



FVRLibraries

NEWS & EVENTS

Connect, Create,
and Discover
at Your Library

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BIKING TO THE LIBRARY

Biking can be a fun, inexpensive way to get around town. But, it's also good for you! Biking provides a low-impact workout with cardio and strength training benefits. It also gets those endorphins flowing and can make you happy. Best of all, it can take you to the library.

Many FVRLibraries locations have bike racks nearby where you can hitch up your ride while you browse the stacks. (We recommend a backpack for carrying your library finds.) If you visit Ridgefield or Woodland Community Libraries, you'll find a special message when you park.



NOTES

Need more info?

Visit fvrl.org
call 360-906-5000
or 888-546-2707
(area code 509)

All libraries will be closed for the following upcoming holiday:

- **Labor Day - September 1**

Our digital services will be available that day—and whenever you need them! Visit **fvrl.org** for 24/7 access to services like:

- eBooks
- Streaming movies & TV shows
- Magazines & newspapers
- Online classes
- Homework help
- Job search assistance
- And much more!

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FVRL BOARD MEETINGS

Join FVRLibraries Board meetings virtually or in person to stay informed about library initiatives and share your voice during public comment. Be part of the conversation shaping the future of your libraries!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **September 15, 6–8 pm**
Woodland Community Library
- **October 20, 6–8 pm**
La Center Community Library

To learn more and to find the Zoom link for the next meeting, visit **fvrl.org/board-trustees**.

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REFLECTIONS from the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear FVRLibraries Community,

Thank you for showing up—for your library, your neighbors, and our shared future.

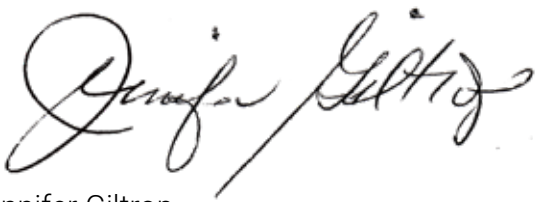
We've just wrapped up a major phase of our strategic planning and facilities master planning process, and I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to everyone who participated in a community conversation or completed our recent survey. Your ideas, hopes, and feedback are guiding the path forward. To learn more about the ongoing process, please visit **fvrl.org/strategic-priorities**.

The recent passage of the library levy lid lift, which restored the library's levy rate, means we now have the stability to bring those plans to life. This fall marks the beginning of an exciting chapter for Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries. We will begin to move forward with the new Washougal Community Library project and will continue to plan for how we meet the needs of all across the district. In 2026, you'll start to see the first major changes:

- ***Expanded hours and access across the district***
- ***New bookmobile serving Clark County***
- ***New and growing programs for all ages and interests***
- ***Continued investment in a strong library collection of physical and digital materials***
- ***Continued investment in technology and spaces that welcome all***

The work ahead is exciting. We'll continue sharing updates as we shape the next chapter together—honoring 75 years of service while preparing for the next 75.

With deep gratitude,



Jennifer Giltrop
Executive Director, FVRLibraries



Jennifer Giltrop at a Community Conversations event at Vancouver Community Library.

75 Years Together

—and Just Getting Started

**Thanks to all who
took part in our survey and
community conversations!**

Discover how your input is helping
guide the future of our libraries.



**[fvrl.org/
strategic-priorities](https://fvrl.org/strategic-priorities)**

Library Service for All



BOOKMOBILES REACH RURAL COMMUNITIES

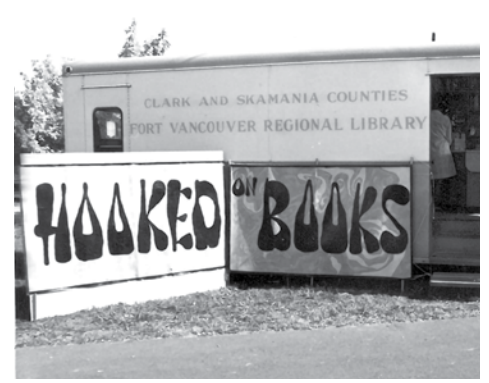
On a sunny afternoon at Kadow Park, the Skamania/ West Klickitat Bookmobile slows to a stop. Within minutes, people begin to gather, drawn by the familiar sight.

Jeannie, Senior Library Assistant of Stevenson Community Library, calls out to a mother and two young children approaching the bookmobile, “I have the books you put on hold, and I added a few others that I think you might like!”

This joyful exchange is just one example of how FVRLibraries meets people where they are. With 15 libraries across 4,200 square miles of Southwest Washington, physical locations of our libraries remain out of reach for residents in rural areas—sometimes an hour’s drive away or more. To help reach Tribal lands and remote locations, one of FVRLibraries’ strategies is to bring books directly to communities through the bookmobile.



FVRLibraries bookmobiles prioritize access for all community members and both are equipped with lift devices in the back of the vehicle for patrons with accessibility needs.



Photos left to right: Eva Santee (center) reads a book in front of the Clark County Bookmobile in 1943; Community member leaves bookmobile with a handful of books in 1952; Groovy signage advertises the allure of books in 1969.

