



# FVRLibraries NEWS&EVENTS

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2026

# NOTES

## Need more info?

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

call 360-906-5000

or 888-546-2707

(area code 509)

All libraries will be closed for the following upcoming holidays:

- **New Year's Day - Jan 1**
- **MLK Day - Jan 19**
- **Presidents Day - Feb 16**

## 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

- **January 26, 6–8 pm**  
**Vancouver Community Library**
- **February 17, 6–8 pm**  
**Cascade Park Community Library**

To learn more and to find the Zoom link for the next meeting, visit [fvrl.org/board-trustees](http://fvrl.org/board-trustees).

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## TAX ASSISTANCE FOR 2026

Volunteer tax assistance will return to select FVRLibraries locations beginning in February. Details and schedules will be available soon at our library locations and at [fvrl.org/tax-help](http://fvrl.org/tax-help).

Additionally, a small selection of IRS forms will be available at all libraries and staff can find forms for you by name or number. For more information, visit your local library or our website: [fvrl.org/tax-help](http://fvrl.org/tax-help) for English and [fvrl.org/ayuda-impositiva](http://fvrl.org/ayuda-impositiva) for Spanish.



# REFLECTIONS from the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear FVRLibraries Community,

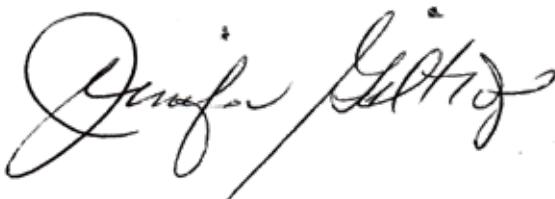
Happy New Year! As we begin 2026, I want to share my appreciation for the many ways you've supported and shaped FVRLibraries this past year. Your engagement helps guide our work and strengthens our commitment to serving every community in our district.

With the start of the 2026 budget year, we once again extend our gratitude to the voters for passing our Levy Lid Lift Proposition in August 2025. In the months ahead, we'll focus on how this investment will show up in your everyday library experience—through improved access, refreshed materials, stronger programs, and welcoming spaces.

At the same time, we're finalizing the district's new Strategic Plan and Comprehensive Facilities Plan. We're grateful to everyone—more than 2,700 participants—who contributed through community conversations, listening sessions, multilingual surveys, and districtwide outreach. Your input helped shape the priorities in these plans. We'll share updates throughout the year so you can see how this work continues to take shape in each community.

In the meantime, there are countless opportunities to explore at your library this winter. From storytimes, book groups, and hands-on workshops to our digital offerings and an expanding Library of Things, we're here to support curiosity in all its forms. Thank you for being part of our library community. I'm excited for the year ahead and all the ways you'll read, learn, connect, and create with us—online, in our branches, and out in the community.

With appreciation,



Jennifer Giltrop  
Executive Director, FVRLibraries



*Currently on display at the Goldendale Community Library is a LEGO® replica of the historic Carnegie library's interior and exterior.*

*Designed and built by Goldendale community member Matt Chiles, it incorporates approximately 40,000 LEGO® pieces and took about seven years to complete!*

*It's truly impressive, and we hope you'll have an opportunity to see it in person.*



# Reading Resolutions

WHAT OUR BRANCH MANAGERS  
ARE EXPLORING IN 2026

Once you find a genre you love, it's easy to stay in your comfort zone. We asked our branch managers to share what they typically read—and what new genres they're challenging themselves to explore in 2026.

What about you? What new genre will you challenge yourself to explore in the new year?

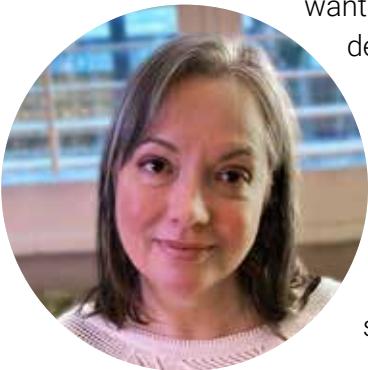
## Holland Christie

Battle Ground and Yale Valley Community Libraries,  
and Yacolt Library Express

**THRILLERS ☸ NONFICTION**

I usually say my reading tastes live at the crossroads of thrillers and literary fiction. Thrillers are my escape hatch—they let me dip into a little fictionalized danger when I'm craving something tense and twisty. But most of my reading tends to land in literary fiction, where I can inhabit someone else's life for a while, with all the good, bad, and beautifully messy parts a well-written novel brings.

