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## 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**

March 17, 6–8 pm | Three Creeks Community Library April 21, 6–8 pm | Washougal Community Library

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

## **NOTES**

Need more info?

Visit *fvrl.org* call **360-906-5000** or **888-546-2707** 

#### Share your thoughts!

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. Take the survey here:

fvrlibraries.org/news-events



Cover photo: La Center Community Library

# REFLECTIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Library Patrons,

Reflecting on FVRLibraries' 75th anniversary, I'm reminded that libraries don't just serve communities—they grow alongside them. They are shaped by the people who walk through their doors, those who advocate for access to knowledge, and generations who believe in the power of learning and connection. This deep sense of community has made our libraries what they are today.

This booklet, which spans March and April, offers a unique opportunity to celebrate our storied past and the promise of the future. In these pages, you'll find inspiring details about our Women's History Month events—honoring the visionary women whose passion helped establish our public libraries—and an introduction to our Library Road Trip Passport launching during National Library Week. Both initiatives remind us that our libraries are more than places to borrow books; they are dynamic centers of community, creativity, and discovery.

April is National Volunteer Month. I am incredibly proud of our volunteers, whose dedication brings our mission to life every day. In 2024, 773 dedicated volunteers generously contributed over 26,000 hours of service. That's nearly 90 more volunteers and an extra 6,000 service hours than 2023, a growth that powerfully demonstrates our community's expanding commitment to making our libraries a better place for all.

Thank you for being an essential part of our journey. Whether you attend a program, discover your next great read, or volunteer your time, you are writing the next chapter of our story. Together, we continue to build a future defined by learning, connection, and community.

All my best,

Jennifer Giltrop

Executive Director, FVRLibraries



Executive Director Jennifer Giltrop at the Vancouver Community Library



# Yacolt Library Express: Small library, big impact!

If you haven't visited Yacolt Library Express, it's best described as having a small town charm with some pretty unique features for a library. Housed in the 100+ year-old red brick former Town Hall building, it comes with three jail cells. Apparently in the early 20th Century, saloons in Yacolt outnumbered any other type of building by 7-to-1, and the cells were mostly used for "sleeping it off." Today, one cell is a library teen room, another houses Bigfoot Books, the Friends of Yacolt Library Express Bookstore, and the final one is used for storage.

Yacolt Library Express opened in 2012 with an innovative model of self-service. The library is open seven days per week. Staff is present for all or part of four days. During the remaining hours, patrons can enter the building using their library card or number. This library may be small, but the community loves and uses it!











# Moving Forward Together: Women Educating & Inspiring Generations

Women have long led the way in education, mentorship, and leadership, shaping communities through knowledge and advocacy. The 2025 Women's History Month theme, "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations," celebrates their lasting influence.

Women's Social Clubs played a vital role in establishing public libraries across Southwest Washington, ensuring access to literacy, learning, and public resources. As FVRLibraries marks 75 years, their legacy lives on—libraries remain spaces for connection, growth, and lifelong learning. Join us all March long for one of our events to explore this history, celebrate its impact, and reflect on the role of libraries in our communities today.

#### **Continuing the Legacy**

Women's contributions to education and community building extend far beyond Women's History Month. This series invites reflection on the past, celebration of the present, and inspiration for the future. Get involved—attend a program, explore new voices in our collections, or find ways to give back through volunteer opportunities across the District. Be part of this ongoing story.

#### **PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

- Mon, March 3, 2–3 pm Three Creeks
- Thu, March 6, 5:30–6:30 pm Battle Ground
- Mon, March 10, 10:30–11:30 am Cascade Park
- Thu, March 13, 11 am-12 pm Yale Valley
- Thu, March 13, 4–5 pm Woodland
- Fri, March 14, 6–7 pm Stevenson
- Tue, March 18, 5–6 pm La Center
- Thu, March 20, 4–5 pm Washougal
- Sun, March 23, 1–2 pm Vancouver
- Wed, March 26, 6–7 pm Ridgefield
- Sat, March 29, 10:30–11:30 am Goldendale
- Sat, March 29, 3–4 pm
   White Salmon Valley



## to Get the Most Out of Your Library Card (Without Spending a Dime!)

Your library isn't just a place—it's a resource that's already yours. From free access to movies and audiobooks to workshops and quiet workspaces, FVRLibraries helps you learn, create, and connect—without the cost. So before you subscribe, rent, or pay out of pocket, check to see if your library already has what you need—you might be surprised by what's waiting for you.

#### 1. SUPPLEMENT YOUR STREAMING and Cut Costs!



Ever feel like every new show you want to watch is on a different streaming service? Many people cycle through subscriptions, switching when a new show drops. Instead of juggling multiple paid services, use Kanopy and Hoopla to fill the gaps for free with critically acclaimed films, must-watch documentaries, and more—all without another monthly fee.

#### 2. SKIP THE AUDIOBOOK **SUBSCRIPTION**



If you love audiobooks, you know they can be pricey—\$20+ per title or \$15/ month for a subscription. With your library card, you can borrow audiobooks just like regular books. Whether you prefer thrillers, self-improvement, or cozy mysteries, there's always something new to enjoy.

