

Vancouver

# What's Happening

 **THE LIBRARY**  
Fort Vancouver Regional Library District

NOVEMBER • DECEMBER 2017

## ART

### First Friday Art Exhibit

Make the library your first stop on the First Friday Art Walk.

- **Exhibit opening, Friday, November 3, 5-8:30 pm**

Meet the featured artists and view their work throughout the weekend.

- **November 3-5: works by a variety of local artists**

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

### First Friday Art Exhibit and Art4Art Fundraiser

In December, Vancouver Community Library's First Friday Downtown Art Exhibit has a special twist! All art displayed is for sale at this special Friends of Vancouver Community Library exhibit and fundraiser. All art panels are by local artists and will be sold at the exhibit for \$30 each. *Proceeds will benefit the library for art programs and activities.*

- **Exhibit opening Friday, December 1, 5-9 pm**
- **Exhibit and sale continue December 2-3, or until art has been sold**

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

## MUSIC

### Music in the Atrium

**Select Thursdays, 6-7 pm  
(November 16, December 7)**

Enjoy music in the atrium provided by the members of the woodwind section of the Vancouver Community Concert Band as they rehearse for upcoming performances.

ATRIUM, LEVEL 1

### Vancouver Community Concert Band

**Saturday, December 9, 2-3 pm**

Enjoy seasonal music and other favorites played by the Vancouver Community Concert Band.

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

## FAKE NEWS

### Documentary and Discussion: Hot Coffee

**Tuesday, November 28, 6-8 pm**

Everyone has heard the jokes about the lady who sued McDonald's and won millions of dollars. Now learn the truth about the lawsuit and the impact it has had on the civil justice system.

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

### Fake News Throughout History

**Sunday, December 10, 3:30-4:30 pm**

"Fake news" is not a new concept. Join us for an exploration of fake news and misleading information throughout history.

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

## HISTORY

### Lightning in a Saddle: The Evelyn Hamilton Story

**Wednesday, November 8, 6:30-7:30 pm**

Evelyn Hamilton was a gifted cyclist in the 1930s and aided the French Resistance during WWII, rescuing airmen by bike and couriering coded messages hidden in her handlebars. Join Joe Kurmaskie, author and adventure cyclist, as he presents his hunt for Evelyn's inspirational life story.

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

## HONORING DEATH

### Death Cafe

**Sunday, November 12, 1-3 pm**

A Death Cafe is a group directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives or themes. It is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counseling session. *Refreshments provided by Friends of Vancouver Community Library.*

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

### Día de los Muertos: The Day of the Dead

**Saturday, November 18, 2-4:30 pm**

Enjoy live music, activities and entertainment, including pre-hispanic and traditional Mexican dancing, and crafts for all ages.

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

### Get Enrolled in Health Care Insurance

- **Tuesday, November 7, 4:30-7:30 pm**

- **Friday, December 8, 2-5 pm**

- **Friday, December 29, 10 am-1 pm**

Navigators, certified by the Health Benefit Exchange, will be available to:

- Help individuals and families complete their Washington Healthplanfinder application.
- Explain coverage options and the availability of financial assistance to lower the cost of insurance premiums.

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

## TRAVELOGUE

### Change Someone's Life with Your Vacation

**Thursday, November 9, 7-8 pm**

How can you combine helping people with your much-needed vacation? David Krier from Volunteer Voyages and his organization work to connect our skills with others' needs on rewarding international trips. Come hear highlights from recent trips to Peru and Thailand.

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[www.fvrl.org](http://www.fvrl.org)

**CLOSURES: November 11 (Veterans Day), November 23 (Thanksgiving), December 24 and 25 (Christmas) and January 1 (New Year's Day).**

All FVRL libraries, bookmobiles and district headquarters will be closed.

# Fun for All

## GAMES

### Vancouver Chess Club

**Mondays, 4-7:45 pm**

Drop in for informal chess play. All ages and abilities are welcome.

*Will not meet December 25.*

**MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4**

### Dungeons & Dragons

**Saturdays, 1-5 pm**

Play Dungeons & Dragons and meet other gamers. All experience levels are welcome. **Space is limited. Please sign up online for each weekly event.**

*Will not meet November 11.*

**MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4**

### Escape the Room: Fandom Edition

**Wednesday, December 13,  
5:30-7:30 pm**

Comics, sci-fi, books and more! You and your team have a limited time to solve the riddles, decipher the clues, and find the key to escaping our fandom-themed escape room. Please arrive on time to secure your place in a group. For ages 9 and up.

**MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4**

## ARTS AND CRAFTS

### Needle Crafters

**Thursdays, 6-7:30 pm**

Bring any needlecraft project, get advice, show off your handiwork and make new friends. *Will not meet November 23.*

**MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4**

### Craft Connections: An Adult Drop-in Craft Group

**Sundays, 11 am**

Join other adults in a weekly craft project. All experience levels welcome. Working on your own project? Bring it along and chat with other craft-minded people.

*Refreshments provided by Friends of Vancouver Community Library.*

*Will not meet December 24.*

**MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4**

# Book Discussion Groups for All Ages

*Pick up copies of discussion books at the library.*

## KIDS

### BOOK GROUP (ages 6-9)

**3rd Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 pm**

Join the **Bookaneers** for book discussion and theme-related activities. For kids and their participating adult (no older or younger children, please).

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM ROOM, LEVEL 3**

**November 16**

*The Great Pet Escape*

by Victoria Jamieson

**December 21**

*Ranger in Time: Rescue on the Oregon Trail*

by Kate Messner

### BOOK GROUP (ages 9-12)

**2nd Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 pm**

Join our **Discussion Junction** to talk about a new book each month. For children and their participating adult (no older or younger children, please).

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM ROOM, LEVEL 3**

**November 9**

*The Shadows*

by Jacqueline West

**December 14**

*Ugly*

by Robert Hoge

## TEENS

### BOOK GROUP (ages 12-18)

**2nd Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 pm**

Read this month's book and join us for snacks and a discussion.

**MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4**

**November 9**

*Exit, Pursued by a Bear*

by E.K. Johnston

**December 14**

*Hyperbole and a Half*

by Allie Brosh

## ADULTS

### BOOK DISCUSSION

**4th Mondays, 6:30-7:45 pm**

Join us for a rousing discussion of a different book each month.

*Will not meet on December 25.*

**MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4**

**November 27**

*The Nest*

by Cynthia D'Apris Sweeney

### BOOK DISCUSSION: BOOK BREW

**3rd Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm**

Open to all 19 to 30-ish.

**BREWED 360**

**603 Main St, Vancouver**

**November 15**

*Man's Search for Meaning*

by Viktor Frankl

**December 20**

*The Left Hand of Darkness*

by Ursula K. Le Guin

## ARTS AND CRAFTS

### Hand Sewing 101

**Sunday, November 5, 3:30-4:30 pm**

Learn basic sewing techniques so that you can repair your clothes instead of buying new ones! Bring an item to mend or come empty-handed and practice on a prepared fabric square.

**MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4**

## Teens (for ages 12-18)

### Teen Council

2nd Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 pm  
(November 9, December 14)

The library wants your opinion and input! Help us make the Vancouver Community Library a great place for teens, plan events, and get to know other teens. Call the library or email [khudson@fvrl.org](mailto:khudson@fvrl.org) to sign up.

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

### Altered Landscape: Teen Art Project

Thursday, November 16, 4-6 pm

Take unloved thrift store landscape paintings and paint in new characters and elements to create artwork that's uniquely you. All experience levels welcome and all supplies provided.

Registration is required. Space is limited, register on the library's online events calendar.

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

### Saturday Morning Movies

Saturdays, 10:30 am  
(December 2-30)

Ease on into the weekend with a morning movie.

TEEN CENTRAL, LEVEL 1

### Teen Ugly Sweater Decorating

Tuesday, December 19, 2:30 pm

The sillier the sweater, the bigger the laughs! Decorate your very own ugly holiday sweater or shirt. Bring an undecorated sweater or shirt and we'll provide the craft and decoration supplies. Snacks and plenty of hot cocoa provided!

TEEN CENTRAL, LEVEL 1

### Monthly Make-It

Come to the teen room any time the library is open to make stuff.

TEEN CENTRAL, LEVEL 1

## Fun for All

### MAKERSPACE

#### Couve Creators: A Drop-in Group for Makers

1st Tuesdays, 6 pm  
(November 7, December 5)

Love working with Arduino, Raspberry Pi and technology? Bring in your project, meet other area makers, and collaborate with electronics.

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

#### MAKE a Better World

2nd Tuesdays, 6:30 pm  
(November 14, December 12)

Join us each month as we work on a community service project to make the world we live in a little bit better!

