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call **360-906-5000**
or **888-546-2707**
(area code 509)

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

- **March 16, 6–8 pm**
Three Creeks Community Library
- **April 20, 6–8 pm**
Washougal Community Center

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



REFLECTIONS from the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear FVRLibraries Community,

Spring is a season of renewal, and at Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries, it is a time when our spaces fill with fresh ideas, shared stories, and opportunities to connect.

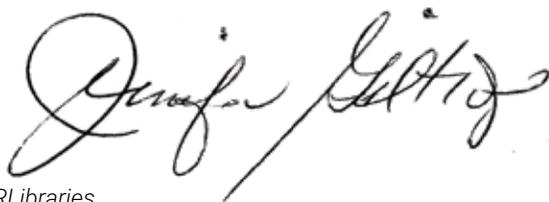
Throughout March and April, libraries across the district will host a wide range of spring programs for all ages, from creative workshops and learning opportunities to events that bring neighbors together. These programs reflect what libraries do best: creating welcoming spaces where curiosity is encouraged, and community takes shape.

April is a time to recognize the people who make library work possible. During **National Volunteer Week**, we thank the hundreds of volunteers who lead programs, support outreach efforts, and partner through Friends of the Library groups throughout the district and the Library Foundation to strengthen library services. Their time, skills, and generosity help extend our reach and deepen our connection to the community.

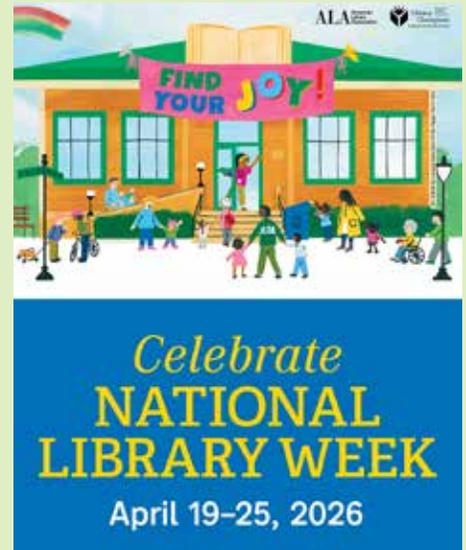
National Library Week offers a different kind of celebration. Led nationally by the American Library Association, this year's theme, Find Your Joy, highlights the many ways libraries support reading, learning, and connection. The week includes moments that celebrate the right to read, recognize library workers, and highlight outreach efforts that meet people where they are. Throughout the week, community members can participate in these activities in ways that feel meaningful to them, whether by reading, learning, attending programs, or using library resources.

As we look ahead, FVRLibraries is beginning implementation of our **2026–2030 Strategic Plan**, now available on our website at fvrl.org/strategic-priorities. Shaped by extensive community engagement, staff expertise, and professional analysis, the plan will guide our priorities and investments in the years ahead. Our work remains grounded in the core responsibilities of public librarianship—supporting access to information, lifelong learning, and welcoming spaces—while continuing to listen and respond to the needs of the communities we serve.

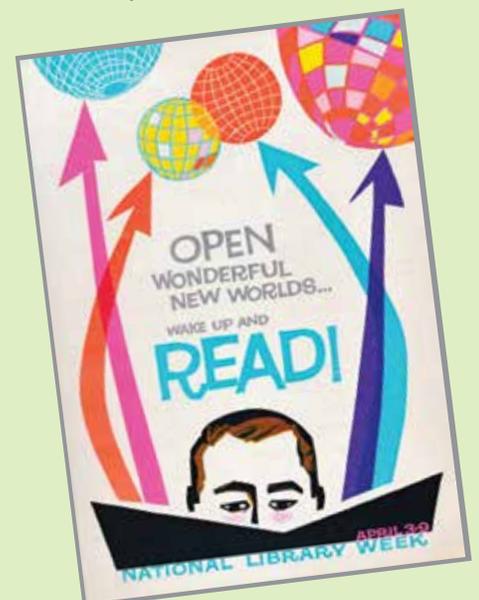
Thank you for being part of Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries and for the many ways you support and engage with your library. We look forward to sharing a vibrant spring with our community.