Some days I need a jolt of suspense; other days I want to sink into a story that feels deeply real. In both genres, the more realistic the better. It keeps things fun, keeps things fresh, and keeps me turning pages. In 2026, I am going to challenge myself to browse the nonfiction section of our library!



## Jurinda Swingruber

La Center Community Library

**HISTORICAL FICTION ☸  
BIOGRAPHY**

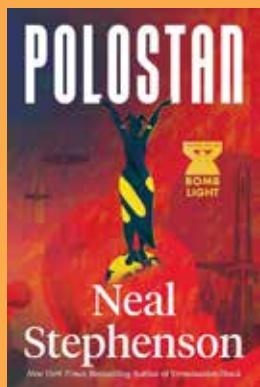
I love historical fiction! I grew up devouring adventures like *The Count of Monte Cristo*, *King Solomon's Mines*, and *The Scarlet Pimpernel*. So anything with some action and a good tale to tell hooks me every time.



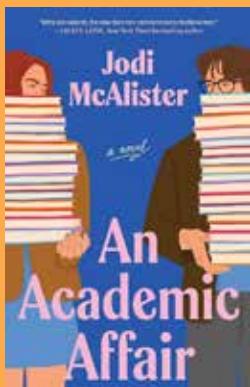
On my list to read in 2026 are some memoirs: *All Blood Runs Red*, a biography about Eugene Bullard - boxer, pilot, soldier, and spy, and *Burghley: William Cecil at the Court of Elizabeth I*, followed by some lighter reading with *The Course of All Treasons*, an Elizabethan spy mystery.



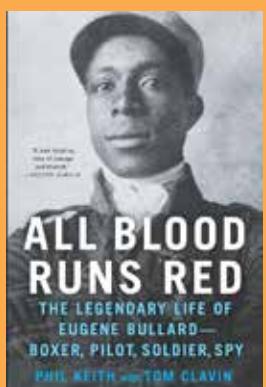
## Fiction



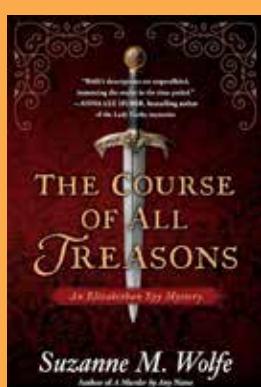
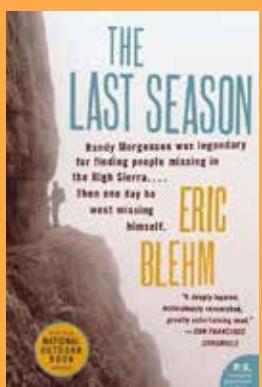
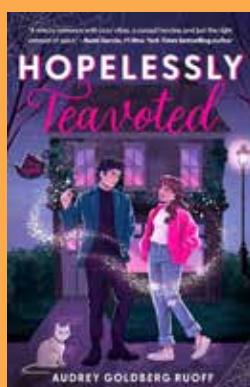
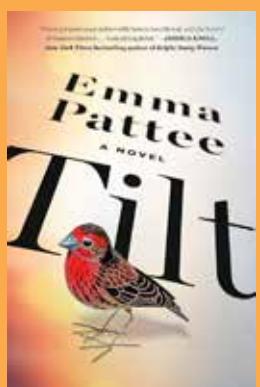
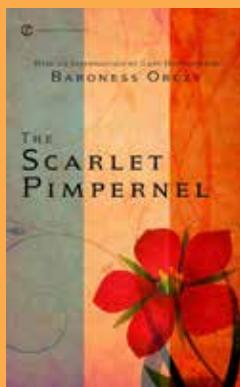
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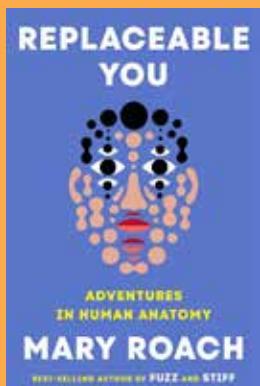
## Biography



