FVRLibraries NEWS&EVENTS

DECEMBER 2022



WINTER CRAFTS

Wreaths, centerpieces, gingerbread houses, oh my! (INSIDE COVER)

GAMES FOR ALL AGES

From video games to board games, there's something for everyone. (INSIDE COVER)

HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT VANCOUVER MALL?

Visit our full-service library while you are there. (INSIDE COVER)

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NATURE LOVERS BOOK GROUP

Discuss a popular title with other nature lovers. PAGE 3



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LIBRARY CLOSURES: DECEMBER 24–25

All FVRL libraries, bookmobiles, and the operations center will be closed for Christmas.



VANCOUVER MALL LIBRARY

Did you know there's a full-service library inside Vancouver Mall? You'll find it on the upper level next to JCPenney. Combine your library trip with your shopping trip and browse, use a computer or Wi-Fi, or hang out and read. It's even open on Sunday for your convenience. Visit during these hours: Sun • 11 am–6 pm Mon–Thu • 11 am–7 pm Fri • 11 am–6 pm Sat • 10 am–6 pm



GAMES FOR EVERYONE

Senior adult game afternoons in Ridgefield, chess in White Salmon Valley, online video games for teens, D&D and Pathfinder for tweens and teens...it's all happening at the library. Check the schedules that follow and our online events calendar for the most up-to-date program information. If you'd rather play at home, check out a board game from our collection.



WINTER CRAFTS

'Tis the season to get together and make wreaths, centerpieces, cards, and other traditional winter crafts. Whether you're looking for that experience, just to meet up and knit, or an online gathering to chat and craft, you'll find plenty of maker opportunities for all ages in the following pages. Or, check out *bit.ly/FVRLmakers* to keep up with the latest in crafting and DIY programs at the library.

Friends of the Library

Monthly Meetings

Looking for a fun way to support your library? Join a Friends of the Library group near you.

Stevenson/North Bonneville DEC 6 10:30 am-12 pm

Battle Ground/Online DEC 6 1-3 pm

La Center DEC 7 6-7 pm

White Salmon Valley DEC 12 3-4:30 pm

Cascade Park DEC 15 6-7:30 pm

Ridgefield DEC 15 6-7:30 pm

Friends of Vancouver Community Library Mini Book Sale Vancouver DEC 3-10 11 am-5 pm

Find great deals while supporting library programs through the Friends of the Library. Mini-sale will take place in the atrium.

Some changes to programs may occur after this booklet is printed. Check *fvrl.org* for the latest information.



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Adults of all ages and teens are welcome



December Programs

Pysanky Egg Dying Goldendale DEC 1 12-4 pm

 Join Betty Long-Schleif in this hands-on workshop on Pysanky, Ukrainian Egg Dying. Registration required, maximum of 8 attendees. All supplies included.

Ornaments & Decorations

Stevenson DEC 3 10 am-3 pm

Drop in to create holiday ornaments and decorations for your tree or home.

Winter Wreath Making Washougal

DEC 3 11 am-1:30 pm **R** Celebrate the winter season by making your own wreath. Materials will be provided. All ages welcome. Limit one wreath per family.

Mushroom Foraging and Identification Cascade Park DEC 3 1-2:30 pm

Come learn about where to search for and how to identify edible mushrooms in the Pacific Northwest with Rebecca Lexa, a Master Naturalist, nature educator, tour guide, and writer.

Holiday Centerpiece Workshop La Center Community Center 1000 E 4th Street DEC 7 3:30-5:30 pm

Come make a festive holiday centerpiece to grace your table this season! Don't forget to bring your pruners; all other materials provided. Donations are always appreciated!

DIY Gift Workshop: Folded Books Cascade Park DEC 8 6-7:30 pm

Join us for a workshop in the basics of book folding! This simple craft technique is a great way to repurpose old books into beautiful works of art that also make great gifts. Supplies provided.

