



VANCOUVER

What's Happening

MARCH • APRIL 2018

ADULTHOOD 101

A series for teens and young adults to gain the confidence and skills for independent living. Series continues through June.

Civics 101: Local Elections Impact Your Life

Saturday, March 17, 1 pm

Representatives of local organizations discuss voting and community involvement.
MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

Finance 101: Money Matters

Saturday, April 21, 1 pm

Unravel the mysteries of credit cards, banking and budgeting, and uncover resources available to you.
MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

NEXT CHAPTER OF LIFE

Documents You Need

Sunday, April 15, 3 pm

Rory Bowman is back to walk you through everything you need to know to confidently make your own personalized plans for a secure future.

KLICKITAT ROOM, LEVEL 4

Wills

Sunday, April 22, 3 pm

Learn what you need to know to create your own basic will.

KLICKITAT ROOM, LEVEL 4

Final Wishes

Sunday, April 29, 3 pm

Make your final health care wishes known.
KLICKITAT ROOM, LEVEL 4

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Help CRESA Help You

Saturday, March 11, 11 am

Are you ready for an emergency situation? Join us as Eric Frank from Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency discusses what you need to be ready.
COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

Death Café

Sunday, April 8, 3 pm

Speak freely about your thoughts on death while enjoying treats. Volunteer facilitators will be present.

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

TRAVELOGUE

The Human Side of Iran

Thursday, March 8, 7–8 pm

Beyond the headlines and political wrangling, Iran is full of *people*. Allison Lide shows us a side of Iran brimming with art, culture and history—you may be surprised at what modern Iran has to offer.

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

WRITING

Speculative Fiction Writers Group

**2nd Saturdays, 10 am–2 pm
(March 10, April 14)**

If you have a story to tell, join other speculative fiction writers in a quiet room where you can tap away on your keyboard.

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

FORUM @ THE LIBRARY

Welcomed or Turned Away? Immigration in Clark County

Wednesday, April 18, 6:30 pm

How does immigration work in Clark County? Who is allowed to come? How are immigration laws enforced? What about the kids? Join us as our panel of regional experts explores the local side of this national issue. *Light refreshments provided by Friends of Vancouver Community Library.*

Pre-registration recommended.

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

VANCOUVER WATERSHEDS ALLIANCE FILM SERIES

Before the Flood

Tuesday, March 27, 6 pm

Before the Flood, presented by National Geographic, features Leonardo DiCaprio traveling to five continents and the Arctic to witness climate change firsthand. With unprecedented access to thought leaders around the world, DiCaprio searches for hope in a rising tide of catastrophic news.

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

Plastic China

Tuesday, April 24, 6 pm

Following the daily lives of two families living and working in a plastic recycling workshop in China. Plastic China unveils the underside of both China and the worldwide stream of plastics.

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

BOOK GROUPS (for all ages)

Pick up copies of discussion books at the library.

KIDS

Kids Book Group (ages 6-9)

3rd Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 pm

Join the **Bookaneers** for book discussion and theme-related activities. For kids and their participating adult (no older or younger children, please).

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM ROOM,
LEVEL 3

March 15

The Bad Guys

by Aaron Blabey

April 19

Beasts of Olympus: Beast Keeper

by Lucy Coats

TWEENS

Tween Book Group (ages 9-12)

2nd Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 pm

Join our Discussion Junction to talk about a new book each month. For children and their participating adult (no older or younger children, please).

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM ROOM,
LEVEL 3

March 8

The Seventh Most Important Thing

by Shelley Pearsall

April 12

Sunny Side Up

by Jennifer Holm

TEENS

Teen Book Group (ages 12-18)

2nd Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 pm

Read this month's book and join us for snacks and a discussion.

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

March 8

Hot Pterodactyl Boyfriend

by Alan Cumyn

April 12

The Hate U Give

by Angie Thomas

ADULTS

Adult Book Group

4th Mondays, 6:30–7:45 pm

Join us for a rousing discussion of a different book each month.

KLICKITAT ROOM, LEVEL 4

March 26

Imagine Me Gone

by Adam Haslett

April 23

The Underground Railroad

by Colson Whitehead

New Adult Book Group: Books and Brew

3rd Wednesdays

6:30–7:30 pm

Open to all 19 to 30-ish.

BREWED 360

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March 21

Whistling Past the Graveyard

by Susan Crandall

April 18

News of the World

by Paulette Jiles

TEEN FUN

(for ages 12-18)

Teen Council

**2nd Thursdays, 5:30–6:30 pm
(March 8, April 12)**

The library wants your opinion and input! Help us make the library a great place for teens. Call the library or email arobbins@fvrl.org to sign up.

TEEN CENTRAL, LEVEL 1

Saturday Morning Movies

Saturdays, 10:30 am

Ease on into the weekend with a morning movie.