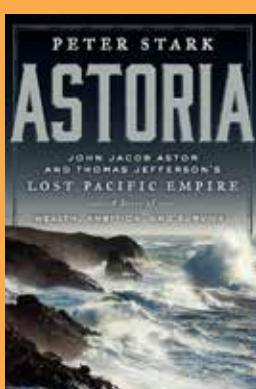
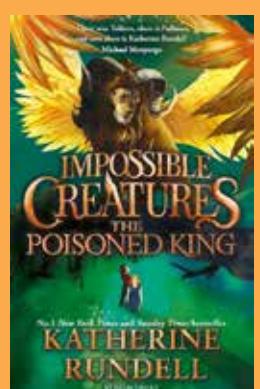
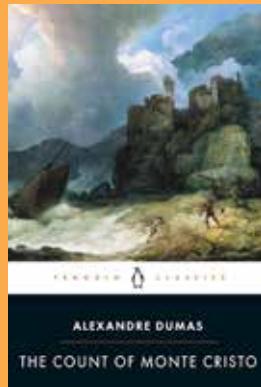
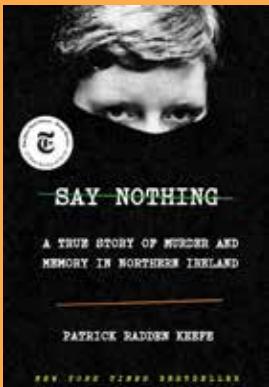
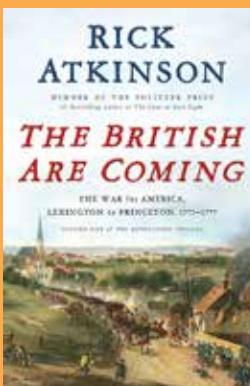
## Historic Fiction



## Fantasy & Sci-Fi



## Historic Nonfiction



## LOOKING FOR YOUR NEXT GREAT READ?

NoveList helps you discover new titles based on books you've loved. Simply enter a favorite book title in the search bar, and NoveList will suggest similar reads. It's a perfect tool for exploring new genres or finding more of what you already enjoy! Access it free with your library card.

**NoveList**  
PLUS

# Reading Resolutions *continued*

## Angela Duncan

Woodland Community Library

### NONFICTION ➔ POPULAR FICTION



I am a dedicated nonfiction reader with a reputation for skipping over recommended books, even those suggested by my most trusted book besties, simply because they are (*gasp*) fiction. Just give me all the thrilling outdoor adventure stories from the brave souls who hiked the entire Pacific Northwest Trail, kayaked from Canada to Washington, or fully embraced their best van life, and I will be a happy camper.

This year, I am exploring the books my friends are suggesting, which means I'm delving into fiction, any genre, as long as the recommendation begins with "You HAVE to read this book!"

## Zoe Nash

Washougal  
Community Library

### MYSTERIES ➔ NARRATIVE NONFICTION



I generally gravitate towards mysteries and thrillers. However, the last few books I have really enjoyed and recommended to friends have been narrative nonfiction titles like **Say Nothing** by Patrick Radden Keefe and **The Last Season** by Eric Blehm, both of which do have elements of mystery and suspense. This coming year I'm on the lookout for more narrative nonfiction titles.

## Justin Keeler

Vancouver

Community Library

### NONFICTION ➔ FICTION - contemporary



I gravitate towards adult nonfiction on a variety of topics—mostly short primers on philosophy and nature/geology writings about the Western United States.

A particular favorite of mine is **Annals of the Former World** by John McPhee, which is a series of long-form essays on the geology of the west, along the I-80 road cut. I love that it focuses on various people that live in different areas and highlights how geology has influenced their lives and personalities. In 2026, I am interested in exploring more contemporary adult fiction. Currently I am working through **Polostan** by Neal Stephenson and **Tilt** by Emma Pattee.



## Brandon Cruz

Vancouver Mall Library

### NONFICTION - animals ➔ NONFICTION - history

I mostly enjoy reading nonfiction, and lately, I've been diving into books about animals. I can't help but fall in love with whatever animal I'm currently reading about, which is funny since I'm already a bit obsessed with animals.

