

FVRLibraries NEWS&EVENTS Clark & Cowlitz Counties



TRASHION SHOW 2024

Start designing now for our May 18 reused/recycled fashion show.

(INSIDE COVER)

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Find a list of recommended titles for children.

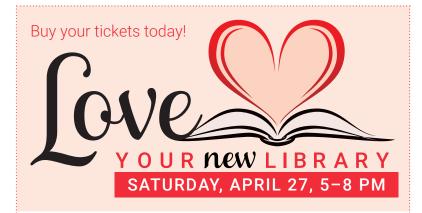
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REVOLUTIONARY READS

Read Free: Two Years, Six Lives, and the Long Journey Home and attend related programs. (PAGE 6)



To go to the library calendar



BUILDING PROJECT FUNDRAISER

Have a wonderful evening in support of the Woodland Community Library building project. Enjoy live music, buffet dinner and dessert, beer, wine, and soft drinks. Bid on items in a silent auction and get the latest news on our new library construction project. Get your tickets now at LoveYourLibrary2024.eventbrite.com.



TRASHION **SHOW 2024**

Calling all designers! Are you passionate about upcycling materials and reducing waste? Showcase your skills by entering

our second annual Trashion Show! Participants will create a wearable garment or accessory to showcase on our runway. All entries must be made from reused or recycled materials.

This event is presented in partnership with Clark County Green Neighbors. In addition to the opportunity to show off your creation, prizes will be awarded. All ages are welcome to participate in the show. Register at bit.ly/TrashionShow2024.

Registration is required for participants only; audience members need not register.



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH: CHILD SAFETY BOOK LIST

In honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, the Children's Justice Center has shared their list of recommended titles for children. bit.ly/ChildSafetyReading

For more information, resources, and helpful links about child abuse prevention and reporting, visit clark.wa.gov/childrens-justice-center.

Note to Caregivers

We recommend that you preview books before reading them to children, and be prepared for questions they may have. Not all books cover all aspects of safety for children, so reading a variety of books helps you open doors of communication about many difficult topics. By reading these books with them, it affords children permission to talk about body parts and safety, and removes stigma from the topic. Start conversations with children about their bodies and body safety at their developmental level. Use correct names for all body parts including genitalia - to empower children to tell you if they experience any inappropriate, uncomfortable, or confusing touches.

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



April Programs

BATTLE GROUND

Archaeology at Fort Vancouver **National Historic Site** APR 18 4-5 pm

Presentation by Professor Colin Grier, Ph.D., of Washington State University Vancouver, about this historic site and the Public Archaeology Field School.

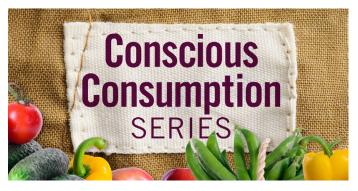
Wellness Series: Breathwork APR 24 1-2 pm

Tammy Bux, the owner of Radiance Wellbeing, will lead a one hour class in breathwork. Participants will be seated in chairs and are encouraged to dress comfortably.

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

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

CASCADE PARK



Cooking with Leftovers on a Budget APR 3 6-7:30 pm

R Save money and prevent food waste by cooking with your leftovers! The Washington State University Clark County Extension SNAP-Ed program will teach this workshop and provide a cooking demonstration.

T-Shirt Modification APR 6 2-3:30 pm

R Learn how to upcycle your old t-shirts into new fashion and household goods. Bring your own t-shirt or shirts from home, or borrow one of ours. Participants can enter their creations from this workshop into our Trashion Show happening May 18.

Hand Sewing 101 APR 20

10:30 am-12:30 pm

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

For complete series schedule, scan the QR code, or visit bit.ly/ConsciousConsumption.



CASCADE PARK

Seed to Supper: **Beginner Gardening** on a Budget APR 1 AND 8

5:30-7:30 pm

R Learn how to plan, plant, and maintain a healthy garden from seed to harvest. Participants receive seeds, different garden tools, or components needed to start gardening. Provided in partnership with the Clark County Food Bank.

