



The West Linn & Wilsonville Public Libraries Present



# THE WEST LINN-WILSONVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## At the West Linn Public Library in September!

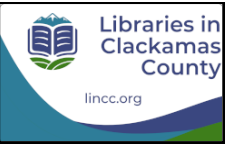
**Pokémon Club Trading Card Day!** on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:30pm  
Bring your collection to trade cards with other Pokemon enthusiasts. For grades 3-12.

**Tales to Tails!** on Wednesdays and Thursdays starting September 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-4:30pm  
Read to a registered therapy dog at the library! Sign up for a 20-minute session.

**Family Lego Club** on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 12:00noon  
Builders of all ages are invited to explore their creativity, work together, and bring imaginative designs to life using LEGO bricks. For children with their grownup. No registration necessary.

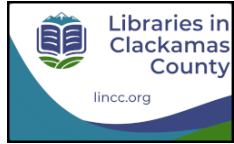
**STEAM Programs: Superhero Shields** on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30am and 11:30am  
Design your own superhero shield to reflect your special powers, strengths, and imagination. We'll create them with markers, stickers, and paper. For grades K-5. Registration is required.

## Did You Know? We offer Educator Cards for Teachers!



LINCC offers free **Educator Cards** to any certified staff who work or live in Clackamas County! Benefits include a **longer checkout time** to accommodate classroom needs! To get an Educator Card, talk with your Teacher Librarian or stop by your Public Library for more information.

If you already have an Educator Card, remember that it now **expires every year** on August 31st. If your Educator Card has expired, just contact your local library and **staff will renew it for you.**



## At the Wilsonville Public Library in September!

**Series Saturdays** on Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:00pm  
Fun book-related activities, snacks, and a raffle! This month: "Pizza & Taco" by Stephen Shaskan.

**Wilsonville High School Robotics Team** on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00pm  
The WVHS Robotics Team members present a hands-on experience for kids interested in the STEM fields. For elementary school children with their grownup.

**Aaron the "Fun-Gi" Shares Mushroom Adventures** on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:30pm.  
Aaron the Nature Nerd leads a guided walk about natural history and identifying fungi, from the Oak Meeting Room to Memorial Park. For elementary age children and their grownup.

**SMART's Bike Rodeo and Helmet Decoration** on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00pm  
Participate in SMART's bicycle skills course! Boost your bicycle agility, learn how to conduct an ABC Bike check, and personalize your bike helmet. For children with their grownup.

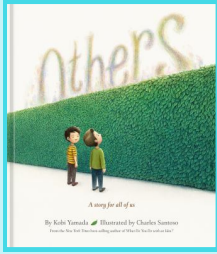
**Fall Fun** on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-2:00 pm  
Celebrate the season with crafts, snacks, and other drop-in activities for the whole family.

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

# What We Read This Summer: Librarians' Favorite New Books

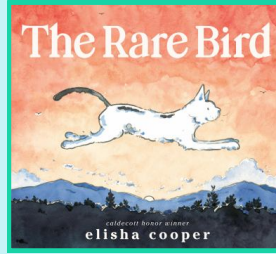
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## Younger Grades



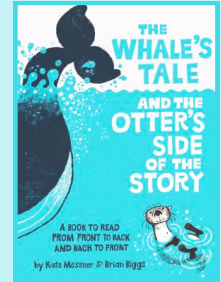
***Others***  
by Kobi Yamada

Two kids talk about what the unknown "others" beyond the hedge might be like, gradually realizing that thinking about "us" makes more sense than worrying about "them." Sharing this book can lead to thoughtful conversations.



***The Rare Bird***  
by Elisha Cooper

Inspired by books, a housecat pretends he's a bird, climbing branches (really curtains), catching worms (a dog's tail), and landing in a pond (a toilet). This appealing picture book is a tribute to the power and beauty of imagination.

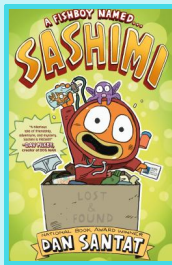


***The Whale's Tale and the Otter's Side of the Story***

by Kate Messner

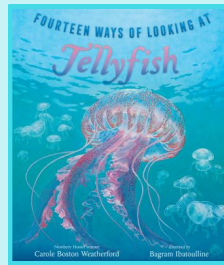
Read the book forward to learn why "whales are the best!" Then read it from back to front, and the exact same words tell a very different story. A clever exploration of language and marine life.

## Middle Grades



***A Fishboy Named Sashimi***  
by Dan Santat

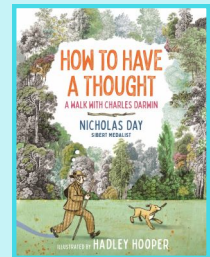
Sashimi the fishboy enrolls in school and pretends to be a regular student. He makes friends with a boy and a goldfish while trying to uncover a sea monster mystery. This new graphic novel is just right for "Dog Man" fans.



***Fourteen Ways of Looking at Jellyfish***

by Carole Boston Weatherford

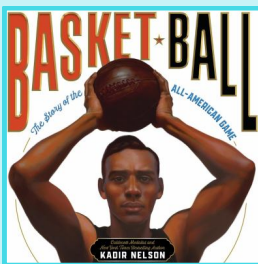
Jellyfish are amazing, whether you look at them from a dock, in an aquarium, or "with sheer wonder." Poetry, artwork, and facts show how science has room for many viewpoints.



***How to Have a Thought***  
by Nicholas Day

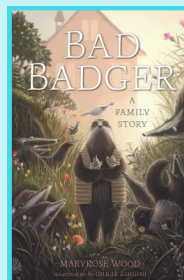
This book encourages kids to unlock their creativity and problem-solving skills by taking long walks and letting their minds roam...just like Charles Darwin did when he came up with his historically brilliant ideas.

## Older Grades



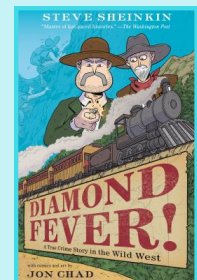
***Basket Ball***  
by Kadir Nelson

This history of basketball moves from the sport's invention 125 years ago to current stars, with quotes, stories, and spectacular paintings. It also highlights lesser-known teams and the impacts of race and culture.



***Bad Badger: A Family Story***  
by Maryrose Wood

Septimus the badger worries about his parenting skills when he and his friend Gully try to raise three chicks together. Will the birds learn too many "badger things?" A charming tale of humor, sweetness, and true friendship.



***Diamond Fever!***  
by Steve Sheinkin

The true tale of the race to find a huge diamond mine in the 1870s...that never existed. The story of how this scam happened and why so many fell for it is a strong choice for kids who love history.