TEEN CENTRAL, LEVEL 1

Frankentoys

Saturday, March 3, 2:30 pm

Make cute, scary or weird creations by destroying and repurposing your old toys and stuffed animals.

TEEN CENTRAL, LEVEL 1

Teen Tech Month

Tuesday, March 13, 3:30 pm

Harness the power of electromagnetism. Use wire and magnets to create your own portable speaker. **Registration required.**

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

Cartoon Binge

Tuesday, April 3, 10 am–2 pm

Kick back, relax, and 'toon in for a marathon viewing session.

TEEN CENTRAL, LEVEL 1

Snack Food Challenge

Thursday, April 5, 2:30 pm

Test your taste buds with some of your favorite snacks and their off-brand copycats. Good, gross, or in between—vote for your favorites!

TEEN CENTRAL, LEVEL 1

Video Game Tournament

Saturday, April 7, 1:30–5:30 pm

Bring your A-game for an afternoon of friendly competition, projected on the big screen.

TEEN CENTRAL, LEVEL 1

FUN FOR ALL

GAMES

Vancouver Chess Club

Mondays, 4–7:45 pm

Drop in for informal chess play. All ages and abilities are welcome. MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

Dungeons & Dragons

Saturdays, 1–5 pm

Play Dungeons & Dragons and meet other gamers. All experience levels are welcome. **Space is limited. Please sign up online for each weekly event.** MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

Escape the Room: Jewel Heist

Saturday, March 10, 3 pm

You and your team have a limited time to solve the riddles, decipher the clues, and find the key to escaping the room! Do you have the brainpower and teamwork needed to win?

Separate escape rooms will be available for families (7-12 year olds and parents) and teens/adults (12 years and older).

Please arrive on time to secure your place in a group.

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

LEARN2CODE

Beyond Scratch

Monday, March 26, 4 pm

Take your coding skills beyond basic drag-and-drop block-based coding software and learn some basic coding commands and syntax structure.

Space is limited. Please register online. COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

Arduino 101

Monday, April 30, 4 pm

Learn how to program a microcontroller with basic code. No experience necessary.

Space is limited. Please register online. COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Needle Crafters

Thursdays, 6–7:30 pm

Bring any needlecraft project, get advice, show off your handiwork and make new friends.

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

Craft Connections: An Adult Drop-in Craft Group

Sundays, 11 am

Join other adults in a weekly craft project. All experience levels welcome. Working on your own project? Bring it along and chat with other craft-minded people.

Refreshments provided by Friends of Vancouver Community Library.

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

MAKERSPACE

Couve Creators:

A Drop-in Group for Makers

**1st Tuesdays, 6 pm
(March 6, April 3)**

Love working with Arduino, Raspberry Pi and technology? Bring in your project, meet other area makers, and collaborate with electronics.

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

MAKE a Better World

**2nd Tuesdays, 6:30 pm
(March 13, April 10)**

Join us each month as we work on a community service project to make the world we live in a little bit better!

MEETING ROOMS, LEVEL 4

Tech TakeApart

Monday, April 2, 2 pm

Ever wonder what's inside electronic equipment? Satisfy your curiosity and take apart broken gadgets. All tools and equipment provided.

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

Animation Workshop: Stop Motion

Tuesday, April 17, 5:30 pm

Join us as we brainstorm, plan, and film our own stop motion short films.

Ages 10 and up! Space is limited.

Please register online.

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

3D DESIGN & PRINTING

Intro to 3D Design

• **Sunday, March 11, 11:30 am**

• **Sunday, April 29, 11:30 am**

Come and play with Tinkercad®! Join this workshop to learn the basics of Tinkercad® and get started creating your own objects for 3D printing.

This workshop is a prerequisite for 3D Printing Certification.

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

3D Printing Open Lab

• **Sunday, March 11, 1:30 pm**

• **Sunday, April 29, 1:30 pm**

Drop in to watch a 3D printer in action. Browse 3D designs or bring in your own .STL file for review by a library staff member for potential printing.

This workshop is a prerequisite for 3D Printing Certification.

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

3D Printing Certification

**1st Sundays, 1:30 pm
(March 4, April 1)**

Register to become certified to use the library's Lulzbot Mini 3D printer.

Space is limited. Please register online.

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

3D Design Challenge

Tuesday, March 27, 6:30 pm

Put your Tinkercad® Design skills to the test! Your challenge is to create a simple labyrinth that will print successfully on the Library's 3D Printer. Successful models will be featured at the Library's Labyrinth program on April 23!

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

FUN FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Programs are held in the Children's Program Room on Level 3, unless otherwise noted.

STORYTIMES

Baby

- Mondays & Tuesdays, 9:30 am
- Thursdays, 2:30 pm

Songs, rhymes and books for ages 0-18 months.