Poetry Writing Workshop APR 13

11 am-12:30 pm

Are you new to writing poetry? An experienced poet looking to hone your craft? All are welcome at this workshop led by Clark County Poet Laureate Armin Tolentino.

Courtyard and Heritage **Tree Celebration** APR 20 2-3 pm

Celebrate the official opening of the remodeled courtyard and the unveiling of the name of the Heritage Tree. Snacks and other activities provided. All ages welcome.

April Programs

CASCADE PARK

Poetry Open Mic Night APR 26 6-7 pm

Come share one of your own poems, or just sit back and enjoy a night of poetry and snacks. Hosted by Clark County Poet Laureate Armin Tolentino.

CASCADE PARK/ONLINE

Keeping It Safe Online: A Law **Enforcement Guide** for Parents about Online Safety APR 15 6:30-7:30 pm

① Officer Rob Givens will discuss prevention, risk factors, and how to respond if your child is being exploited online. Questions welcome. In partnership with City of Vancouver, Clark County, and Children's Justice Center.



HELP WITH YOUR TAX RETURN

Tax preparation assistance will be available at Cascade Park, Stevenson, Three Creeks, and Vancouver Community Libraries, and other locations through mid-April. Check our tax page at fvrl.org/tax-help for hours and appointment requirements. You'll also find other helpful links and information to help you see if you or someone you know might qualify for the Working Families Tax Credit. Our libraries have some common tax forms and library staff can assist you with finding forms by name or number.

ONLINE

SCORE®-Get Your **Book Published** APR 13 10-11:30 am

R So you have an idea to write a book? Need guidance on getting published? This seminar provides tips for prospective authors like you to put pen to paper!

ONLINE/GOLDENDALE

Don't Fall For It! Avoid Scams, Swindles, and **Shady Schemes** APR 18 11 am-12 pm

This interactive workshop led by Jon K. Hancock will help you become educated and be safer from scammers and hackers with the latest security tools and information.

RIDGEFIELD

Ridgefield Art Association: Art **History Presentation** APR 13 12-2 pm

A fascinating and informative presentation by artist Stephen Hayes about art history. In partnership with Ridgefield Art Association.

THREE CREEKS

Intro to 3D Design APR 20 1-2:30 pm

R Learn the basics of TINKERCAD® a free webbased 3D design software, and create your own objects for 3D printing. Workshop recommended for patrons interested in 3D Printing Certification.

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VANCOUVER

Subculture Stitching APR 18 4-6 pm

Are you a Janeite, Sherlockian, Sassenach. Fan of Star Wars. MCU. DC. Trekkie. Poe Toaster. Upside Downer, Twihard, Whovian, Ringer, or Potterhead? Bring your knitting, crochet, or embroidery ideas. Pattern suggestions provided.

Watershed Alliance **Environmental Film** Series: Windshipped APR 23 5-7 pm

This popular series features provocative documentaries spotlighting relevant environmental topics facing the planet today. Held every fourth Tuesday through June. In partnership with Watershed Alliance and Clark County Green Neighbors.

Composting with Confidence

Learn the science of how and why compost works, and the amazing process of how it improves your soil and feeds your plants.

Battle Ground APR 18 2-3 pm

Attracting **Hummingbirds**

Learn the basic needs of hummingbirds and how to best attract them with a well-planned garden.

Vancouver APR 3 5:30-6:30 pm

Washougal* APR 10 11 am-12 pm

*East County Family Resource Center, 1702 C Street

Grow Your Own Herbs

Culinary herbs are a great addition to the home garden Growing them is fun and rewarding and can be a fraction of the cost of buying them. Learn about techniques you can use to grow these wonderful plants.

Washougal* APR 20 11-11:45 am

*East County Family Resource Center. 1702 C Street

Growing Herbs

Find out how to plant, grow and harvest the most popular herbs that you can enjoy fresh from your own garden. What to do with herbs after harvest will be discussed such as in preserving, storage and usage.

Woodland (APR 24) 10:30-11:30 am



Be prepared.

