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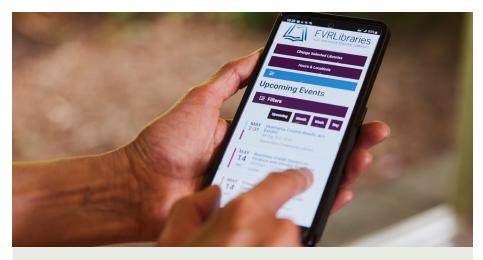
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LIBRARY CLOSURES: JANUARY 1 & 15

All FVRLibraries locations and bookmobiles will be closed for New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



MOBILE APP TECHNICAL ISSUES ALERT

You may have noticed the FVRLibraries catalog app is experiencing limited functioning. The vendor has had technical difficulties and the app is currently in redevelopment. It will remain unavailable through early 2024. In the meantime, please use the web catalog at bit.ly/FVRLibrariesCatalog.

If you already have the app on your device, please be aware all the data on it is frozen as of November 24. If you wish to see your current checkouts or holds, or search for materials, you need to log into the web catalog. You may still access your account barcode in the app.

We thank you for your patience and look forward to bringing you a better experience soon.



HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE **NEW WORKING FAMILIES** TAX CREDIT (WFTC)?

You can get up to \$1,200 back if you are eligible for this state tax credit. Visit their website at workingfamiliescredit.wa.gov to learn more and see if you qualify. If you or someone you know might benefit, we can connect you with someone to help you complete the application. Request assistance at fvrl.org/meet-fvrlibraries-staff or by calling 360-906-5000.



TAX SEASON IS COMING!

Tax preparation assistance will be available at select FVRLibraries locations and other community sites starting in February. Check our tax page at fvrl.org/tax-help for hours and locations or call 360-906-5000. You'll also find helpful links to forms and other resources on the tax page. Library staff can help you locate federal and state tax forms by number or name. To ask the IRS a question, call 800-829-1040 (English & Spanish) or 833-553-9895 (other languages).



NATIONAL BLOOD DONOR MONTH

Every day someone in your community needs blood. If you know someone with cancer, who is pregnant, or who has sickle cell disease, then you know someone who may need blood. You can find opportunities to donate blood in your community at redcross.org or by calling 800-RED-CROSS (800-733-2767).

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



January Programs

CASCADE PARK

Living Simply Six-Week Course JAN 3-FEB 7 Wed 6-7 pm

R Join us for a six-week course developed by Northwest Earth Institute. Participants will learn about and discuss simpler ways of living in our high-tech world. Each week participants are encouraged to look at ways to make their own lives simpler.

Hand Sewing 101 JAN 5 3-4:30 pm

Learn the basics of hand sewing in this hands-on workshop. We will practice a straight stitch, backstitch, overlock stitch, and button sewing to help you learn how to repair and make your own clothes.

Mindfulness Series: Chair Yoga JAN 25 11 am-12 pm

Join us for a yoga class focused on gentle strength and stretching and calming the nervous system. We will use gentle movement, breath, and guided relaxation to relieve tension and stress, all while seated.

LA CENTER

Author Signing & Celebration JAN 30 6-7 pm

Join us to hear local author Paula Charles discuss her new novel, Hammers and Homicide.

ONLINE

Foundations of Healthy Eating JAN 17 6-7 pm

With so much different and often conflicting nutrition advice out there, figuring out what to eat can feel like an overwhelming task. Join Emily Penn, Functional Nutritionist, for a class where we toss the trends, and get back to the basics of healthy eating. Emily is all about sticking to a few basic principles, so you can enjoy food and not stress about what you should or should not be eating. You'll learn the foundations of eating for health, tips and tricks like template meals, and ways to simplify meal prep.

Friends of the Library

Monthly Meetings

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

Battle Ground JAN 2 1-3 pm

La Center JAN 3 6-7 pm

Vancouver JAN 16 4-5 pm

Woodland JAN 11 1:30-3 pm

VFW Hall 434 Davidson Avenue

Yacolt JAN 27 10-11 am

THREE CREEKS

Puzzle Swap with Guest Artist Tim Klein JAN 20 12:30-3 pm

Artist Tim Klein, from Vancouver, will talk about his adventures with puzzle montage. Bring your gentlyused puzzles (no missing pieces) to the library, and take one home. Drop off or pick up any time during the event.

VANCOUVER

Community Resource Fair JAN 24 4:30-6:30 pm

Join us to learn more about the resources available in your community. Our partners are here to help community members of all ages with education, employment, and more. Co-sponsored by WorkSource.