#### 3. GET NEWS & MAGAZINES without the Paywalls



A full-price digital newspaper subscription can set you back \$150-\$250 per year, and print magazines only add to the expense. PressReader gives you unlimited access to The New York Times, The Economist, Good Housekeeping, National Geographic, and more—all available with your library card.

#### 4. GET FREE ONE-**ON-ONE TUTORING** with Brainfuse



Private tutoring can cost \$40-\$100 per hour, and even online homework help services often require a subscription. With Brainfuse HelpNow, your library card gives you free access to live tutors, writing feedback, and test prep tools—whether mastering a subject, prepping for an exam, or just needing a second set of eyes on an essay.

## 5. TAKE ONLINE COURSES Without the Price Tag



If you're looking to build new skills or advance your career, online courses can get expensive. Many platforms charge \$30—\$50 per class, but your library card gives you free access to LinkedIn Learning, offering courses in business, design, tech, and more. Whether you want to level up professionally, explore a new hobby, or learn just for fun, you can study at your own pace—without the price tag.

#### 6. PREFER HANDS-ON LEARNING? Attend Free Events & Workshops

Not everyone learns best online. If you prefer handson experiences or social learning, FVRLibraries offers workshops, clubs, and interactive programs for all ages. Instead of paying \$15 for a craft class or \$50 for a writing workshop, you can crochet a purse, build a mini robot, or get expert gardening tips from Master Gardeners—at no charge.

There's also plenty for writers, gamers, and families—join a writer's group, poetry workshop, or tabletop RPG club, or bring the kids to STEM Lab and Kids Read to a Dog.



#### 7. WORK & STUDY in a Cozy, Quiet Space

Buying coffee every time you need Wi-Fi? That adds up fast! Instead, use the library's free high-speed internet, quiet study areas, and comfortable workspaces—some even have spots to eat and drink. Whether you're tackling a big project, working remotely, or just need a distraction-free place to focus, the library is the perfect spot.





## 8. PRINT WHAT YOU NEED—Without the Ink Hassle

Running out of printer ink at home can be frustrating—and expensive. Instead of paying for cartridges, use FVRLibraries' affordable printing services. Your library card includes a \$3.00 weekly printing credit, covering up to 30 free black & white pages or six free color pages. Need more? Black & white prints cost just \$0.10 per page, and color prints start at \$0.50 per page.

#### **WHAT'S THE CATCH?** (Not Much!)

Occasionally, a popular book might have a waitlist, or specific resources may have limited availability. But rest assured, many others are ready when you are. And if you do have to wait, library staff can help you find something just as engaging in the meantime—connecting you with hidden gems you might not have discovered on your own. Either way, your library card gives you access to more than you might expect—without extra costs or commitments. Because in the end, it's not just about saving money—it's about making the most of what's already yours.



## 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.

#### **KIDS & PRESCHOOL**

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

#### **ARTS & CRAFTS**



#### **Kids Create**

Drop in for creative and interactive projects. Use your imagination, stretch your creativity, or practice a new artistic skill.

- Stevenson: Every Wed, 2-4 pm
- Vancouver: Every Tue, 3:30-5 pm
- Washougal: 1st & 3rd Wed, 4–5 pm and Fri, 3:30–4:30 pm
- White Salmon Valley: 2nd Fri, 3:30-5 pm
- Yacolt: Every Wed & Fri, 11 am-5 pm
- Yale Valley: 3rd Mon & Thu, 2:30-5 pm

#### **BOOK GROUPS**



#### **Kids Book Groups**

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
- Online: 2nd Thu, 4-5 pm



Mark Your Calendar!
Scan the QR code to explore upcoming dates for Kids & Preschool Programs.

#### SPECIAL PROGRAMS



#### Kids Read to a Dog

Practice reading out loud to a friendly, furry buddy who's there to listen and make you smile.

- Cascade Park: 1st & 3rd Wed, 4–5 pm
- La Center: 1st & 3rd Tue, 4-5 pm
- Ridgefield: 3rd Mon, 3:30–4:30 pm & 4th Tue, 6–7 pm R
- Three Creeks: 4th Thu, 4:30–5:30 pm
- Vancouver: 2nd Wed, 3–5 pm
- Washougal: 2nd Mon, 4-5 pm
- Woodland: 2nd & 4th Tue, 4–5 pm R

#### **Homeschool Hangout**

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

- Goldendale: Tue, Apr 15, 1-2:30 pm
- Three Creeks: 3rd Wed, 1-2 pm
- Ridgefield: 3rd Tue, 11:30 am-1 pm

#### **GAMES**



#### **Chess Social Club**

Want to play chess? Come join the fun—whether you're a beginner or a pro. Bring your board or use ours and challenge a new friend.

- Cascade Park: 2nd & 4th Sat, 10:30 am—12 pm
- Ridgefield: 3rd Sat, 11 am-1 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
- Vancouver: 2nd & 4th Sat, 2:30–4 pm
- Washougal: 4th Wed, 4–5 pm

#### Kids and Tweens Build It

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

- Battle Ground: 3rd Tue, 5-6 pm
- Ridgefield: 2nd Sat, 10:30 am-12 pm
- Stevenson: 2nd & 4th Sat, 2–3:30 pm
- Three Creeks: 3rd Thu, 4-5 pm
- Vancouver: Every Thu, 3:30-5 pm
- White Salmon Valley: 3rd Sat, 3:30–4:30 pm

Learn about our Special STEM Lab Program - Tech Petting Zoo on page 17!