Take and Make Wreath Ridgefield DEC 9 10 am-5 pm

Get into the spirit of the season and decorate your home with a winter wreath of your own making. Create a small beautiful wreath to adorn your front door with this ready-to-go kit. Happening outside at the library's Mill St. entrance.

Holiday Centerpiece Workshop White Salmon Valley DEC 15 1-3:30 pm

Greet the holiday season with a festive centerpiece arrangement, using an abundance of fresh, natural materials. All supplies provided (while they last). Drop by anytime between 1–3:30 pm.

Wreath Making Stevenson (DEC 17) 10 am-3 pm

Drop in to make a beautiful wreath for the holiday season. Greenery, cones, wire, and framework are provided.

Gingerbread House Woodland DEC 19 3-5 pm

Create a graham cracker winter wonderland house. All supplies provided.



BOOK DISCUSSION KITS FOR CHECKOUT

Planning a winter book group? We have a variety of great books in our book discussion kits that are available to check out. The kits include multiple copies of the book plus a discussion guide, in a handy plastic tote. Place a hold on the title and the kit will be delivered to the library of your choice. You just supply the people. Search the catalog using keywords "book discussion kit" and ask our staff for assistance if you need it.

ADULTS

Ongoing

- Senior Adult Games
 Ridgefield
 Weekly, Thu 2–5 pm
- 2 Knitting Circle White Salmon Valley Weekly, Fri 10 am-12 pm
- 5 One-On-One Tech Help (30-minute sessions) Goldendale Mon 10 am−1 pm
- 6 Knitting Group (for teens and adults) Vancouver Mall Weekly, Tue 11 am-12:30 pm
- 6 Chess Mates (for tweens, teens, and adults) *White Salmon Valley* Weekly, Tue 3:30–5 pm
- Stitchery Group Ridgefield Weekly, Wed 10 am-12 pm
- Spanish Conversation Circle: Intermediate Ridgefield
 Weekly, Wed 3–4:30 pm
- Mobile Devices Lab
 Vancouver Mall Wed 4–5 pm
- 9 Yarn Buzz (for teens and adults) La Center Monthly, 2nd Fri 10–11 am



TAX PREPARATION

Tax preparation assistance will be back again this year beginning in February. Watch for more information in future editions of this booklet and on our website at *fvrl.org/tax-help*.

- 9 Red Cross Blood Drive Stevenson Monthly, 1st or 2nd Fri 12–5 pm
- 10 Repair Clark County Drop-Off Event *Three Creeks* **®** Sat 12–1 pm
- 12 Meditation Building Blocks *Stevenson* Monthly, 2nd Mon 5:30–7 pm
- 12 Repair Clark County Drop-Off Event Cascade Park R Mon 6–7 pm
- 14 Ridgefield Stringed Instrument Circle *Ridgefield* Monthly, 2nd Wed 6–8 pm
- 15 Mobile Devices Lab Vancouver Mall 11 am-12 pm
- 19 Willamette Writers Vancouver Chapter Cascade Park Mon 6:15–7:30 pm
- 23 Harp Circle Cascade Park 4th Fri 10 am–12 pm

IN-PERSON BOOK GROUPS

Join us for a lively discussion about this month's title. All are welcome. Stop by the library to pick up your copy!

Adult Book Groups

Three Creeks (afternoon) DEC 1 12:30–2 pm

Black Death at the Golden Gate by David K. Randall.

Three Creeks (evening) DEC 6 6-7 pm

How Beautiful We Were by Imbolo Mbue.

La Center DEC 7 9-10 am

The Honey Bus by Meredith May.

Stevenson DEC 7 5:30-7 pm

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig.

Vancouver DEC 13 6-7 pm

R Check with staff for title.

Cascade Park DEC 13 7–8 pm The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich.

Battle Ground DEC 14 3-4:30 pm

Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders. Goldendale DEC 19 11 am-12 pm Check with staff for title.

Woodland DEC 19 11:30 am-12:30 pm Check with staff for title.

White Salmon Valley DEC 20 3-4 pm

R Check with staff for title.

Ridgefield DEC 20 6-7 pm

The Gifted School by Bruce Holsinger.

