



The West Linn & Wilsonville Public Libraries Present



# THE WEST LINN-WILSONVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## At the West Linn Public Library in May!

**Monthly Maker Club** on Sunday, May 3rd at 11:30pm

Experiment with Legos, Ozobots, wind tubes, and more! For grades K-5.

**Star Wars Day!** on Monday, May 4th at 10:30 and 11:30am

Make a Lightsaber and color; costumes are encouraged. For grades K-5. Registration is required.

**Pokémon Club Trading Card Day!** on Wednesday, May 6th from 3:30-5:00pm

Bring your collection to trade cards with other Pokemon enthusiasts. For grades 3-12.

**Pokémon Club: Learn to Play Pokémon TCG!** on Wednesday, May 20th from 4:00-5:00pm

Play the Trading Card Game! For grades 3-12. No experience necessary. Registration is required.

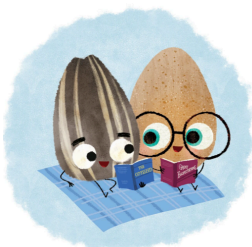
**Chill with a Chick!** from Thursday, May 21st through Saturday, May 23rd

Get close up with newborn chicks! All ages are welcome. Sign up for a 15 minute session.

**Tales to Tails!** on Wednesdays and Thursdays through May 21st from 3:00-4:30pm

Read to a registered therapy dog at the library! Sign up for a 20-minute session.

## Did You Know?



The **2026 Summer Reading Program** theme is  
**Plant a Seed: READ!**

Our programs run from **June 15th - August 15th for West Linn**  
and from **June 1st - August 31st for Wilsonville.**

Visit our library websites for more information about the Summer Reading Program, including Reading Logs, prizes, and free special events.



## At the Wilsonville Public Library in May!

**Series Saturdays** on Saturday, May 2nd from 2:00-3:00pm

Fun book-related activities, snacks, and a raffle! This month: "The Wild Robot" by Peter Brown.

**Star Wars Day** on Monday, May 4th from 3:00-5:00pm

Celebrate Star Wars with crafts, activities, and Jedi goats! For all ages; costumes encouraged.

**A Series of Fortunate Funday Events!** on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10:00am-5:30pm

Activities include Legos, bike helmet decorating, and a movie. Check website for full schedule.

**Wilsonville High School Robotics Team** on Saturday, May 23rd from 1:00-3:00pm

Hands-on robot experience for grades K-8, hosted by experts from the WLHS Robotics team.

**A Visit from the 2025 Miss Oregon Junior Teen** on Sunday, May 24th from 2:00-3:00pm

Meet Samara D'Souza and learn about her experiences as Miss Oregon Junior Teen.

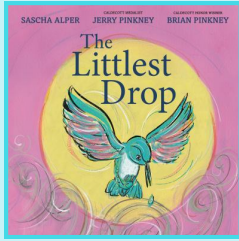
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# The Jo & Steven Awards

Books that haven't won any medals, but (in our opinion) are definitely award-worthy

(click on the covers to link to our catalog)

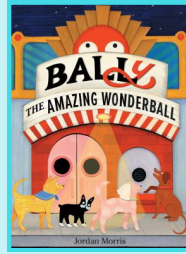
Younger Grades



**The Littlest Drop**  
by Sascha Alper

**BEST TEAMWORK STORY**

In this beautifully illustrated fable based on a South African tale, a tiny hummingbird inspires her fearful animal friends to help save their homes from fire, one drop at a time.



**BALLy the Amazing Wonderball**  
by Jordan Morris

**BEST HUMOROUS PICTURE BOOK**

BALLY is a performing bouncing ball starring in a stage show. The only problem: his audience is a pack of dogs that love to chase balls. How will BALLY ever achieve superstardom?

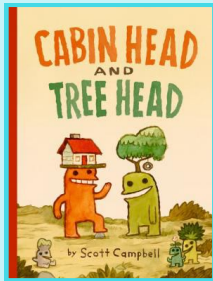


**Broken**  
by X. Fang

**BEST SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL BOOK**

Mei Mei breaks a cup and fears the worst. Then the cat gets blamed: will Mei Mei confess? A humorous and poignant picture book that gently explores guilt, responsibility, and love.

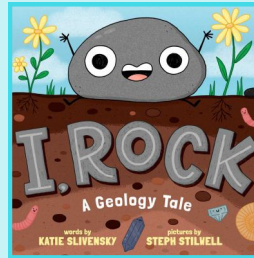
Middle Grades



**Cabin Head and Tree Head**  
by Scott Campbell

**MOST CREATIVE GRAPHIC NOVEL**

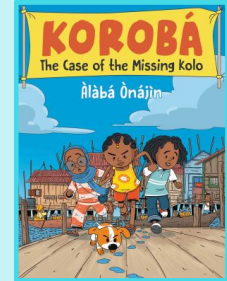
A sweet, silly, and inventive graphic novel about best friends who happen to have unusual heads. Characters include Volcano Head, Treasure Chest Head, and Brick Wall Head.



**I, Rock: A Geology Tale**  
by Katie Slivensky

**BEST CARTOON SCIENCE BOOK**

A rock who's more than 4 billion years old tells a classroom full of kids about the geologic history of our planet. Jokes, dialogue, and cartoon drawings mix humor with fascinating science.

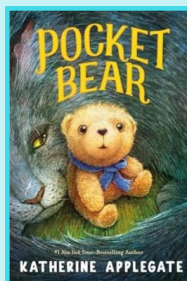


**The Case of the Missing Kolo**  
by Àlàbá Ònájìn

**BEST GRAPHIC NOVEL MYSTERY**

Lively illustrations and a story infused with culture introduce young readers to a fascinating setting, as Koroba and her friends solve a mystery in their Nigerian fishing village.

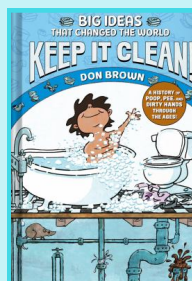
Older Grades



**Pocket Bear**  
by Katherine Applegate

**BEST GENTLE/SERIOUS FICTION**

Starting out as a lighthearted tale about a cat and his stuffed animal friends, this book ultimately becomes a thought-provoking story about war, friendship, and forgiveness.



**Keep It Clean**  
by Don Brown

**BEST HISTORY/HUMOR COMBO**

This illustrated "history of poop, pee, and dirty hands" looks at public health through the ages, from exploding toilets in ancient Rome to the "Great Stink" in 19<sup>th</sup> century London.



**IRL**  
by Jenny Goebel

**SPOOKIEST GHOST STORY**

Lucy first meets her new 6<sup>th</sup> grade classmates online through remote learning. When it's time to meet them in real life, she gets a surprise: her new friends just might be ghosts.