This commitment to reaching rural communities has deep roots. “Library service for all” was the motto of Eva Santee, one of FVRLibraries’ fiercest advocates and Clark County’s first librarian to hold a master’s degree. In 1941, Eva’s vision became reality when she helped secure a Works Progress Administration grant to bring books to everyone—regardless of where they lived. With this funding, an Army truck was repurposed as a bookmobile, and they hired a driver, librarian, and purchased books.

Nine years later, FVRLibraries officially became a library system and the bookmobile continued to service remote areas. And now as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the FVRLibraries, the bookmobiles continue to roll on. We operate two bookmobiles in Skamania and Klickitat counties and in 2024, these two bookmobiles made 890 stops and drove 22,341 miles combined.

These traveling libraries deliver far more than books, they offer free printing, Wi-Fi service, and community connection. Terra McLeod, Goldendale Community Library Branch Manager, shared a powerful story:

“We had a patron visit our bookmobile who needed help printing out forms so that she could apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. At a later date, the patron visited the bookmobile to expressly thank us for the resource and service.”

The people who await each stop represent the full spectrum of our community—from curious children and busy young parents to book-loving adults and retirees with time to explore new authors.

“My son goes to Skamania School,” said one bookmobile visitor. “His school is tiny so they do not have a library and the bookmobile visits every Thursday so that the kids can browse and check out books. ...A library in a bus, that’s amazing!”

Eva Santee’s dream of “library service for all” rolls on, one stop at a time.



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Do you love your library branch? Nearly every FVRL branch has a Friends of the Library Group. These volunteers find fun and creative ways to support their library and library staff. Consider joining your local Friends group.

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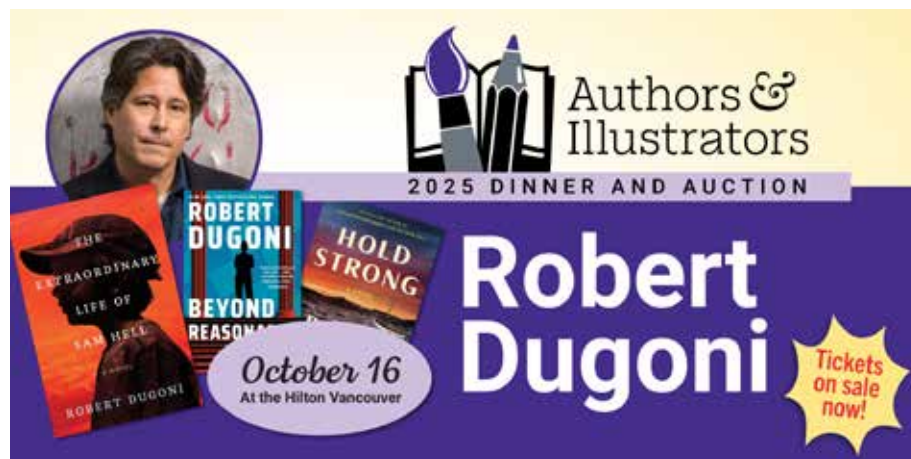
BOOK DONATIONS UPDATE

Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation has **halted its book donation program**; however, many Friends of the Library groups take donations for book sales or in-library book stores.

Contact Friends groups for current donation status and requirements.

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fvrlfoundation.org/friends-of-the-library-groups



LIBRARIES ARE WHERE STORIES BEGIN— AND WHERE COMMUNITIES GROW.

At the FVRL Foundation, we're proud to support the programs, collections, and spaces that bring those stories to life. Since 1991, generous donors and partners have helped fund favorites like Summer Reading, Reading in Action, Experience Pass, and more.

We've also helped build the libraries you love—most recently in Ridgefield and Woodland—and we're committed to supporting the new Washougal Community Library in the years ahead.

You'll find a few examples of that impact on the next page: community events, creative programs, and support from our Friends groups and sponsors. And we hope you'll join us in celebrating it all at the **23rd Annual Authors & Illustrators Dinner on October 16, 2025**—a special evening honoring FVRLibraries' 75th Anniversary, featuring best-selling author **Robert Dugoni**. To buy tickets, visit **fvrlfoundation.org**.

The Foundation is led by a small staff and a dedicated volunteer board. I'm honored to recognize our 2025–2026 Board Officers:

- **Jenny Brown**, Chair
- **Kristi Spurgeon**, Vice-Chair
- **Wendi Eaton**, Secretary
- **Skyler Martin**, Treasurer

Thank you for your continued belief in the power of libraries and the communities they serve.

With gratitude,

Jenny Wilkerson
Executive Director, FVRL Foundation

Our Friends of the Library groups support the library in many ways. Here are two fall events that have been sponsored by Friends in their communities for a long time.



COMMUNITY READS: White Salmon Valley

Community Reads is a month-long event where a book is chosen by the members of the Community Reads Committee and copies are given to community members. Events related to the book topic are hosted Thursday evenings in October. Artists in the community are given a copy of the book early so they can create works of art that reflect themes in the book. This series is made possible with support from Friends of White Salmon Valley Community Library.

This year's title is ***Accordion Eulogies*** by Noé Álvarez.