Monalisa Art Institute's Indian Bollywood **Dance Show** JAN 27 11 am-12 pm

The Bollywood dance style, as seen in films from India, is characterized by its vibrant, dynamic, and theatrical nature. Join us for a colorful demonstration of the versatility and creativity of Bollywood dancing. All dances choreographed by Monika Deshpande.

ADULTS

Ongoing

Join us for our regular weekly and monthly programs.

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WED Line Dancing Cascade Park Wed 1-3 pm

WED Magic the Gathering Night (all ages welcome) Cascade Park Wed 4-6 pm

WED **English Conversation Circle** Cascade Park Wed 5:30-7 pm

THU Drop-In Tech Help (call for appointment) Cascade Park Thu 10-11:30 am

TUE **English Conversation Circle** at Fourth Plain Forward Outreach Tue 5:30-7 pm 5017 E Fourth Plain Blvd, Suite 111, Vancouver

WED Spanish Conversation Circle: Intermediate Ridgefield ® Wed 3-4:30 pm

THU* Gentle Strength and Stretch Class Ridgefield ® 3rd and 4th Thu (this month) 11-11:45 am

WED **Knit and Natter** Vancouver Mall Wed 5:30-6:30 pm

MONTHLY

JAN 10 Art Chat Battle Ground 2nd Wed 1-3 pm

JAN 16* **FVRL Board of Trustees Meeting** Cascade Park/Online 1 *3rd Tue (this month) 6-8 pm

JAN 26 Harp Circle Cascade Park 4th Fri 10 am-12 pm

JAN 12 Yarn Buzz (for teens and adults) La Center 2nd Fri 10-11 am

JAN 18 Genealogy Group La Center 2nd Thu 9-10 am

JAN 25 Writing Group La Center 4th Thu 9-11 am JAN 2 Art Chat Ridgefield 1st Tue 10 am-12:30 pm

(JAN 20) Chess Mates Ridgefield 3rd Sat 11 am-1 pm

JAN 18 Willamette Writers Vancouver Chapter Three Creeks/Online (1) 3rd Thu 6:15-7:45 pm

JAN 7 Introduction to Sewing Machines (for ages 8 and up) Vancouver 1st Sun 2-3:30 pm



READY TO GET STARTED WITH YOUR **NEW DEVICE?**

Did you get a new device over the holidays? Or, maybe you'd like to try out the Libby app to read eBooks? We're here if you need help getting started. We can schedule a time for a staff member to help you. Use the Request a Meeting with Staff form at fvrl.org/contact or call 360-906-5000.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

Online programs and performances

Ongoing

Join us for our regular weekly and monthly programs.

WEE	KLY	MONTHLY		
TUE	Online ® Tue 3–4 pm	JAN 3	Reflecting Rainbows: LGBTQ+ Discussion Group (for adults) Online 1st Wed 7–8 pm	
TUE	(Tuesdays) <i>Online</i> 3 Tue 4:30–6:30 pm	JAN 8	Dungeons & Dragons 5th Edition for Grownups (for ages 18 and up) <i>Online</i> ② 1st Mon 6−8 pm	
	Online ☐ Tue 6-7:45 pm	JAN 10	Board Game Night (for teens and adults) Online ② 2nd Wed 6-7 pm	
WED	Oraft 'n Chat Wednesdays (for teens and adults) Online ® Wed 10–11 am	JAN 16	Relaxing Origami with Yuki (for teens and adults) <i>Online</i> 3 3rd Tue 7–8 pm	
THU	English Conversation Circle: Intermediate Online Thu 10:30 am–12 pm	JAN 18	Family History Essentials:	
THU	Spanish Conversation Circle: Intermediate Online ® *1st, 2nd, and 4th Thu		Google for Genealogy Online ® 3rd Thu 3–4:30 pm	
	6–7:30 pm. For ages 18 and up.	JAN 29	Make Anything	
FRI	Dungeons & Dragons for Tweens & Teens (Fridays) <i>Online</i> ® Fri 4:30–6 pm		Online ③ last Mon 6−7:30 pm	
SAT	* Spanish Conversation Circle: High Intermediate			

ONLINE BOOK GROUPS

YA for the Olds JAN 2 7-8 pm

R All My Rage by Sabaa Tahir.

Spicy Romance JAN 4 6-7 pm

Grandmaster of Demonic Cultivation Vol 1 by Mo Xiang Tong Xiu. For ages 18 and up.

Virtual Kids **Book Group** JAN 11 4-5 pm

Online ® *2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sat 11 am-12:30 pm

R The Invisible Whale by Beth Ferry. For ages 6–9.

Catch up with the Classics JAN 17 7-8:30 pm

R Mrs. Dalloway by Virginia Woolf.