Learn more at stopoverdose.org

COMMUNITY RESOURCE: NALOXONE AND OPIOID OVERDOSE INFO

Opioids include heroin, fentanyl, and many prescription medications. Anyone can overdose, including people who accidentally take too much of their prescribed medication, those who take medications prescribed for others, and users of illegal drugs. It can take just seconds for overdose to happen. Naloxone is a medication that can temporarily stop the effects of opioids and help a person start breathing again. Learn the signs of overdose and what to do, how to get Naloxone, and how the Washington State Good Samaritan Law protects both you and the overdose victim you are helping from drug possession charges at stopoverdose.org.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Monthly Meetings

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

Battle Ground APR 2 1-3 pm

Cascade Park APR 18 6-7:30 pm

La Center APR 3 6-7 pm

Three Creeks APR 25 6-7 pm Vancouver APR 16 4-5 pm

Yacolt APR 27 10-11 am

Used Book Sales

Find great deals while supporting library programs.

Battle Ground APR 13 10 am-4 pm

Friends Vintage Media Sale

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ADULTS ADULTS

Ongoing

Join us for our regular weekly and monthly programs.

WEEKLY		MONTHLY	
MON	Line Dancing Cascade Park Mon 1–3 pm	(APR 10)	Art Chat Battle Ground 2nd Wed 1–3 pm
WED	Magic the Gathering Night (all ages welcome) Cascade Park Wed 4–6 pm	APR 22*	Red Cross Blood Drive Cascade Park *4th Mon (every other month) 10 am-3 pm Harp Circle
WED	English Conversation Circle Cascade Park Wed 5:30-7 pm	APR 26	
THU	Drop-In Tech Help (call for appointment) Cascade Park Thu 10–11 am	APR 11	Cascade Park 4th Fri 10 am-12 pm Genealogy Group
FRI*	Yarn Buzz (for teens and adults) <i>La Center</i> *2nd and 4th Fri 10−11 am	APR 25	La Center 2nd Thu 9–10 am Writing Group
WED	Stitchery Group Ridgefield Wed 10 am-12 pm	APR 2	La Center 4th Thu 9–11 am Art Chat
WED	Spanish Conversation Circle: Intermediate Ridgefield	APR 20	Ridgefield 1st Tue 10 am-12:30 pm Chess Mates
THU	Gentle Strength and Stretch Class Ridgefield Thu 11–11:45 am	APR 24	Ridgefield 3rd Sat 11 am-1 pm Writers Circle
THU*	Word Nerds (for teens and adults) *Ridgefield *2nd and 4th Thu 5−6 pm	APR 8	Ridgefield 4th Wed 6–7 pm Willamette Writers Vancouver Chapter
WED	English as a Second Language (ESL) Workshop Vancouver Wed 3–5 pm		Three Creeks/Online (1) 2nd Mon 6:15–7:45 pm
THU*	The Craft of Writing: Workshop and Book Group Vancouver/Online (1) *1st and 3rd Thu	(APR 7)	Introduction to Sewing Machines (for ages 8 and up) Vancouver 1st Sun 2–3:30 pm
WED	10:30 am-12:30 pm Knit and Natter	APR 16	Vancouver Writes Vancouver/Online ⊕ 3rd Tue 5:15–6:45 pm
	<i>Vancouver Mall</i> Wed 5:30−6:30 pm	APR 18	Family History Essentials: Google for Genealogy Vancouver/Online 3

IN-PERSON BOOK GROUPS

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

Adult Book Groups

Battle Ground APR 24 9:30-10:30 am

Whatever You Do, Don't Run: True Tales of a Botswana Safari Guide by Peter Allison.

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

All My Rage by Sabaa Tahir.

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

The Haymakers: A Chronicle of Five Farming Families by Steven Hoffbeck.

La Center APR 3 9-10 am

Check with staff for title.

Ridgefield APR 16 6-7 pm

The Honey Bus by Marilyn May.

Three Creeks (evening) APR 2 6-7 pm

Check with staff for title.

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

Check with staff for title.