- **Oct 2:** Artist Reception and virtual Author Talk with Noé Álvarez
- **Oct 9:** History and Culture of the Accordion with Roberta "Bobbie" Ferrero
- **Oct 16:** Book Group Discussion for ***Accordion Eulogies***



ARTISTS OF THE GORGE

Artists of the Gorge is an annual juried art exhibit showcasing the talent of local artists. This year marks the 46th event. Artists on both sides of the Gorge, from Washougal to beyond The Dalles, are invited to participate. Painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, woodcraft, fabric art, and other media are included.

This year's exhibit will kick off with a reception hosted by Friends of Stevenson and North Bonneville Community Libraries on Saturday, **October 4 at 6 pm**. The exhibit will be available for viewing during library hours through October 31.



Thank you for your generous support!



Grow A Reader! STORYTIMES



September and October 2025 Schedule

BABY: 0–18 months

TODDLER: 18–36 months

PRESCHOOL: 3–5 years

FAMILY: 0–5 years

fvrl.org/grow-reader

Hear stories, sing songs, and enjoy fun activities for children and their parents or caregivers. Capacity may be limited at some locations. There will be a **Storytime break Aug 24–Sep 13.**

North Clark & Cowlitz

BABY

Battle Ground
10:30 am Thursday

TODDLER

Battle Ground
10:30 am Friday

PRESCHOOL

Battle Ground
11 am Tuesday &
Wednesday

FAMILY

La Center
10:30 am Thursday

Ridgefield
10:30 am
Monday & Wednesday

Woodland
10:30 am
Tuesday & Thursday

Sensory Storytime

Ridgefield
10:30 am Tue, 9/16,
9/30, 10/14, 10/28 ^R



South Clark

BABY

Cascade Park
1 pm Tuesday

Three Creeks
10:30 & 11:30 am
Wednesday

Vancouver
10:30 am
Monday & Tuesday

TODDLER

Cascade Park
10:30 am Friday

Vancouver
10:30 am Thursday

PRESCHOOL

Cascade Park
11:30 am Thursday

FAMILY

Cascade Park
11:30 am
Wednesday & Saturday

Three Creeks
10:30 am Monday,
Tuesday, Thursday,
& Saturday



FAMILY *Cont.*

Vancouver Mall
11 am Tuesday &
Thursday (at the
Little Free Library)

Vancouver
10:30 am
Wednesday & Friday

Washougal
10:30 am
Tuesday & Thursday

Music & Movement

Vancouver
10:30 am Monday

Play to Learn

Three Creeks
10:30 am Friday

Sensory Storytime

Vancouver
10:30 am
2nd Saturday
(for ages 3–9) ^R

Community

(check in at front desk)

Eisenhower Elementary
9 am Friday

Lakeshore Elementary
9 am Thursday

The Gorge

BABY

Goldendale
10 am 9/26 &
Fridays in Oct

White Salmon Valley
10 & 11 am Friday

BABY & TODDLER

Stevenson
10:30 am Wednesday



TODDLER

White Salmon Valley
10:30 am Tuesday

PRESCHOOL

White Salmon Valley
10:30 am Wednesday

FAMILY

Goldendale
10:30 am Wednesday

Stevenson
10:30 am Saturday

White Salmon Valley
10:30 am Saturday

Community

**Dallesport
Community Center**
11 am 1st Thursday

BZ Corner
10:30 am 2nd Thursday

Trout Lake
10 am 2nd & 4th Friday



Mark Your Calendar!

Scan the QR code to
explore upcoming
dates for Storytimes.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

With a wide variety of programs offered across our 15 libraries, there's something for everyone! Review programs by age in this guide, and also find details online. Due to a shift from summer to fall, some on-going programs may not begin until after September 14.

KIDS & PRESCHOOL

For a full list of programs visit the events tab at fvrl.org or stop by the front desk at your local library.

ARTS & CRAFTS



Kids Create

Drop in for creative and interactive projects. Use your imagination, stretch your creativity, or practice a new artistic skill.

- Cascade Park: 3rd Wed, 2–3 pm
- Stevenson: Every Wed, 2–4 pm
- Vancouver: Every Tue, 3:30–5:30 pm
- Washougal: 1st & 3rd Wed, 4–5 pm ^R & Every Fri, 3:30–4:30 pm
- White Salmon: 2nd Fri, 3:30–5 pm
- Yacolt: Every Wed & Fri, 11 am–5 pm
- Yale: 3rd Mon & Thu, 2:30–5 pm

BOOK GROUPS



Kids Book Groups

Are you ready for chapter books? Grab an adult to join you and come ready to discuss, have fun, and make new friends.

- Battle Ground: 3rd Wed, 4:30–5:30 pm
- Cascade Park: 1st Fri, 4:30–5:30 pm
- Three Creeks: 1st Thu, 4–5 pm
- White Salmon: 10/1, 4–5 pm
- Online: 2nd Thu, 4–5 pm ^R

GAMES



Chess Social Clubs

Want to play chess? Come join the fun—whether you're a beginner or a pro. Bring your board or use ours and challenge a new friend.

