# FVRLibraries NEWS&EVENTS

DISCUSS

HEF

# SEARCH



Fullow your train of thou and discover

Find your way pround the library

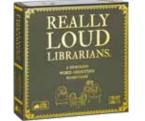
Your season of discovery starts now!

**JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2025** 

WONDER

# TABLE OF CONTENTS







| Letter from the Executive Director | 1    |
|------------------------------------|------|
| 75 Years of FVRL                   | 2    |
| From the Archives                  | 2    |
| Your Key to Digital Resources      | 3–5  |
| Library Program Highlights         | 6–10 |
| Storytime Schedule                 | 7    |
| 5 Fantastic Board Games            | 11   |
| Bookmobile Schedule                |      |
| Library Locations                  |      |
|                                    |      |

### **FVRL BOARD MEETINGS**

Join FVRLibraries Board meetings virtually or in person to stay informed about library initiatives and share your voice during public comment. Be part of the conversation shaping the future of your libraries!

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- January 21 | Cascade Park Community Library
- February 18 | Vancouver Community Library

To learn more and to find the Zoom link for the next meeting, visit fvrl.org/board-trustees

## **CLOSURES**

All FVRLibraries locations will be closed on:

January 20 for MLK Day February 17 for Presidents Day

# News & Events is now a bi-monthly booklet!

We're excited to share News & Events every two months, featuring updates, programs, and happenings across our libraries. We'd love to hear your thoughts and ideas to help us improve this booklet and better serve our patrons.

Share your thoughts: **fvrlibraries.org/news-events** 

#### Want monthly updates?

Sign up for our newsletter sent via email each month to learn about new services, upcoming events, cool ways to use your library card, and more!

Get started: fvrl.org/newsroom



# REFLECTIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Library Patrons,

As we step into 2025, I'm filled with gratitude as I reflect on all we accomplished last year. It was a year of growth and renewal as we worked tirelessly to meet the evolving needs of those we serve.

One of the most exciting milestones in 2024 was the grand opening of the Woodland Community Library. From its interactive children's area to its collaborative spaces for adults, Woodland has quickly become an illuminating example of FVRLibraries' commitment to learning and connection. The joy and energy shared during its opening reflected the value of this new chapter, and we look forward to its continued growth as a cornerstone of the community.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of FVRLibraries, an incredible milestone that invites us to honor our history while embracing the possibilities ahead. Over the past 75 years, libraries have built upon their rich tradition of fostering knowledge and community, evolving into dynamic spaces where ideas take root, creativity thrives, and people come together in meaningful ways.

Throughout the year, we'll be hosting special programs to celebrate our past and imagine the future. These initiatives highlight the vital role libraries play in lifelong learning and building community resilience. None of this would be possible without your unwavering support. Together, we've created a library system that empowers individuals and strengthens our communities.

Here's to an extraordinary 2025—let's make it a year to remember!



Executive Director Jennifer Giltrop with Jack the Alpaca at La Center Community Library's 20th anniversary festivities

All my best,

# Thank You for Shaping Our Story 75 Years of FVRL

For 75 years, Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries (FVRLibraries) has been woven into the fabric of our communities. The libraries we love today are a reflection of the people, stories, and shared vision that have shaped them.

It all began with a community vision. In 1891, the Women's Christian Temperance Union petitioned the City of Vancouver to fund a public library, ensuring everyone had access to knowledge.

In Ridgefield, the Priscilla Study Club transformed a small study group into a library that served generations. And in Stevenson, the Women's Club built a space for connection and learning that became a cornerstone of the town.

These grassroots efforts paved the way for the formation of FVRLibraries in 1950, uniting libraries across the region into one system. Since then, the library has grown alongside its communities.

The first bookmobile hit the road in 1941, bringing books to rural schools and families.

Volunteers formed a "book brigade" to move books to the new Ridgefield Library in 2021.

And year after year, local advocates have worked to expand resources, ensuring libraries serve as spaces for learning, exploration, and creativity.

Libraries don't just serve communities—they are shaped by them. Every library, from Vancouver's historic Carnegie building to Yacolt's Bigfoot Book Store managed by the local Friends of the Library group, carries the spirit of the people who built, used, and sustained it.

Whether it's a child discovering a love of reading at storytime or a family borrowing games for a weekend together, each interaction adds a chapter to the library's story.

As we celebrate FVRLibraries' 75th anniversary, we honor the communities that have made this milestone possible. This is your library system, built by your vision, and together, we'll continue creating spaces where everyone belongs.