Jennifer Giltrop
Executive Director, FVRLibraries



In 1957, a Gallup survey revealed that only 17% of Americans were reading a book. Motivated to change this startling statistic, the American Library Association and the American Book Publishers Council launched National Library Week (NLW) in 1958. For nearly 70 years, NLW has championed the importance of libraries and the transformative power of reading. Shown below is a vintage poster (courtesy of the American Library Association Archives) from their 1967 campaign, **Wake Up and Read!**





FVRL Foundation employees pose with members of the Friends of the Battle Ground Community Library.
Pictured left to right: Holly Dewey, FVRL Foundation Executive Director Jenny Wilkerson, Bev Jones, Friends of Battle Ground President Jane Higgins, Christina Davenport, and FVRL Foundation Friends of the Library Coordinator Judy Musa.

A MESSAGE from the FOUNDATION

*Do you love
your library?*

*April is a
wonderful time
to show it.*

During National Volunteer Week, we celebrate the Friends of the Library groups who support nearly every branch in our district.

Their dedication helps fund programs and events and adds the special touches that make each branch unique. Joining a Friends group is a meaningful way to give back, build friendships, and share your talents.

During National Library Week (April 19–25, Find Your Joy), we're reminded that the library is more than books. Share what you love—from e-books and welcoming spaces to print favorites and the Foundation-funded Library of Things. When more people discover the library, our whole community benefits.

You can also make an impact by supporting the FVRL Foundation.

Because of generous donors, the Foundation gives back to the libraries by:

- **PROVIDING PROGRAMS** – Summer at Your Library, Community Reads, Reading in Action, and Experience Pass
- **BUILDING & IMPROVING SPACES**
Creating welcoming places for our communities
- **GROWING COLLECTIONS**
From books and digital resources to hands-on tools
- **ADVOCATING** – Championing strong, sustainable library services

Thank you for being part of our library community.
We are truly grateful for your generosity.

With appreciation,

Jenny

Learn more about
volunteering with a local
Friends of the Library group:
[https://fvrlfoundation.org/
friends-of-the-library-groups](https://fvrlfoundation.org/friends-of-the-library-groups)

Learn more about FVRL
Foundation:
fvrlfoundation.org

Happy National Volunteer Week!

From April 19–25, communities across the country celebrate National Volunteer Week. At FVRLibraries, we're grateful for our **862 volunteers** who contributed **37,462 hours** in 2025. Thank you for making our libraries stronger!

Thank you to our incredible FVRLibraries volunteers. You all bring joy, connection, and heart to everything we do. Every moment you give helps us build a stronger and more connected community.

Jennifer Giltrop, Executive Director

Our volunteers support our mission year-round. This past year, they stepped up for our Library Levy Lid Lift – knocking on doors and making phone calls to help our community understand the importance of libraries.

*Jenny Wilkerson,
Foundation Executive Director*

We are grateful for our volunteers' gift of time. They help in our used book stores, lead gaming groups, art events, crafting classes, and so much more!