- Cascade Park (for all ages): 2nd & 4th Sat, 10:30 am–12 pm
- Ridgefield (for all ages): 3rd Sat, 11 am–1 pm

Similar Programming

- Vancouver (Board Game Social Club for all ages): 2nd Sat, 2:30–5 pm & Last Sun, 2–5:30 pm

MOVIES



Enjoy movies for the whole family.

- Woodland: 1st & 3rd Fri, 5–7 pm

Similar Programming

- Vancouver (Kids & Tweens) Interactive Movie Day: 1st & 3rd Sat, 2:30–4:30 pm in Oct

SPECIAL PROGRAMS



Homeschool Hangout

Connect with other homeschool families, make new friends, and enjoy fun activities and exploring helpful library resources.

- Ridgefield: 3rd Tue, 11:30 am–1 pm
- Three Creeks: 3rd Wed, 1–2 pm



Kids Read to a Dog

Practice reading out loud to a friendly, furry buddy who's there to listen and make you smile.

- Cascade Park: 1st & 3rd Wed, 4–5 pm
- Ridgefield: 3rd Mon, 3:30–4:30 pm & 4th Tue, 6–7 pm ^R
- Three Creeks: 4th Thu, 4:30–5:30 pm
- Vancouver: 2nd Wed, 3–5 pm
- Washougal: 2nd Mon, 4–5 pm
- Woodland: 2nd Tue 4–5 pm

Mark Your Calendar!

Scan the QR code and click on Events to explore upcoming programs.



KIDS

STEM*



Kids & Tweens STEM Lab

Join us to design, build, and explore fun STEM activities that will make you feel like a scientist or inventor!

- Vancouver: 1st Wed in Oct, 4–5:30 pm
- Washougal: 4th Wed in Oct, 4–5 pm



Kids & Tweens Build It

Bring your ideas to life with LEGO® bricks and other fun materials. Show off your creations and grow your STEM superpowers!

- Battle Ground: 4th Tue, 5–6 pm
- La Center: 4th Thu, 3–4 pm
- Ridgefield: 2nd Sat, 10:30 am–12 pm
- Stevenson: 2nd & 4th Sat, 2–3 pm
- Three Creeks: 3rd Thu, 4–5 pm
- Vancouver: Every Thu, 3:30–5:30 pm
- White Salmon: 3rd Sat, 3:30–4:30 pm

*Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math

TEENS & TWEENS

For a full list of programs visit the events tab at fvrl.org or stop by the front desk at your local library.

ARTS & CRAFTS



Creative Crafts

Learn a new art tutorial each month.

- Stevenson: 1st Tue, 4–6 pm

Similar Programming

- Cascade Park (Tweens Create): 9/15 & 10/13, 5–6 pm
- Ridgefield (Teen Art Chat): 3rd Thu, 4–6 pm
- Washougal (Tween & Teen Craft and Chat): 2nd Wed, 4–5 pm

BOOK GROUPS



Tween Book Groups

Join other tween readers for friendly discussions.

- Battle Ground: 2nd Tue, 4:30–5:30 pm
- Cascade Park: 4th Mon, 5–6 pm
- Three Creeks: 9/4, 10/2, 10/30, 5:15–6:15 pm
- White Salmon: 2nd Wed in Oct, 3:30–4:30 pm

Similar Programming

- La Center (Tween & Teen Manga Club): 4th Sat, 4–5 pm

Teens & Tweens continue on page 10



"When I walk into the library, I feel like there is limitless possibility."

-Cascade Park Community Library patron



Back to School

As you're starting the new school year, FVRLibraries is here to support you with a wide range of fun learning resources, activities, and books.

BACK TO SCHOOL LEARNING RESOURCES FOR KIDS & TEENS

- Get one-on-one online tutoring and writing support through Brainfuse.
- Learn to code with Fiero Code.
- Studying polar bears? Learn about them and other animals in Power Knowledge.
- Find resources by subject and grade level at fvrl.org/connect.



ACTIVITIES FOR AFTER SCHOOL FUN AND LEARNING

- Encourage reading and discussion through book groups.
- Get creative with craft programs for all ages.
- Engage babies, toddlers, and preschoolers with storytime.



BOOKS FOR SCHOOL AND ENJOYMENT

- Discover new titles, series, and authors in NoveList K-8.
- Enjoy books available in print, eBook, and audiobook formats.
- Get suggestions from library staff.





"I like to hang out at the library to [play] Dungeons & Dragons because it is an inclusive space. All the stuff is supplied and the staff is friendly. It almost feels like home because I have been coming here since I was a little kid."

-Cascade Park Community Library patron

GAMES



Tween & Teen Tabletop Role-Playing Games

Immerse yourself in a world of excitement! Create a character and take on challenges with a team of other players in this interactive story.

- Cascade Park (Dungeons & Dragons - D&D): Every Thu, 4:30–6:30 pm
- Ridgefield (D&D): Every Tue, 4:30–6:30 pm
- Ridgefield (Pathfinder): Every Fri, 4:30–6 pm **R**
- Three Creeks (D&D): Every Tues, 4:30–6:30 pm
- Washougal (D&D): 3rd Mon, 4:30–6 pm **R**
- Online (D&D): Every Tue (begins 9/30) or Every Fri in Oct, 4:30–6:00 pm **R**

Teen Magic the Gathering Social Clubs

Join us for open game play of Magic the Gathering.