So, for 2026, I've decided to embrace my inner stereotypical dad and start exploring some history books. Right now, I have **The British Are Coming** by Rick Atkinson on hold, and I can't wait to learn more about the American Revolution.



# Borrow what inspires you.

FVRLibraries' new Library of Things is here—  
filled with tools, tech, toys, and creative gear to check out.

Learn more or share what you'd like to borrow:

[fvrl.org/library-of-things](http://fvrl.org/library-of-things)

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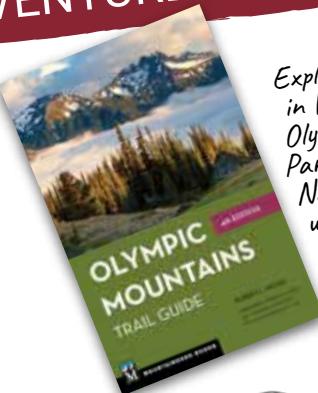
# LIBRARY OF THINGS

## For the ADVENTURE SEEKER



Conquer steep trails with trekking poles.

Capture your adventures on the slopes, trails, or water with a GoPro.



Explore 206 hikes in Washington's Olympic National Park and Olympic National Forest with this trail guide.



Travel into a new galaxy through a telescope.

Reel in your next treasure with a magnet fishing kit.



Search for buried treasure with a metal detector.

## For the CREATIVE HOBBYIST



Finish your sewing projects like a pro with a serger.

Bring your woodworking ideas to life with a drill kit.



Use your library card to log into Creativebug, a website that offers unlimited access to thousands of online art and craft classes.

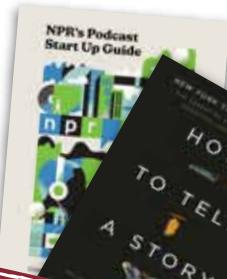


## For the BUDDING INFLUENCER



Launch your podcast with a quality microphone.

Light up your best angles with the ring light.



Level up your skills by checking out books from our catalog.



## For the PARTY PLANNER



Challenge your friends to a game of bocce at your next backyard gathering.



Get your friends on the dance floor with a record player.



Browse our catalog for books that will help you throw the best party on the block!



Access NYT Cooking website and wow your guests with your results.



Bring live music to your party with a keyboard.



# We want to hear from YOU!



In November 2025, FVRLibraries launched *Library of Things (LOT)*—a collection of non-book items that lets you try out new tech, borrow specialty gear you only need once in a while, dive into new hobbies, and more.

Libraries have always been about access over ownership, and we want our LOT catalog to be full of stuff you'll actually get excited about. So tell us: What would you love to check out? Your ideas will help shape a collection that's useful, surprising, and maybe even a little bit fun! [fvrl.org/library-of-things](http://fvrl.org/library-of-things)



NEW YEAR

Learn a new language

*Is learning a new language on your resolution list?*

*Your library card unlocks tools to help you practice conversation, build vocabulary, and master grammar.*

- **MANGO LANGUAGES:** Access 70+ languages through interactive lessons. Perfect for learners at any level. Search “Mango” on our website to get started.
- **CONVERSATION CIRCLES:** Practice speaking Spanish, French, English, Japanese, and using American Sign Language (ASL). Search “Conversation Circle” on our events page to find one near you.
- **BOOKS:** Check out books in different languages to strengthen your reading comprehension.
- **MOVIES:** Stream foreign films through **Kanopy** and **Hoopla** to immerse yourself in the language.
- **MUSIC:** Listen to songs in your target language with **Freegal Music**—stream up to 5 hours daily.

# 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.

## KIDS Programs and Events

To find more programs visit [fvrlibraries.org/event-calendar](http://fvrlibraries.org/event-calendar) 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: (Kids & Tweens) 1st & 3rd Wed, 4–5 pm & (Kids) Every Fri, 3:30–4:30 pm
- White Salmon: 2nd Fri, 3:30–5 pm
- Woodland: Every Mon, 1–5 pm
- Yacolt: Every Wed & Fri, 11 am–5 pm
- Yale: 3rd Mon & Thu, 2:30–5 pm

### KIDS BOOK GROUP



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: 1st Wed, 4–5 pm
- Woodland  
**(Kids & Tweens Book Chat):**  
Every Mon, 10:30 am–12:30 pm
- Online: 2nd Thu, 4–5 pm **R**



Young patron plays chess at Cascade Park Community Library.