#### From the ARCHIVES



Patrons read and browse books in what is believed to be the interior of the Ridgefield Library



Wreath-making library program at Vancouver Mall



Seahawks fan returning a book in Lyle

# Your FVRLibraries Card: Your Key to Digital Resources in 2025

Serving Clark, Skamania, and Klickitat Counties and parts of Cowlitz County

RLibraries

A new year is the perfect time to focus on growth, learning, and creativity. Whether you're pursuing career goals, supporting education, or diving into personal interests, these digital resources are here to make life easier, more productive, and more enjoyable—whenever you need them.

### If you are looking for a new job

Whether you're seeking a fresh opportunity or leveling up in your current role, these tools can help you build confidence, learn new skills, and stand out.

#### RESOURCES

**LinkedIn Learning Library:** Short, expert-led courses cover everything from leadership to marketing to technology, giving you the edge to grow professionally.

**Northstar Online Learning:** Perfect for building or refreshing essential tech skills like spreadsheets, email, and online safety.

**Ferguson's Career Guidance Center:** Not sure where to start? Explore career paths, take assessments, and confidently plan your next steps.



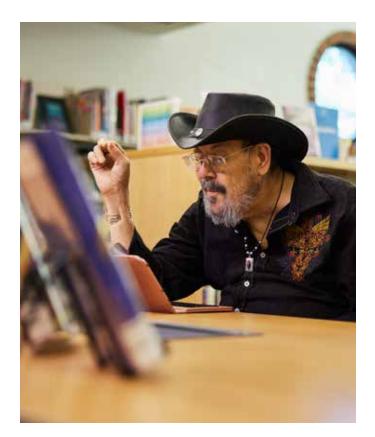


### If you are catching up on school work, or supporting someone who is

Learning happens at every stage of life—whether you're homeschooling your children, supporting a student in the classroom, or pursuing your lifelong education. The library offers digital tools designed to meet the needs of learners of all ages, helping everyone thrive.

#### RESOURCES

**World Book Early Learning:** Engaging games, videos, and activities make foundational learning fun for young children, from reading to science to social studies.



HelpNow by Brainfuse: Connect with live tutors, access homework help, and get feedback on writing—all from the comfort of home.

**Learning Express Library (En Español):** Build skills in math, reading, and writing, or prepare for tests like the SAT, GED, and GRE—available in English and Spanish.

# *If you are exploring your family's history*

Discovering your roots can be a fascinating and rewarding experience. These genealogy tools make it easy to uncover the stories of your past.

#### RESOURCES

**HeritageQuest:** Access census records, family histories, and more to build your family tree.

**Fold3:** Explore military records, service histories, and photographs to learn about your ancestors and their lives.

**Ancestry Library (available in-library only):** Dive deeper into genealogical records from around the world for an in-depth look at your heritage.



# *If you want to relax with a good movie, good music, or a good game*

Whether you're looking to unwind or find inspiration, these entertainment options are always ready to bring some joy to your day.

#### RESOURCES

**Hoopla:** Stream movies, TV shows, audiobooks, eBooks, and comics instantly—no waiting required.

**Kanopy:** Enjoy thoughtful and engaging films, from independent cinema to timeless classics.

**Freegal+:** Access millions of songs to stream or download and keep forever.

**New York Times Games:** Crosswords, word puzzles, and Spelling Bee are just a few of the fun challenges waiting for you.





# *If you're always ready to learn something new*

Whether it's a skill you've always wanted to learn or a project you've been meaning to start, these resources can help you make progress.

#### RESOURCES

**Creativebug:** Thousands of video tutorials guide you step-by-step through creative projects like crafting, painting, and DIY skills.

**Chilton Library:** Get expert guidance for vehicle repairs, from simple maintenance to more complex fixes.

**Gale General OneFile:** Explore articles on science, history, current events, and more—perfect for research or personal enrichment.

**New York Times Cooking:** This section offers recipes and tips for elevating meals, from weeknight dinners to special occasions.

To look up and use each resource visit fvrl.org/resources-a-z, and be sure to have your library card ready! Don't have a library card? Visit fvrl.org/library-accounts to open an account.

# LIBRARY PROGRAMS

With a wide variety of programs offered across our 15 branches, there's something for everyone! Review programs by age in this guide, find details online at fvrl.librarymarket.com, or stop by your local library's front desk for a full list of branch-specific schedule.

### **KIDS & PRESCHOOL**

For a full list of programs visit fvrl.librarymarket.com or stop by the front desk at your local library.