MEETING ROOMS, LEVEL 4

#### Intro to 3D Design

- Sunday, November 26, 11:30 am
- Sunday, December 17, 11:30 am

Come and play with Tinkercad! Join this workshop to learn the basics of this free web-based 3D design software and get started creating your own objects for 3D printing.

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

#### 3D Printing Open Lab

- Sunday, November 26, 1:30 pm

- Sunday, December 17, 1:30 pm

Drop in to watch a 3D printer in action. Browse 3D designs or bring in your own .STL file for review by a library staff member for potential printing.

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

#### 3D Printing Certification

1st Sundays, 1:30 pm  
(November 5, December 3)

Register to become certified to use the library's Lulzbot Mini 3D printer. After certification, you can schedule time to work on your 3D printing projects independently. Attendance at Intro to 3D Design and 3D Printing Open Lab or demonstration of basic knowledge is required before certification. Space is limited—please sign up online.

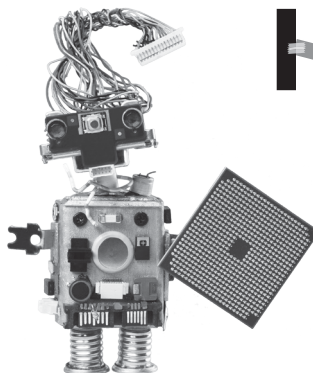
MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

#### Resin Jewelry

Tuesday, December 19, 6:30-7:30 pm

Learn how to make your own pendant using jewelry molds, findings, and clear cast epoxy. No experience necessary.

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4



## HEBOCON

### Crappy Robotics Tournament

Tuesday, November 21, 6-8 pm

Don't think you can build a robot? Hebocon is a robot sumo-wrestling tournament for those who don't have the technical skills to actually make robots. All ages are welcome to participate. Build your own robot at home or join us starting at 4 pm to build your own robot. Tournament begins promptly at 6 pm.

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

**PLEASE NOTE: Unless otherwise stated, there will be no children's programming on the following dates: December 17–January 7**

## Storytimes

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM  
ROOM, LEVEL 3

### BABY

- Mondays and Tuesdays, 9:30 am
- Thursdays, 2:30 pm

Songs, rhymes and books for ages 0-18 months.

### TODDLER

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 am

Stories, music, movement and activities for ages 18-36 months.

### PRESCHOOL

- Mondays, 2:30 pm
- Tuesdays, 10:30 am

Stories, music, activities and more for ages 3-6 years.

### FAMILY

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm

Stories, music, activities and more for children of all ages.

## PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM  
ROOM, LEVEL 3

### Music and Movement

Thursdays, 10:30 am

Including dance, parachutes, shakers and scarves for ages 0-6 years and their caregivers. *Will not meet November 23.*

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

### Explore

Wednesdays and  
Fridays (repeat), 10:30 am

Ages 3-6 with adult participation. Hands-on science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) activities.

### Come and Play on Saturday

Saturdays, 10:30 am

Arts, music, games, and more. For ages 0-6 and their caregivers. Wear your play clothes since things might get messy!

### Winter Break Fun!

Thursday, December 28

Join us for a special twist to our regular programming while on winter break. For ages 0-6 and their caregivers.

- Music and Movement, 10:30 am
- Family Storytime, 2:30 pm

### Noon Year's Eve Party

Saturday, December 30, 11 am

Ring in the New Year with a kid-friendly celebration. Come enjoy music, crafts, and a celebratory balloon drop at noon!

## Kids' Fun

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM  
ROOM, LEVEL 3

### Build It!

Tuesdays, 4:30 pm

Inspire your imagination and keep your engineering skills sharp.

### Read to the Dogs

2nd Wednesdays, 3-5 pm  
(November 8, December 13)

Dogs are great listeners! Come in and read to a furry friend. *This drop-in event is great for ages 5-12.*

### Funtastic Friday

Fridays, 3:30-5:30 pm

Are you ready for some fun? Drop in Friday afternoons for a wide range of creative and interactive projects. For ages 5-12.

### Lab Rats

Saturdays, 2:30 pm

Dig into science mysteries, engineering problems, and new and exciting art projects. **For ages 7-12, no older or younger children, please.**

### Hour of Code

Thursday, December 7, 5:30-7:30 pm

Have you ever wanted to design your own video game? Are you curious about how computer programs work? Join us, we'll demystify coding and prove that anybody can learn the basics. Best for ages 5 and up.