Sherry Braga, Volunteer Coordinator

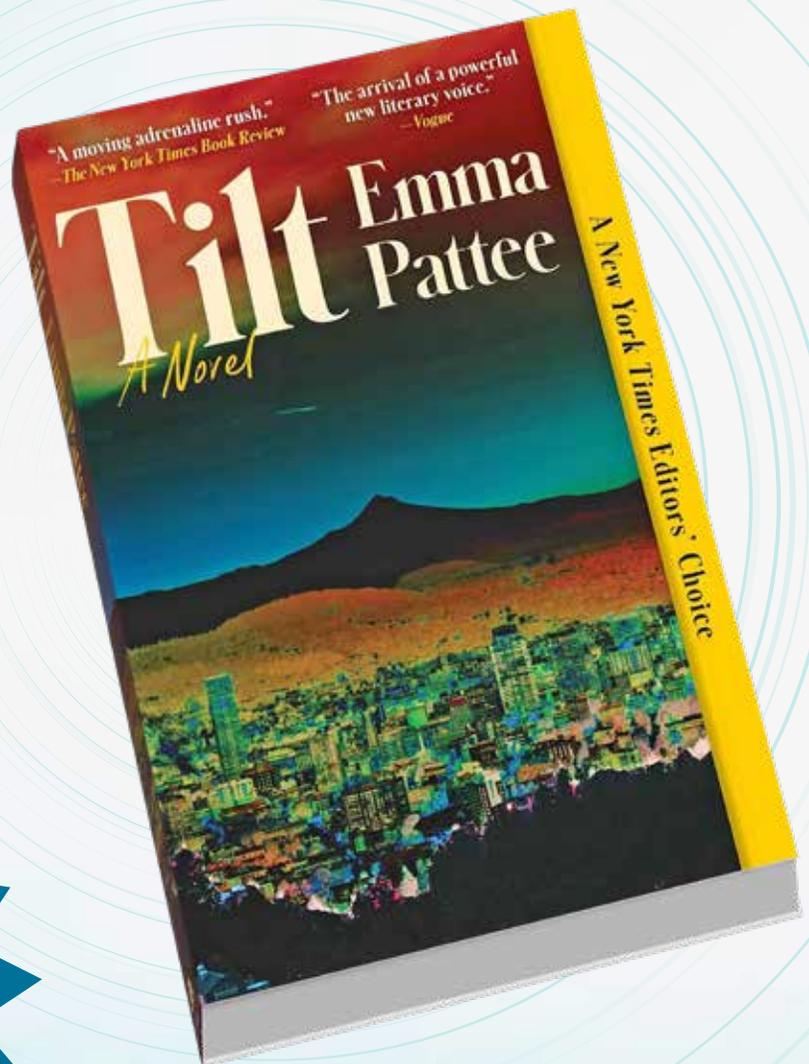
One Book, Many Communities

What happens when you're reading the same book at the same time as your neighbor?

*We invite you to find out by reading the 2026 Community Reads book: **Tilt** by Emma Pattee!*

Set in the Pacific Northwest, *Tilt* follows characters through the aftermath of a devastating Cascadia earthquake. Pattee captures the emotional complexities of survival and connection, self-preservation, and community responsibility.

Whether you've already read *Tilt* or are discovering it for the first time, Community Reads is an opportunity to gather with fellow readers, engage with a powerful contemporary voice, and take part in a community-wide conversation.



Look for books at your local library starting April 1.

Spring Break!

AT THE LIBRARY!

Check our online event calendar to find a Spring Break program at the library near you.

OMSI: MOTION COMMOTION

Come learn about Sir Isaac Newton's 300-year-old experiments that show how physics work. These entertaining demonstrations make physics incredibly easy to understand.

RHYS THOMAS SCIENCE CIRCUS

Rhys Thomas' Science Circus is a comedy show that teaches the physics of juggling and acrobalance tricks.

CREATURE TEACHERS

Come learn about the wild, weird and wonderful world of animals! Meet cool reptiles and creepy crawlies that help make our world go around!

ANGEL OCASIO'S COMEDY, MAGIC AND STUFF

Angel Ocasio presents a very funny and interactive performance combining physical comedy, juggling, balancing, and magic.

MATT BAKER COMEDY + STUNTS

Matt Baker's show is a unique combination of hilarious stand-up comedy and amazing stunts. Come for the laughs and stay for the jaw-dropping tricks!

Visit <https://fvrlibraries.org/event-calendar> and search "Spring Break."

KID & PRESCHOOL SPACE

Kids Ongoing Programs

To find *more programs* visit <https://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: 1st Monday 1–5 pm
- Yacolt: Every Wed & Fri, 11 am–5 pm
- Yale: 3rd Mon & Thu, 2:30–5 pm

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: 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 **R**

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**

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

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

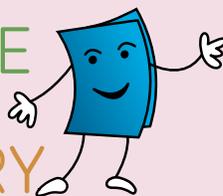
Kids & Tweens Build It

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

*Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math

TUMBLE
BOOK
LIBRARY



When it's time for stories at home, read, watch, and listen to *TumbleBooks*.

This collection includes animated talking picture books, read-along chapter books, graphic novels, and more content intended for children in pre-K to third grade. Some books are available in Spanish and French. *Find TumbleBooks on our website with eBooks.*

Keep Kids Reading

THIS SPRING BREAK AND BEYOND

Our youth program and outreach coordinator shares three tips to encourage reading habits, paired with book recommendations across every genre from our senior collections development librarian.