Practice reading out loud to a friendly,

furry buddy who's there to listen and

• La Center: 1st & 3rd Tue., 4–5 pm

Three Creeks: 4th Thu., 4:30–5:30 pm

• Cascade Park: 1st & 3rd Wed.,

• Ridgefield: 4th Tue., 6–7 pm

#### **ARTS & CRAFTS**

Drop in for creative and interactive

• Stevenson: Every Wed., 2-4 pm

White Salmon Valley: 2nd Fri.,

• Vancouver: Every Tue., 3:30-5 pm

• Yacolt: Every Wed. & Fri., 11 am-5 pm

Yale Valley: 3rd Mon. & Thu., 2:30–5 pm

projects. Use your imagination, stretch

your creativity or practice a new artistic

**Kids Create** 

skill.



#### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Kids Read to a Dog

make you smile.

4-5 pm



#### STEM\*



#### STEM Lab

Join us to design, build, and explore fun STEM activities that will make you feel like a scientist or inventor!

- La Center: 4th Thu., 3:30-4:30 pm
- Three Creeks: 3rd Wed., 1-2 pm
- Vancouver: 2nd & 4th Sat., 2:30–4 pm
- Washougal: 4th Thu., 4–5 pm

#### Special STEM Lab Program - Tech Petting Zoo! Come play with different STEAM-focused learning tools. This program made possible through generous support from the Pacific Power Foundation.

- Battle Ground: Jan. 31, 2–4 pm
- Cascade Park: Jan. 31, 4:30–5:30 pm
- La Center: Feb. 27, 3:30–4:30 pm
- Vancouver Mall: Feb. 8, 11 am-2pm
- Ridgefield: Feb. 19, 4–6 pm
- Washougal: Jan. 22, 4–5 pm

#### **Build It**

Bring your ideas to life with LEGO® bricks and other fun materials. Show off your creations and grow your STEM superpowers!

- Three Creeks: 3rd Thu., 4-5 pm
- Vancouver: Every Thu., 3:30–5 pm
- White Salmon Valley: 3rd Sat., 3:30-4:30 pm

#### Special Event at Goldendale!

Seed Swap with community members. Feb. 22, 10 am-3 pm

\*Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math



# • Vancouver: 2nd. Wed., 3-5 pm Woodland: 2nd & 4th Tue., 4–5 pm

- Three Creeks: Feb. 19, 1–2 pm
- Vancouver: Jan. 11, 2:30-4 pm

fun-whether you're a beginner or a pro. Bring your board or use ours and challenge a new friend!

- Cascade Park: 2nd Sat., 10:30 am-12 pm
- Ridgefield: 3rd Sat., 11 am-1 pm

#### Similar Program at Vancouver!

Board Game Social, 4th Sun., 2:30-5 pm

6 • JAN/FFB





#### **Kids Book Groups**

**BOOK GROUPS** 

3:30-5 pm

Are you ready for chapter books? Grab an adult to join you and come ready to discuss, have fun and make new friends.

- Battle Ground: 3rd Wed., 4:30–5:30 pm
- Cascade Park: 1st Fri., 4:30–5:30 pm
- La Center: 3rd Thu., 3–4 pm
- Three Creeks: 1st Thu., 4–5 pm

#### White Salmon Valley: 1st Thu., 4-5 pm





# **Chess Social Club**

# Want to play chess? Come join the

Mark Your Calendar!

Scan the QR code to

for Kids & Preschool

Programs.

explore upcoming dates

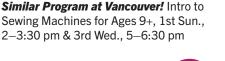
Washougal: 2nd Mon., 4–5 pm

#### **Homeschool Hangout**

Connect with other homeschool families, make new friends, and build a supportive community while enjoying fun activities and exploring helpful library resources!

- Three Creeks: 3rd Wed., 1–2 pm
- Ridgefield: 2nd Tue., 11:30 am-1 pm







BABY: 0–18 months

TODDLER: 18–36 months

**PRESCHOOL:** 3–5 years

FAMILY: 0-5 years

WELCOME! Hear stories, sing songs, and enjoy fun activities for children and their parents or caregivers. Capacity may be limited at some locations. Storytimes occur weekly unless otherwise noted.\*

