

Monthly Report



Library Director Shasta Sasser greets young patrons at the "Book Bike Meet & Greet" on July 10 at Memorial Park.

From the Director

In July 2025, the Wilsonville Public Library, in partnership with the Wilsonville Friends of the Library, launched an innovative community outreach initiative—the Book Bike. This three-wheeled, electric bike serves as a mobile library service platform, designed to bring library resources directly to Wilsonville residents in an accessible, eco-friendly, and engaging manner. The bike was funded by the Friends and a Wilsonville-Metro Community Enhancement Grant.

The Book Bike made its inaugural appearance at the July 10 Thursday Fun Show, marking the beginning of its community engagement activities. Prior to deployment, library staff underwent safety and operational training with the bike during early July 2025 to ensure smooth and responsible use.

Following its debut, the Book Bike has been showcased at multiple local events, including the Wilsonville Farmers Market and Movies in the Park.

-Shasta Sasser, Library Director

Children's Services

Science classes for children of all ages
July saw a wide variety of science classes for kids
in July.

The Oregon Aquarium presented "The Art of Conservation" on July 10 about the causes of plastic pollution and impacts on the ocean.

Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) held a "Crime Lab" focused on fingerprints, footprints, and fibers on July 12. Then the focus turned to polymers at "Cowabunga Chemistry" on July 19.

The University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History presented "Power Play for the Planet". Kids learned about ecology through games, puzzles, and fun challenges.



Young patrons and their grown-ups create paper fish after the "Stories and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math)" program on July 23.

UPCOMING:

- STEAM classes "Bug Me!" (Sat. Aug. 2) and "Prehistoric Dinosaurs" (Sat. Aug. 9) presented by OMSI. Registration is required. Find out more at www.wilsonvillelibrary.org/SummerSTEAM.
- Scavenger Hunt returns Aug. 1. Find all fifteen dinosaurs hidden throughout the library building



Teen participants at the "IRL (In Real Life) Fortnite 2v2 Laser
Tag Tournament" on July 16 stand ready
for their round in the Oak Room.

Teen Services

Teen Summer Events a hit

The "Level Up" theme continued with a "Mario Party" on July 2 where teens made crafts and played games involving the video game franchise. On July 9, "Green Teens" met at Memorial Park for blackberry removal. A Fortnite laser tag tournament was held July 16. Then on July 23 the teens enjoyed a Lego party with building and stamping with Legos, Lego video games, and a Lego movie. The summer schedule ended with the annual "Waterfight and Party in the Park," which included the infamous exploding watermelon.

UPCOMING:

• Teen events return in September.

Adult Services

"Monitoring Wilsonville's Wildlife" presentation

Kerry Rappold (City of Wilsonville's Natural Resources Program Manager) and Leslie Bliss-Ketchum (Director, Samara Group) shared some amazing photos of animal movement in Wilsonville, and discussed wildlife in our city and the ongoing efforts to monitor their presence and movement. Several of the wildlife photos were on display during July at the Library.

Flash Fiction Writing Workshop

Local author Andi Winter taught a fast-paced workshop on writing flash fiction in advance of the all ages August Short Story Contest.



Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum docent John Jennings presented at the Space Talk on July 12.

UPCOMING:

- Space Talk about the Lucy mission to explore the Jupiter asteroids, on Saturday, Aug. 2, at 11am.
- Online "Profiles" program explores the works of late blooming artists on Wednesday, Aug. 6, at 11am
- Tabletop game night on Thursday, Aug. 7, from 6-7:30pm.
- Celebration Cinema celebrates Elvis Week on Friday, Aug. 15, at 3pm.
- Trivia Night on Thursday, Aug. 21, from 6-7:30pm.



Dragon surprised many visitors by being inside the case of the Lewis and Clark sculpture from July 7-14.

Around the Library

New StoryWalk at Tivoli Park

Local author and illustrator Margaux Meganck's picture book *People Are Wild* was featured in the Tivoli Park StoryWalk. The book encourages readers to see themselves from the perspective of many different animals. Meganck will give an Artist Talk on Tuesday, Aug. 5, at 1:00pm at the library.

Dragon Hunt in the library

Every week in July, Dragon hid in a different place somewhere in the library. Library visitors of all ages were invited to spot Dragon to receive a small prize. Clues were posted on the library's Facebook page.

