



The West Linn & Wilsonville Public Libraries Present



THE WEST LINN-WILSONVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

At the West Linn Public Library in April!

Monthly Maker Club on Sunday, April 5th from 11:30am-12:30pm

Experiment with a rotating roster of activities, including Legos, Ozobots, wind tubes, and more!

Jelly Bean Taste-Off on Monday, April 6th at 10:30am and 11:30am

Can you guess the flavor of a jelly bean if all you know is its color and what your taste buds think? Can you get all ten flavors correct? For grades K-5. Registration is required.

Online Author Talk with Jason Reynolds on Thursday, April 30th at 4:00pm

Join us for a live virtual talk with Jason Reynolds, poet and author of the “Track” series and other favorites. This presentation will be recorded and accessible for later use. Registration is required.

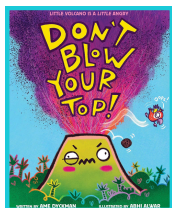
Tales to Tails! on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3-4:30pm

Want to practice reading to one of our therapy dogs at the library? Sign up for a 20-minute session. All dogs and handlers are registered therapy teams. Registration is required.

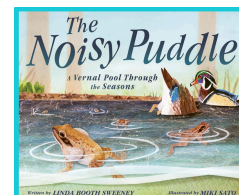
Did You Know?

Families can explore StoryWalks® in our parks!

A StoryWalk® is a fun way to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time! We’ve mounted pages from a picture book on standing signs along a paved path. Read the book while you explore the trail! Stories are changed regularly. Visit Fields Bridge Park in West Linn and Tivoli Park in Wilsonville to experience our latest StoryWalks®.



West Linn
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At the Wilsonville Public Library in April!

Series Saturdays on Saturday, April 4th from 2:00-3:00pm

School age fans of popular chapter book and graphic novel series are invited to participate in fun book-related activities, enjoy a themed snack, and enter a raffle to win a free book! This month’s featured series: “InvestiGators” by John Patrick Green.

No School? Catapult into April with a Take & Make starting on Monday, April 6th

Since school is out, stop by the library and pick up a catapult craft to Take & Make! Available at the children's desk while supplies last.

Beginning Birding for Families with the Nature Nerd on Saturday, April 12th from 2:00-3:30pm

“The Nature Nerd” will guide families on a fun, informative bird walk, starting in the Oak Meeting Room, then exploring Memorial Park. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Put a Poem in Your Pocket Day on Thursday, April 30th all day

Celebrate the last day of National Poetry Month by putting a poem in your pocket! Poems by a variety of wonderful children’s poets are available at the Children’s Desk while supplies last.

Questions or comments: contact Kimberley Rhoades at krhoades@westlinnoregon.gov or 503.742.6191 or Jo Caisse at jcaisse@wilsonvillelibrary.org or 503.570.1592.

April is National Poetry Month!

From poetry collections to novels in verse

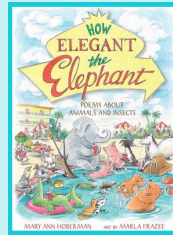
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Younger Grades



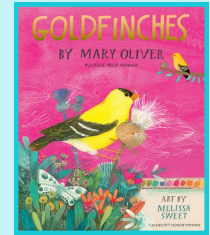
Awesome Earth
by Joan Bransfield Graham

A mountain-building conglomeration of geologic terms and concrete poetry. The combination of illustrations and artful text layouts makes this a strong choice for science buffs and creative writers.



How Elegant the Elephant
by Mary Ann Hoberman

An illustrated collection of over 60 short animal poems by the former children's poet laureate Mary Ann Hoberman, who expertly mixes rhymes, facts, and clever wordplay – just right for young listeners.



Goldfinches
by Mary Oliver

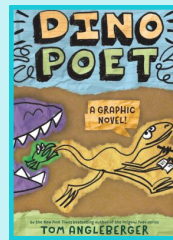
A picture book tribute to the late Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Mary Oliver and her poem "Goldfinches." Melissa Sweet's ingenious collage art provides extra finch facts and depicts the poet at work in the natural world.

Middle Grades



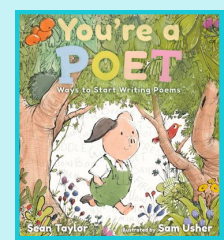
Dear Acorn (Love, Oak)
by Joyce Carol Sidman

Paired letter poems convey the connectivity between two items, from acorn and oak to school and brick. A great choice for reading aloud, these conversational poems could also inspire kids to write their own.



Dino Poet
by Tom Angleberger

A dinosaur tries to write poems and avoid getting eaten. He gets advice from a frog (who also hopes not to be eaten). There's humor and silliness in this graphic novel, along with some truly useful poetry tips.



You're a Poet
by Sean Taylor

Piglet's time with his friends and family inspires him to write different types of poems. Short stories are interspersed with poem construction and writing secrets. An excellent poetry introduction for young writers.

Older Grades



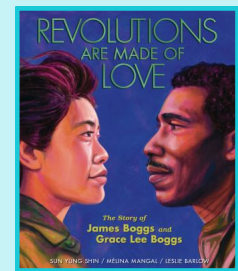
Glory Be
by Jamie Sumner

Glory searches the streets of New Orleans for her missing dog in a chapter book told in free verse. She gets help from people in her community, but she can't trust everyone...including her own father.



The Mighty Macy
by Kwame Alexander

In this short novel in verse, Macy and her friends try to stop cutbacks to the school library, even though they're only kids. She gets extra inspiration from the surprise poems her father plants for her to find.



Revolutions Are Made of Love
by Sun Yung Shin & Melina Mangal

Paired poems from alternating points of view tell the true story of James and Grace Lee Boggs, who grew up separately, then met and married, becoming lifelong partners and tireless advocates for civil rights.