Vancouver/Online APR 9 6-7 pm

 Sisters of the Lost Nation by Nick Medina.

Off-site-Vancouver Mall APR 11 10:30-11:30 am

Glenwood Place Senior Living 5500 NE 82nd Ave Check with staff for title.

Off-site-Vancouver Mall APR 19 10:30-11:30 am

Vancouver Mall **Retirement Community** 7808 NE 51st St Check with staff for title.

Woodland **APR 15**

11:30 am-12:30 pm

Before the Coffee Gets Cold by Toshikazu Kawaguchi.

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

H Check with staff for title. For ages 18 and up.

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

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



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

April 21–27 Each year, the third week of April is dedicated to recognizing the amazing contributions volunteers make in the United States. Volunteers lend their time, talents, and voices to make a difference every day. We are thankful for all the wonderful volunteers who help make things happen at FVRLibraries. For more information about volunteering at the library, email volunteer@fvrl.org. Many of our community partners are in great need of volunteers. Here are some additional volunteer opportunities.

SHARE mevjen@sharevancouver.org (360) 952-8228 sharevancouver.org

Volunteers needed to help with preparing and serving hot meals.

Mount St. Helens Institute volunteer@mshinstitute.org 360-784-2108 mshinstitute.org/volunteer

Volunteers needed for hiker education, visitor center docents, maintenance and cleanup projects.

ReadNW 360-409-0036 anna.paul@readnw.org readnw.org

Volunteers needed for reading mentors with 1st–3rd grade students.

TeenTalk 360-450-1683 clark.wa.gov/community services/teen-talk

Needs teen volunteers (ages 15–19) from Clark County that offer kindness without judgment for three hours per week.

Furry Friends Information@furryfriendswa.org furryfriendswa.org

Volunteers needed for foster families for cats/ kittens or help with their spring auction.

Odyssey World International **Education Services** 360-326-8565 odysseyworld.org

Volunteers needed to help with events that promote cross-cultural understanding.

ALS Northwest's Helping Hands annie.teer@alsnorthwest.org 503-501-4804

alsoregon.org/get-involved/ volunteer/

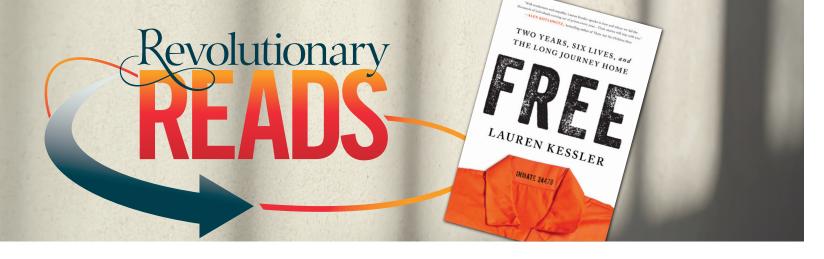
Volunteers needed to assist people living with ALS with household tasks and companionship.

APR 15

FVRL Board of Trustees Meeting

Washougal/Online (1) 3rd Mon 6-8 pm

Online programs and performances



Revolutionary Reads is an annual community reads program with the goal of galvanizing the Southwest Washington community to read the same book, on a topic of revolutionary importance. The featured book for 2024 is Free: Two Years, Six Lives, and the Long Journey Home by Lauren Kessler. Free copies of the book will be available while supplies last at libraries. Read and return for the next reader. Then, get involved by attending one of the related programs either in person or online. A panel discussion including the author will be held on April 17 at Vancouver Community Library and online.

CASCADE PARK/ONLINE

From Incarceration to Integration-Bridging Mental Health Gaps in Reentry APR 9 6-7 pm

 Join speaker Amber Sirstad as she sheds light on the issues and offers actionable solutions to foster greater understanding, empathy, and support for the mental health challenges faced by those reentering society after incarceration.

A Conversation About the School-to-Prison Pipeline APR 10 6-7:30 pm

The school-to-prison pipeline is a necessary part of any conversation about mass incarceration, law enforcement, crime and punishment, and community responsibility. Join us for an introduction to this issue and a conversation about what we can all do to help end its impact on our children and families.