### GAMES



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

### MOVIES



Enjoy movies for the whole family.

- Vancouver (**Interactive Movie Day**): 1st & 3rd Sat, 2:30–4:30 pm
- Woodland: 1st & 3rd Fri, 5–7 pm

### STEM\*



#### 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 pm
- White Salmon: 3rd Sat, 3:30–4:30 pm

#### 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, 4–5:30 pm
- Washougal: 4th Wed, 4–5 pm

\*Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

### Homeschool Hangout

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

- Ridgefield: 3rd Tue, 12–1 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
- La Center: 4th Tue, 4–5 pm **R**

- Ridgefield: 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 **R**



## Reading Resolutions *continued*

### Elizabeth Moss

Three Creeks Community Library

#### YOUTH FANTASY

#### NONFICTION - science

I love children's fantasy and adventure stories. I am currently devouring ***The Poisoned King*** from Katherine Rundell's Impossible Creatures series. In children's stories, everything is seen fresh through the eyes of a child and every page is brimming with wonder.



In 2026, I am challenging myself to read scientific nonfiction, starting with Mary Roach's ***Replaceable You***, about the different historical and modern methods for dealing with human anatomy and its failings.

### Rachael Ries

Cascade Park

Community Library

#### FANTASY and

#### NONFICTION

#### JUVENILE FICTION

I gravitate toward fantasy and nonfiction. I love to escape into other worlds but I also like trying out new recipes and listening to audio book biographies.



In 2026, I'd like to read more juvenile fiction. When I was young, I read all the Newberry Award Winners, like ***Sarah Plain and Tall***, ***Number the Stars***, and ***The Hero and the Crown***, and I'd like to know what kids are reading nowadays.

# Storytimes



## January & February 2026 Schedule

**BABY:** 0–18 months

**TODDLER:** 18–36 months

**PRESCHOOL:** 3–5 years

**FAMILY:** 0–5 years

Hear stories, sing songs, and enjoy fun activities for children and their parents or caregivers. Capacity may be limited at some locations. **Storytime breaks:** Dec 21–Jan 3, Jan 19, & Feb 16.

Some changes to programs may occur after this is printed. Check [fvrl.org](http://fvrl.org) for the latest information.

### North Clark & Cowlitz

#### BABY

**Battle Ground**  
10:30 am Thursday

#### BABY & TODDLER

**La Center**  
10 am Friday

#### TODDLER

**Battle Ground**  
10:30 am Friday

#### PRESCHOOL

**Battle Ground**  
11 am  
Tuesday & Wednesday

**La Center**  
10 am Thursday

#### FAMILY

**Ridgefield**  
10:30 am  
Monday & Wednesday

**Woodland**  
10:30 am  
Tuesday & Thursday

#### PLAY TO LEARN

**Battle Ground**  
10 am Monday

#### SENSORY STORYTIME

**Ridgefield**  
10:30 am  
2nd & 4th Tuesday 

### 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 & Friday

#### PRESCHOOL

**Cascade Park**  
11:30 am Thursday

#### FAMILY

**Cascade Park**  
11:30 am  
Wednesday & Saturday

**Three Creeks**  
10:30 am Monday,  
Tuesday, Thursday;  
10:30 am Saturday  
1/10, 1/17, 1/24;  
Pajama Storytime  
6:30 pm Wednesdays  
in February

**Vancouver**  
10:30 am Wednesday

#### Vancouver Mall

11 am  
Tuesday & Thursday  
(At the Little Free Library)

**Washougal**  
10:30 am  
Tuesday & Thursday

#### COMMUNITY

(check in at front desk)

