, comma rules, capitalization, titles, dialogue, quotations, possessives, agreement and word choice. For more information, contact Daryl Kessler at dkessler@redbricklanguagearts.com

MATH

Mrs. Peters' Math

Live, online, year-long classes in Grades 6 and 7 Math, Pre-Algebra, Algebra 1 and 2, and Geometry. Classes meet 2-3 times per week, for an hour to an hour and a half at a time. One full year live class for 2024-2025 is \$750. This includes textbook and/or printable notes depending on class. There are no book fees! Discount codes may be available via events such as conventions. For more information and to register, visit <https://mrspetersmath.com/>

MUSIC

Introduction to Music Ages: 8-12 Tuesdays, 10:30—11:30 1/28 — 3/18 \$200

Students will be introduced to the basics of music theory concepts such as rhythm, intervals, harmony, ear training etc. They will be learning about different musical genres and famous composers. For more information and to register, visit <https://legacymusiclessons.com/after-school-music-activities/>

SCIENCE

Elementary Meteorology Ages 7-12 Thursdays, 10:30—11:30 1/9—1/30 \$125/4-week session

Chart weather trends, discuss what effects the weather, and leave with the tools to set up a weather center at your own home! For more information and to register, contact Beth Broadhurst at creative.energy.arts@gmail.com.

Elementary Geology Ages 7-12 Thursdays, 10:30—11:30 2/6— 2/27 \$125/4-week session

Examine a variety of rock specimens, while learning about rock and mineral composition, land formations, and the effects of erosion. For more information and to register, contact Beth Broadhurst at creative.energy.arts@gmail.com.

Elementary Astronomy Ages 7-12 Thursdays, 10:30—11:30 3/6— 3/27 \$125/4-week session

Explore our planet, solar system and beyond, and learn how to use a telescope to observe the night sky. For more information and to register, contact Beth Broadhurst at creative.energy.arts@gmail.com.

Elementary Entomology Ages 7-12 Thursdays, 10:30—11:30 4/10— 5/1 \$125/4-week session

Learn to identify the insects in Westfield and surrounding areas. Determine which insects are most common, most dangerous, and most beneficial. Begin a notebook of the bugs you find, and learn how to encourage beneficial species in your yard. For more information and to register, contact Beth Broadhurst at creative.energy.arts@gmail.com.

Elementary Botany Ages 7-12 Thursdays, 10:30—11:30 5/8— 5/29 \$125/4-week session

Keep a log of the many species of plants you discover, and learn about species of plants native to Indiana! Learn about parts of plants and plant reproduction, experiment with germination techniques, and start a seedling to take home. For more information and to register, contact Beth Broadhurst at creative.energy.arts@gmail.com.

Science Fair Grades 3—8 Wednesday, 3:30—6:00 4/9/25 FREE

Students must use the scientific method to conduct their experiments and present their findings. No live experiments will be permitted during the Science Fair — students may present photos or videos of their experiments and their findings. Judging will be done in two separate groups: Elementary and Middle School. (3rd-5th grade and 6th-8th grade). For more information and to register, email Cassie Conforti at cassieconforti@gmail.com

SOCIAL STUDIES

Foundations of U.S. Government Ages 14-18 Tuesdays, 10:30—12:00 CANCELLED \$200/7-week session

Students will explore the historical foundations of the American political system, with a particular focus on the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the separation of powers. For more information and to register, visit <https://sites.google.com/view/classicalmindsacademy/classes?>

Civic Engagement & Modern Governance Ages 14-18 Tuesdays, 10:30—12:00 CANCELLED \$200/7-week session

Students will analyze the role of the citizen in the American political process, covering topics such as voting rights, civic responsibilities, and public policy. They will gain an understanding of local-level civic organizations and governmental institutions. For more information and to register, visit <https://sites.google.com/view/classicalmindsacademy/classes?>

Martin Luther King, Jr. Workshop Ages 8-14 Friday, 10:30—12:00 1/10/25 \$15/includes supplies for project

