

Vancouver

 **THE LIBRARY**  
Fort Vancouver Regional Library District

# What's Happening

SEPTEMBER • OCTOBER 2017

## ART

### First Friday Art Exhibit

Make the library your first stop on the First Friday Art Walk.

- Exhibit opening, Fridays, 5-8:30 pm (September 1, October 6)

Meet the featured artists and view their work throughout the weekend.

- September 1-3: works by a variety of local artists
- October 6-8: works by a variety of local artists

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

## MUSIC

### Music in the Atrium

Select Thursdays, 6-7 pm (September 14, October 12 and 26)

Enjoy music in the atrium provided by the members of the woodwind section of the Vancouver Community Concert Band as they rehearse for upcoming performances.

ATRIUM, LEVEL 1

## NEXT CHAPTER OF LIFE

### Basic Wills

Sunday, September 17, 3-5 pm

What happens to your things and children after you die? Learn how to gather materials and prepare a basic will yourself.

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

### Patient Advocacy 101

Sunday, October 15, 3-5 pm

Create a toolkit! Everything from communicating with medical professionals to packing a hospital comfort bag.

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

## THE GOV, THE NET & YOU

### I'm Just a Bill: Government Documents

Saturday, September 9, 3:30-4:30 pm

Learn how to find full-text government documents including pending bills and executive orders.

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

### Crazy Politics: Populism, Conspiracy Theories, and Paranoia in America

Wednesday, October 18, 6:30-7:45 pm

With political science professor Cornell Clayton, explore how American politics has become an arena for suspicious and angry minds. *This program is made possible by Humanities Washington.*

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

### Cyber Security for You

Thursday, September 21, 10:30-11:30 am

Have a smart phone? Use social media or email? You may be vulnerable to cyber security threats. Learn effective ways to protect your personal information online. *Presented by our partners at the Better Business Bureau.*

KLICKITAT ROOM, LEVEL 4

## LIVING HISTORY

### Medieval Life

Saturday and Sunday, October 28-29

Costumed re-enactors from the Society for Creative Anachronism lead you through aspects of medieval life. Feel free to ask questions as you explore the stations.

SPEAKERS:

- Saturday, 1 pm: Medieval Life by Julie Ensign
- Sunday, 1 pm: Youth & Family Achievement Program by Alise Meyers

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

## DOCTOR WHO WEEKEND

### October 28-29

*Call the Doctor!* The library will be transformed into Doctor Who's universe for the pre-Halloween weekend.

### Come and Play Costume Party

Saturday and Sunday, 10:30-11:30 am

Dress up and join us for our Come and Play Costume Party. Stories, music, games and more for ages 0-6 and their caregivers.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM ROOM, LEVEL 3

### Sonic Screwdrivers

Saturday and Sunday, 1-3 pm

Make your own personal sonic screwdriver to assist you in your cosmic adventures. All ages welcome.

KLICKITAT ROOM, LEVEL 4

### Doctor Who Board Games

Saturday and Sunday, 3-5 pm

A variety of Doctor Who themed board games will be available for all ages to play.

KLICKITAT ROOM, LEVEL 4

### Lab Rats: Doctor Who Escape Room

Saturday, 2:30 pm

You and your team have a limited time to solve the riddles, decipher the clues, and find the key to escaping! Please arrive on time to secure your place in a group. For ages 7-12 years.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM ROOM, LEVEL 3

[www.fvrl.org](http://www.fvrl.org)

**Closures: Monday, September 4 (Labor Day); Thursday, September 28 (Staff Training)**

All FVRL libraries, bookmobiles and district headquarters will be closed.

**LATE OPENING: Vancouver will open at Noon on October 20 due to a partner event.**

## Fun for All

### GAMES

#### Vancouver Chess Club

**Mondays, 4-7:45 pm**

Drop in for informal chess play. All ages and abilities are welcome.

*Will not meet September 4.*

**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**

### ARTS AND CRAFTS

#### Needle Crafters

**Thursdays, 6-7:30 pm**

Bring any needlecraft project, get advice, show off your handiwork and make new friends. *Will not meet September 28.*

**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**

#### Letterboxing: Family Treasure Hunt and Stamp Craft

**Sunday, September 24, 1-3 pm**

Learn from a local expert about this intriguing family pastime practiced around the world. Create a simple handmade personal stamp and journal. Search around the library, following clues, to locate tiny hidden boxes. Inside each box, you'll find a beautiful handmade stamp and a logbook. Add your stamp to the logbook to prove you were there and record your findings in your journal.