**Eisenhower Elementary**  
9 am Friday

**Lakeshore Elementary**  
9 am Thursday

#### MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

**Vancouver**  
2:30 pm Monday

#### PLAY TO LEARN

**Three Creeks**  
10:30 am Friday  
1/9, 1/16, 1/23

#### SENSORY STORYTIME

**Vancouver**  
10:30 am  
2nd & 4th Saturday   
(for ages 3–9)

### The Gorge

#### BABY

**Goldendale**  
10 am Friday

**White Salmon**  
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 Com. Center**  
11 am 1st Thursday

**BZ Corner**  
10:30 am 2nd Thursday

**Trout Lake**  
10 am 2nd & 4th Friday

#### PLAY TO LEARN

**White Salmon Valley**  
10:30 am Monday

# TEENS & TWEENS Programs and Events

To find more programs visit [fvrlibraries.org/event-calendar](http://fvrlibraries.org/event-calendar) or stop by the front desk at your local library.

## ARTS & CRAFTS



### Creative Crafts

Learn a new art tutorial each month.

- Stevenson (Teen & Adult):  
1st Tue, 4–6 pm

### Similar Programming

- Cascade Park (**Tween Create**):  
2nd Mon, 5–6 pm
- Ridgefield (**Teen Art Chat**):  
3rd Thu, 4–6 pm
- Washougal  
(**Kids & Tweens Create**):  
1st & 3rd Wed, 4–5 pm  
(**Tween & Teen Craft and Chat**):  
2nd Wed, 4–5 pm



## BOOK GROUPS



### Tween

Join other readers for friendly discussions.

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

### Teen

- Vancouver: 3rd Tue, 4–5 pm
- White Salmon: 3rd Wed, 4–5 pm

### Similar Programming

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

## GAMES



### Board Games

Drop in to enjoy a variety of board games. Play an old favorite, or learn something new!

- Vancouver (all ages):  
Last Sun, 2:30–5 pm
- Online (Teen & Adult):  
2nd Wed, 6–7 pm **R**

### 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 (all ages):  
2nd & 4th Sat, 10:30 am–12 pm
- Ridgefield (all ages):  
3rd Sat, 11 am–1 pm
- Woodland:  
1st and 3rd Wed, 3:30–4:30 pm

### Magic the Gathering

Join us for open game play.

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

### TABLETOP ROLE-PLAYING

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

### Dungeons & Dragons

- Cascade Park:  
Every Thu, 4:30–6:30 pm
- Ridgefield: Every Tue, 4:30–6:30 pm
- Three Creeks:  
Every Tue, 4:30–6:30 pm
- Washougal: 4th Mon, 4:30–6 pm **R**
- Woodland:  
2nd and 4th Tue, 4–6 pm
- Online: Every Tue or Every Fri,  
4:30–6 pm **R**

### Pathfinder

- Ridgefield: Every Fri, 4:30–6 pm **R**

## 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
- White Salmon: 3rd Wed, 5–6 pm

### 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: 1/27, 5–6 pm;  
2/13, 6–8 pm (**Late Night**)
- Goldendale: Every Wed, 2–4 pm
- Stevenson:  
Every Tue but the 1st, 4:30–8 pm
- Vancouver: Every Thu, 4:30–6:30 pm

### Tween Hangout

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

### Tween & Teen Hangout

- Three Creeks: 1/9, 2/23, 4:30–5:30 pm
- Woodland: 4th Fri, 4–5:45 pm

# ADULTS Programs and Events

To find more programs visit [fvrlibraries.org/event-calendar](http://fvrlibraries.org/event-calendar) or stop by the front desk at your local library.



**Ridgefield's Fiber Art Social Circle has been happening for 12 years and is open to anyone interested in stitchery hobbies.**

## ARTS & CRAFTS



### Art Chat

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: 4th Tue, 1–3 pm
- Ridgefield: 1st Tue, 10:30 am–12:30 pm
- Woodland: 2nd Tue, 12–2 pm

### Similar Programming

- Cascade Park (**Art Share**): 2/22, 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 Circle

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
- Yale: 2nd Tue, 10–11 am

## 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
- Washougal: 3rd Thu, 6–7 pm
- White Salmon: 4th Tue, 1–2 pm; 1st Fri, 4–5:30 pm (**Nature Lovers R**)
- Woodland: 1/26, 2/23, 11:30 am–12:30 pm
- Yale: 4th Thu, 10–11 am