BABY

FRI 10 am

FRI 11 am

TODDLER

TUE 10:30 am

PRESCHOOL

WED 10:30 am

WED 10:30 am

1ST SAT\* 10:30 am

FAMILY

Goldendale

Stevenson WED 10:30 am

SAT 10:30 am

White Salmon Valley

White Salmon Valley

#### **NORTH CLARK & COWLITZ**

**BABY** Battle Ground THU 10:30 am

#### BABY & TODDLER

La Center FRI 10:30 am WED 10:30 am WED 10:30 am

#### **TODDI FR**

**Battle Ground** FRI 10:30 am

PRESCHOOL Battle Ground TUE 11 am WED 11 am

#### PRESCHOOL (cont.) La Center THU 10:30 am

#### FAMILY

Ridgefield MON 10:30 am WED 10:30 am

Woodland TUE 10:30 am

#### **MUSIC & MOVEMENT** Ridgefield \*1ST WED 3:30 pm

**PLAY TO LEARN Battle Ground** MON 10 am

#### THE GORGE

#### FAMILY (cont.)

White Salmon Valley SAT 10:30 am

fvrl.org/grow-reader

#### PLAY TO LEARN

White Salmon Valley MON 10:30 am

#### COMMUNITY

**Goldendale Primary** School 2ND WED\* 2 pm

**Dallesport Community** Center 1ST THU\* 11 am

**BZ** Corner 2ND THU\* 10:30 am

**Trout Lake** 2ND & 4TH FRI\* 10 am

#### SOUTH CLARK

BABY Cascade Park TUE 1 pm

**Three Creeks** WED 10:30 am WED 11:30 am

Vancouver MON 10:30 am TUE 10:30 am

TODDLER

Cascade Park FRI 10:30 am

Vancouver THU 10:30 am FRI 10:30 am

PRESCHOOL

Cascade Park THU 11:30 am

Vancouver WED 10:30 am

#### FAMILY Cascade Park SAT 11:30 am

Three Creeks MON 10:30 am TUE 10:30 am THU 10:30 am SAT 10:30 am

#### FAMILY(cont.)

Vancouver Mall TUE 11 am THU 11 am

Washougal TUE 10:30 am THU 10:30 am

#### **MUSIC & MOVEMENT**

Vancouver MON 2:30 pm

#### SENSORY STORYTIME

Vancouver 2ND SAT\* **R** 10:30 am (for ages 3–9)

COMMUNITY (check in at front desk)

**Eisenhower Elementary** FRI 9 am

Hazel Dell Elementary FRI 9 am

Lakeshore Elementary WED 9 am

FVRLibraries

**R** Registration



#### White Salmon Valley

### **TEENS & TWEENS**

For a full list of programs visit fvrl.librarymarket.com or stop by the front desk at your local library.

#### ARTS & CRAFTS



#### Anime Your Way (Ages 13, Registration required)

This comprehensive drawing program developed over 10 years by former Simpson's artist Carlos Nieto III that teaches you how to create and modify an anime character from scratch, no matter what your drawing level is!

- Cascade Park: Jan. 28, 5–6:15 pm
- Ridgefield: Jan. 29, 5:30–6:45 pm
- Woodland: Jan. 30, 4–5:15 pm

#### Craft/Art & Chat

Show off your latest work while building community with your fellow peer artists.

- Ridgefield (Teen Only): 3rd Thu., 4–6 pm
- Washougal: 2nd Wed., 4–5 pm

**Similar Program at Vancouver!** Intro to Sewing Machines for Ages 9+, 1st Sun., 2–3:30 pm & 3rd Wed., 5–6:30 pm



#### **Tween Book Group**

Join other tween readers for friendly discussions.

- Battle Ground: 2nd Tue., 4:30–5:30 pm
- Cascade Park: 4th Mon., 5–6 pm
- La Center: 1st Thu. 4–5 pm
- Three Creeks: 1st Thu., 5:15-6:15 pm
- White Salmon Valley: 2nd Thu., 3:30–4:30 pm

#### **Teen Book Group**

Join our teen book group for friendly discussions.

- Battle Ground: 2nd Thu., 4–5 pm
- White Salmon Valley: 3rd Thu., 5–6 pm



#### Tabletop Role-playing Games

Immerse yourself in a world of excitement! Create a character and take on challenges with a team of other players in this interactive story.

- Ridgefield: Every Tue. OR Every Fri., 4:30–6 pm
- Three Creeks: Every Tue., 4:30-6 pm
- Washougal: 4th Mon., 4:30–6 pm
- Online: Every Tue. OR Every Fri., 4:30–6 pm
- Vancouver (Teens only): Every Wed., 4–6 pm

#### Teen Video Game Club (TVGC)

Come hang out & meet new friends! TVGC was created by teens, for teens, and all activities are decided by the club.

• Online: 1st Fri., 4–5:30 pm

#### **Chess Social Club**

Want to play chess? Come join the fun—whether you're a beginner or a pro.

- Cascade Park (Kids & Tweens only): 2nd Sat., 10:30 am-12 pm
- Ridgefield: 3rd Sat., 11 am-1 pm



#### **Teen Council**

We need your help to make sure the stuff we're doing at the library is stuff you actually want. Earn volunteer hours, eat snacks and meet other teens.

- Cascade Park: 1st Tue., 5–6 pm
- Goldendale: 4th Fri., 5–7 pm
- Ridgefield: 1st Thu. 4:30–5:15 pm, starting February
- White Salmon Valley: 3rd Fri., 5–6 pm

*Tween Council at La Center!* 1st Tue., 4–4:30 pm



#### **Teen Hangout**

Come hang out with friends, play games, craft, and chat about your favorite things!