\*Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math





## STORYTIME SCHEDULE Ne) A Reader!



BABY: 0-18 months

TODDLER: 18-36 months

PRESCHOOL: 3-5 years

FAMILY: 0-5 years

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.\* Please note: Some libraries will take a break between March 29—April 4: please contact your local branch for details.

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

#### **BABY**

**Battle Ground** 

THU 10:30 am

#### **BABY & TODDLER**

La Center

FRI 10:30 am

#### **TODDLER**

**Battle Ground** 

FRI 10:30 am

#### **PRESCHOOL**

**Battle Ground** 

TUE 11 am

WED 11 am

#### 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

Woodland

3RD MON 10 am

#### THE GORGE

#### **BABY**

White Salmon Valley

FRI 10 am

FRI 11 am

#### **TODDLER**

White Salmon Valley

TUE 10:30 am

#### **PRESCHOOL**

White Salmon Valley

WED 10:30 am

#### **FAMILY**

Goldendale

WED 10:30 am

1ST SAT\* 10:30 am

#### Stevenson

WED 10:30 am

SAT 10:30 am

#### FAMILY (cont.)

White Salmon Valley

SAT 10:30 am

#### 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

WED 11:30 am

SAT 11:30 am

**Three Creeks** 

MON 10:30 am

TUE 10:30 am THU 10:30 am



#### FAMILY(cont.)

Vancouver Mall

TUE 11 am

THU 11 am

#### Washougal

TUE 10:30 am

THU 10:30 am

MUSIC & **MOVEMENT** 

**V**ancouver MON 2:30 pm

#### SENSORY **STORYTIME**

Vancouver

2ND SAT\* 10:30 am **R** 

#### (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

#### **TEENS & TWEENS**

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

#### **ARTS & CRAFTS**



#### **Teen & Adult Creative Crafts**

Join us for a new art tutorial each month.

- La Center (Crocheted Purse): Mon, Mar 31, Apr 7, Apr 14, 4–5:30 pm
- Stevenson (Art Journal): 1st Tue,
   4–5:30 pm R

#### Similar Programming

- La Center (Ceramics Painting Workshop):
   Sat, Apr 5, 10–11 am
- Ridgfield (Teen Art Chat): 3rd Wed, 4–6 pm
- Vancouver (Intro to Sewing Machines for Ages 9+): 1st Sun, 2–3:30 pm & 3rd Wed, 5–6:30 pm in March
- Washougal (Tween & Teen Craft and Chat): 2nd Wed, 4–5 pm

#### **BOOK GROUPS**



#### **Tween Book Groups**

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: 2nd Thu, 4-5 pm
- Three Creeks: 1st Thu, 5:15-6:15 pm
- White Salmon Valley: 2nd Thu, 3:30–4:30 pm



#### Mark Your Calendar!

Scan the QR code to explore upcoming dates for Tweens & Teens programs.

#### **Teen Book Groups**

Join a teen book group for friendly discussions.

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

#### Similar Programming

- Cascade Park & Online (Poetry Writing Workshop): 3rd Sat, 11 am—12 pm
- Ridgefield (Writers Open Mic): 1st Thu, 4:30–6 pm

#### **GAMES**



#### Teen 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 (Dungeons & Dragons
   -D&D): Every Tue, 4:30–6:30 pm
- Ridgefield (Pathfinder): Every Fri,
   4:30–6 pm R
- Three Creeks (D&D): Every Tue, 4:30–6:30 pm
- Washougal (D&D): 3rd Mon, 4:30–6 pm
- Online (D&D): Every Tue OR Every Fri, 4:30–6 pm R

#### Teen Magic the Gathering Social Club

Join us for open game play of Magic the Gathering.

- Cascade Park (Teens & Adults):
   Every Wed, 4–6 pm
- Vancouver: Every Wed, 4–6 pm

#### **Tweens & Teens Chess Social Clubs**

Want to play chess? Come join the fun—whether you're a beginner or a pro. Bring your board or use ours and challenge a new friend!

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

#### Similar Programming

- Cascade Park (Tween Active Games):
   Mon, Mar 10, 5–6 pm
- Goldendale (RPG: Real Life): 2nd–4th Fri in April, 5–7 pm
- Ridgefield (Mario Party Minigames): Sat, Mar 29, 2–4 pm
- Vancouver Mall (Board Game Social Club): Tue, Apr 1, 3–4 pm
- Vancouver Mall (Oregon Trail—Live Action): Wed, Apr 2, 3–4 pm ?
- Online (Board Game Social Club):
   2nd Wed, 6–7 pm
- Online (Teen Video Game Club): 1st Fri, 4–5:30 pm R





#### **TEENS & TWEENS**

#### 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
- Vancouver: 2nd & 4th Sat, 2:30-4 pm
- Washougal: 4th Wed, 4-5 pm



#### Kids & Tweens Build It

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

- Battle Ground: 3rd Tue, 5-6 pm
- Ridgefield: 2nd Sat, 10:30 am-12 pm
- Stevenson: 2nd & 4th Sat, 2-3:30 pm
- Three Creeks: 3rd Thu, 4–5 pm
- Vancouver: Every Thu, 3:30-5 pm
- White Salmon Valley: 3rd Sat, 3:30–4:30 pm

#### Similar Programming

• Battle Ground (Build a Mini Robot): Sat, Mar 22, 1–3 pm

Learn about our special STEM Lab Program - Tech Petting Zoo on page 17!