• 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 - Van Mall Retirement Community (Vancouver Mall): 3rd Tue, 10:30–11:30 am
- Offsite - Stellar Luxe (Yacolt): 3rd Wed, 11 am–12 pm
- 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

# ADULTS

## 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, ask simple questions, and follow group discussions.

### ASL Conversation Circle

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

### English Conversation Circle

- 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
- Woodland: Every Thu, 3–4 pm

### French Conversation Circle

- Woodland: Every Thu, 1–3 pm

### Japanese Conversation Circle

- Ridgefield: Every Tue, 6–7 pm

### Spanish Conversation Circle

- Ridgefield: Every Wed, 3–5:30 pm
- Woodland: Every Tue, 1–3 pm

### Similar Programming

#### English as a Second Language Class

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

## COMMUNITY GROUPS



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

- Cascade Park (**Clark County HomeShare**): 3rd Thu, 2–3 pm
- Cascade Park (**Harp Circle**): 4th Fri, 10 am–12 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, 3–5 pm

## GAMES



### Board Games

Drop in to enjoy a variety of board games. Play an old favorite, or learn something new!

- Vancouver (all ages): Last Sun, 2–5:30 pm
- Online: 2nd Wed, 6–7 pm **R**

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

### Magic the Gathering

Join us for open game play.

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

### Tabletop RPG Dungeons & Dragons

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

- Online: 1st Mon, 6–8 pm

## 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: 1st Mon, 2–3:30 pm & Every Thu, 10–11:30 am
- Goldendale: 1st Mon, 10 am–1 pm **R**
- Stevenson: Every Mon, 10–11:30 am
- White Salmon: Every Thu, 10 am–12 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
- Ridgefield (**Line Dancing**): 2nd Mon, 3–4:30 pm
- Three Creeks (**Chair Yoga**): 1st Tue, 1–1:45 pm
- Online (**Gentle Yoga**): Every Tue, 3–4 pm **R**

## WRITING GROUPS



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: 4th Thu, 9–11 am
- Ridgefield: 4th Thu, 4:30–5:30 pm
- Three Creeks & Online (**Willamette Writers**): 2nd Mon, 6–8 pm **R**
- Vancouver (**The Craft of Writing**): 1st & 3rd Thu, 10:30 am–12:30 pm

# Reading Resolutions *continued*

## Sean McGill

Ridgefield Community Library

**NONFICTION that reads like fiction** ☺

**ROMANCE**

I'm waiting eagerly for James Rollins' new book, ***Trust No One: a Thriller***, and I enjoy nonfiction that reads like fiction including ***Astoria: Astor and Jefferson's Lost Pacific Empire: A Tale of Ambition and Survival on the Early American Frontier***. As a librarian, it's difficult to admit that as far as reading, I'm like a ship that's becalmed. I check out books that look fascinating, take them home, but it is often hard to get beyond the first one or two chapters because I find so many other things I want to do.



I do make a point of sitting in my favorite chair in the evening to cuddle with my old black cat and get a little reading done. Surprisingly, I'm flipping through cookbooks like a young child, stopping at pictures that look yummy and reading through the accompanying recipes.

It's a bit embarrassing, but I've seen books in the romance genre like ***Hopelessly Teavoted*** or ***An Academic Affair*** and thought they looked intriguing, and in 2026 I plan to read widely in this genre for my personal enjoyment and to increase my professional knowledge.



## Molly Blalock

White Salmon Valley

Community Library

**HISTORICAL FANTASY** ☺

**NONFICTION - field guides**



The genre I enjoy most is historical fantasy. My favorite book of all time is ***Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell***, about two rival magicians trying to bring magic back to England, set during the Napoleonic Wars.

My goal is to read more nonfiction about the natural world, and thanks to the Nature Lovers Book Group here in White Salmon, I am reading more out of my comfort zone than ever before. I'll be reading about birds and other wildlife in 2026, starting with ***The Field Guide to Dumb Birds of North America***, which is a humorous take on bird watching, a new pastime of mine.