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ONLINE

WA Department of **Corrections Reentry** APR 2 1-2 pm

Join representatives from Graduated Reentry, Community Parenting, Reentry Navigator, Community Supervision, and iCoach to learn more about how these Department of Corrections programs support incarcerated individuals upon release.

Beyond Books Behind Bars-An Intro to Institutional Library Services in WA APR 2 6-7 pm

For more than 50 years the Washington State Library has provided library services in prisons and psychiatric hospitals, and more recently to Echo Glen Children's Center. Three librarians from the Institutional Library Services program will share their experience working inside and what it is like to be members of the communities that exist behind bars.

THREE CREEKS/ONLINE

Public Transportation Access and Equity APR 8 2-3 pm

H Join C-Tran to learn more about the vital services public transportation provides to improve access to Clark County.

Clark County Volunteer Lawyers APR 8 3:30-4:30 pm

The Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program provides and facilitates access to justice in Clark County for low-income individuals and marginalized communities. Join us to learn more about their work in the community and how to qualify for services.

VANCOUVER/ONLINE

Job Searching After Reentry APR 4 2-3 pm

H Join this session to learn more about the services WorkSource provides to help individuals overcome the challenges of securing employment following incarceration.

Author Visit and **Panel Discussion** APR 17 7-8:30 pm

H Panelists will include Lauren Kessler, author of FREE: Two Years, Six Lives, and the Long Journey Home, Arnoldo Ruiz, Trevor Walraven, and Sterling Cunio in discussion on their experiences with reentering society following incarceration.

Reentry Resource Fair with The Foundation WA APR 25 4:30-6:30 pm

• Learn about community partners providing resources for recently released individuals in Clark County, including Molina Healthcare, Vancouver Housing Authority, Recovery Cafe, and Partners in Careers. At 5:30 pm, join virtually or in-person to hear two speakers from The Foundation.

Ongoing

Join us for our regular weekly and monthly programs.

WEEKLY

TUE Chair Yoga: Movement & Meditation **Online ®** Tue 2–2:45 pm

Dungeons & Dragons for Tweens & Teens (Tuesdays) Online ® Tue 4:30-6:30 pm

English Conversation Circle: Intermediate THU **Online ®** Thu 10:30 am-12 pm

ASL Conversation Circle: Come Sign With Us Online ® Thu 6–7 pm

FRI Dungeons & Dragons for Tweens & Teens (Fridays) *Online* **R** Fri 4:30–6 pm

MONTHLY

APR 1 Dungeons & Dragons 5th Edition for Grownups (for ages 18 and up) Online ® 1st Mon 6–7 pm

APR 3 Reflecting Rainbows: LGBTQ+ Discussion Group (for adults) Online
1st Wed 7-8 pm

APR 10 Board Game Night (for teens and adults) Online ® 2nd Wed 6-7 pm

APR 16 Relaxing Origami with Yuki (for teens and adults) Online @ 3rd Tue 7-8 pm

APR 29 Make Anything Online R last Mon 6-7:30 pm

ONLINE BOOK GROUPS

Enjoy a lively discussion about this month's title. All are welcome. Check the online calendar description to find out how to get a copy of the book.

YA for the Olds APR 2 7-8 pm

R The Silence of Bones by June Hur.

Spicy Romance APR 4 6-7 pm

R Delilah Green Doesn't Care by Ashley Herring Blake. For ages 18 and up.

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

R Mindy Kim and the Yummy Seaweed Business by Lyla Lee. For ages 6-9.

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

R Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy.

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

R New Kid by Jerry Craft. For ages 9–12.

Adult Book Groups

Online/Stevenson APR 3 6-7 pm

H Infinite Country by Patricia Engel.

Online/Goldendale APR 15 10 am-12:30 pm

Red at the Bone by Jacqueline Woodson.

Library Giving Day

LIBRARY GIVING DAY IS APRIL 3!