- Cascade Park (Teens & Adults): Every Wed, 4–6 pm
- Vancouver: Every Wed, 4–6 pm



Tween & Teen Chess Social Clubs

Want to play chess? Come join the fun—whether you're a beginner or a pro. Bring your board or use ours and challenge a new friend!

- Cascade Park (for all ages): 2nd & 4th Sat, 10:30 am–12 pm
- Ridgefield (for all ages): 3rd Sat, 11 am–1 pm

Similar Programming

- La Center (Teen & Adult Card Game Social Club): 1st & 3rd Sat, 2–4 pm
- Online (Board Game Social Club): 2nd Wed, 6–7 pm **R**



Teen Hangout

Come hang out with friends, play games, craft, and chat about your favorite things!

- Battle Ground: 2nd Thu, 4–5 pm
- Cascade Park: 9/16, 5–6 pm
- Goldendale: 9/19, 9/26, 10/3, 10/17, 10/24, 3–5 pm
- Stevenson: Every Tue but the 1st, 4:30–6 pm
- Vancouver: Every Thu, 4:30–6:30 pm & Every Sat, 3–5 pm

Tween Hangout

- La Center: 1st Tue, 3:45–4:45 pm
- Vancouver: Every Fri, 4–5:30 pm

Teen & Tween Hangout

- Woodland: 4th Fri, 4–5:30 pm

LEADERSHIP & ENGAGEMENT



Teen Council

We need your help to make sure the stuff we're doing at the library is stuff you actually want. Earn volunteer hours, eat snacks, and meet other teens.

- Cascade Park: 1st Mon, 5–6 pm
- Vancouver: 1st Tue, 3:30–5:30 pm
- White Salmon: 3rd Wed in Oct, 5–6 pm



Mark Your Calendar!

Scan the QR code and click on Events to explore upcoming programs.

ADULTS

For a full list of programs visit the events tab at fvrl.org or stop by the front desk at your local library.

ARTS & CRAFTS



Art Chats

Art Chats are held to promote awareness of art, to teach art techniques, to share local art events, and to network with your peers. Bring one or two pieces of your art to share.

- Battle Ground: 9/10 & 10/28, 1–3 pm
- Ridgefield: 1st Tue, 10:30 am–12:30 pm
- Woodland: 9/4 & 10/14, 12–2 pm

Similar Programming

- Cascade Park (Art Share): 3rd Wed, 11 am–1 pm

Creative Crafts

Learn a new art tutorial each month.

- Stevenson: 1st Tue, 4–6 pm
- Three Creeks (Adult Accessible Creative Crafts): 2nd Thu, 1:30–2:30 pm

Fiber Art Social Circles

Join us to work on your own projects and make connections. Any stitchery hobby is welcome.

- Goldendale: 2nd & 4th Tue, 1:30–3 pm
- La Center: 2nd & 4th Fri, 10–11 am
- Ridgefield: Every Wed, 10 am–12 pm
- Stevenson: Every Thu, 2–4 pm
- Vancouver Mall: Every Wed, 5:30–6:30 pm
- White Salmon: Every Thu, 10 am–12 pm
- Woodland: 1st & 3rd Fri, 10 am–12 pm

BOOK GROUPS



Join us for a lively discussion about this month's title and connect with fellow readers while sharing new perspectives and building community.

- Battle Ground: 4th Wed, 9:30–10:30 am
- Cascade Park: 2nd Thu, 6:30–7:30 pm & 4th Tue, 10:30–11:30 am
- Goldendale: 3rd Mon, 11 am–12 pm
- La Center: 1st Wed, 9–10 am
- Ridgefield: 3rd Tue, 6–7 pm; 1st Wed, 5–6 pm (Horror ^R)
- Stevenson: 1st Wed, 6–7 pm
- Three Creeks: 1st Tue, 6–7 pm; 1st Thu, 12:30–2 pm
- Vancouver: 2nd Thu, 6–7 pm

- White Salmon: 4th Tue, 1–2 pm; 1st Fri, 4–5:30 pm (Nature Lovers ^R)
- Woodland: 3rd Mon, 11:30 am–12:30 pm
- Yale: 4th Thu, 10–11 am
- Offsite - 54°40' Brewing Co. (Washougal): 3rd Thu, 6–7 pm
- Offsite - Cogir at The Quarry (Cascade Park): 3rd Thu, 10:30–11:30 am
- Offsite - Glenwood Place Senior Living Plaza (Vancouver Mall): 2nd Thu, 10:30–11:30 am
- Offsite - Stellar Luxe (Yacolt): 3rd Wed, 11 am–12 pm
- Offsite - Van Mall Retirement Community (Vancouver Mall): 3rd Tue, 10:30–11:30 am
- Offsite/Online - Adult LGBTQ at Dandelion Teahouse & Apothecary (Vancouver) 1st Sat, 4–5 pm ^R
- Online - Adult YA: 1st Tue, 7–7:45 pm ^R
- Online - Classics: 3rd Wed, 7–8:30 pm ^R
- Online - Spicy Romance: 1st Thu, 6–7 pm ^R

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LIBRARY TRIVIA

With an elevator ride necessary to get to the children's floor at Vancouver Community Library, it was important to create some signage about the dangers of little fingers and closing doors. To make it engaging and give parents a tool to explain the hazard, our design team came up with Ellie the Alligator to encourage practicing elevator safety.