Toddler

Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9:30 am

Stories, music, movement and activities for ages 18-36 months.

Preschool

- Mondays, 2:30 pm
- Tuesdays, 10:30 am

Stories, music, activities and more for ages 3-6 years.

Family

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm

Stories, music, activities and more for children of all ages.

PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Music and Movement

Thursdays, 10:30 am

Including dance, parachutes, shakers and scarves for ages 0-6 years and their caregivers. **Will not meet March 1.** COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

Explore

Wednesdays and Fridays (repeat), 10:30 am

Ages 3-6 with adult participation.

Hands-on science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) activities.

Come & Play on Saturday

Saturdays, 10:30 am

Art, music, games, and more. For ages 0-6 and their caregivers. Wear your play clothes since things might get messy!

KIDS' FUN

Build It!

Tuesdays, 4:30 pm

Inspire your imagination and keep your engineering skills sharp.

Read to the Dogs

2nd Wednesdays, 3-5 pm
(March 14, April 11)

Dogs are great listeners! Come in and read to a furry friend.

This drop-in event is great for ages 5-12.

Funtastic Friday

Fridays, 3:30-5:30 pm

Are you ready for some fun? Drop in Friday afternoons for a wide range of creative and interactive projects.

For ages 5-12.

TWEEN FUN

Frankentoys

- Saturday, March 17, 2:30 pm
- Wednesday, March 28, 4 pm

Make cute, scary or weird creations by destroying and repurposing your old toys and stuffed animals.

Munchies and a Movie

Wednesday, April 4, 2:30 pm

Calling all future chefs! Learn how to make delicious snacks in this hands-on program. Anything you make, you get to enjoy during our afternoon movie. **For ages 7-12.**

- 2:30 pm: Snack making
- 3:30 pm: Movie begins- Make sure to be here on time to vote on what movie we watch!

FAMILY FUN

Exploring Your World

Thursday, April 5, 4 pm

What are the must-have items you'll need to explore outdoors? How can you help protect wilderness areas and keep them wild? Staff from the Gifford Pinchot National Forest Service will be joining us to share the answers and more!

Egg Drop Competition

Saturday, April 21, 4 pm

- Build Session: 4-6 pm
- Competition Begins: 6 pm

The challenge: engineer a carrier that will keep an egg safe in a 4-story drop. The library provides the materials and YOU save an egg from going the way of Humpty Dumpty. **Must be checked in by 5:45 pm to participate.** Late arrivals may not be admitted. Find complete rules on our website.

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOPS

Explore - Learn - Apply. *Weekly workshops offer an introduction, hands-on instruction, and educational resource information about a variety of tech tools.*

DROP-IN HELP

Tech Help Open Lab

- Saturdays in March, 3:30 pm
- Mondays in April, 11:30 am

Stop in anytime during the session for one-on-one help with your tech question.

No open lab on March 24 or 31.

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

COMPUTER SKILLS

Beginning Computer

- Thursday, March 1, 5 pm
- Saturday, April 7, 3:30 pm

Learn and apply basic computer techniques for using Windows with a mouse and keyboard. **Best for the absolute beginner.**

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

Beginning Internet

- Thursday, March 8, 5 pm
- Saturday, April 14, 3:30 pm

Learn how to access and browse information online including news, weather, and email.

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

DEVICES

Free eBooks/eAudio

- Thursday, March 15, 5 pm
- Saturday, April 21, 3:30 pm

FREE eBooks and eAudiobooks are available from the library. Learn how to take books and media on the go!

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

Mobile Devices

- Thursday, March 29, 5 pm
- Saturday, April 28, 3:30 pm

Learn some tips and tricks for using mobile devices. Bring your eReader, tablet or smartphone along with your questions!

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

Please note:

The Computer Classroom will be closed to the public on Wednesdays, 5–8 pm due to the Girls Who Code Club, as well as March 26 and April 30, 4–6 pm for Learn2Code.

FAMILY HISTORY

Newspapers

Wednesday, March 28, 4 pm

There is so much interesting information in old newspapers! We'll explore what you may find and where you may find it.

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

Land

Wednesday, April 25, 4 pm

Learn about different types of land records and get tips on uncovering these pieces of the past.

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

GOOGLE

How Google Works

- Monday, March 26, 11:30 am

Learn about how this search engine works and the factors that might influence your search results. How does Google decide which websites are more important?

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

JOB SKILLS

Job Lab

- Tuesdays, 11 am–1 pm
- Saturdays, 11 am–1 pm

Friendly, patient staff will help you with your job search. Extra internet time available for job-related projects.