Library Giving Day is a nationwide celebration and day of support for libraries, launched in 2019. Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation is participating. Their support helps us provide Summer at Your Library events, our biannual bookmark contest, Grow-a-Reader initiatives, Experience Pass access to museums and attractions, funds for new libraries and more. Donations can be made to FVRL Foundation at fvrlfoundation.org or by calling 360-906-4700.



April Programs

CASCADE PARK

Teen Late Night APR 12 6-8 pm

Come take over the library with this teens-only event. There will be games, food, and more. For ages 12–18.

Poetry Writing Workshop APR 13 11 am-12:30 pm

Are you new to writing poetry? An experienced poet looking to hone your craft? All are welcome at this workshop led by Clark County Poet Laureate Armin Tolentino.

Poetry Open Mic Night APR 26 6-7 pm

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LA CENTER

Plant a Seed, Grow a Reader: Frog Houses APR 20 10 am-2 pm

Plant some seeds, create a cozy home fit for a frog, and pick out a free book. All supplies included, while supplies last. Ages 8 and up.

CONSCIOUS CONSUMPTION **SERIES**

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K-Pop Celebration APR 27 3-5 pm

Meet other K-pop fans while enjoying a variety of crafts, games, and Korean snacks. For all ages.

VANCOUVER

Teen Journaling Workshop APR 13, 20, and 27 2:30-3:30 pm

R Learn journal writing tips and techniques to help you unleash your inner hero. Bring a pen, paper, or laptop. Workshop offered on three consecutive Saturdays.

VANCOUVER

Subculture Stitching APR 18 4-6 pm

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WASHOUGAL

Spring Break Week of Fun APR 1-4

(times vary for each day)

Spring Break at the library! Drop in for crafts, games, and more. Everyone welcome.

WOODLAND

Spring Break **Boredom Busters** APR 1-5 11 am-4 pm

Every day during Spring Break, come to the library to find something to make, learn, or play. Best for ages 5-16.

MONTHLY

Teen Hangout Battle Ground 2nd Thu 4-5 pm

APR 1 Teen Council THU* Dungeons & Dragons for Tweens & Teens Cascade Park 1st Mon 5-6 pm Cascade Park 3rd & 4th Thu 4:30-6:30 pm

APR 6 ChessNuts Yarn Buzz (for teens and adults) La Center *2nd and 4th Fri 10-11 am

Dungeons & Dragons for Tweens & Teens La Center
2nd Sat 11 am-12:30 pm (Tuesdays) Online R Tue 4:30-6:30 pm

Dungeons & Dragons for Tweens & Teens (Fridays) Online Pri 4:30-6 pm

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Cascade Park Wed 4-6 pm

Word Nerds (for teens and adults) Ridgefield (R) *2nd and 4th Thu 5-6 pm

Dungeons & Dragons for Tweens & Teens Three Creeks Tue 4:30-6:30 pm

Thursday Thing Vancouver Thu 5-7 pm

Ongoing

WEEKLY

Saturday Morning Cartoons Vancouver Sat 10 am-12 pm

Knit and Natter Vancouver Mall Wed 5:30-6:30 pm Cascade Park 1st Sat 10:30 am-12:15 pm

APR 13 Ceramic Tile Painting (for ages 10-16)

APR 25 STEAM Club (for ages 8-18) La Center 4th Thu 3:30-4:30 pm

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APR 20 Chess Mates Ridgefield 3rd Sat 11 am-1 pm

APR 24 Writers Circle Ridgefield 4th Wed 6-7 pm

APR 7 Introduction to Sewing Machines (for ages 8 and up)

Vancouver 1st Sun 2-3:30 pm

APR 28 Board Game Day (for teens and families) Vancouver last Sun 2:30-5 pm

APR 15 Tabletop Role-Playing Game Club (for tweens and teens)

Washougal ® 3rd Mon 4:30-6 pm



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

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Padawan Party APR 30 4-5 pm

Prepare for May the Fourth with all things Star Wars! Build a lightsaber, pose for pictures and play games.