Learn about MLK, Jr. through the lens of photographs taken throughout his life. Discover some of his most famous quotes, then select your favorite to use in an art project. For more information and to register, please email instructor Katie Heddlestone at katieheddlestone@gmail.com

Black History Month Unit Study Ages 10-15 Fridays, 10:30—12:00 2/7—2/28 \$50/4-week unit (notebook supplies included)

Students will be introduced to six influential Black men and women each week, from the past and the present, while simultaneously learning invaluable note-taking strategies that will help them in other academic settings. Students will create a study notebook during class. Weekly areas of focus include civil rights leaders, entertainers, STEM leaders and entrepreneurs, and notable athletes. For more information and to register, please email instructor Katie Heddlestone at katieheddlestone@gmail.com

Women's History Month Unit Study Ages 10-15 Fridays, 10:30—12:00 3/7—3/28 \$50/4-week unit (notebook supplies included)

Students will be introduced to six influential women each week, from both past and present, while practicing valuable note-taking strategies. Students will create a study notebook during class. Weekly themes include women in STEM, women in entertainment, those who were first in their field, and children and young women. For more information and to register, email instructor Katie Heddleston at katieheddleston@gmail.com

Global Adventures Ages 6-10 Wednesdays, 1:00—3:00 1/29—5/21 \$18/class period

Join this fun-filled journey to explore different places, people and cultures around the world! In this social studies class, 1st—3rd graders will discover maps, history, and how communities work through hands-on activities and exciting stories. For more information and to register, visit <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1zq6Jg4CgrEFv1APJL3U4Sg7iDqKb5F7sLhR3OltPkBo/viewform?>

Advanced Geography and Cooking Grades 5-12 Wednesdays, 1:00—3:00 1/29—3/12 \$175/(7)2-hour classes

Each session of this innovative class is a passport to a new destination, where students not only learn about the geography and cultural traditions of different regions, but also roll up their sleeves and dive into hands-on cooking experiences, making and sampling dishes from different regions. This class is about more than just cooking — it's about fostering cultural appreciation, global awareness, and cross-cultural connections. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.theacademyofchaos.com/classes>

JA Biztown Grades 4-6 Wednesdays, 3:00— 5:00 1/29—3/26 \$140/(7) 2-hour classes + on-site simulation day & virtual debrief class

This popular learning experience allows elementary students to operate banks, manage restaurants, write checks and vote for mayor. Students will learn the importance of citizen rights and responsibilities, develop a basic understanding of the free enterprise system, build money management skills, and learn about basic business practices. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.theacademyofchaos.com/classes> **REGISTER BY JAN. 6TH!**

WWPL Geography Bee Grades 3-8 Tuesday, 6:00—7:30 4/29/25 FREE but registration required!

Come and test your skills against other geography lovers in this geography bee modeled after National Geographic Bees of the past! The Bee is targeted to students in 4th through 8th grades, but younger students may participate, as well. Certificates of participation will be awarded to all, and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will receive ribbons. To register, email Kim Wright at kwright@wwpl.lib.in.us

STEAM

Engineering Ages 10+ Wednesdays, 10:30—12:00 1/29—3/12 \$240/(16) 1.5 hour class sessions

This teams-focused, project based learning class will include critical thinking, pre-planning, communications, writing and public speaking. Project topics will be based on six simple machines, and building more complex systems based on that foundational knowledge. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.theacademyofchaos.com/classes>

Chess Grades K-12 Mondays, 1:00—1:50 **Sess. 1:** 1/6—2/10 **Sess. 2:** 2/24—3/31 **Sess. 3:** 4/7—5/19 \$81/Sessions 1&2 (6wks); \$90/Sess. 3 (7 wks)

This class is good for new or returning students who want to improve their chess skills while having fun. Strategies will be taught in an exciting way using the locally famous *Learning Through Games* style. For more information, call or text 317 224 6771 or email adean@learningthroughgames.com. To register, visit <https://www.learningthroughgames.com/westfield-library-homeschool-chess-classes/>