Virtual Tween **Book Group** JAN 18 5-6 pm

R The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson. For ages 9-12.



January Programs

CASCADE PARK

Hand Sewing 101 JAN 5 3-4:30 pm

Learn the basics of hand sewing in this hands-on workshop. We will practice a straight stitch, backstitch, overlock stitch, and button sewing to help you learn how to repair and make your own clothes.

Mindfulness Series: Self-Acceptance & **Identity for Teens** JAN 12 4:30-6 pm

We'll playfully and intentionally investigate our many layers and the difficulties of loving ourselves. Discovering who we truly are, beyond the labels that we and others place on us. And just for fun, we'll unravel what true acceptance looks and feels like.

VANCOUVER MALL

Cloud Doodles JAN 18 5:30-6:30 pm

R Have you ever imagined shapes in the clouds? Express your creativity by drawing on pictures of clouds. Have fun sharing your imagination with others. A variety of art supplies will be provided to enhance your creations.



IS COLLEGE COMING SOON?

Want to go to college and need help applying for financial aid? Clark College has partnered with FVRLibraries and other community partners including WSUV, Odyssey World, and iUrban Teen to help you through the financial aid application process.

Attend these free hands-on workshops where representatives will help answer questions and assist you in completing your FAFSA/WASFA application. Virtual and in-person seats are available.

Registration is required for in-person workshops only. Learn more and sign up at bit.ly/CollegeAidWorkshops

Please note: We will have limited Spanish/Russian translation services upon request and we may need to adjust your workshop time to ensure access.

ONLINE

JAN 9 5:30-6:30 pm

CASCADE PARK/ONLINE FEB 17 10 am-1 pm

BATTLE GROUND/ONLINE

MAR 9 10 am-1 pm

Ongoing

Join us for our regular weekly and monthly programs.

WEEKLY

- WED Magic the Gathering Night (all ages welcome) Cascade Park Wed 4-6 pm
- THU **Dungeons & Dragons for Tweens & Teens** Cascade Park ® Thu 4:30-6:30 pm
- TUE Gentle Yoga (for teens and adults) Online ® Tue 3-4 pm
- Dungeons & Dragons for Tweens & Teens (Tuesdays) Online Tue 4:30-6:30 pm
- Craft 'n Chat Wednesdays (for teens and adults) Online ® Wed 10-11 am
- FRI **Dungeons & Dragons for Tweens & Teens** (Fridays) Online R Fri 4:30-6 pm
- TUE Dungeons & Dragons for Tweens & Teens Ridgefield Tue 4:30-6:30 pm
- FRI Pathfinder RPG for Tweens & Teens Ridgefield/Online R H Fri 4:30-6:30 pm
- **Knit and Natter** WFD Vancouver Mall Wed 5:30-6:30 pm



TEENS AT FVRLIBRARIES

Our teen page is your connection to events, homework help, books, magazines, movies, music, comics, and more! Find out what's available at fvrl.org/teens. Need a library account? Sign up online for instant access to many services at fvrl.org/library-accounts.

MONTHLY

- JAN 8 Tween Hangout (for ages 9–11) Battle Ground 2nd Mon 4-5 pm
- Teen Hangout **JAN 11** Battle Ground 2nd Thu 4-5 pm
- Build It! Battle Ground 3rd Tue 5-6 pm
- JAN 8 Teen Council Cascade Park 1st Mon 5-6 pm
- Tween Council (for ages 10–12) La Center 2nd Wed 3:30-4:45 pm
- **JAN 12** Yarn Buzz (for teens and adults) La Center 2nd Fri 10-11 am
- STEAM Club (for ages 8-18) La Center 4th Thu 3:30-4:30 pm
- **JAN 10** Board Game Night (for teens and adults) Online ® 2nd Wed 6-7 pm
- Relaxing Origami with Yuki (for teens and adults) Online 🕟 3rd Tue 7–8 pm
- **JAN 29** Make Anything Online R last Mon 6-7:30 pm
- (JAN 13) Build It! Ridgefield 2nd Sat 10:30 am-12 pm
- Chess Mates Ridgefield 3rd Sat 11 am-1 pm
- JAN 7 Introduction to Sewing Machines (for ages 8 and up) Vancouver 1st Sun 2-3:30 pm
- **JAN 28** Board Game Day (for teens and families) Vancouver last Sun 2:30-5 pm
- JAN 8 Tabletop Role-Playing Game Club (for tweens and teens) Washougal

 R 2nd Mon 4:30−6 pm



January Programs

BATTLE GROUND

Toddler Drive-In JAN 12 10:30-11:30 am

Bring a cardboard box (one you can fit in), then use your imagination and our supplies to transform it into a car! Drive that car over to watch short animated books, sing, and eat some tasty snacks! Geared for toddlers 18-36 months.