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RIDGEFIELD

Healthy Kids Days® with YMCA APR 20 11 am-1 pm

Davis Park, 315 N 3rd Ave

Try your hand at a variety of activity stations set up by the library and the Clark County YMCA at Davis Park and meet other YMCA partners in the library's meeting room.

THREE CREEKS

Brick It! APR 3 1–3 pm

Come celebrate with all things LEGO® in our world made of bricks! Build, create, and explore with crafts special challenges, and event a scavenger hunt.

K-Pop Celebration APR 27 3-5 pm

Meet other K-pop fans while enjoying a variety of crafts, games, and Korean snacks. For all ages.

VANCOUVER MALL

Brick Challenge APR 4

11:30 am-12:30 pm

R Take inspiration from fun challenge cards, or use your imagination to make your own fantastic design. Participants will build with the library's collection of LEGO® and display their creations in the library

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KIDS, PRESCHOOL & FAMILY

Ongoing

Join us for our regular weekly and monthly programs.

WEEKLY

Monday Mixer (for ages 6 and under) MON Battle Ground Mon 10-11 am

WED* Read to the Dog (15-minute sessions, for ages 5-9) Cascade Park 1st and 3rd Wed 4-5 pm

THU Kids Art Drop-In Cascade Park Thu 4-5 pm

Read to the Dog (15-minute sessions, for ages 5-9) La Center
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Wed 4-5:30 pm

Vroom in the Room Three Creeks 3rd & 4th Fri 10:30-11:30 am

TUE Crafternoon Vancouver Tue 3:30-5 pm

THU Build It! Vancouver Thu 3:30-5 pm

Everyone's an Artist (for ages 6-12) Washougal R *1st and 3rd Wed 4-5 pm

FRI Funtastic Fridays Washougal Fri 3-4 pm

WED & FRI Family Craft Workshop Yacolt Wed & Fri 11 am-5 pm

MONTHLY

APR 16 Build It! Battle Ground 3rd Tue 5-6 pm

APR 13 Saturday Family Fun: Fairy Garden Cascade Park 2nd Sat 3-4:30 pm

APR 23 Homeschool Hangout Battle Ground 4th Tue 1:30-3 pm

APR 23 Ceramics & Books (for ages 5–9) La Center **R** 4th Tue 2:30-3:30 pm

(APR 25) STEAM Club (for ages 8–18) La Center 4th Thu 3:30-4:30 pm

APR 11 Homeschooler's Meetup Ridgefield 2nd Thu 12:30-2 pm

APR 13 Build It! Ridgefield 2nd Sat 10:30 am-12 pm

APR 15 Read to the Dog (for ages 5–9) Ridgefield ® 3rd Mon 3:30-4:30 pm

APR 17 School Age Art Fun with YMCA Ridgefield 3rd Wed 5:30-6:30 pm

(APR 23) Read to the Dog (for ages 5–9) Ridgefield

4th Tue 6–7 pm

APR 2 Hero Quest for Young Adventurers (for grades 1-3) Three Creeks
1st Tue 4:30-5:30 pm

APR 17 Homeschool Hangout Three Creeks 3rd Wed 1–3 pm

APR 18 Build It!

Three Creeks 3rd Thu 4-5 pm

APR 25 Read to the Dog (for ages 5–9) Three Creeks 4th Thu 4:30-5:30 pm

APR 10 Read to the Dog (for ages 5–9) Vancouver 2nd Wed 3-5 pm

Board Game Day (for teens and families) Vancouver last Sun 2:30-5 pm

APR 24 STEMgineers: Forensics Washougal ® 4th Wed 4-5 pm

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

KIDS

Kids Book Groups Cascade Park APR 5 4:30-5:30 pm

Ask at front desk for title. For ages 6–9.

La Center APR 18 3-4 pm

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

Three Creeks APR 4 4-5 pm

Mindy Kim and the Yummy Seaweed Business by Lyla Lee. For ages 6-9.

The Read-Aloud Crowd

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

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

Virtual Kids **Book Group** Online

APR 11 4-5 pm

R Mindy Kim and the Yummy Seaweed Business by Lyla Lee. For ages 6–9.