Books and Brew Off-site - Washougal DEC 15 6-7 pm

Pick up title at library. Meet at: 54°40' Brewing Company, 3801 S Truman Rd #1, Washougal.

R Registration

Ongoing

- English Conversation Circle
 Online
 Online B Weekly, Thu 10:30 am-12 pm
- 1 ASL Conversation Circle: Come Sign With Us Online () Weekly, Thu 6–7 pm
- Spanish Conversation Circle: Intermediate
 Online R 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Thu (this month) 6–7:30 pm
- 2 Dungeons & Dragons for Tweens & Teens (Fridays) Online R Weekly, 3:30-5:30 pm
- 2 Craft 'n Chat Fridays (for teens and adults) Online R Weekly, Fri 4–5 pm
- 2 Teen Video Game Club Online R Weekly, Fri 4–5:30 pm
- 2 Pathfinder RPG for Teens and Tweens Online ® Weekly, Fri 4:15-5:45 pm
- 6 Gentle Yoga (for teens and adults)
 Online **Q** 1st and 2nd Tue (this month) 3–4 pm
- 6 Dungeons & Dragons for Tweens & Teens (Tuesdays) *Online* Weekly, 4−6 pm
- 6 Spanish Conversation Circle: Advanced **Online ®** Weekly, Tue 6–7:45 pm
- 6 Relaxing Origami Time with Yuki (for teens and adults) Online [®] Tue 7–8 pm

ONLINE BOOK GROUPS

- Craft 'n Chat Wednesdays (for teens and adults)
 Online R Weekly, Wed 10–11 am
- Spanish Conversation Circle: Beginning
 Online (1) 1st and 2nd Wed (this month)
 6–7:30 pm
- Spanish Conversation Circle: Low Intermediate
 Online

 1st and 2nd Wed (this month)
 6–7:30 pm
- 7 Reflecting Rainbows: A Discovery of Identity (for adults) Online
 Wed 7–8 pm
- 10 Spanish Conversation Circle: High Intermediate **Online ()** 2nd and 3rd Sat (this month) 11 am–12:30 pm
- 12 Imagined Ink: Teen Write-In Online ® Monthly, 2nd Mon 4–5 pm
- (15) Kanopy Klub Film Discussion Online R Monthly, 3rd Thu 6–7:30 pm
- 19 FVRL Board of Trustees Meeting Vancouver/Online Monthly, 3rd Mon 6–8 pm

Join us for a lively discussion about this month's title. Check the online calendar description to find out how to get a copy of the book.

Nature Lovers Online

DEC 2 4–5:30 pm Crab Wars by William Sargent.

YA for the Olds Online DEC 6 7–8 pm C Dreadnought by April Daniels.

Virtual Kids Book Group Online DEC 8 4-5 pm

R Zeus, God of Thunder by A.I. Newton. For ages 6–9.

Virtual Tween Book Group Online DEC 15 4-5 pm

R *The Witch Boy* by Molly Knox Ostertag. For ages 9–12.

Spicy Book Group Online DEC 15 6-7 pm

B *Slippery Creatures* by K.J. Charles. For ages 18 and up.

Catch up with the Classics Online DEC 21 7-8 pm

R A literary-society-style discussion this month.



December Programs

Ornaments & Decorations Stevenson DEC 3 10 am-3 pm

Drop in to create holiday ornaments and decorations for your tree or home. Let your creativity flow using craft items provided or add some of your own embellishments.

Holiday Centerpiece Workshop

La Center Community Center 1000 E 4th St DEC 7 3:30-5:30 pm

Come make a festive holiday centerpiece to grace your table this season! Don't forget to bring your pruners; all other materials provided. Donations are always appreciated!

Ridgefield Stringed Instrument Circle Ridgefield DEC 14 6-8 pm

A strings circle is a gathering of stringed instrument players who meet regularly to share music with each other. Learn new music and skills, meet other players, and become more comfortable with public performing. For intermediate to advanced players.