**The event will begin promptly at 1 pm.**

**COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1**

## Book Discussion Groups for All Ages

*Pick up copies of discussion books at the library.*

### 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**

**September 21**

*Dragon Masters: Rise of the Earth Dragon*

by Tracey West

**October 19**

*Who Was Louis Braille?*

by Margaret Frith

#### 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**

**September 14**

*Peak*

by Roland Smith

**October 12**

*Red Pencil*

by Andrea Davis Pinkney

### TEENS

#### 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**

**September 14**

*The Rest of Us Just Live Here*

by Patrick Ness

**October 12**

*The Will of the Empress*

by Tamora Pierce

### ADULTS

#### BOOK DISCUSSION

**4th Mondays, 6:30-7:45 pm**

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

**MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4**

**September 25**

*Lilac Girls*

by Martha Hall Kelly

**October 23**

*The Cat's Table*

by Michale Ondaajite

#### BOOK DISCUSSION: BOOK BREW

**3rd Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm**

Open to all 19 to 30-ish.

**BREWED 360**

**603 Main St, Vancouver**

**September 20**

*The Absolutely True Diary*

*of a Part-Time Indian*

by Sherman Alexie

**October 18**

*The Enchanted*

by Rene Denfeld

## Teens (for ages 12-18)

### Teen Council

2nd Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 pm  
(September 14, October 12)

The library wants your opinion and input! Help us make the Vancouver Community Library a great place for teens, plan events, and get to know other teens. Call the library or email [khudson@fvrl.org](mailto:khudson@fvrl.org) to sign up.

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

### Robot Petting Zoo

Tuesdays, 4-6 pm  
(September 19–October 17)

Drop in to learn more about different types available at the library. Each week we'll explore a new robot, including Edison, Ozobot, Wink, Cubelets, Sphero & Ollie, Dot & Dash.

TEEN CENTRAL, LEVEL 1

### Giant Box Battle: Teens, Attack the City!

Friday, October 13, 2:30 pm

A giant-sized battle between monsters and robots is happening in the library! Band together to make fearsome monster costumes and try to topple our cardboard city. **Costume build begins promptly at 2:30 pm!** Ages 12-18.

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

### Teen Writing Workshop with Malinda Lo

Saturday, October 21,  
10:30 am–12:30 pm

Teens, hone your writing craft with Malinda Lo. **Registration is required and space is limited. Sign-up begins September 1. For grades 6-12.**

KLICKITAT ROOM, LEVEL 4

### Imagined Ink Awards Celebration

Saturday, October 21, 2 pm

Celebrate the winners of the 2017 Imagined Ink teen writing contest with award-winning author Malinda Lo. She will be available to sign books afterward.

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

### Monthly Make-It

Come to the teen room any time the library is open to make stuff.

TEEN CENTRAL, LEVEL 1

## Fun for All

### MAKERSPACE

#### Couve Creators: A Drop-in Group for Makers

1st Tuesdays, 6 pm  
(September 5, October 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  
(September 12, October 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

#### Intro to 3D Design

- Sunday, September 24, 11:30 am
- Sunday, October 15, 11:30 am

Come and play with Tinkercad! Join this workshop to learn the basics of this free web-based 3D design software and get started creating your own objects for 3D printing.

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

#### 3D Printing Open Lab

- Sunday, September 24, 1:30 pm
- Sunday, October 15, 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.

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

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(September 19 and 26, October 17)

Drop in to find out more about different types available at the library. Each week we'll explore a new robot, including Edison, Ozobot, Wink, Cubelets, Sphero & Ollie, Dot & Dash. Use the knowledge to plan your own robot for Hebocon, the Crappy Robotics Tournament on November 21. *For ages 5 and up.*

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

#### 3D Printing Certification

Sunday, October 1, 1:30 pm

Register to become certified to use the library's Lulzbot Mini 3D printer. After certification, you can schedule time to work on your 3D printing projects independently. Attendance at Intro to 3D Design and 3D Printing Open Lab or demonstration of basic knowledge is required before certification. **Space is limited—please sign up online.**

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

### TREASURE-RE RE-NEWS

#### Swap it/Re-Fit it

Sunday, October 22, 2-5:30 pm

Time to clear out your clothes closet while finding your next free treasures. Bring in your unwanted clothes and accessories to swap with others. Our expert Marci will be ready with her sewing machine to help refit or re-imagine that garment just for you.

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

#### Re-Purpose it

Sunday, October 29, 2-5:30 pm

Transform your old clothes into a beautiful handmade heirloom rug, a quick tee-shirt quilt, a handy book bag, and more! Expert help provided.