TWEENS

Tween Book Groups

Battle Ground

APR 9 4:30-5:30 pm

R Ask at front desk for title. For ages 9–12.

La Center

APR 17 3-4 pm

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

Ridgefield

APR 11 4:30-5:30 pm

A Duet for Home by Karina Yan Glaser. For ages 8–12.

Virtual Tween **Book Group**

Online APR 18 5-6 pm

R New Kid by Jerry Craft. For ages 9–12.



PARENT & CAREGIVER TIP FROM VROOM: FOOD PLAY

Animal Bites–Sometimes mealtime can be a challenge. Encourage your child to eat by offering them choices about how they eat. You can say something like, "Do you want two big dinosaur bites or four little bird bites?" Count the bites together and ask them to think of their own "Animal Bites" eating ideas.

Bocados de animales–Algunas veces la hora de la comida puede ser difícil. Anima a tu niño para que coma de diferentes maneras. Puedes decir algo como, "¿Quieres dos bocados grandes de dinosaurio o cuatro bocados pequeños de pajarito?" Cuenten juntos los bocados y pídele que piense en sus propias sugerencias para comer con "Bocados de animales".

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Grow A Reader!

WELCOME! Hear stories, sing

limited at some locations.

songs, and enjoy fun activities for children and their parents or caregivers. Capacity may be

Storytimes occur weekly unless otherwise noted.*

BABY: 0-18 months

TODDLER: 18-36 months

PRESCHOOL: 3-6 years

FAMILY: for children of all ages

SOUTH CLARK



NORTH CLARK & COWLITZ

BABY

Battle Ground

THU 10:30 am

BABY & TODDLER

La Center

FRI 10:30 am

TODDLER

Battle Ground

FRI 10:30 am

PRESCHOOL

Battle Ground

TUE 11 am

WED 11 am

La Center

THU 10:30 am

FAMILY

Ridgefield

MON 10:30 am WED 10:30 am

Woodland

TUE 10:30 am

BABY

Cascade Park

TUE 1 pm

WED 1 pm

Three Creeks

WED 10:30 am

Vancouver

MON 10:30 am

TUE 10:30 am

TODDI FR

Cascade Park

FRI 10:30 am

Vancouver

THU 10:30 am FRI 10:30 am

PRESCHOOL Cascade Park

THU 11:30 am

Vancouver

WED 10:30 am

FAMILY

Cascade Park

WED 11:30 am SAT 11:30 am

Three Creeks

MON 10:30 am

TUE 10:30 am THU 10:30 am

APR 10* 6 pm

*(wear your pajamas)

Vancouver Mall

TUE 11 am

THU 11 am

Washougal

TUE 10:30 am THU 10:30 am

MUSIC & MOVEMENT

Vancouver

FRI 2:30 pm

SENSORY STORYTIME

Vancouver

2ND SAT* **R** 10:30 am (for ages 3–9)

OUTREACH

Eisenhower **Elementary**

FRI* 9 am

*(check in at front desk)

Hazel Dell **Elementary**

FRI* 9 am

*(check in at front desk)

Lakeshore **Elementary**

WED* 9 am

*(check in at front desk)



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

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

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

Cascade Park Community Library 600 NE 136th Ave Vancouver WA 98684

Goldendale Community Library 131 West Burgen St Goldendale WA 98620

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

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

Ridgefield Community Library 210 N Main Ave Ridgefield WA 98642

Stevenson Community Library 120 NW Vancouver Ave Stevenson WA 98648

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

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

Washougal Community Library 1661 C St Washougal WA 98671

White Salmon Valley Community Library 77 NE Wauna Ave White Salmon WA 98672

Woodland Community Library 770 Park St Woodland WA 98674

Yacolt Library Express 105 E Yacolt Rd Yacolt WA 98675

Yale Valley Community Library 11700 Lewis River Rd Ariel WA 98603

Book Returns

Alderdale Fire Hall Bickleton Market Street Cafe Green Mountain Elementary Klickitat Mini Park Lyle Market