Set a 20-minute daily reading goal



It can feel like setting a longer daily goal is the way to go, however just 20 minutes of reading a day is very impactful. This consistent time supports language development, focus, and comprehension without overwhelming kids, especially those who don't naturally choose reading as a favorite activity. Some days it will be easier to stick to the routine than others and that's okay. What matters most is building the daily reading habit now to set the stage for longer, more confident reading over time.

Remember that all reading is valuable



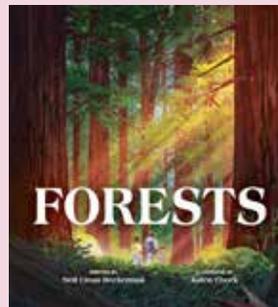
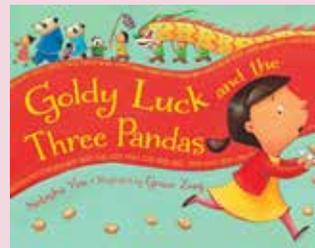
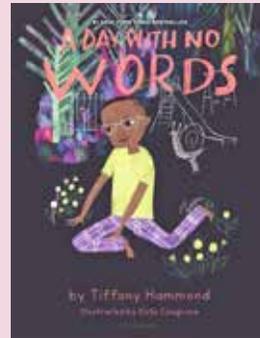
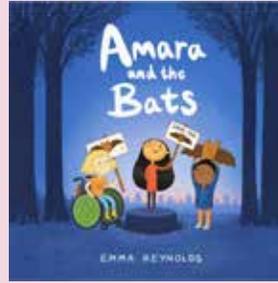
Building a love of reading starts with honoring what kids are genuinely interested in, whether that's graphic novels, nonfiction, magazines, or rereading a favorite book again and again. When children are allowed to choose what they read, they tend to engage more deeply and confidently.

Lean into your child's interests when choosing books

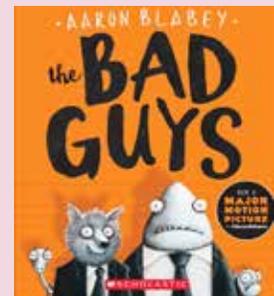
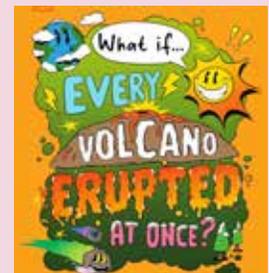
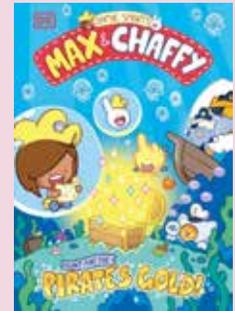
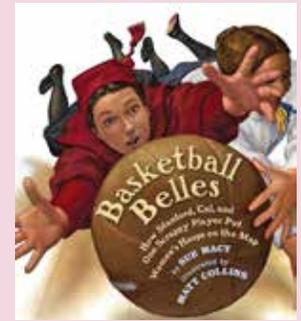
Connecting books to kids' interests helps spark excitement and motivation, which are key to long-term reading success. Whether they love animals, sports, crafts, or fantasy worlds, there are books to match every curiosity.

Our staff are happy to help you and your child find books to match their interests. We'll even create custom booklists or pull a stack of books for you through our Reading Suggestions and Library Sampler services. Stop by your local branch to find out more!

Early Learners



Kids



NEED HELP FINDING GOOD BOOKS TO READ?

NoveList K-8 Plus helps kids and young teens do just that. Use your favorite books and authors to find new adventures!

Storytimes



March & April 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 SPRING BREAK by location:**

Clark & Cowlitz are off April 4–11, Skamania & Klickitat (The Gorge) are off March 29–April 5.