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

MICROSOFT

Beginning Microsoft Word

- Monday, March 5, 11:30 am
- Thursday, April 5, 5 pm

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

Beginning Microsoft Excel

- Monday, March 12, 11:30 am
- Thursday, April 12, 5 pm

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

BUSINESS

Library Business eResources

- Tuesday, March 6, 3:30 pm
- Tuesday, April 3, 3:30 pm

Learn about the various business databases that the library offers.

Online registration required.

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

NONPROFIT WORKSHOPS

In partnership with Nonprofit Network SW Washington

Federal Grants Seminar

Thursday, March 22, 2–4 pm

Join staff from the offices of U.S. Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell and get updated information on the budget process, and overview of grants services and an opportunity for question and answer. **RSVP to**

Melanie_See@cantwell.senate.gov.

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

Nonprofit Grant Research

Select Thursdays, 3:30–4:30 pm (March 29, April 19)

Discover powerful tools that your library has for assisting you in your nonprofit research.

Register online at www.fvrl.org.

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

Evaluation

Thursday, April 26, 2–4 pm

Learn how to incorporate evaluation into your program planning. **Register at**

www.nonprofitnetworkwa.org.

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

LANGUAGE LEARNING

English Conversation Circle

Tuesdays, 10–11:30 am

Practice speaking English in a comfortable setting. No registration required and everyone is welcome. Preschool-age children's activities provided.
KLUCKITAT ROOM, LEVEL 4

Spanish Conversation Circle

Advanced: Tuesdays, 6–8 pm

Come and practice your speaking and listening skills in Spanish with other Spanish speakers. Converse on a wide variety of topics.

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

Chinese Conversation Circle

Beginner: Wednesdays, 6–7:30 pm

Practice your Mandarin Chinese speaking skills with other adults. Taught by Chinese speaking volunteers. All are welcome.

Will not meet on first Wednesdays.

SKAMANIA ROOM, LEVEL 4

ASL Conversation Circle:

Come Sign With Us

Thursdays, 4–5:30 pm

Study and practice American Sign Language with a fluent ASL teacher while learning about Deaf culture and history. Program geared toward beginning ASL. All are welcome.

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

CITIZENSHIP

Citizenship Class

**Wednesdays, 6 pm
(March 7–May 9)**

Prepare to become a U.S. citizen in this free 10-session series. Participants are encouraged to attend each week to get the most out of the class.

Sign up at www.fvrl.org.

KLUCKITAT ROOM, LEVEL 4

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Welcome to Medicare

Wednesday, April 25, 1 pm

New to Medicare? Learn about the basics of Medicare Parts A, B, C, & D from SHIBA volunteers who will help you understand your rights and options.
COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

Labyrinth Walk

Saturday, April 28, 1 pm

Learn the meditative benefits of labyrinth walking. Certified Veriditas Labyrinth Facilitator, Anne Richardson, will provide an introduction and a canvas labyrinth for you to explore this ancient symbol of beginnings and endings.

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

STORIES AND BOOKS

Morning Story Conversation

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

10:30 am–12 pm

(March 14, 28, April 11, 25)

Start your morning by hearing a short story and then sharing your insights.

Refreshments provided by Friends of Vancouver Community Library.

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

In Retrospect:

The Art of the Memoir

3rd Fridays, 10:30 am–12:30 pm

Delve into the construction of the personal narrative with a reading and writing group dedicated to the memoir.

Refreshments provided by Friends of Vancouver Community Library.

March 16

"The File: Lost Then Found."

by A.M. Holmes

April 20

You Don't Have to Say You Love Me

by Sherman Alexie

KLUCKITAT ROOM, LEVEL 4

MEETINGS

Friends of Vancouver Community Library

**3rd Tuesdays, 4:30–6 pm
(March 20, April 17)**

Looking for a fun way to support your library? Join Friends of the Library at this regular meeting.

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

FVRL Board of Trustees

Board Retreat

Tuesday, March 19, 10 am–5 pm

*Three Creeks Community Library
800-C NE Tenney Road, Vancouver*

Tuesday, April 17, 6–8 pm

*Washougal Community Library
1661 C Street, Washougal*

The Board of Trustees is the governing body for Fort Vancouver Regional Library District. Find meeting agendas on our website.

TAX AND LEGAL AID

AARP Tax Help

Available through April 16

• **Mondays, 10 am–6 pm**

• **Wednesdays, 2–6 pm**

• **Saturdays, 11 am–4 pm**

AARP Tax Aide Volunteers program is focused on helping low-and moderate-income taxpayers, with special attention to those aged 60 or older. Please bring photo ID, Social Security # or ITIN for each person on tax return.

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

Lawyer Talk

**4th Thursdays, 5–8 pm
(March 22, April 26)**

Drop in for a FREE first come, first served, advice session with local volunteer lawyers. Hosted by Navigate Law Group.

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