\*Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math

#### LEADERSHIP & ENGAGEMENT



#### **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 Mon, 5–6 pm
- Goldendale: 4th Fri, 5-7 pm
- Ridgefield: 1st Thu, 4:30-5:15 pm
- Vancouver: 1st Tue, 3:30-5:30 pm
- 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: Tue, Mar 11 & Mar 25, 4:30–6 pm
- Vancouver: Every Thu, 4:30–6:30 pm & Every Sat, 3–5 pm
- Washougal: 1st Thu, 4:30-5:30 pm
- White Salmon Valley: 3rd Fri, 6:30–8:30 pm

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

- Goldendale: Tue, Apr 15, 1-2:30 pm
- Three Creeks: 3rd Wed, 1-2 pm
- Ridgefield: 3rd Tue, 11:30 am-1 pm



#### New to FVRLibraries!

Fiero Code is a self-guided online learning tool for ages 8 through adult. Learn to code with fun activities—receiving points for completing activities, tracking progress on a leaderboard, and unlocking items to customize your personal avatar.

#### **BUILD**

- Websites
- Games
- Apps
- Animations
- Programs

## LEARN PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES INCLUDING

- HTML
- CSS
- JavaScript
- Python
- Scratch
- SQL

Ready for a coding journey?
Our library is hosting the Arctic
Adventure coding competition
through March 31! Young
coders (ages 8–18) will create
a fun maze game using Code
Blocks (like Scratch) through
Fiero Code. It's all online and
on your own time—no
in-person meetings required!
Sign up today and let your
imagination run wild in the
digital Arctic!

Find Fiero Code at fvrl.org/connect



## This Library Giving Day, help keep your Library a vibrant place for our community to learn, grow, and thrive!

Expand our collection of books and ebooks

Provide free children's programs across all branches Support free author events all year round





Go to fvrlfoundation.org to show your support this Library Giving Day!

#### BECOME A FRIEND OF THE LIBRARY!

Support your library by raising funds, awareness, and goodwill! Friends of the Library groups are 501(c)(3) nonprofits under the FVRL Foundation, each supporting a specific branch with its own board, bylaws, and activities.

#### JOIN A MEETING

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

- Battle Ground: 1st Tue, 1-3 pm
- Cascade Park: 3rd Thu, 6-7 pm
- Goldendale: 3rd Wed, 5-6 pm
- La Center: 1st Wed, 6-7 pm
- Ridgefield: 3rd Thu, 6-7 pm
- Stevenson/North Bonneville: 1st Tue, 10:30 am-12 pm
- Three Creeks: Thu, Apr 10, 6-7 pm
- Vancouver: 2nd Sat, 10:15–11:15 am
- Washougal: 4th Tue, 6-7:30 pm
- White Salmon Valley: Tue, Apr 8, 1–2:30 pm
- Woodland: 2nd Thu, 1-2:30 pm
- Yacolt: 2nd Fri, 9:30-10:30 am



#### Volunteer photos from left to right:

Long-time volunteers at Vancouver were celebrated during the anniversary event

Volunteers at Woodland helped make the day fun at the Grand Opening

Vancouver School of Arts and Academics volunteers make holiday cards

## Jenny Wilkerson joins Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation

We're excited to welcome **Jenny Wilkerson** as the new executive director of Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation. Jenny follows Rick Smithrud, who retired last year after 23 years. Jenny is a long-



time Clark County resident with 20 years of nonprofit leadership experience in academic libraries, health care, higher education, and the environment. She and her family love to explore the physical books on the library shelves, but also are big fans of the Libby app!

Why is Jenny thrilled to be stepping into this role? "Librarians do the simple and the extraordinary every day to help our neighbors. I personally have benefited in nearly every stage of my life because of access to a library, or the service of a caring

librarian. It is truly my honor to increase resources so everyone in our communities can also benefit."

**Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation** supports library programs, services, and buildings through fundraising and grant writing campaigns. Their support helps with Summer Reading, the Experience Pass program, early childhood literacy support, new library building campaigns, and more.



# Thank You FVRLibraries Volunteers!

2024 Stats



773
Volunteers





#### **ADULTS**

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

#### **ARTS & CRAFTS**



#### **Art Chats**

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
- Ridgefield: 1st Tue, 10:30 am-12:30 pm
- Woodland: 1st Thu, 11 am-1 pm

#### **Creative Crafts**

Join us for a new art tutorial each month.

- La Center (Crocheted Purse): Mon, Mar 31, Apr 7, Apr 14, 4–5:30 pm
- Stevenson (Art Journal): 1st Tue, 4–5:30 pm
- Three Creeks (Adult Accessible Creative Crafts): 2nd Thu, 1:30–2:30 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.