North Clark & Cowlitz

BABY

Battle Ground

10:30 am Thursday

Ridgefield

9:30 am Tuesday

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 **R**

(for ages 3–9)

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

6:30 pm

(Pajama Storytime):

Wednesdays in March
and 4/1

Vancouver

10:30 am Wednesday

Vancouver Mall

11 am

Tuesday & Thursday

(At the Little Free Library)

Washougal

10:30 am

Tuesday & Thursday

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

Vancouver

2:30 pm Monday

PLAY TO LEARN

Three Creeks

10:30 am 4/17, 4/24

SENSORY STORYTIME

Vancouver

10:30 am 2nd & 4th

Saturday **R**

(for ages 3–9)

COMMUNITY

(check in at front desk)

Eisenhower Elementary

9 am Friday

Lakeshore Elementary

9 am Thursday

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

Community 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

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

TEEN & TWEEN ZONE



Teens & Tweens Ongoing Programs

To find more programs visit <https://fvrlibraries.org/event-calendar> or stop by the front desk at your local library.

ARTS & CRAFTS



Create, experiment, and connect! Join a community of fellow artists in a relaxed, creative environment.

- Cascade Park (**Tween Create**): 2nd Mon, 5–6 pm
- Ridgefield (**Teen Art Chat**): 3rd Thu, 4–6 pm
- Stevenson (**Teen & Adult Creative Crafts**): 1st Tue, 4–6 pm

BOOK GROUPS



Join our tween or teen book groups for lively and friendly discussions.

Tween

- Battle Ground: 2nd Tue, 4:30–5:30 pm
- Cascade Park: 4th Mon, 5–6 pm
- Three Creeks: 1st Wed, 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 (**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 (Teen & Adult): 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

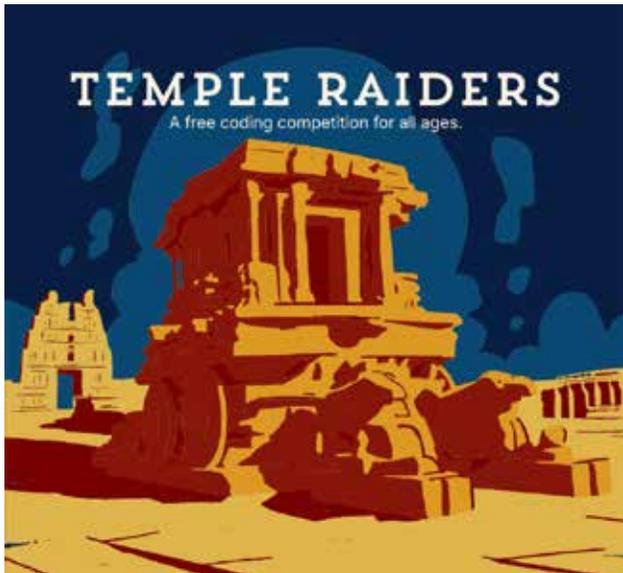
- Cascade Park: Every Thu, 4:30–6:30 pm
- Ridgefield: Every Tue, 4:30–6:30 pm
- Three Creeks: Every Tues, 4:30–6:30 pm
- Washougal: 3rd Mon, 4:30–6 pm **R**
- Woodland: 2nd and 4th Tues, 4–6 pm
- Online: Every Tue or Every Fri, 4:30–6 pm **R**

Pathfinder

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



3D printing classes are available at many locations.



Did you know you can start working toward a Web Developer Certificate with your library card's access to Fiero Code? Learn real-world skills like HTML, CSS, and JavaScript at your own pace.

From now until March 31st, you are invited to join the free all-ages coding competition, Temple Raiders. No coding experience required! Build a video game for the chance to win cool tech prizes. Create a free Fiero Code account, and navigate to the contest page to learn more and join.

It's all at <https://fvrlibraries.org/FieroCode>

3D PRINTING

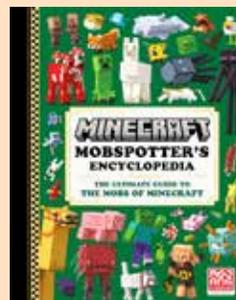
Did you know that you can use FVRLibraries 3D printers free of charge once you have passed our certification class? Sign up for one of our certification classes today and then start printing your designs!

Visit <https://fvrlibraries.org/event-calendar> and search "3D Certification."