## Tween Fun

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM  
ROOM, LEVEL 3

### Chocolate Challenge

- Wednesday, November 15, 4-5 pm
- Saturday, November 18, 4-5 pm

Whose team will come out on top? And most importantly - who will get the chocolate?!? Join us to find out in this series of chocolate-based games and challenges. For tweens age 9-14.

### Munchies and a Movie

- Saturday, November 25, 2:30-5 pm
- Friday, December 22, 2:30-5 pm

Calling all future chefs! Learn how to make delicious snacks in this hands-on program. Anything you make, you get to enjoy during our afternoon movie. For kids age 7-12 years old.

- 2:30 pm: Snack making
- 3:30 pm: Movie begins

### Stop-Motion Movie MAKE-ing

Wednesday, December 20, 2-5 pm

Want to learn how to make your own animated movies at home? Join us as we brainstorm, plan, and film our own stop-motion short films. For tweens age 9-12. Space is limited, and registration is required. *Snacks provided by Friends of Vancouver Community Library.*

### Tween Ugly Sweater Decorating

Thursday, December 21, 2:30 pm

The sillier the sweater, the bigger the laughs! Decorate your very own ugly holiday sweater or shirt. Bring an undecorated sweater or shirt and we'll provide the craft and decoration supplies. Snacks and plenty of hot cocoa provided! **For tweens age 9-14.**

# Technology Workshops

Weekly workshops offer an introduction, hands-on instruction, and educational resource information about a variety of tech tools.

Explore - Learn - Apply

## DROP-IN HELP

### Tech Help Open Lab

Stop in anytime during the session for one-on-one help with your tech question about email, smartphones, creating documents and more.

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

- Thursday, November 9, 5-6 pm
- Thursday, November 16, 5-6 pm
- Thursday, November 30, 5-6 pm
- Saturday, December 2, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Saturday, December 9, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Saturday, December 16, 3:30-4:30 pm

## COMPUTER SKILLS

### Beginning Computer

This workshop will give you the opportunity to learn and apply basic computer techniques that apply to using Windows with a mouse and keyboard. Best for the absolute beginner.

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

- Monday, November 6, 11:30 am–12:30 pm
- Thursday, December 7, 5-6 pm

### Beginning Internet

Learn how to access and browse information online including news, weather, and email.

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

- Monday, November 13, 11:30 am–12:30 pm
- Thursday, December 14, 5-6 pm

## DEVICES

### Free eBooks/eAudio

FREE eBooks and eAudiobooks are available from the library. Bring in your mobile device or follow along on library computers to learn how to take books and media on the go!

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

- Monday, November 20, 11:30 am–12:30 pm
- Thursday, December 21, 5-6 pm

### Intro to Mobile Devices

Join us for a friendly session to get assistance with your own device and share your own experience, tips and tricks with the group. Bring your eReader, tablet or smartphone along with your questions!

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

- Monday, November 27, 11:30 am–12:30 pm

## FAMILY HISTORY

### Ancestry

We will present a mini topic on getting more out of Ancestry and then allow ample time for you to work on your search. Come get some tips and bring your questions!

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

- Wednesday, November 29, 4-5:30 pm

## JOB SKILLS

### Job Lab

Friendly, patient staff will help you with your job search. Extra internet time available for job-related projects. *Will not meet November 11.*

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

- Tuesdays, 11 am–1 pm
- Saturdays, 11 am–1 pm

## INTERNET

### Intro to Google Drive

Learn about the wide range of free features offered through Google, such as Google Drive, Google Docs and more.

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

- Thursday, November 2, 5-6 pm

## MICROSOFT

### Beginning Microsoft Word

Join us to learn the basics of Microsoft Word.

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

- Saturday, November 4, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Monday, December 4, 11:30 am–12:30 pm

### Beginning Microsoft Excel

Learn how to navigate Excel and gain familiarity with Excel Ribbon, entering and formatting data, calculating totals, and creating simple reports and charts.

COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

- Monday, December 11, 11:30 am–12:30 pm

### Intermediate Microsoft Excel

Continue building your skills in Microsoft Excel with more tips and tricks!

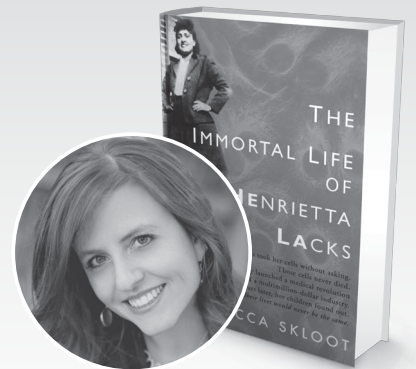
COMPUTER CLASSROOM, LEVEL 1

- Monday, December 18, 11:30 am–12:30 pm



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Tables of 10: \$850



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## THE BRAIN AND SCIENCE

## Focus on This!

Sunday, November 19, 3-5 pm

The constant input of information in our lives can lead to inattention and confusion. Learn how the latest research supports simple routines to protect your memory and improve your focus at any age.