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

- Goldendale: 2nd & 4th Tue, 1:30–2:30 pm
- La Center: 2nd & 4th Fri, 10-11 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

#### **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: 2nd Thu, 6:30–7:30 pm & 4th Tue, 10:30–11:30 am
- La Center: 1st Wed, 9-10 am
- Goldendale: 3rd Mon, 11 am-12 pm
- Ridgefield: 3rd Tue, 6–7 pm OR 1st Wed, 5–6 pm (Horror) R
- Stevenson: 1st Wed, 6-7 pm
- Three Creeks: 1st Tue, 6-7 pm
- Vancouver: 2nd Thu, 6–7 pm
- White Salmon Valley: 4th Tue,
   1–2 pm R
- Woodland: 2nd Wed, 6–7 pm (Adult YA)
   3rd Mon, 10:30–11:30 am
- Yale Valley: 4th Thu, 10–11 am
- Online Adult YA:
  1st Tue, 7–7:45 pm R
- Online Spicy Romance: 1st Thu, 6-7 pm **R**
- Offsite Cogir at The Quarry (Cascade Park):
   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
- Offsite 54°40' Brewing Co.
   (Washougal): 3rd Thu, 6–7 pm



#### **CONVERSATION CIRCLES**



Conversation Circles are 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: Every Mon, 5:30–7:30 pm
- Ridgefield: Every Wed, 11 am–12:30 pm
- Vancouver: Every Fri, 3-4:30 pm
- Off-site, Fourth Plain Commons: Every Tue, 5:30–7 pm

#### Similar Programming

#### **English as a Second Language Classes**

- Three Creeks: Every Wed, 3-5 pm
- Stevenson: Every Fri, 2-4 pm
- Vancouver:
   Every Tue (Beginner), 3–5 pm &
   Every Wed (Intermediate), 3–5 pm

## **Grow and Learn**

## with Gardening Programs at Your Library

Spring is the perfect time to enhance your gardening knowledge, and the library's Master Gardener Series offers a wide range of expert-led programs to help you cultivate a thriving garden. Whether you're looking to transform your lawn, grow your own food, or improve your landscaping, these sessions provide hands-on learning and valuable advice from experienced Master Gardeners, ensuring there's something for brown and green thumbs alike!

These free programs are a great way to grow your gardening skills, meet like-minded people, and create a thriving green space at home. Visit your local branch or check the library's online calendar for more details!



#### **Lawn Reduction**

Discover how to replace highmaintenance lawns with eco-friendly alternatives.

- Battle Ground: Sat, Mar 29, 1-2 pm
- Cascade Park: Sat, Apr 19, 2-3 pm



#### Raised Bed Gardening

Get step-by-step instructions to build, plant, and maintain a raised bed garden.

- Three Creeks: Mon, Mar 24, 2-3 pm
- Battle Ground: Thu, Apr 17, 2-3 pm
- Ridgefield: Sat, Apr 19, 1–2 pm



#### **Fruit and Edible Gardens**

Interested in growing food at home? Explore these programs:

- Washougal (Grow Your Own Herbs): Fri, Mar 7, 11 am—12 pm
- Vancouver (Edible Landscaping): Sun, Mar 16, 11 am—12 pm
- Three Creeks (Backyard Apple Trees): Fri, Apr 18, 4–5 pm



#### Houseplants 101 & 102

Learn the essentials of plant care, propagation, and pest management.

- Ridgefield (Houseplants 101):
   Sat, Mar 29, 1–2 pm
- Battle Ground (Houseplants 102): Sat, Apr 12, 2–3 pm



#### **Hydrangeas & Hostas**

Add beauty and color to your garden with expert planting and care techniques.

- La Center (Hostas):
   Tue, Mar 11, 4–5 pm
- Ridgefield (Hydrangeas):
   Sat, Mar 22, 2–3 pm



#### Sustainable Landscaping & Resilient Yards

Design a beautiful, low-impact garden that supports pollinators and sustainability.

- Washougal (Sustainable Landscaping): Sat, Apr 5, 12–1 pm
- Vancouver (The Resilient Yard): Sat, Apr 19, 10:30 am-12 pm

Similar Programming at Woodland - Cowltiz County Master Gardener Series (Raising Mason Beers) Sat, Mar 8 & (Seed Saving Pt. 1) Apr 19, 10:30 am-12 pm

#### **ADULTS**



#### **GAMES**



#### **Gaming for Adults**

From strategy and spellcasting to heroic adventures, our gaming programs offer something for everyone.

- Cascade Park (Magic the Gathering Social Club): Every Wed, 4–6 pm
- Ridgefield (Chess Social Club):
   3rd Sat, 11 am-1 pm
- Online (Adult Tabletop RPG— Dungeons & Dragons): 1st Mon, 6–8 pm
- Online (Adult Tabletop RPG—Hero's Unlimited): 1st & 3rd Sun, 2:30—4:30 pm
- Online (Teens & Adults Board Game Social): 2nd Wed, 6–7 pm R

#### SPECIAL PROGRAMS



#### **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
- Vancouver: Thu, Mar 6, Mar 20, & Apr 17, 3–4:30 pm

#### **Community Groups**

- Battle Ground & Online:
   Adult Neurodivergent Peer Support Group, 1st Sat, 4–5 pm
- Online: Reflecting Rainbows—
   LGBTQ+ Discussion Group, 1st Wed,
   6–7 pm

#### **Movie Groups**

- Vancouver (Adult Anime Club):
   4th Thu, 5–7 pm
- Vancouver (Environmental Film Series): 4th Tue, 5–7 pm
- Woodland (Classic Cinema):
   2nd & 4th Sat, 2:30–5:30 pm
- Online (Kanopy Film Club): 3rd Tue,
   6–7 pm R

#### STEM\*



#### Drop-In Tech Help

Bring your device and your questions to meet with a staff member. These sessions offer patrons tech help related to mobile devices, e-readers, websites, and more.