Programming in Python & Java Ages 10-18 Mondays, 1:00—2:00 **Sess. 1:** 2/17—3/24 **Sess. 2:** 4/7—5/12 \$120/6-week session

Students will need a laptop or Chromebook to complete lessons in Python and/or Java at their own pace. All work will be completed in class, with optional lessons to complete at home. Our curriculum was developed by The League of Amazing Programmers. Instructor Matt Burke is a homeschool dad, a software engineer with 20+ years of experience, and has coached WWPL's FIRST LEGO League team since 2016. For more information, email Matt at sprints@gmail.com. To register, visit <https://forms.gle/3EYf7NhZhnewGuSD9>

Core Learning Through Games Ages 7-18 Wednesdays, 1:00—3:00 9/11/24—1/22/25 \$240/(12) 2-hr. classes (mid-session enrollment OK)

This class is more than just fun and games. From critical thinking and problem solving to collaboration and creativity, students will develop a diverse toolkit that empowers them to excel. Each class will include a variety of game levels and gameplay styles to meet the students' needs. The subject focus will vary by week. For more information and to register for remaining classes, email instructor Jean Lee at theacademyofchaos@gmail.com

Robotics & Coding Ages 6+ Fridays, 4:00—5:00 1/31—4/18 \$285/3-month session (includes all materials + 1 yr. FREE Interactive Math)

Kids learn about robotics and coding with various hands-on activities, including building and programming a robot that can play the drum. At completion of class, kids will have two robots to take home! **BONUS:** With enrollment, receive FREE 1-year access to A+ Interactive Math **Family Math Package** for up to 10 students. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.kidsexplorerobotics.com/> Select "**Homeschool Package 2**": 3-month robotics classes & kit + A + Interactive Math. After paying, email KidsExporeRobotics@gmail.com with the subject line "WWPL Homeschool Robotics Class"

OTHER

Homeschool Meet the Teacher Night All Ages Tuesday, 5:30—7:30 6/17/25 Free

Drop in to meet the teachers of our upcoming year's classes, as well as visit with representatives from a wide variety of community partners. Learn more about the resources they have to support your curriculum and your homeschooling lifestyle.

Etiquette Workshop Ages 4 –15 Tuesday or Friday, 10:30—11:30 1/22 or 4/11 \$20

Students will learn etiquette skills through participating in a fun role play of a High Tea Party. We will focus on communication (greetings, making small talk, and farewells) and table manners (utensil use, passing of food, buttering of rolls, and so much more) all while using real table settings at an elegant "Tea". Keeping the health of all in mind, no real food is served at this "Tea," but fun with fake food is had by all. Students should come dressed in High Tea Attire. For more information and to register visit www.kindkettle.com or email Nancy Stephens at thekindkettle@gmail.com.

Early Learners Co-Op Ages 2-6, with caregiver Thursdays, 10:30—11:45 Every other week from 1/30—5/8 Free

Each morning's theme may include story time, songs, crafts, games, snacks and other activities. Each caregiver will be responsible for planning and leading one time each semester. Two caregivers can partner to develop the morning's fun! For more information and to register, please contact Angela Phillips at philcot1961@gmail.com

Teen Lunch & Fun Ages 13—18 Thursdays, 11:30—1:00 12/5/24—5/29/25 Free

Bring a sack lunch and join other homeschooled teens for this fun, weekly hangout at the library. Weekly ice-breaker activities will vary, followed by some unstructured time to visit with friends, old and new. For more information and to register, email Norika Pales at norikapales@yahoo.com

Homeschool Drop-In Day All Ages Fridays, 12:00—3:30 1/24; 2/21; 3/21; 4/25; 5/16 Free

Drop in with or without a sack lunch, to visit with other homeschooling parents and homeschooled kids. Just hang out, or enjoy the provided activity. The monthly activity will rotate between puzzles, LEGOs and games, for a wide range of ages. For more information, email kwright@wwpl.lib.in.us or leave a message on the **Homeschooling with WWPL** Facebook page.