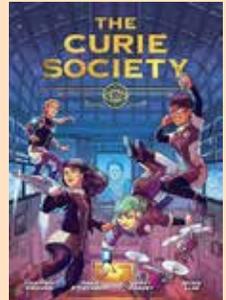
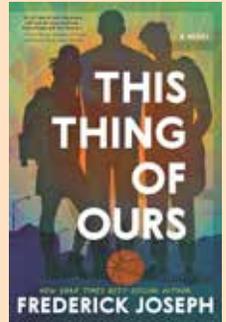
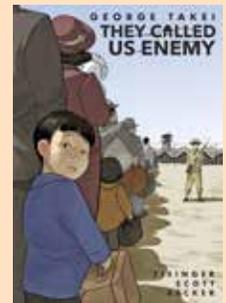
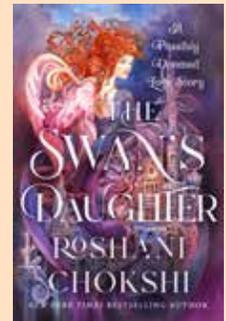
FIND YOUR NEXT GREAT READ

We asked our senior collection development librarian to choose a variety of genres that are great reads for tweens and teens. To find more titles to inspire reading, you can narrow your search online (fvrl.org) or stop into one of our locations to ask a librarian for a recommendation.

Tweens



Teens



Teens & Tweens

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

Tween Hangout

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

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

Tween Late Night

- Vancouver: 4/17, 5:45–7 pm

Tween & Teen Hangout

- Three Creeks: 3/23, 4:30–5:30 pm

Teen Hangout

- Battle Ground: 2nd Thu, 4–5 pm
- Cascade Park: 3/16, 5–6 pm
- Goldendale: Every Wed, 2–4 pm
- Stevenson: Every Tue but the 1st, 4:30–6 pm
- Vancouver: Every Thu, 4:30–6:30 pm

Teen Late Night

- Cascade Park: 4/17, 6–8 pm
- Vancouver: 4/17, 5:45–7:45 pm
- White Salmon: 3rd Fri, 6:30–8:30 pm



English Language & Citizenship SUPPORT PROGRAMS



Whether you're building English conversation skills or preparing for the U.S. Citizenship Test, we're here to help.

Join our **English Conversation Circles** to practice speaking with other learners in a welcoming environment or attend an **English as a Second Language** program. See a full list of classes on page 14.

Getting ready for naturalization? Our **U.S. Citizenship Class** offers free test prep, study materials, and interview preparation—presented in partnership with Goodwill Industries at Vancouver Community Library, Thursdays 3–5 pm.

ADULT CENTRAL

Adults Ongoing Programs

To find more programs visit <https://fvrlibraries.org/event-calendar> or stop by the front desk at your local library.



Join a *Fiber Art Social Circle*, offered at several libraries.

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

Creative Crafts

Learn a new art tutorial each month.

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

Similar Programming

- Cascade Park (**Art Share**): 3rd Wed, 11 am–1 pm
- Vancouver (**Adventures in Art**):
2nd Mon 10:30 am–12:30 pm;
2nd Wed 4:30–6:30 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
- 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: 3rd Mon, 11:30 am–12:30 pm; 2nd Sat, 11 am–12 pm (**Adult YA**)
- Yale: 4th Thu, 10–11 am



Family Fire Preparedness

Bring the family and learn about all aspects of fire safety including prevention, response and evacuation. This program is presented by Clark-Cowlitz Fire Rescue.

- Woodland: Tuesday, April 28, 11:30 am–12:30 pm

Do You Dig Gardening?

Spring is here!



From blooming crocuses to bird songs and thawing soil, the season is calling gardeners to action. Join FVRLibraries' Master Gardener series to get expert tips for a successful growing season. These popular classes fill up quickly so register today! Visit <https://fvrlibraries.org/Master-Gardener> to find a complete list of program times and locations.



Backyard Fruit Trees:
The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

Houseplants 101

Digging the Dirt: Making Great Soil

Drip Irrigation: Is it time to rethink your irrigation strategy?



Preparing Soil for Dahlia Tuber Planting in Spring

Lawn Reduction: Planning, Methods, Alternatives, and Inspiration Workshop



Eat Your Vegetables with Confidence

Growing Vegetables: Where to Start

Microgreens: Anyone can enjoy fresh greens any time of the year



Protect our Pollinators from the Effects of Climate Change

The Resilient Yard:
Battling Climate Change at Home



Spice of Life: Growing Herbs

Grow Your Own Herbs

Looking for a cost effective way to get your garden to shine?