- Stevenson: 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Tue., 4:30–6 pm
- Vancouver: Every Thu., 4–6:30 pm & Every Sat., 3–5 pm
- Washougal: 1st Thu., 4–5 pm
- White Salmon Valley: 3rd Fri., 6:30–8:30 pm

*Tween Hangout at Vancouver!* 1st & 3rd Wed., 3:30–5 pm

STEM

### STEM\*

#### Kids & Tweens STEM Lab

Design, build, and explore fun STEM activities that will make you feel like a scientist or inventor!

- La Center: 4th Thu., 3:30-4:30 pm
- Three Creeks: 3rd Wed., 1–2 pm
- Vancouver: 2nd & 4th Sat., 2:30–4 pm
- Washougal: 4th Thu., 4–5 pm

#### All Ages! STEM Lab - Tech Petting Zoo

Come play with different STEAMfocused learning tools. *This program made possible through generous support from the Pacific Power Foundation.* 

- Battle Ground: Jan. 31, 2–4 pm
- Cascade Park: Jan. 31, 4:30–5:30 pm
- La Center: Feb. 27, 3:30-4:30 pm
- Three Creeks: Feb. 19, 1–2 pm
- Vancouver: Jan. 11, 2:30-4 pm
- Vancouver Mall: Feb. 8, 11 am–2pm
- Ridgefield: Feb. 19, 4-6 pm
- Washougal: Jan. 22, 4–5 pm

\*Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math



*Mark Your Calendar!* Scan the QR code to explore upcoming dates for Tweens & Teens programs.



### ADULTS

#### For a full list of programs visit fvrl.librarymarket.com or stop by the front desk at your local library.



#### Art Chat

Art Chats are held to promote awareness of art in our area, to encourage sharing our own art, to teach art techniques, to share local art events, and to network with your peers. Bring one or two pieces of your art to share, or just come to enjoy the camaraderie.

- Battle Ground: 2nd Wed., 1–3 pm & 4th Mon., 5:30–6:30 pm
- Ridgefield: 1st Tue., 10:30 am-12:30 pm
- Woodland: 1st Thu., 11 am-1 pm

#### Anime Your Way - Special Programming for Ages 13+ (Registration required)

Anime Your Way is a comprehensive step by step drawing program developed over 10 years by former Simpson's artist Carlos Nieto III that teaches you how to create and modify an anime character from scratch, no matter what your drawing level is!

- Cascade Park: Jan. 28, 5 6:15 pm
- Ridgefield: Jan. 29, 5:30 6:45 pm
- Woodland: Jan. 30, 4 5:15 pm

#### **Fiber Art Social Circle**

Join us for our fiber arts social circles, where you can work on your own projects and make connections. Any stitchery hobby is welcome!

- Goldendale: 2nd & 4th Tue., 1:30–2:30 pm
- La Center: 2nd & 4th Fri., 10–12 am
- Ridgefield: Every Wed., 10 am–12 pm
- Stevenson: Every Thu., 2-4 pm
- Vancouver Mall: Every Wed., 5:30–6:30 pm
- White Salmon Valley: Every Thu., 10 am-12 pm

#### Similar Program at Vancouver! Intro to

Sewing Machines for Ages 9+, 1st Sun., 2–3:30 pm & 3rd Wed., 5–6:30 pm

#### Create an Art Journal at Stevenson!

Participate in an art tutorial each month, and bound the finished work into an oversized art journal during the year. 1st Tue., 4–5:30 pm



#### **Adult Book Groups**

Join us for a lively discussion about this month's title and connect with fellow readers while sharing new perspectives and building community.

- Battle Ground: 4th Wed., 9:30–10:30 am
- Cascade Park: 1st Thu., 6:30–7:30 pm & 4th Tue., 10:30–11:30 am
- La Center: 1st Wed., 9-10 am
- Goldendale: 4th Mon., 11 am-12 pm
- Ridgefield: 3rd Tue., 6–7 pm OR 1st Wed., 5–6 pm
- Stevenson: 1st Wed., 6-7 pm
- Three Creeks: 1st Tue., 6–7 pm OR 1st Thu., 12:30–2 pm (Horror)
- Vancouver: 2nd Thu., 6-7 pm
- White Salmon Valley: 1st Fri.,
  4–5 pm (Nature Lovers Group) OR
  4th Tue., 1–2 pm
- Yale Valley: 4th Thu., 10–11 am
- Online Adult YA: 1st. Tue., 7–7:45 pm
- Online Spicy Romance: 1st Thu., 6–7 pm
- Offsite 54°40' Brewing Co. (Washougal): 3rd Thu., 6–7 pm
- Offsite Cogir at The Quarry (Vancouver): 3rd Thu., 10:30–11:30 am
- Offsite Glenwood Place Senior Living Plaza (Vancouver Mall): 2nd Thu., 10:30–11:30 am
- Offsite Van Mall Retirement Community (Vancouver Mall): 3rd Tue., 10:30–11:30 am