COMMUNITY GROUPS



Engage with others in a supportive environment on a range of topics.

- Cascade Park (Clark County HomeShare): 3rd Thu, 2–3 pm
- La Center (Genealogy Enthusiasts): 2nd Thu, 9–10 am
- Online (Reflecting Rainbows - LGBTQ+ Discussion Group): 1st Wed, 6–7 pm **R**

Similar Programming

- Vancouver (U.S. Citizenship Class): Every Thu, 2:45–5:15 pm

CONVERSATION CIRCLES



A friendly, informal space to practice a language. To participate, you should have enough command of the language to introduce yourself, discuss daily life topics, share ideas, ask simple questions, and follow group discussions.

ASL Conversation Circle

- Online: Every Tue, 5:45–6:45 pm **R**

English Conversation Circles

- Battle Ground: Every Wed, 10:30 am–12 pm
- Cascade Park: Every Mon, 5:30–7:30 pm
- Ridgefield: Every Wed, 11 am–12:30 pm
- Vancouver: Every Fri, 3–4 pm
- Off-site - Fourth Plain Commons: Every Tue, 5:30–7 pm

Japanese Conversation Circle

- Ridgefield: Every Tue, 6–7 pm

Spanish Conversation Circle

- Ridgefield: Every Wed, 3–5:30 pm

Similar Programming

English as a Second Language Classes

- Stevenson: Every Fri, 2–4 pm
- Vancouver: Every Tue (Beginner), 3–5 pm; Every Wed (Intermediate), 3–5 pm

GAMES



From strategy and spellcasting to heroic adventures, our gaming programs offer something for everyone.

- Cascade Park (Magic the Gathering Social Club): Every Wed, 4–6 pm
- Ridgefield (Chess Social Club): 3rd Sat, 11 am–1 pm
- Vancouver (Board Game Social Club for all ages): 2nd Sat, 2:30–5 pm & Last Sun, 2–5:30 pm
- Woodland (Board Game Social Club), 1st Sat, 3–5:30 pm
- Online (Board Game Social Club): 2nd Wed, 6–7 pm **R**
- Online (Tabletop RPG–Dungeons & Dragons): 9/16, 10/6, 6–8 pm **R**



Become certified to use the library's Lulzbot® Mini 3D printer. After certification, you can use the library's 3D printer to work on your 3D printing projects independently. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

- Battle Ground: 9/27, 10:30 am–12 pm
- Cascade Park: 9/16, 3:30–5 pm
- Goldendale: 9/20, 3–5 pm
- La Center: 9/20, 10–11:30 am
- Ridgefield: 10/9, 5–6 pm
- Three Creeks: 10/20, 5:30–6:30 pm
- Vancouver: 9/14, 10/12, and 11/9 2:30–4:30 pm
- Woodland: 11/13, 4–5 pm **R**

STEM

STEM

**Drop-In Tech Help**

Bring your device and your questions to meet with a staff member. These sessions offer patrons tech help related to mobile devices, e-readers, websites, and more.

- Cascade Park: Every Thu, 10–11 am
- Goldendale: 10/6, 10 am–1 pm **R**
- Stevenson: Every Mon, 10–11:30 am
- Vancouver: Every Tue, 4:30–6 pm
- White Salmon: Every Thu, 10 am–12 pm

Computer Basics

In partnership with Goodwill you will learn the basics of computer use.

- Ridgefield: 1st & 3rd Thu, 1–2:30 pm
- Three Creeks: Every Wed, 3–4:30 pm
- White Salmon: 3rd Tue, 1–2:30 pm

WELLNESS



Enjoy activities for physical, mental, and social well-being.

- Cascade Park (Line Dancing): Every Mon, 1–3 pm
- Ridgefield (Gentle Strength and Stretch): Every Thu, 11–11:45 am
- Three Creeks (Chair Yoga): 1st Tue, 1–1:45 pm
- Online (Chair Yoga): Every Tue, 2–2:30 pm **R**
- Online (Gentle Yoga): Every Tue, 3–4 pm **R**

WRITING GROUPS



Join one of our writing groups, where you can share your work, get tips, and help other fellow writers.

- Cascade Park & Online (Teen & Adult Poetry Writing): 3rd Sat, 11 am–12 pm **R**
- La Center (Writing Group): 4th Thu, 9–11 am
- Ridgefield (Adult Writing Group): 4th Thu, 4:30–5:30 pm
- Three Creeks (Willamette Writers): 2nd Mon, 6–7 pm
- Vancouver (The Craft of Writing): 1st & 3rd Thu, 10:30 am–12:30 pm
- Woodland (Writers Group): 2nd Fri, 2–4 pm

Similar Programming

- Battle Ground (Anime & Manga Fan Meetup): 3rd Thu, 5–7 pm

“I am here at the library today to work on job applications. It makes me so happy that people still find libraries important and people still come to libraries.

Because of the library I was able to meet new people and make new friends.”