Hostas: Your Answer to Color in the Shade Garden

Hydrangeas: Variety and Beauty in your PNW Garden

Garden Gathering

Check out the Seed Libraries at select FVRLibraries locations.
fvrl.org/explore/seed-libraries





2026 Trashion Show
Cascade Park Community Library
Saturday, May 2 at 2 pm

CONSCIOUS CONSUMPTION *Returns to Cascade Park*

A common refrain is that we need to care for our environment by consuming less and reducing waste. But where exactly do you start?

This spring marks the fourth year that Cascade Park Community Library will host “Conscious Consumption,” a program that brings practical and fun activities to our community while encouraging people to be environmental stewards.

From **creating worm bin composts** to **making green cleaning products** that are safe for human health and the environment, the series will give concrete ideas for conscious consumption. For Libs Martin, Senior Public Services Librarian at Cascade Park, it’s hard to pick a favorite program.

“There are so many great classes in this series! For example, the **Trashion Show** invites people to make a garment out of recycled materials—whether repurposing old clothes or using unconventional materials like plastic,” said Martin, who has helped organize the series for the past four years. “It’s truly intergenerational. We have little kids, teens, and seniors participate.”

Martin also highlights the program **Low Waste Chef**, which teaches practical ways to save money and prevent food waste, a persistent issue that impacts both family budgets and the environment. Whether you’re interested in these programs or exploring other topics in the series, there’s something for everyone.

The 2026 Conscious Consumption programming is developed in partnership with Clark County Composter Recycler, Waste Connections of Washington, Inc., City of Vancouver, and Clark County Green Neighbors. To find a complete list of programs, visit fvrl.org, click ‘Attend Events’ in the top menu, select ‘All Events,’ and type ‘Conscious Consumption’ in the search bar.

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Adults Ongoing Programs *Continued*

BOOK GROUPS *CONT.*



- Offsite - Cogir at The Quarry (Cascade Park): 3rd Thu, 10:30–11:30 am
- Offsite - Glenwood Place Senior Living Plaza (Vancouver): 2nd Thu, 10:30–11:30 am
- Offsite - Van Mall Retirement Community (Vancouver): 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 **R**

COMMUNITY GROUPS



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

- 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

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**



Join a Line Dancing program at Cascade Park or Ridgefield.

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, 3–4:30 pm
- Woodland: Every Thu, 3–5 pm
- Offsite - Fourth Plain Commons: Every Tue, 5–7:30 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, 3–4:30 pm
- Woodland: Every Tue, 1–3 pm

Similar Programming

English as a Second Language Class

- Cascade Park: Every Fri, 3–5 pm
- Vancouver: Every Tue (Beginner), 3–5 pm; Every Wed (Intermediate), 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, 2:30–5 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 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.

- Ridgefield: Last Sat, 2–4 pm
- Online: 1st Mon, 6–8 pm **R**

Adults

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



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

- Cascade Park & Online (**Teen & Adult Writing Workshop**): 3rd Sat, 11 am–12 pm **R**
- La Center: 3rd Thu, 9–11 am
- Three Creeks & Online (Willamette Writers): 2nd Mon, 6–8 pm

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Need assistance with your tax preparation?

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FVRLIBRARIES BOOKMOBILES



Goldendale / Klickitat

BICKLETON

Every other Tuesday: Mar 3, 17, 31; Apr 14, 28

Bickleton Market Street Café*.... 10:30–11:15 am

Bickleton School 12–3 pm

CENTERVILLE - MARYHILL -

GEORGEVILLE

Every other Wednesday: Mar 4, 18;

Apr 1‡, 15, 29

Centerville School 9:30–11:30 am

Georgeville 2:30–3:45 pm

KLICKITAT - APPLETON - WAHKIACUS

Every other Thursday: Mar 5, 19;

Apr 2, 16, 30

Klickitat School* 9:30–11:30 am

Appleton Post Office^ 1–2 pm

Wahkiacus^ 2:45–3:15 pm

WISHRAM - KLICKITAT

Every other Tuesday: Mar 10, 24‡; Apr 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 - DALLESPORT