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

## Neuroscience of Reality

Sunday, December 17, 1:30-3:30 pm

What is real, what is a sensory illusion, and how do we know? The blue/gold dress illusion demonstrates that you can't always trust your brain.

COLUMBIA ROOM, LEVEL 1

## LANGUAGE LEARNING

## English Conversation Circle

Tuesdays, 10-11:30 am

Practice speaking English in a comfortable setting. No registration required and everyone is welcome. Preschool-age children's activities provided. *Will not meet December 26.*

KLICKITAT ROOM, LEVEL 4

## Spanish Conversation Circle

Advanced: Tuesdays, 6-8 pm

Come and practice your speaking and listening skills in Spanish with other Spanish speakers. Converse on a wide variety of topics.

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

## Chinese Conversation Circle

Wednesdays, 6-7:30 pm

Practice your Mandarin Chinese-speaking skills with other adults, or learn basic Chinese taught by our native-speaking volunteers. Basic Pinyin system will be offered periodically. Speakers of all levels are welcome.

SKAMANIA ROOM, LEVEL 4

ASL Conversation Circle:  
Come Sign With Us

Thursdays, 4-5:30 pm

Study and practice American Sign Language with a fluent ASL teacher while learning about Deaf culture and history. Program geared toward beginning ASL. All are welcome. *Will not meet November 23.*

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

## MEETINGS

Friends of Vancouver  
Community Library

3rd Tuesdays, 4:30-6 pm  
(November 21)

Looking for a fun way to support your library? Join Friends of the Library at this regular meeting.

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

## FVRL Board of Trustees

• Monday, November 20, 6-8 pm

Woodland Community Library  
770 Park Street, Woodland

• Monday, December 18, 6-8 pm

Vancouver Community Library  
901 C St, Vancouver, WA

The Board of Trustees is the governing body for Fort Vancouver Regional Library District and holds public meetings on a regular basis. An agenda can be found at the FVRL Board of Trustees page of the website.

## STORIES AND BOOKS

## Morning Story Conversation

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

10:30 am–12 pm

(November 8, 22; December 13, 27)

Start your morning by hearing a short story and then sharing your insights and opinions with the group. *Refreshments provided by Friends of Vancouver Community Library.*

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

In Retrospect:  
The Art of the Memoir

Select Fridays, 10:30 am–12:30 pm

How does a life get translated onto the page? Delve into the construction of the personal narrative with a reading and writing group dedicated to the memoir. *Refreshments provided by Friends of Vancouver Community Library.*

November 17

*Phenomenal*  
by Leigh Ann Henion

December 15

*Cocktail Hour Under the Tree of Forgetfulness*  
by Alexandra Fuller

KLICKITAT ROOM, LEVEL 4

## USED BOOK SALE

Friends of Vancouver Community  
Library Holiday Book Sale

• Saturday, November 18,  
10:30 am–5 pm

• Sunday, November 19, 12-4 pm

Find gift-quality and collectible used books, priced \$1.50 to \$35. All items will be half-price on Sunday. Proceeds benefit Vancouver Community Library and its programs.

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DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS  
Library Hall, 1007 E Mill Plain Blvd  
Vancouver, WA 98663

## WRITING

## NaNoWriMo: Write In Motion

Sunday, November 12, 2-4 pm

The Write in Motion is an all-day, multi-venue event that takes writers all over Vancouver. Join us at the library from 2-4. Check out the full schedule at <https://nanowrimo.org/regions/usa-washington-vancouver>

MEETING ROOM, LEVEL 4

Getting Published with  
CreateSpace

Wednesday, December 6, 3-4:30 pm

Dan Bullard, author of *The Reluctant Road Warrior*, discusses his road to publication and how you can self-publish using Amazon's CreateSpace platform.

KLICKITAT ROOM, LEVEL 4

## Speculative Fiction Writers Group

2nd Saturdays, 10 am–2 pm  
(December 9)

If you have a story to tell, join other speculative fiction writers in a quiet room where you can tap away on your keyboard. *Will not meet in November.*

KLICKITAT ROOM, LEVEL 4