#### Print Your Own Program & Events Calendar in 5 Steps

- 1. ACCESS THE CALENDAR Open the FVRL Events Calendar by visiting fvrl.librarymarket.com.
- 2. FILTER EVENTS (Optional) Use the filters (e.g., branch, event type, age group) to narrow down the events you want to include.
- **3. ENTER PRINT VIEW** Click the **Print** button (you can find this at the bottom of the purple box).
- 4. SET YOUR PREFERENCES On the Printable Events page select a start and end date for your calendar.

#### 5. VIEW & PRINT

Click View & Print to see the simplified, printer-friendly version of your calendar. Once satisfied, print your copy or save it as a PDF.



### **ADULTS**

For a full list of programs visit fvrl.librarymarket.com or stop by the front desk at your local library.



#### ABOUT CONVERSATION CIRCLES:

Conversation Circles are a friendly. informal spaces to practice a language, led by a volunteer who knows that language fluently. To participate in Conversation Circles, you should have enough command of the language to introduce yourself, discuss daily life topics, share ideas, ask simple questions, and follow group discussions. Perfect grammar isn't required—this is about building confidence and improving skills.

- English Conversation Circles
- Battle Ground: Every Wed., 10:30 am-12 pm
- Cascade Park: Most Mon., 5:30– 7:30 pm (check website for details)
- Ridgefield: Every Wed., 3–5:30 pm
- Vancouver: Every Fri., 3–4 pm
- Off-site Fourth Plain Commons (Vancouver): Every Tue., 5:30-7 pm

#### Spanish

GAMES

• Ridgefield: Every Wed., 3–5 pm



#### **Board Game Social Club**

Drop in to enjoy a variety of board games and make some new connections! Play an old favorite, or learn something new.

- Battle Ground: Jan. 28., 1–2:30 pm
- Woodland: 1st & 3rd Sat., 1:30-5:30 pm
- Online (Teens & Adults): 2nd Wed, 6–7 pm



Mark Your Calendar! Scan the QR code to explore upcoming dates for Adult Programs.

#### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

#### Food & Gardening Programs

Explore FVRL's gardening programs! Gain tips, resources, and inspiration while connecting with fellow gardening enthusiasts.

- Goldendale (Growing Through the Seasons): Jan. 25, Feb. 8, Feb. 22, 10-11 am
- Woodland (Master Gardener Series): 3rd Sat., 10:30–11:30 am
- White Salmon (Growing Food in 4' x 8' Garden Beds): Feb. 15, 1-3 pm

#### More Food-related Fun at Cascade **Park** (for Teens & Adults)!

Make Your Own Sourdough Starter, Feb. 15, 2–3 pm

#### **Genealogy Programs**

Explore genealogy programs at FVRL! Whether you're just starting out or an experienced researcher, our libraries offer resources to support your journey and opportunities to connect with fellow genealogy enthusiasts.

- La Center: 2nd Thu., 9–10 am
- Online: 1st & 3rd Wed., 3–4:30 pm (starts Jan. 16)
- Vancouver: 1st & 3rd Wed., 3–4:30 pm

#### **College Financial Aid Workshop**

Clark College has partnered with FVRLibraries, Fourth Plain Forward, and other community partners to help you through the financial aid application process for FASFA/WASFA

- Jan. 15, Online, 6–7 pm
- Jan. 25, Cascade Park or Online, 10 am-1 pm
- Feb. 8, Battle Ground or Online, 10 am-1 pm

Resume Writing at Ridgefield! Join FVRL & the WSU-V Writing Center for this free resume workshop! Feb. 8, 10 am-12 pm





#### **Drop-In Tech Help**

Bring your device and your questions to meet with a staff member to get basic tech help and find answers to your questions about your mobile device, e-reader, websites, and more.

- Cascade Park: Every Thu., 10-11 am
- Goldendale: Every Thu., 10–1 pm

\*Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math

# WELLNESS

#### **Chair & Gentle Yoga**

These yoga programs for adults focuses on gentle movement, stretching, and mindfulness to relieve tension and stress while calming the nervous system.