-Three Creeks Community Library visitor





ART SPOTLIGHT

Phonic Bloom at Woodland Community Library

Suspended above the Children's Reading Room at Woodland Community Library, Phonic Bloom is a one-of-a-kind sculpture created by Portland-based art studio Superfab. The artwork transforms the building blocks of human speech into a hanging garden made of recycled book pages and natural dyes—each petal and reed representing the many ways people speak and connect across cultures and generations.



Common Camas



Lupine



Kinnickinnick



Salmonberry



Big Leaf Maple
CREDIT: Peter Stevens



Oregon Grape

Each flower in the sculpture represents a sound that makes up a word. The color of each flower was inspired by native plants in Southwest Washington and then assigned to one of the three languages spoken in Woodland:

- Blue tones: Cowlitz Salish
- Yellow and orange tones: Spanish
- Red tones: English

Phonic Bloom helps us see language not just as the words we say, but as shapes, colors, and connections. It celebrates the rich mix of voices that shape our region—and reminds us:

- Language is cultural—it carries stories and traditions.
- Language is learned—we gain it through listening and practice.
- Language is shared—it brings us together.

Learn more about Phonic Bloom at fvrl.org/phonicbloom.

IN 2023,
AFTER A COMMUNITY
CALL FOR ARTISTS,
THE SIX-PANEL MURAL

Growing a Reader debuted at **Cascade Park Community Library.**



The work by Sarah Lynne Hunter envisions a community orchard. The harvest is books of all sizes and subjects, encouraging reading together and enjoying community learning. This story's six chapters include:

- ***Seeds of Knowledge***
- ***Planting Together***
- ***Tending the Orchard***
- ***The Fruits of Learning***
- ***The Harvest***
- ***Savoring the Bounty***



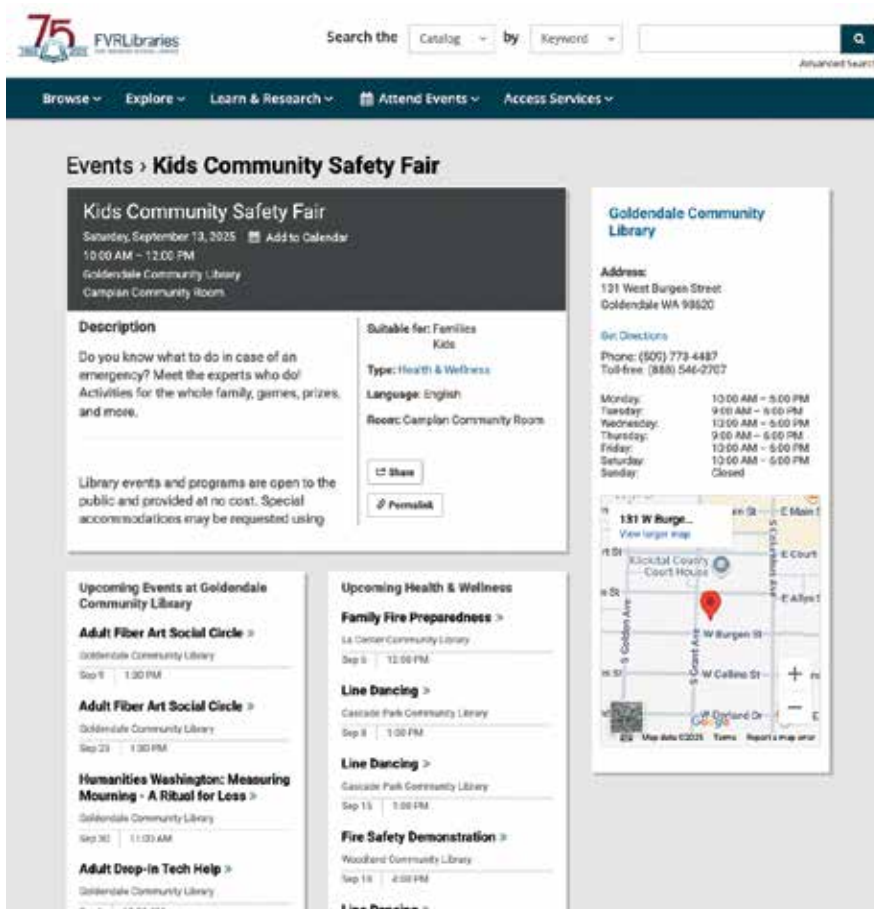
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Starting mid-September, your FVRLibraries website will make it easier, faster, and more fun to connect with everything you love about the library.

Use the site on any device, with faster loading—even on slower connections.

- Explore an **event calendar** that's easy to filter, save, and share.
- Search the **FVRLibraries catalog** and find many of our offerings in one place, including books, eBooks, movies, events, and online resources.
- Search the catalog or mobile app in **English, Español** (Spanish), **Русский** (Russian), and more—with expert in-country translations for buttons, labels, and messages, updated regularly for accuracy and cultural relevance.
- Discover more of your library—from local programs to digital collections—in fewer clicks.

We're glad to be part of your life—and we've worked to make it easier to keep the library at your fingertips.