Holiday Centerpiece Workshop White Salmon Valley DEC 15 1-3:30 pm

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SCIENCE ONLINE

Science Online facilitates STEM research and learning with experiments, images, videos, and articles on recent events and discoveries in a range of science areas. Great for students, educators, and lifelong learners. *fvrl.org/resource/science-online*

TEEN & TWEEN BOOK GROUPS

Join us for a lively discussion about this month's title. Stop by the library to pick up your copy!

Teen Book Group White Salmon Valley DEC 14 4–5 pm

Renegades by Marissa Meyer.

Virtual Tween Book Group Online

DEC 15 4-5 pm

R *The Witch Boy* by Molly Knox Ostertag. For ages 9–12. Register and select a location to pick up a copy of the book. Teen Council and Book Group La Center DEC 19 3-5 pm

The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Barnes.

Tween Book Group La Center DEC 28 3-4 pm

Belly Up by Stuart Gibbs. For ages 8–12.

R Registration

TEENS & TWEENS

Ongoing

- Oungeons & Dragons for Tweens & Teens (Fridays) Online [®] Weekly, 3:30-5:30 pm
- 2 Craft 'n Chat Fridays (for teens and adults) Online R Weekly, Fri 4–5 pm
- 2 Teen Video Game Club Online () Weekly, Fri 4–5:30 pm
- Pathfinder RPG for Teens and Tweens Online ® Weekly, Fri 4:15-5:45 pm
- 2 School Age Fun: Make and Take (for ages 7–12) Battle Ground Monthly, 1st Fri 4:30–5:30 pm
- 5 Teen Council *Cascade Park* Monthly, 1st Mon 4–6 pm
- 6 Knitting Group (for teens and adults) Vancouver Mall Weekly, Tue 11 am–12:30 pm
- 6 Gentle Yoga (for teens and adults)
 Online **Q** 1st and 2nd Tue (this month) 3–4 pm
- 6 Chess Mates (for tweens, teens, and adults) White Salmon Valley Weekly, Tue 3:30–5 pm
- 6 Dungeons & Dragons for Tweens & Teens (Tuesdays) Online Weekly, 4−6 pm
- 6 Dungeons & Dragons for Teens Ridgefield Weekly, Tue 4:30-6:30 pm
- 6 Relaxing Origami Time with Yuki (for teens and adults) Online (R) Tue 7–8 pm

- Wacky Wednesday (for teens and adults) Stevenson Weekly, Wed 2–4 pm
- 8 Teen Social: Make and Take Battle Ground Monthly, 2nd Thu 4–5 pm
- 9 Yarn Buzz (for teens and adults) La Center Monthly, 2nd Fri 10–11 am
- 10 Build It! (for kids, tweens, and teens) Ridgefield Sat 10:30 am-12 pm
- 12 Imagined Ink: Teen Write-In Online () Monthly, 2nd Mon 4–5 pm
- 26 Make Anything 2022 (for teens and adults) Online **()** Thu 6–7:30 pm



Discover your family's military past. Find service records, casualties, and memorials from wars since the American Revolution. There's also a collection of over 1.2 million Native American historical records. Additional research resources include U.S. Federal Census records, Dawes enrollment cards, homestead records, naturalizations, and international military records. It's all available anywhere, anytime with your library card on our genealogy resources page at *fvrl.org/resources/genealogy*.



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Drop in to create holiday ornaments and decorations for your tree or home. Let your creativity flow using craft items provided or add some of your own embellishments.

Holiday Centerpiece Workshop

La Center Community Center 1000 E 4th St DEC 7 3:30-5:30 pm

Come make a festive holiday centerpiece to grace your table this season! Don't forget to bring your pruners; all other materials provided. Donations are always appreciated!

Boredom Busters: Tiny Dinosaur Worlds Vancouver Mall DEC 28 11 am-12 pm

Come make a small terrarium with toy dinosaurs. For school-age children and their caregivers. All supplies provided.