- Battle Ground (Chair): 2nd Tue., 1–2 pm (Starts in Feb.)
- Online (Chair): Every Tue., 2–2:30 pm
- Online (Gentle): Every Tue., 3–4 pm

#### Similar Programming at Ridgefield!

Adult Gentle Strength & Strength Class, Every Thu., 11–11:45 am



#### Writing Groups at FVRL

Join one of our writing groups, where you can share your work, get tips, and help other fellow writers.

- La Center (Adult Writing Group): 4th Thu., 9-11 am
- Vancouver (Craft of Writing): 2nd Thu., 10:30 am-12:30 pm
- Vancouver (Poetry): 3rd Sat., 11 am-12 pm





# Winter Fun: 5 Fantastic Board Games to Borrow

Whether you're strategizing solo, playing with family, or telling imaginative stories, your library has a fantastic collection of board games to make your winter evenings memorable. Borrow one today and start playing!

#### For Strategists



**APIARY** 1-5 players, age 14+

Lead a futuristic hive of sentient honeybees as they explore planets, gather resources, and compete to build the most advanced society.

#### **For Nature Lovers**



WINGSPAN 1-5 players, age 14+

Create a stunning wildlife habitat in this beautifully designed strategy game. Collect food tokens, lay eggs, and attract rare birds to build the most diverse aviary.

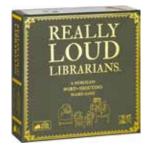
#### **For Storytellers**



**DIXIT** 3-6 players, age 8+

Players use beautifully illustrated cards to create clues and guess which card matches the story, encouraging creativity and connection.

#### For the Family



#### **REALLY LOUD LIBRARIANS**

2+ players, age 8+

Teams race to shout words from specific categories that match the letter on the game board. This fastpaced word game is perfect for big groups and lots of laughs.

#### For Little Ones



HI-HO! CHERRY-O 2-4 players, age 3+

A classic game for preschoolers that teaches counting and turn-taking. Spin the spinner, pick cherries, and race to fill your fruit basket!

#### **Borrow and Play**

Stop by your local library to borrow these board games or browse even more options on our the FVRLibraries' Catalog.



fvrlibraries.org/BoardGames

# FVRLIBRARIES BOOKMOBILES



### Goldendale / Klickitat

#### **WISHRAM - KLICKITAT**

| <b>Every other Tuesday:</b> | Jan 14, | , 28; F | eb 11, 25 |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|-----------|
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|-----------|

| Wishram School       |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Wishram Heights      | 11:30 am–12 pm |
| Klickitat Mini Park* | 1:45–3:15 pm   |

#### LYLE - DALLESPORT

| Lyle Market <sup>^</sup>    | 11:45 am–12:30 pm |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Dallesport Community Center | 1:30–3 pm         |

#### **ROOSEVELT - ALDERDALE**

| Every other Thursday: Jan 16, 30: Feb 13, 27 |             |  |
|--|-------------|--|
| Roosevelt School                             | 9:45–11 am  |  |
| Pueblo del Rio                               | 11–11:45 am |  |
| Alderdale Fire Hall*                         | 1–1:30 pm   |  |
| Columbia River Country Store                 | 2–2:45 pm   |  |

#### BICKLETON

#### **CENTERVILLE - MARYHILL - GEORGEVILLE**

| Every other Wednesday: Jan | 1 8, 22; Feb 5, 19 |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
|----------------------------|--------------------|

| Centerville School      |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Maryhill Gift & Gallery | 1–2 pm |
|                         |        |

#### **KLICKITAT - APPLETON - WAHKIACUS**

Every other Thursday: Jan 9, 23; Feb 6, 20

| Klickitat School       | 9:30–11:30 am |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Appleton Post Office^. | 1–2 pm        |
| Wahkiacus <sup>^</sup> | 2:45–3:15 pm  |

Times are approximate depending on road construction and conditions. \* Book return located at/nearby, ^Weather permitting

### Skamania / W. Klickitat

#### CARSON

| Every other Tuesday: Jan 14, 28; Fe | b 11, 25       |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Old Detour Rd & High Bridge         | 9:45–10:15 am  |
| W Carson Elementary                 | 10:45–11:30 am |
|                                     | 12:30–2:15 pm  |
| Gator Creek Gardens                 | 2:30–3 pm      |
| W Teeter Toddlers                   | 3:30–4:15 pm   |
| Every other Tuesday: Jan 7, 21; Feb | 4, 18          |
| Happy Kidz Preschool                | 9:45–10:15 am  |
| W Carson Elementary                 | 10:45–11:30 am |
|                                     | 12:30–2:15 pm  |
| Mobile Home Park @ Shipherd Falls   | 2:30–3 pm      |
| 🖤 Teeter Toddlers                   |                |