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

**PLEASE NOTE: There will be no children's programming on the following dates:  
September 1-4, September 28, and October 20**

## Storytimes

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM  
ROOM, LEVEL 3

### BABY

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

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

### TODDLER

Wednesdays and Thursdays,  
9:30 am

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

### PRECHOOL

- 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

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM  
ROOM, LEVEL 3

### Music and Movement

Mondays and Thursdays, 10:30 am

Including dance, parachutes, shakers and scarves for ages 0-6 years and their caregivers.

### 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 and Play on Saturday

Saturdays, 10:30 am

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

## Kids' Fun

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM  
ROOM, LEVEL 3

### Build It!

Tuesdays, 4:30 pm

Inspire your imagination and keep your engineering skills sharp.

### Read to the Dogs

2nd Wednesdays, 3-5 pm  
(September 13, October 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.

### Lab Rats

Saturdays, 2:30 pm

Looking for an awesome challenge? Dig into science mysteries, creatively solve engineering problems, and experiment with new and exciting art projects. **For ages 7-12, no older or younger children, please.**

## Tween Fun

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM  
ROOM, LEVEL 3

### DIY Tote Bags

- Wednesday, September 20, 4 pm
- Saturday, September 23, 4 pm

Show off your style as you paint, stencil, and stamp your own tote bag. Don't feel like making a tote bag? You're encouraged to design your own project with the supplies at hand! **Space is limited, registration required.**

Sign up online or by phoning the library.  
**For ages 9-14 years.**

### Ozobot®:

### Robotics Meets Imagination

Saturday, September 30, 2:30 pm

Explore robotics with Ozobot®! Using color, you'll learn how to make tiny Ozobots® dance, race, and do your bidding.

**For ages 7-12 years old.**

### Giant Box Battle: Twins, Defend the City!

Friday, October 13, 2:30 pm

A giant-sized battle between monsters and robots is happening in the library! Work together to make robot costumes to aid you in protecting our cardboard city from the monsters trying to topple it. **Costume build begins promptly at 2:30 pm! Ages 8-12.**

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

# Technology Workshops

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

**Explore - Learn - Apply**

## DROP-IN HELP

### Tech Help Open Lab

Stop in anytime during the session for one-on-one help with your tech question about email, smartphones, creating documents and more.

**COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1**

- Saturday, September 2, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Saturday, September 16, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Saturday, September 23, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Saturday, September 30, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Monday, October 23, 11:30 am–12:30 pm
- Monday, October 30, 11:30 am–12:30 pm

## COMPUTER SKILLS

### Beginning Computer

This workshop will give you the opportunity to learn and apply basic computer techniques that apply to using Windows with a mouse and keyboard. Best for the absolute beginner.

**COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1**

- Thursday, September 7, 6:30-7:30 pm
- Saturday, October 7, 3:30-4:30 pm

### Beginning Internet

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

**COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1**

- Thursday, September 14, 6:30-7:30 pm
- Saturday, October 14, 3:30-4:30 pm

## DEVICES

### Free eBooks/eAudio

FREE eBooks and eAudiobooks are available from the library. Bring in your mobile device or follow along on library computers to learn how to take books and media on the go!

**COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1**

- Thursday, September 21, 6:30-7:30 pm
- Saturday, October 21, 3:30-4:30 pm

## Mobile Devices Assistance

Join us for a friendly session to get assistance with your own device and share your own experience, tips and tricks with the group. Bring your eReader, tablet or smartphone along with your questions!

**COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1**

- Saturday, October 28, 3:30-4:30 pm

## FAMILY HISTORY

### Introduction to Genealogy

New to genealogy or looking for a refresher? We will give you tips to help you start out on the right foot! We will also provide basic instruction for using the library's databases, including Ancestry.

**COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1**

- Wednesday, September 27, 4-5:30 pm

### Census Records

Census records are a major key to finding your ancestors. We will discuss the different information contained in them and how they can be used to determine family relationships and to follow your family through time.

**COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1**

- Wednesday, October 25, 4-5:30 pm

## JOB SKILLS

### Job Lab

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

**COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1**

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

## INTERNET

### Google Tools: Gmail and Calendar

Learn about the wide range of FREE features offered through Google. Helpful to have a Gmail account set up but not required.

**COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1**

- Monday, October 2, 11:30 am–12:30 pm

### Google Tools:

### Docs, Drive and More

Learn about the wide range of FREE features offered through Google. Helpful to have a Gmail account set up but not required.

**COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1**

- Monday, October 9, 11:30 am–12:30 pm

## Backup Basics: Data Storage

Disc storage almost full? Learn about the pros and cons of backing up photos, documents, and media to different storage mediums including flash drives, external hard drives, and cloud computing.

**COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1**

- Monday, October 16, 11:30 am–12:30 pm

## MICROSOFT

### Word Basics

Easily create professional-looking documents. Get hands-on practice and find out about online tutorials.

**COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1**

- Monday, September 11, 11:30 am–12:30 pm
- Thursday, October 5, 6:30-7:30 pm

### Excel Basics

Learn how to navigate Excel and gain familiarity with Excel ribbon, entering and formatting data, calculating totals, and creating simple reports and charts.

**COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1**

- Monday, September 18, 11:30 am–12:30 pm
- Thursday, October 12, 6:30-7:30 pm

### Word Tips and Tricks

Want to take your Microsoft Word skills to the next level? Come learn how to fine-tune basic documents and discover how to use Word for more unusual projects. Whether you're looking for answers to a particular problem or just want to find out what else Word can do, we're here for you.

**COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1**

- Monday, September 25, 11:30 am–12:30 pm

### PowerPoint Basics

Create professional slideshow presentations, including adding slides, inserting pictures and basic formatting.

**COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1**

- Thursday, October 19, 6:30-7:30 pm

### Microsoft Office: Open Lab

Drop in to the Open Lab to get your Word, Excel, or PowerPoint questions answered!

**COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1**

- Thursday, October 26, 6:30-7:30 pm

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.

**KLICKITAT 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**

**Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm**

Practice your Mandarin Chinese-speaking skills with other adults, or learn basic Chinese taught by our native-speaking volunteers. Basic Pinyin system will be offered periodically. Speakers of all levels are welcome. *Will not meet September 27.*

**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. *Will not meet September 28.*

**MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4**

**Citizenship Class**

**Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm (September 6–October 25)**

Prepare to become a U.S. citizen in a series of 7 sessions. Learn about the citizenship process, prepare for the interview, and get help studying for the civics and history portion of the examination. Classes are in English. Basic speaking, reading and writing in English is required. *Will not meet September 27.*

**MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4**

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

**Welcome to Medicare**

**Wednesday, October 25, 1-2 pm**

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

**KLICKITAT ROOM, LEVEL 4**

MEETINGS

**Friends of Vancouver Community Library**

**3rd Tuesdays, 4:30-6 pm (September 19, October 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**

- **Monday, September 18, 6-8 pm**  
Battle Ground Community Library  
1207 SE 8th Way

- **Monday, October 16, 6-8 pm**  
Stevenson Community Library  
120 NW Vancouver Ave

The Board of Trustees is the governing body for Fort Vancouver Regional Library District and holds public meetings on a regular basis. An agenda can be found at the FVRL Board of Trustees page of the website.

USED BOOK SALE

**Friends of Vancouver Community Library Book Sale**

- **Saturday, September 30, 10:30 am–5 pm**

- **Sunday, October 1, 12-4 pm**

Find gift-quality and collectible used books, priced \$1.50 to \$35. All items will be half-price on Sunday. Proceeds benefit Vancouver Community Library and its programs.

**ATRIUM, LEVEL 1**

STORIES AND BOOKS

**Morning Story Conversation**

**2nd & 4th Wednesdays**

**10:30 am–12 pm (September 13; October 11, 25)**

Start your morning by hearing a short story and then sharing your insights and opinions with the group. *Refreshments provided by Friends of Vancouver Community Library. Will not meet September 27.*

**MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4**

**In Retrospect: The Art of the Memoir**

**Select Fridays, 10:30 am–12:30 pm**

How does a life get translated onto the page? 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.*

**September 15**  
*The Invisible Girls*  
by Sarah Thebarge

**October 27**  
*Walking the Himalayas*  
by Levison Wood

**KLICKITAT ROOM, LEVEL 4**

WRITING

**Speculative Fiction Writers Group**

**2nd Saturdays, 10 am–2 pm (September 9, October 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.

**KLICKITAT ROOM, LEVEL 4**

VOLUNTEERS

**Volunteer Appreciation Reception**

**Saturday, October 7, 10-11:30 am**  
**FVRL District Headquarters**

**Library Hall**  
**1007 E Mill Plain Blvd, Vancouver**

FVRL volunteers are out of this world! This reception is to honor all library volunteers. Family members are also welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided along with drawings for gift items.