STEMgineers: Spaghetti Tower Challenge Washougal DEC 28 4-5 pm

Can you make a tower from spaghetti, string, and tape? Build a tower of spaghetti noodles that can hold a jumbo marshmallow. Make the tallest tower possible from the materials supplied. Are you up to the challenge?





RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

Quickly find resources for school projects by topic and grade level at *fvrl.org/connect*.

These resources are available to anyone at any FVRLibraries location. They are also available outside the library with an FVRLibraries card. Sign up at the library or online.

KIDS & PRESCHOOL

Ongoing

- 2 School Age Fun: Make and Take (for ages 7–12) Battle Ground Monthly, 1st Fri 4:30–5:30 pm
- Monday Morning Mix-up (for ages 6 and under) White Salmon Valley Weekly, 10:30–11:30 am
- P Read to the Dog (15-minute sessions, for ages 5–9) Cascade Park ® Wed 4–5 pm
- 9 Funtastic Friday White Salmon Valley Fri 3:30-5 pm
- 10 Build It! (for kids, tweens, and teens) Ridgefield Sat 10:30 am-12 pm
- 10 Build It! (for ages 5–12) *Stevenson* 2nd and last Sat (this month) 2–3:30 pm
- Create & Learn Family Fun:
 Gingerbread House Making Party
 Yale Valley Monthly, 3rd Thu 3–5 pm
- 19 Read to the Dog (for ages 5–9) Ridgefield R Monthly, 3rd Mon 11:30 am–12:30 pm
- 21 Third Wednesday Crafternoons (for grades 2–4) Goldendale 2:30–4 pm
- Read to the Dog (for ages 5–9)
 Ridgefield [®] Monthly, 4th Tue 6–7 pm





Enjoy animated, talking picture books, early chapter books, puzzles, and resources for kids and families in TumbleBook Library, including a limited number of books in French, Spanish, and other languages. Get started today at *fvrl.org/grow-reader* (early learners) or *fvrl.org/kids* (school-age).

KIDS BOOK GROUPS

Join us for a lively discussion about this month's title. Stop by the library to pick up your copy!

Book Buddies White Salmon Valley DEC 8 4–5 pm Ask at front desk for title.

Virtual Kids Book Group Online DEC 8 4-5 pm

R Zeus, God of Thunder by A.I. Newton. Register and select a location to pick up a copy of the book.

The Read-Aloud Crowd Battle Ground DEC 14 4:30-5:30 pm

Mrs. Noodlekugel by Daniel Pinkwater.

Kids & Parent Book Group La Center DEC 29 3-4 pm

The Year We Learned to Fly by Jacqueline Woodson. For kids 6–8 years old with their accompanying adult.



December Programs

Wacky Wednesday Stevenson WEDNESDAYS 2-4 pm

Drop in after school for crafts Wednesdays. All ages welcome!

Hometown Ridgefield DEC 3 9 am-3 pm

Stop by for a fun children's craft and grab a cookie and a cup of hot cider courtesy of the Friends of Ridgefield Community Library.

Winter Wreath Making Washougal DEC 3 11 am-1:30 pm

Celebrate the winter season by making your own wreath. Materials will be provided; feel free to bring any additional items you would like to use or share with others. All ages welcome. Limit one wreath per family. Registration required.

Build It! Stevenson DEC 10 AND 31 2-3:30 pm

Inspire your imagination and develop your STEM skills. You never know what we'll build with LEGO® bricks, blocks,

boxes, or other fun materials.

Gingerbread House Workshop

For ages 5–12.

La Center Community Center 1000 E 4th St DEC 14 3:30-5 pm

Kids, come decorate your own gingerbread house! All materials provided, while supplies last.

Create & Learn Family Fun: Gingerbread House Making Party Yale Valley DEC 15 3-5 pm

Drop in for games, building challenges, toys, and art. Fun for the whole family!

Wreath Making Stevenson DEC 17 10 am-3 pm

Drop in to make a beautiful wreath for the holiday season. Greenery, cones, wire, and framework are provided (or bring your own). If you have any, please bring clippers and additional embellishments to personalize your wreath.