- Cascade Park: Every Thu, 10-11 am
- Goldendale: 1st Mon, 10-1 pm
- Vancouver: Every Tue, 4:30-6 pm
- White Salmon Valley: Every Thu, 10 am-12 pm

\*Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math

## TAX HELP | All programs run until mid-April



Services are available through April 12 at most locations, with additional sessions at Vancouver on April 14 and Cascade Park through April 15.

#### **AARP Tax-Aide**

- Cascade Park: Every Tue, Wed, Thu, 11 am-4 pm; Appointments recommended. Limited walk-ins accepted.
- Stevenson: Every Sat, 11 am—4 pm; Contact library for appointment
- Vancouver: Every Mon & Sat, 11 am-4 pm; Walk-ins only; OR Facilitated Self-Assistance: Every Fri, 11-3 pm

## IRS' Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA):

 Three Creeks: Every Fri & Sat, 10 am-6 pm; Appointments recommended to avoid wait-time.

All libraries have commonly used tax forms. Library staff can help you find additional forms by name or number.

Find more details, additional locations, and helpful links at *fvrl.org/tax-help*.

#### **ADULTS**



#### WELLNESS



#### Chair & Gentle Yoga

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

- Battle Ground (Chair): 2nd Tue, 1-2 pm
- Online (Chair): Every Tue, 2–2:30 pm **(R**)
- Online (Gentle): Every Tue, 3-4 pm

#### Similar Programming

- Cascade Park (Line Dancing): Mon, 1–3 pm
- Goldendale (Yoga): 2nd Mon, 5-6 pm
- Ridgefield (Adult Gentle Strength & Stretch Class): Thu, 11–11:45 am
- Woodland (The Many Gifts of Acuptuncture): Sat, Apr 12, 10-11 am

#### Alzheimer's Association Series

This series, presented in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association Oregon and SW Washington, provides essential information on recognizing the early signs of Alzheimer's, understanding the disease, and planning for the future. March topic: 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Disease; April topic: Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia.

- Woodland: Mar 19 & Apr 23, 11 am-12 pm **(R**)
- Yale Valley: Mar 27 & Apr 24, 11 am-12 pm 😱

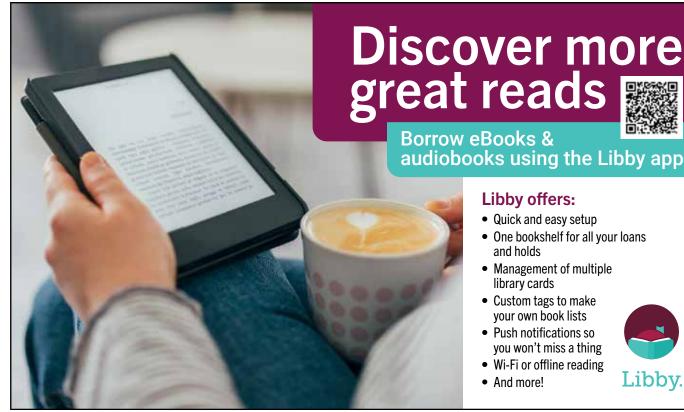
#### WRITING GROUPS



#### Writing Groups at FVRL

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

- Cascade Park (Poetry Writing Workshop): 3rd Sat. 11 am-12 pm
- La Center (Adult Writing Group): 4th Thu, 9–11 am
- Ridgefield (Word Nerds): 4th Thu, 4:30-5:30 pm
- Ridgefield (Writers Open Mic): 1st Thu, 4:30-6 pm
- Three Creeks (Willamette Writers) Vancouver Chapter Mtg.): 2nd Mon, 6-8 pm
- Vancouver (The Craft of Writing): 1st & 3rd Thu, 10:30 am-12:30 pm
- Vancouver (Shut up and Write): Every Tue, 5–7 pm
- Woodland (Woodland Writers Group): Every Fri, 2-4 pm



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- Push notifications so you won't miss a thing
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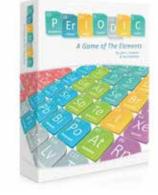


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# Discover and Experiment with STEM at the Library

Curious about science, technology, engineering, or math? FVRLibraries offers a rich array of hands-on activities, digital resources, and research tools for all ages. Whether you want to build something, explore coding, or research a topic, there's a diverse range of options to discover—and it's all about having fun while learning.





#### **Start Coding Today**

Interested in programming? Fiero Code is a self-paced coding platform that covers languages like HTML, JavaScript, and Python. While it's designed with younger learners in mind, adults new to coding can also benefit from its structured approach to web development, game design, and automation.