Every other Wednesday: Mar 11, 25‡; Apr 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: Mar 12, 26; Apr 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

Skamania / W. Klickitat

CARSON

Every other Tuesday: Mar 3, 17, 24‡; Apr 7, 21

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** 3:15–4:15 pm

Every other Tuesday: Mar 10, 31‡; Apr 14, 28

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** 3:15–4:15 pm

GLENWOOD - TROUT LAKE -

WHITE SALMON

Every Wednesday: Mar 4, 11‡, 18, 24‡;

Apr 1‡, 8, 15, 22‡, 29

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: Mar 5, 12, 19, 26*;

Apr 2‡, 9, 16, 23, 30

Skamania (School) **W** 10–11:30 am

Mt Pleasant (School) **W** 1–2:30 pm

1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays: Mar 5, 19;

Apr 2, 16, 30

Bonneville Treaty

Fishing Access Site** 3:15–4 pm

COOK - UNDERWOOD - WHITE SALMON

Every Friday: Mar 6, 13, 20, 27‡;

Apr 3‡, 10, 17, 24

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
Bookmobile
at these places too!*

Goldendale/ Klickitat

SPECIAL SATURDAY STOPS

MAR 14

Wishram Church
10:30 am–12:30 pm

Lyle Market
1:30–3:30 pm

APR 4

Georgeville
Community Center
1:30–3:30 pm

APR 18

Klickitat Mini Park
1:30–3:30 pm

Times are approximate
depending on road
construction and conditions

* Book return located nearby
‡ March 24 Wishram School
stop moved to church
‡ School stop canceled
^ Weather permitting

W Every week
* Early school release, no
afternoon school stops
‡ No school, stops continue
§ No school stop
** Access for members of the
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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
Alderdale Fire Hall
Bickleton Market Street Cafe
Green Mountain Elementary
Canyon Market in Klickitat
Lyle Market



Spotted at the Library

In January, a patron at Vancouver Community Library spotted herself on the cover of the January/February News & Events, which was originally photographed at Woodland Community Library. A true celebrity sighting!

We would love to see what you have been up to at our libraries these past few months! Take a photo of a moment from one of our programs or something you made during it, and it could end up in our next edition. Submit your photo, first name, age, and a brief description of the program you attended to newsletter@fvrl.org.

Spot the differences answers: top left red book, top right missing book title, middle left missing book, bottom right shelf of books, bottom left chair color, and reading cryptid.



FVRL Kids Page

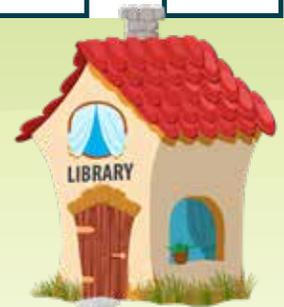
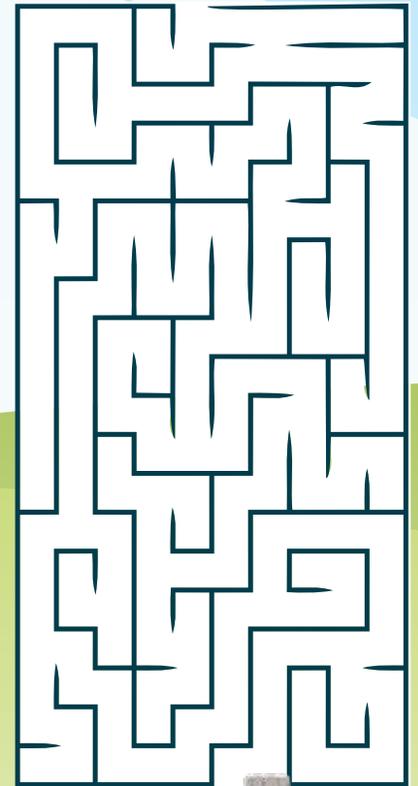
SPOT THE DIFFERENCES! Look closely! Can you spot 6 differences in the photo of the Woodland Community Library kid's magazine reading nook?



See inside back cover for answers.

COMPLETE THE MAZE!

The baby cryptids are on their way to storytime but the road to get there is a bit of a maze! Can you help?



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