



The West Linn & Wilsonville Public Libraries Present



THE WEST LINN-WILSONVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

At West Linn Public Library in May!

LEGO Club on Sunday, May 7th at 10:30am and 11:30am

Come to the library and build houses, castles, towers, or whatever you'd like! Each month will have a different theme and staff on hand to provide tips and tricks on how to get the most out of your build. Registration is required.

Busy Bugs! on Wednesday, May 10th at 1:00pm and 2:00pm

Join us for an up-close look at pesky mosquitoes! You know they can bite and buzz in your ears, but what else do you know? Look at larvae under magnification, get a free Mosquitula book by author Rick Reynolds, and learn about the "Fight the Bites" game. Registration is required.

Tales to Tails! on Wednesdays and Thursdays in May from 3:00-4:30pm

Want to practice reading to one of our therapy dogs? Sign up for 20-minute sessions to read to a dog at the library. Our dog handlers encourage interaction with their dogs and will offer help if needed. All dogs and handlers are registered therapy teams. Registration is required.

Did You Know?

Our Summer Reading Programs start in June!

This year's Summer Reading Program theme is **Find Your Voice** and runs from **June 15th - August 15th** for West Linn and from **June 1st - August 31st** for Wilsonville.

Read or listen to books to complete your Summer Reading Log and become eligible for prizes. And our summer reading programs are for every member of the family: babies, toddler, children, teens, and adults!

Visit your library's website for more details on the Summer Reading Program, prizes, and many other exciting summer events!



At Wilsonville Public Library in May!

STEAM Stuff! on Wednesday, May 10th from 1-2:30pm

Drop in for hands-on STEAM activities at the library.

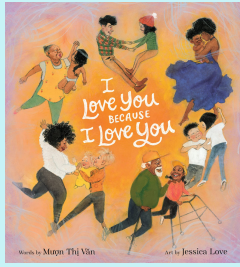
Get Crafty! from Saturday, May 13th to Saturday, May 27th

Get crafty and help us create our Summer Reading bulletin boards in the children's area. Craft supplies and instructions available in the children's area.

The Kimberley and Jo Awards

(Books published in 2022 that didn't win ALA awards but definitely won our hearts!)

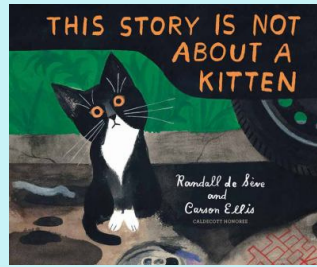
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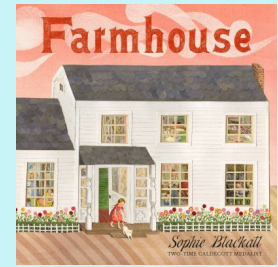
by Mượn Thị Văn

A sweet and affirming title that shows people of all ages, colors, and abilities caring for each other in ways both big and small. Told as if in dialogue, this inclusive book feels like a warm hug and makes a wonderful read aloud!



This Story is Not About a Kitten by Randall De Sève

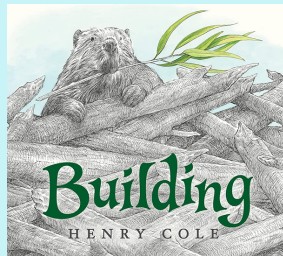
With many nods to Portland in the illustrations, local Caldecott honoree Carson Ellis illuminates a story inspired by an actual event in de Sève's life. We discover that what truly matters is that which we cannot see: kindness, community, and the warm-heartedness of neighbors. Magnificent!



Farmhouse by Sophie Blackall

A richly illustrated tale of family life in an old farmhouse, one that two-time Caldecott-winning Blackall now owns. Endnotes explain her inspiration and artist's process for the layered artwork in this endearing and lyrical story. A delightful example of life imitating art!

Nonfiction



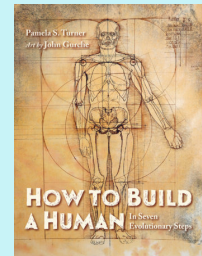
Building by Henry Cole

A companion to Cole's book *Nesting*, this title features a pair of beavers and what they do best: building! Learn how wildlife's best engineers live, work, and become a family together. Distinctly illustrated in a limited color palette, this book is a tribute to the beauty of nature. Charming!



Love In The Library by Maggie Tokuda-Hall

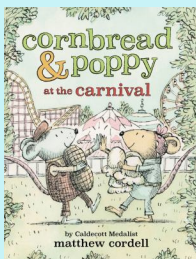
Inspired by the author's grandparents, this powerful book tells the harrowing and hopeful story of the improbable love, courage, and fortitude found by two people in a Japanese incarceration camp in the 1940s. The poignant author's note at the end is a beautiful capstone for this story.



How To Build A Human: in Seven Evolutionary Steps by Pamela Turner

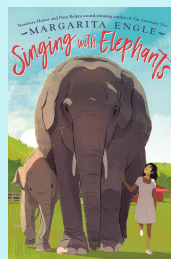
For budding paleoanthropologists and forensic scientists, this fascinating and humorous book breaks up our ancestry into seven distinct phases, including standing up, making tools, and talking. Sure to tickle your funny bone!

Fiction



Cornbread & Poppy at the Carnival by Matthew Cordell

The second title in the charming early chapter book series, *Cornbread & Poppy*, by Caldecott Medalist Matthew Cordell is a story about two friends who learn to appreciate each other's differences. A great choice for emerging readers!



Singing with Elephants by Margarita Engle

Using free verse, this lovely and thought provoking tale explores the themes of compassion, friendship, justice and the power of words. The story's protagonist, 11 year old Oriol, discovers her inner strength and courage with the help of her friend and poet, Gabriela Mistral.



The Ogress and The Orphans by Kelly Barnhill

An enchanting title about community, generosity, and empathy, and the impact they have in our lives. More importantly, it is a lesson about the dangers of the assumptions we make about those who are different from us. A superb read aloud that will spark much conversation.