LA CENTER

Stuffed Animal Sleepover Drop-off:

JAN 18 2-6 pm JAN 19 2-6 pm

Storytime:

JAN 20 4-5 pm

Your critter will spend a night or two having amazing adventures at the library. Return on Saturday to pick them up and enjoy a PJ Storytime with milk and cookies. We will watch a slideshow of the fun things they did! For families with young children.

THREE CREEKS

Puzzle Swap with **Guest Artist Tim Klein** JAN 20 12:30-3 pm

Artist Tim Klein, from Vancouver, will talk about his adventures with puzzle montage. Bring your gentlyused puzzles (no missing pieces) to the library, and take one home. Drop off or pick up any time during the event.

VANCOUVER

Monalisa Art Institute's Indian **Bollywood Dance** Show

JAN 27 11 am-12 pm

The Bollywood dance style, as seen in films from India, is characterized by its vibrant, dynamic, and theatrical nature. Join us for a colorful demonstration of the versatility and creativity of Bollywood dancing. All dances choreographed by Monika Deshpande.



BOOKMARK CONTEST AHEAD!

Sharpen those colored pencils! In February, children from kindergarten through the 12th grade are invited to celebrate books, reading, and art by participating in our 2024 Bookmark Contest. Participants will compete for a chance to see their printed bookmark designs featured at their local library and across FVRLibraries. Find out more and get an entry form at fvrl.org/bookmark-contest or at the library in late January.

Ongoing

Join us for our regular weekly and monthly programs.

WEEKLY

- MON Monday Mixer (for ages 6 and under) Battle Ground Mon 10-11 am
- WED* Read to the Dog (15-minute sessions, for ages 5-9) Cascade Park 1st and 3rd Wed 4-5 pm
- WED* Read to the Dog (15-minute sessions, for ages 5-9) La Center
 1st and 3rd Wed 4-5:30 pm
- FRI Vroom in the Room Three Creeks Fri 10:30-11:30 am
- TUE Crafternoon Vancouver Tue 3:30-5 pm
- THU **Build It!** Vancouver Thu 3:30-5 pm
- WED* Everyone's an Artist (for ages 6-12) Washougal

 ® *1st and 3rd Wed 4-5 pm
- WED & FRI Family Craft Workshop Yacolt Wed & Fri 11 am-5 pm



Enjoy animated, talking picture books, early chapter books, puzzles, and resources for kids and families. Includes a small selection of books in French, Spanish, and other languages. Find TumbleBooks at fvrl.org/resources/ebooks-eaudio.

MONTHLY

- **JAN 16** Homeschool Hangout Battle Ground 3rd Tue 1:30-3:30 pm
- **JAN 16** Build It! Battle Ground 3rd Tue 5-6 pm
- **JAN 13** Saturday Family Fun Cascade Park 2nd Sat 3-4:30 pm
- **JAN 25** STEAM Club (for ages 8-18) La Center 4th Thu 3:30-4:30 pm
- JAN 13 Build It! Ridgefield 2nd Sat 10:30 am-12 pm
- (JAN 17) School Age Art Fun with YMCA Ridgefield 3rd Wed 5:30-6:30 pm
- JAN 22* Read to the Dog (for ages 5-9) Ridgefield (1) *4th Mon (this month) 3:30-4:30 pm
- **JAN 23** Read to the Dog (for ages 5-9) Ridgefield (R) 4th Tue 6-7 pm
- JAN 2 Hero Quest for Young Adventurers (for grades 1-3) Three Creeks 1 1st Tue 4:30-5:30 pm
- **JAN 17** Homeschool Hangout Three Creeks 3rd Wed 1-2 pm
- **JAN 18** Build It! Three Creeks 3rd Thu 4-5 pm
- **JAN 10** Read to the Dog (for ages 5-9) Vancouver 2nd Wed 3-5 pm
- **JAN 28** Board Game Day (for teens and families) Vancouver last Sun 2:30-5 pm
- **JAN 24** STEMgineers: Grabber Challenge Washougal R 4th Wed 4-5 pm

BOOK GROUPS

Enjoy a lively discussion about this month's title. All are welcome. Stop by the library to pick up a copy of the book or check the online calendar description for instructions for virtual book groups.

IN-PERSON ADULTS

Adult Book Groups Battle Ground

JAN 24 9:30-10:30 am

Dirt Creek by Hayley Scrivenor.

Cascade Park (evening) JAN 11 6:30-7:30 pm

The School for Good Mothers by Jessamine Chan.