FVRLIBRARIES BOOKMOBILES



Goldendale / Klickitat

WISHRAM - KLICKITAT

Every other Tuesday: Sep 9, 23; Oct 7, 21

Wishram School.....	9:30–11:15 am
Wishram Heights	11:30 am–12 pm
Klickitat Mini Park*.....	1:45–3:15 pm

LYLE - DALLESFORT

Every other Wednesday: Sep 10, 24; Oct 8, 22

Lyle Community School	9:30–11:30 am
Lyle Market*	11:45 am–12:30 pm
Dallesport Community Center.....	1:30–3 pm

ROOSEVELT - ALDERDALE

Every other Thursday: Sep 11, 25; Oct 9, 23

Roosevelt School	9:45–11 am
Pueblo del Rio	11–11:45 am
Alderdale Boneyard*.....	1–1:30 pm
Columbia River Country Store.....	2–2:45 pm

BICKLETON

Every other Tuesday: Sep 16, 30; Oct 14, 28

Bickleton Market Street Café*..	10:30–11:15 am
Bickleton School.....	12–3 pm

CENTERVILLE - MARYHILL - GEORGEVILLE

Every other Wednesday: Sep 17; Oct 1, 15, 29

Centerville School.....	9:30–11:30 am
Georgeville	2:30–3:45 pm

KLICKITAT - APPLETON - WAHKIACUS

Every other Thursday: Sep 18; Oct 2, 16, 30

Klickitat School*	9:30–11:30 am
Appleton Post Office^	1–2 pm
Wahkiacus^	2:45–3:30 pm

Skamania / W. Klickitat

CARSON

Every other Tuesday: Sep 2, 16, 30; Oct 14, 28§

Carson Elementary W.....	9:45–10:30 am
Old Detour Rd & High Bridge W	11–11:30 am
Carson Elementary W.....	12–1:30 pm
Gator Creek Gardens	2:30–3 pm
Teeter Toddlers W.....	3:15–4 pm

Every other Tuesday: Sep 9, 23; Oct 7, 21

Carson Elementary W.....	9:45–10:30 am
Old Detour Rd & High Bridge W	11–11:30 am
Carson Elementary W.....	12–1:30 pm
Mobile Home Park @ Shipherd Falls	2:30–3 pm
Teeter Toddlers W.....	3:15–4 pm

GLENWOOD - TROUT LAKE - WHITE SALMON

Every Wednesday: Sep 3, 10, 17, 24;

Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29†

Glenwood (School).....	10:30 am–12 pm
Trout Lake (School)	1:15–2:45 pm
White Salmon Treaty	
Fishing Access Site**	3:30–4 pm

SKAMANIA - WASHOUGAL - BONNEVILLE

Every Thursday: Sep 4, 11, 18, 25;

Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30*

Skamania (School) W.....	10–11:30 am
Mt Pleasant (School) W.....	1–2:30 pm
1st and 3rd Thursdays: Sep 4, 18, Oct 2, 16	
Bonneville Treaty	
Fishing Access Site**	3:15–4 pm

COOK - UNDERWOOD - WHITE SALMON

Every Friday: Sep 5, 12, 19, 26;

Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31§

Mill A (School)	10 am–12 pm
Underwood (Post Office).....	12:30–1:15 pm
White Salmon (Rhine Village Apts) ..	2:30–4 pm

BOOKMOBILE OUTREACH

Look for the
Goldendale/Klickitat
Bookmobile at these
places too!

OCT 18

Harvest Festival
11 am–5 pm

SPECIAL SATURDAY STOPS:

SEP 27

Klickitat Mini Park
10:30 am–12:30 pm

OCT 11

Bickleton
Market Street Café
10 am–12 pm

OCT 25

Pueblo del Rio
10:30 am–12:30 pm

Times are approximate
depending on road construction
and conditions

* Book return located at/nearby
^Weather permitting

W Every week,
*afternoon school stops canceled

§ No school stops
† Early school release, stops
continue

** Access for members of the
Columbia River Inter-Tribal
Commission ONLY

LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Visit fvrl.org/hours-locations or call 360-906-5000
(888-546-2707 from area code 509) for information and hours.

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

**Cascade Park Community
Library** (by Firstenberg
Community Center)
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**
(Salmon Creek)
800-C NE Tenney Rd
Vancouver WA 98685

**Vancouver Community
Library** (Downtown)
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**
411 Lakeshore Drive
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
Alderdales Fire Hall
Bickleton Market Street Cafe
Green Mountain Elementary
Canyon Market in Klickitat
Lyle Market

*"I am a people person and
I love that I know everyone on
the bookmobile. [When we come]
we talk to everyone about
how we are doing and
what we are reading."*

—Skamania Bookmobile patron

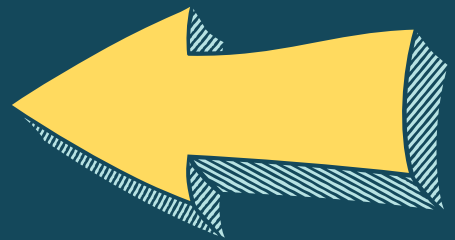




September is Library Card Sign-up Month!

Coming in mid-September—
5 new cards designed by local artists.

Sign up at your library, select your design, and ask staff what resources your new card unlocks.



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