#### **GLENWOOD - TROUT LAKE - WHITE SALMON**

| Every Wednesday: Jan 8, 1   | 5, 22, 29; Feb 5, 12, 19, 26 |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Glenwood (School)           | 11 am–12 pm                  |
| Trout Lake (School)         | 1:15–2:45 pm                 |
| White Salmon Treaty Fishing | Access Site                  |
|                             | 3:30–4 pm                    |

#### **SKAMANIA - WASHOUGAL - BONNEVILLE**

| Every Thursday: Jan 9, 16, 23 |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 🖤 Skamania (School)           | 10–11:30 am |
| W Mt Pleasant (School)        | 1–2:30 pm   |

#### 1st and 3rd Thursdays: Jan 16; Feb 6, 20

Bonneville Treaty Fishing Access Site ...... 3:15-4 pm

#### **COOK - UNDERWOOD - WHITE SALMON**

| Every Friday: Jan 10, 17 <sup>‡</sup> , 24, 31; F | eb 7, 14, 21, 28 |
|---|------------------|
| Mill A (School)                                   | 10 am–12 pm      |
| Underwood (Community Center)                      | 12:30–1:15 pm    |
| White Salmon (Rhine Village Apts)                 | 2:30–4 pm        |

Times are approximate depending on road construction and conditions.

W Every week, ‡No school, stops continue



# LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Battle Ground Community Library 1207 SE 8th Way Battle Ground WA 98604

Cascade Park Community Library (by Firstenburg Community Center) 600 NE 136th Ave Vancouver WA 98684

**Goldendale Community Library** 131 West Burgen St Goldendale WA 98620

La Center Community Library 1411 NE Lockwood Creek Rd La Center WA 98629

North Bonneville Community Library 214 CBD Mall (inside City Hall) North Bonneville WA 98639

Ridgefield Community Library 210 N Main Ave Ridgefield WA 98642

Stevenson Community Library 120 NW Vancouver Ave Stevenson WA 98648 Three Creeks Community Library (Salmon Creek) 800-C NE Tenney Rd Vancouver WA 98685

Vancouver Community Library (Downtown) 901 C St Vancouver WA 98660

Vancouver Mall Library 8700 NE Vancouver Mall Dr, Suite 285 Vancouver WA 98662 Washougal Community Library 1661 C St Washougal WA 98671

White Salmon Valley Community Library 77 NE Wauna Ave White Salmon WA 98672

**Woodland Community Library** 411 Lakeshore Drive Woodland WA 98674

**Yacolt Library Express** 105 E Yacolt Rd Yacolt WA 98675 Yale Valley Community Library 11700 Lewis River Rd Ariel WA 98603

#### **BOOK RETURNS**

Alderdale Fire Hall Bickleton Market Street Cafe Green Mountain Elementary Canyon Market in Klickitat Lyle Market

# HERITAGE MONTHS AND OBSERVANCES

FVRLibraries is honoring select Heritage Months and Observances in 2025 with a selection of books and other resources presented on our website. These recognitions are an opportunity for all members of the community to learn more about the traditions, people, history, and current experiences of ethnic and marginalized groups, while we celebrate their achievements and contributions to our world. Watch for features at fvrl.org.

Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Legacy

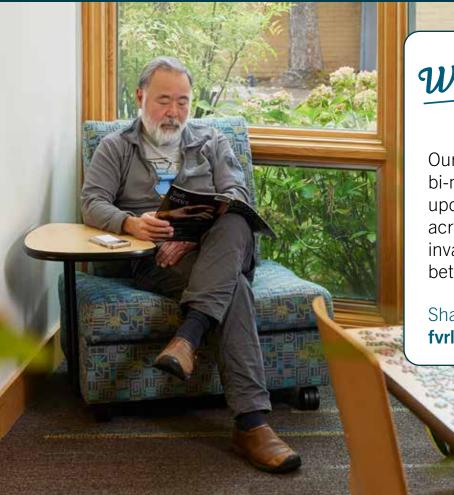
FVRLibraries



January: Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Legacy - The third Monday in January is a federal holiday to honor the life of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. It is also designated as a National Day of Service, encouraging Americans to volunteer in their communities to further Dr. King's legacy of service. **February:** Black History Month - Celebrates and recognizes the rich history, achievements, and contributions of Black individuals and communities in the United States.

EVRLibraries







Our News & Events booklet is now bi-monthly, bringing you the latest updates, programs, and happenings across our libraries. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us make it even better for our patrons.

Share your thoughts at **fvrlibraries.org/news-events** 



Visit *fvrl.org/hours-locations* or call **360-906-5000** (888-546-2707 from area code 509) for specific location information and hours. Book returns are open 24/7.