Family Movie Matinee: DC League of Super-Pets Ridgefield DEC 17 3-5:30 pm

Enjoy a good movie. Popcorn served! Rated: PG. Running Time: 105 minutes.

Gingerbread House Woodland DEC 19 3-5 pm

Create a graham cracker winter wonderland house. All supplies provided.



BLOOD DONATION SAVES LIVES

Blood donation events are frequently held at our libraries. This month's donation opportunities are:

- Stevenson Community Library on December 9
- Cascade Park Community Library on December 27

Schedule an appointment at these or other blood drive locations at *redcrossblood.org*, or find a donation location through *bloodworksnw.org*.

FAMILY STORYTIMES



Grow A Reader!

WELCOME TO FAMILY STORYTIMES

Hear stories, sing songs, and enjoy fun activities for children of all ages and their parents or caregivers. **All storytimes listed are weekly unless otherwise noted.**

STORYTIME BREAK:

No storytimes during the Winter Break (December 18–January 8).

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NORTH CLARK & COWLITZ	Ridgefield 10:30 am	La Center 10:30 am Woodland 10:30 am Battle Ground 11 am	Ridgefield 10:30 am	La Center 10:30 am Yale Valley 3rd Thursday 11 am	Woodland 10:30 am Battle Ground 11 am	
SOUTH CLARK	Three Creeks 10:30 am	Three Creeks 10:30 am Fourth Plain Forward* 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 10:30 am Washougal 10:30 am Vancouver Mall 11 am in Little Free Library	Lakeshore Elementary* 9:30 am (check in at desk) Vancouver 10 am Vancouver Mall 11 am in Little Free Library Cascade Park 11:30 am	Vancouver 10 am Three Creeks 10:30 am Washougal 10:30 am		Three Creeks 10:30 am Cascade Park 11:30 am
THE GORGE	Learn & Play: Stevenson Elementary* 4th Monday 2:30 pm	White Salmon Valley 10:30 am	Goldendale 10:30 am Stevenson 10:30 am Learn & Play: Klickitat Community Center* 2nd Wednesday 3:30 pm	Stevenson 10:30 am White Salmon Valley 10:30 am	Learn & Play: Trout Lake School* Friday, Dec 9 11:45 am	Goldendale 1st Saturday 10:30 am
*Outreach storytimes held in the community.						

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Most libraries are now open for visits between 10 am and 6 pm, Monday through Saturday. Some have extended evening and Sunday hours.

Visit *fvrl.org/hours-locations* or call 360-906-5000 (888-546-2707 from area code 509) for specific location information and hours. Book returns are open 24/7.

Battle Ground Community Library 1207 SE 8th Way Battle Ground WA 98604

Cascade Park Community Library 600 NE 136th Ave Vancouv<u>er WA 98684</u>

Goldendale Community Library 131 West Burgen St Goldendale WA 98620

La Center Community Library 1411 NE Lockwood Creek Rd La Center WA 98629

North Bonneville Community Library 214 CBD Mall (inside City Hall) North Bonneville WA 98639

Ridgefield Community Library 210 N Main Ave Ridgefield WA 98642

Stevenson Community Library 120 NW Vancouver Ave Stevenson WA 98648

Three Creeks Community Library 800-C NE Tenney Rd Vancouver WA 98685 Vancouver Community Library 901 C St Vancouver WA 98660

Vancouver Mall Library 8700 NE Vancouver Mall Dr, Suite 285 Vancouver WA 98662

Washougal Community Library 1661 C St Washougal WA 98671

White Salmon Valley Community Library 77 NE Wauna Ave White Salmon WA <u>98672</u>

Woodland Community Library 770 Park St Woodland WA 98674

Yacolt Library Express 105 E Yacolt Rd Yacolt WA 98675

Yale Valley Community Library 11700 Lewis River Rd Ariel WA 98603

Book Returns

Alderdale - Fire Hall Bickleton Post Office Canyon Market - Klickitat Green Mountain Elementary Lyle Market