#### **Experiment and Explore with STEM**

STEM isn't just for kids! Our STEM Labs at multiple library locations are open to everyone, providing a welcoming space to explore cutting-edge concepts, try out the latest tech tools at the Tech Petting Zoo, or join hands-on events like the "Intro to AI: ChatGPT, AI Searching, and More" workshop. Event dates vary, so check the library's online calendar for details.

#### **Challenge Your Mind with STEM Board Games**

For those who enjoy learning through games, Terraforming Mars (1–5 players, ages 12+) and Periodic: A Game of Elements (2–5 players, ages 10+) provide a fun and interactive way to delve into STEM concepts.

#### **Expand Your Knowledge with STEM Books**

Explore science and technology in greater depth with books available in print or digital format on OverDrive and Gale. Teens and adults alike may enjoy *Hidden Systems: Water, Electricity, the Internet, and the Secrets Behind the Systems We Use Every Day* (ages 12+), a fascinating look at the infrastructure we rely on daily.

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## Explore, Learn, and Create: Upcoming Tech & Science Programs at FVRLibraries

Discover new technologies, contribute to real-world science, and get hands-on with innovation at these exciting upcoming programs.



## Adults Intro to AI: Chat GPT, AI Searching, and More

Join us for this introduction to Artificial Intelligence. You will learn about the different types of AI, how to avoid common AI mistakes, and how to use this emerging technology responsibly.

- La Center: Sat, Apr 19, 10-11:30 am
- Three Creeks: Mon, Apr 21, 3–4:30 pm

#### **Adult Citizen Science**

Project Squirrel is calling all citizen scientists of all ages to count the number of squirrels in their neighborhoods. The goal is to understand tree squirrel ecology. Join us in participating in this science adventure.

- Battle Ground: Tue, Apr 22, 1-2 pm
- Cascade Park: Tue, Apr 22, 3:30–5 pm

**STEM Workshop in Battle Ground**Build a Mini Robot, Sat, Mar 22,
1–3 pm

## Family STEM Lab Program: Tech Petting Zoo!

Come play with different STEAMfocused learning tools. The Pacific Power Foundation made this program possible.

- Stevenson: Tue, Mar 18, 4:30-6 pm
- White Salmon: Tue, Mar 4, 3:30–5 pm
- Woodland: Tue, Apr 8, 4-5 pm
- Yacolt Express: Fri, Mar 21, 11 am-5 pm
- Yale Valley: Thu, Mar 20, 2:30-5 pm



## **FVRLIBRARIES BOOKMOBILES**



#### Goldendale / Klickitat

#### **WISHRAM - KLICKITAT**

<b>Every other Tuesday:</b>	Mar 11, 25‡; Apr 8, 22
Wishram School	9:30-11:15 am
Wishram Heights	11:30 am-12 pm
Klickitat Mini Park*	1:45-3:15 pm

#### LYLE - DALLESPORT

<b>Every other Wednesday:</b>	Mar 12, 26‡; Apr 9, 23
Lyle Community School‡.	9:30-11:30 am
Lyle Market*	11:45 am-12:30 pm
Dallesport Community Ce	enter1:30-3 pm

#### **ROOSEVELT - ALDERDALE**

Every other Thursday: Mar 13,	27; Apr 10, 24
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**

Every other Tuesday: Mar 4, 18; Apr 1‡, 15, 29
Bickleton Market Street Café*10:30-11:15 am
Bickleton School12-3 pm

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

Every other Wednesday: Ma	ır 5, 19; Apr 2, 16, 30
Centerville School	9:30-11:30 am
Maryhill Gift & Gallery	1–2 pm
Georgeville	2:30-3:45 pm

#### **KLICKITAT - APPLETON - WAHKIACUS** Every other Thursday: Mar 6, 20: Apr 3, 17

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Klickitat School	9:30–11:30 am
Appleton Post Office^	1–2 pm
Wahkiacus^	

#### Skamania / W. Klickitat

#### **CARSON**

Old Detour Rd & High Bridge 9:45-10:15 am
Carson Elementary 10:45–11:30 am
12:30-2:15 pm
Gator Creek Gardens2:30-3 pm
Teeter Toddlers 3:30–4:15 pm
Every other Tuesday: Mar 4, 18; Apr 1§, 15, 29
Happy Kidz Preschool9:45–10:15 am
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Teeter Toddlers **W** ...... 3:30–4:15 pm

Every other Tuesday: Mar 11, 25\*: Apr 8, 22

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

Every Wednesday: Mar 5, 12, 19, 26;

Apr 2‡, 9, 16, 23, 30

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: Mar 6, 13, 20, 27\*;

Apr 10, 17, 24

Skamania (School) W	10–11:30 am
Mt Pleasant (School) W	1–2:30 pm

#### 1st and 3rd Thursdays: Mar 6, 20; Apr 3, 17 Bonneville Treaty Fishing Access Site ..... ...... 3:15–4 pm

#### COOK - UNDERWOOD - WHITE SALMON

Every Friday: Mar 7, 14, 21, 28‡;

Apr 4‡, 11, 18, 25

Mill A (School)	10 am–12 pm
<b>Underwood (Community Center</b>	)12:30-1:15 pm
White Salmon (Rhine Village Apt	ts) 2:30-4 pm

#### **BOOKMOBILE OUTREACH**

Look for the Bookmobile at these places too!