Cascade Park (morning) JAN 23 10:30-11:30 am

The Songs of Trees by David George Haskell.

La Center JAN 3 9-10 am

Ask at front desk for title.

Ridaefield JAN 16 6-7 pm

Ask at front desk for title.

Three Creeks/Online (evening)

JAN 2 6-7 pm

Ask at front desk for title.

Three Creeks (afternoon) JAN 4 12:30-2 pm

Ask at front desk for title.

Vancouver JAN 9 6-7 pm

Ask at front desk for title.

Woodland **JAN 22**

11:30 am-12:30 pm

The Sentence by Louise Erdrich.

Manga & Graphic **Novel Group Battle Ground/Online** JAN 6 3-4 pm

H I Left the House Today! by Cassandra Calin. For ages 18 and up.

Books and Brew Off-site-Washougal JAN 18 6-7 pm

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

TEENS

Tween Book Group

La Center

JAN 17 3-4 pm

Ask at front desk for title. For ages 10–12.

Ridgefield

JAN 11 4:30-5:30 pm

Ask at front desk for title. For ages 8–12.

Virtual Tween **Book Group**

Online

JAN 18 5-6 pm

R The Parker Inheritance by Varian Johnson. For ages 9-12.

KIDS

Kids Book Groups Cascade Park

JAN 2 4:30-5:30 pm

Sadig and the Desert Star by Siman Nuural. For ages 6-9.

La Center

JAN 18 3-4 pm

Ask at front desk for title. For ages 8–10.

Three Creeks

JAN 4 4-5 pm

The Invisible Whale by Beth Ferry. For ages 6-9.

The Read-Aloud Crowd

Battle Ground JAN 17 4:30-5:30 pm

Ask at front desk for title. For ages 6–8.

Virtual Kids **Book Group**

Online

JAN 11 4-5 pm R The Invisible Whale

by Beth Ferry. For ages 6-9.



SAVE ON BOARD GAMES

Bored with your board games? Try something new without shelling out a lot of money. Come by to see what we have available or place a hold for pickup later. There's plenty of fun for all ages!





PARENT & CAREGIVER TIP FROM VROOM

Take Turns-Children learn from taking turns when you play, talk, or explore. After they go, take your turn. Then repeat: they go, you go, they go, you go!

Túrnense-Los niños aprenden cuando toman turnos al jugar, hablar o explorar. Toma tu turno después de él. Y luego repite: ¡tu turno, mi turno, tu turno, mi turno!

Vroom offers early learning tips that are fun, easy, and make a big impact on growing brains. Get tips using the app on your phone or by texting VROOM to 48258, or download and print at vroom.org.



"Grow A Reader!" page

WELCOME! Hear stories,

sing songs, and enjoy fun activities for children and their parents or caregivers.

Capacity may be limited at some locations.

Storytimes occur weekly unless otherwise noted.*

0–18 months

TODDLER:

18-36 months

PRESCHOOL:

3–6 years

FAMILY:

for children of all ages

NORTH CLARK & COWLITZ

BABY

Battle Ground

THU 10:30 am

BABY & TODDLER

La Center

FRI 10:30 am

TODDLER

Battle Ground

FRI 10:30 am

PRESCHOOL

Battle Ground

TUE 11 am

WED 11 am

La Center

THU 10:30 am

FAMILY

Ridgefield

MON 10:30 am

WED 10:30 am

Woodland

SAT 11 am

Cascade Park

BARY

TUE 1 pm WED 1 pm

Three Creeks

WED 10:30 am

Vancouver

MON 10:30 am

TUE 10:30 am

TODDLER

Cascade Park

FRI 10:30 am

Vancouver

THU 10:30 am

FRI 10:30 am

PRESCHOOL

Cascade Park

THU 11:30 am

Vancouver

WED 10:30 am

MUSIC & **MOVEMENT**

Vancouver

FRI 2:30 pm

OUTREACH

SOUTH CLARK

Eisenhower **Elementary**

FRI* 9 am

*(check in at front desk)

Hazel Dell **Elementary**

FRI* 9 am

*(check in at front desk)

Lakeshore **Elementary**

WED* 9 am

*(check in at front desk)

FAMILY

Cascade Park

WED 11:30 am

SAT 11:30 am

Three Creeks

MON 10:30 am

TUE 10:30 am

THU 10:30 am

SAT 10:30 am

Washougal

TUE 10:30 am

THU 10:30 am





Most libraries are 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 Vancouver WA 98684

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 98672

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 Market Stree Cafe Green Mountain Elementary Klickitat Mini Park Lyle Market

