**End Library for Eight Years**

Joan Black, Crochet Instructor, Has Been Teaching the Art of Crochet at West End Library for Eight Years at the West End Branch Library.

Joan Black was taught the art of crocheting by her family when she was in the fourth grade. Black, 76, has now built a loyal following sharing her gift with others who take advantage of a free weekly crochet class she has hosted every Tuesday for eight years at the West End Branch Library.

**About the Author**

Denise Williams, author of the new children's book, *Don't Bully Me*. Williams said in her books she desires to leave her stamp on future generations to assist them with the challenges they will face. Keep your eyes out for *Don't Bully Me*, her forthcoming book,


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October 14, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Central Library

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