## David Wyatt

Stevenson Community Library

**NONFICTION** ☺

**JUVENILE FICTION**



I often read nonfiction, focusing on science, politics, history, or some combination of the three. A favorite from my last year of reading was ***A Fever in the Heartland*** by Timothy Egan. This year, I am looking for some lighter fare, revisiting children's literature like ***Chronicles of Narnia, The Hobbit, or Winnie-the-Pooh!***

# FVRLIBRARIES BOOKMOBILES



## Goldendale / Klickitat

### BICKLETON

**Every other Tuesday: Jan 6, 20; Feb 3, 17**

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

### CENTERVILLE - MARYHILL - GEORGEVILLE

**Every other Wednesday: Jan 7, 21; Feb 4, 18**

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

### KLICKITAT - APPLETON - WAHKIACUS

**Every other Thursday: Jan 8, 22; Feb 5, 19**

Klickitat School\* ..... 9:30–11:30 am  
Appleton Post Office^ ..... 1–2 pm  
Wahkiacus^ ..... 2:45–3:15 pm

### WISHRAM - KLICKITAT

**Every other Tuesday: Jan 13, 27; Feb 10, 24**

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

### LYLE - DALLESPORT

**Every other Wednesday: Jan 14, 28; Feb 11, 25**

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: Jan 15, 29; Feb 12, 26**

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

\*Book return located at/near this location

^ Weather permitting

## Skamania / W. Klickitat

### CARSON

**Every other Tuesday: Jan 6, 20; Feb 3, 17**

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

**Every other Tuesday: Jan 13, 27; Feb 10, 24**

Carson Elementary W ..... 9:45–10:30 am  
Mobile Home Park @ Shipherd Falls ..... 11–11:30 am  
Carson Elementary W ..... 12–1:30 pm  
Gator Creek Gardens W ..... 2:30–3 pm  
Teeter Toddlers W ..... 3:15–4 pm

### GLENWOOD - TROUT LAKE -

### WHITE SALMON

**Every Wednesday: Jan 7, 14‡, 21, 28; Feb 4, 11‡, 18, 25**

Glenwood (School) ..... 11 am–12:15 pm  
Trout Lake (School) ..... 1:15–2:45 pm  
White Salmon Treaty Fishing Access Site\*\* ..... 3:30–4 pm

### SKAMANIA - WASHOUGAL - BONNEVILLE

**Every Thursday: Jan 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb 5, 12, 19, 26**

Skamania (School) W ..... 10–11:30 am  
Mt Pleasant (School) W ..... 1–2:30 pm

**1st and 3rd Thursdays: Jan 15; Feb 5, 19**

Bonneville Treaty Fishing Access Site\*\* ..... 3:15–4 pm

### COOK - UNDERWOOD - WHITE SALMON

**Every Friday: Jan 9, 16, 23‡, 30; Feb 6, 13‡, 20, 27**

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

W Every week

‡ No school, stops continue

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

# LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Visit [fvrl.org/hours-locations](http://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 Firstenburg)**  
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

- Alderdale Fire Hall
- Bickleton Market Street Cafe
- Canyon Market in Klickitat
- Green Mountain Elementary
- Lyle Market



## New Year, New Device?

*We're here to help!*

*Staff at our libraries offer basic technology assistance so that you feel comfortable using your devices to access library resources and services.*

**QUICK QUESTIONS:** All staffed branches offer walk-in tech help; however if your questions require more time, staff may suggest the scheduled tech help hours or making an appointment.

**DROP-IN TECH HELP:** Some of our locations offer scheduled sessions for patrons to drop-in and get help:

- **Cascade Park:** 1st Mondays, 2–3:30 pm & Every Thursday, 10–11:30 am
- **Goldendale:** 1st Mondays, 10 am–1 pm
- **Stevenson:** Mondays 10–11:30 am
- **Vancouver Mall:** January 8, 5–6 pm
- **White Salmon Valley:** Thursdays 10 am–12 pm

**SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT:** If you have a more complex question, we encourage making an appointment with staff: [fvrlibraries.org/request-appt](http://fvrlibraries.org/request-appt)

**PREFER TO LEARN AT YOUR OWN PACE?** All cardholders have access to **Northstar Online Learning**, **LinkedIn Learning**, **Brainfuse HelpNow**, and **Peterson's Career & Test Prep** for tech training on demand.

To get started, visit your local library, navigate to **[fvrl.org](http://fvrl.org)**, or call.

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