#### Goldendale/ **Klickitat**

#### **BOOKMOBILE STORYTIME** & CRAFTS:

#### **MAR 15**

Wishram School 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Lyle Activity Center 1:30-3:30 pm

#### **APR 12**

Georgeville Community Center 1:30-4 pm

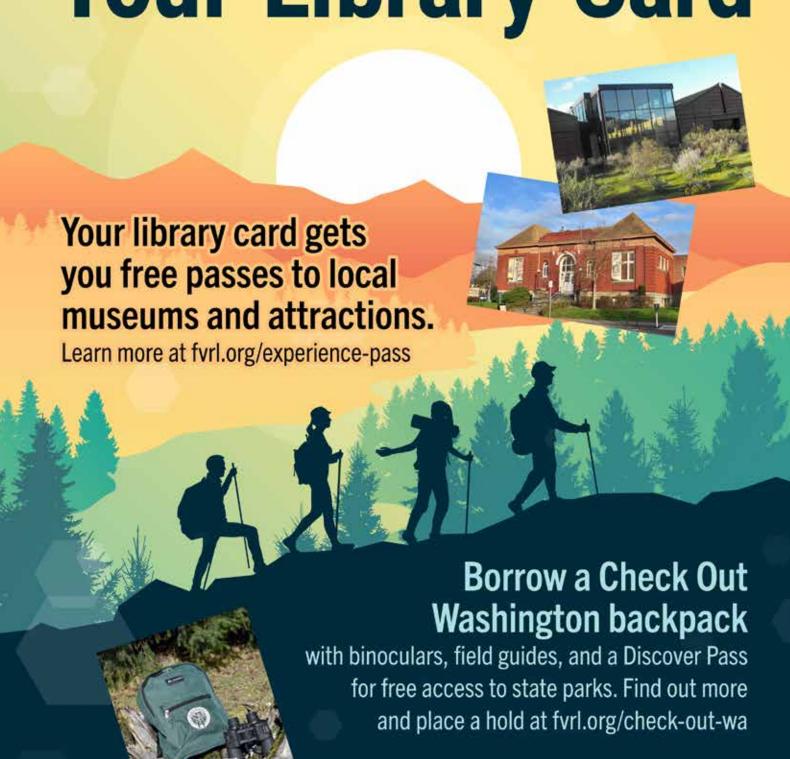
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- \* Book return located at/nearby ^Weather permitting
- ‡ School stop canceled

W Every week, \*afternoon school stops canceled ‡No school, stops continue



# Adventures With Your Library Card





































# Your Ticket to Adventure Introducing the Library Road Trip Passport

Whether you're a seasoned library explorer or just beginning to turn the pages of what FVRLibraries has to offer, the Library Road Trip Passport is your invitation to step into a new chapter—one filled with hidden gems, fun challenges, and the chance to win exciting prizes. It's an adventure waiting to happen!

#### **HOW IT WORKS**

- 1. Pick up your passport: Available at any FVRLibraries location starting April 6.
- **2. Visit libraries and answer trivia:** Each location features a fun fact and a quiz question about the library or community. Each location even has its own unique stamp.
- **3. Explore beyond the library:** Your passport includes recommendations for nearby attractions, from scenic trails to historic sites, and more.
- **4.** Complete the trivia and win! Fill out your passport trivia and submit your answers online to be entered into the grand prize drawing in December.

#### What Can You Win?

At the end of the year, three lucky participants will take home a grand prize. While the final prizes remain a mystery, each reward will be a unique experience that celebrates the spirit of discovery, creativity, and community that libraries foster!

Pick up your Library Road Trip Passport starting April 6 and begin your journey. For more details and updates, visit *fvrl.org/passport*.

## LIBRARY LOCATIONS

Visit *fvrl.org/hours-locations* or call **360-906-5000** (888-546-2707 from area code 509) for information and hours.

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)

(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

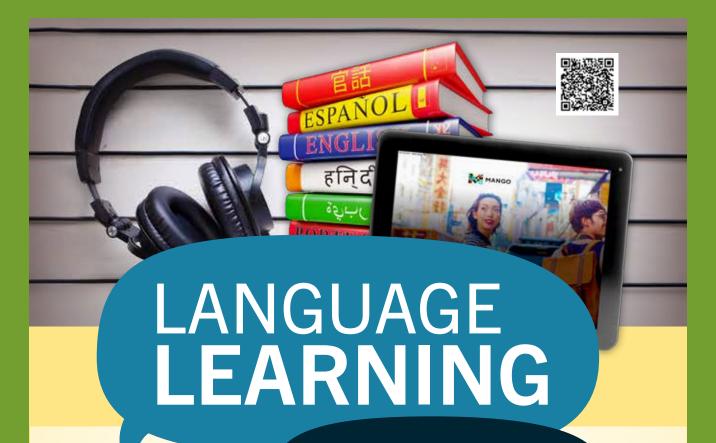
**BOOK RETURNS** 

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

## Drawn to the Library:

Celebrate National Library Week with the FVRLibraries Road Trip Passport

For 75 years, Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries has been a cornerstone of discovery, imagination, and connection. This year, as we celebrate National Library Week (April 6–12, 2025) with the theme "Drawn to the Library," we invite you to explore beyond your usual library and uncover the rich history, resources, and experiences that make each FVRLibraries location unique.





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