



*Rupert the Book Dragon stood sentry by the Circulation Desk as part of the library's holiday decorations.*

## From the Director

In December our winter display featured Rupert the Book Dragon (Tree) along with a variety of dragon-related books. This display provided a twist on traditional decorations, and also engaged families and young readers, fostering a love for literature in a fun and imaginative way.

We successfully installed a new Storywalk at Tivoli Park in Villebois featuring the picture book *So Much Snow* by Kristen Schroeder. This innovative initiative merges reading with outdoor exploration, allowing families to enjoy stories while walking along a designated path. The winter title follows a group of woodland animals as they disappear into the snow and then reappear one by one as it melts into a beautiful spring.

Our fall programming session concluded with holiday performances of *The Nutcracker* and traditional Czech carols, as well as an all ages Winter Scavenger Hunt.

*-Shasta Sasser, Library Director*

## Children's Services

### Greta Pedersen's "Winter Songfest"

Families joined this festive sing-along celebrating Winter and the traditions of Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and the Winter Solstice on Saturday, Dec. 7 with performer and music educator, Greta Pedersen.

### Boones Ferry Primary School visits

Kindergarten classes from Boones Ferry Primary School visited the library. Youth Services librarians gave the students a tour of the library and showed them the variety of books and toys available to them.

### UPCOMING:

- Creative Corner on Monday, Jan. 6, at 2pm.
- STEAM Stuff on Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 2:30pm.
- Stuffed Animal Sleep-over drop-off on Saturday, Jan. 11, from 3-5pm.
- Spanish Storytime on Saturday, Jan. 18, at 11am.



*Youth librarian Sam McDermott narrates "The Nutcracker" as the "Sugar Punk Fairy" at the final fall Family Storytime.*

## Teen Services

### Teen Afterschool Drop-in Activities

Every Wednesday afternoon from 3-6pm, teens are invited to drop-in to the library's Teen Area for video games, movies, crafts, and snacks.

On Dec. 11, the teens held a special "Hot Cocoa Day" event, where they put together their own mugs of hot cocoa with a variety of toppings.

### UPCOMING:

- Teen Afterschool Drop-in Activities return Jan. 8.
- Teen Advisory Board meetings at 4:30pm on Mondays, Jan. 13 and 27.



*Teens enjoying Hot Cocoa Day at the Teen Afterschool Drop-In event on Dec. 11.*

## Adult Services

### “A Charles Dickens Christmas”

In the holiday spirit, Dr. Bill Thierfelder explored the influence of Charles Dickens on how Christmas is celebrated in Britain and the United States at this online program on Dec. 4.

### Space Talks: The Bold Mission of Apollo 8

On Dec. 14, docents from Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum shared the history of NASA’s Apollo 8 mission, which made history as the first manned orbit of the moon.

### Remembering Czech Christmas

Mark and Helena Greathouse celebrated traditional Czech Christmas festivities with a harmonious blend of music and dance at the Book Notes concert on Dec. 14.



*Helena Greathouse, dressed in traditional Czech clothing, performed Czech Christmas carols and shared traditional Czech holiday traditions at the Book Notes Concert.*

### UPCOMING:

- Space Talk “Rocket Engines Then and Now” on Jan. 4 at 11am.
- Online program “Profiles” about cosmic mysteries on Wed., Jan. 8, at 11am.
- Book Notes Concert featuring Bug Toast on Saturday, Jan. 11, at 2pm.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day film “Selma” on Friday, Jan. 17, at 3pm.



*The December Art Display featured photographs of dogs with Santa Claus by photographer Beverly Hawley.*

## Around the Library

### New items in the Library of Things

Our popular “Library of Things” saw some additions this month. New to the collection are:

- Handheld vacuum
- Guitar with case and beginners book
- Luggage scale
- SmartGames (including Treasure Island, Horse Academy, and Dinosaurs)

Find out more about the Library of Things at:  
[www.wilsonvillelibrary.org/LOT](http://www.wilsonvillelibrary.org/LOT)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <b>Beginning English Class</b> 11am	3 <b>ODHS Drop-in</b> 10am-12pm 1-3pm <b>Intermediate ESL</b> 10am <b>Toddler &amp; Baby Time</b> 10:30am & 11:15am	4 <b>Family Storytime</b> 10:30am <b>Profiles</b> 11am-12:30pm <b>Wilsonville Historical Society</b> 1-3pm <b>Teen After School Drop-in</b> 3-6pm	5 <b>Family Storytime</b> 10:30am <b>Tree Lighting Storytime</b> at Town Center Park 5:30pm	6 <b>WIC Pop-Up Clinic</b> 10am-12pm 1-4pm	7 <b>Greta Pederson</b> 11am
8	9 <b>Beginning English Class</b> 11am <b>Teen Advisory Board</b> 4:30pm	10 <b>ODHS Drop-in</b> 10am-12pm 1-3pm <b>Intermediate ESL</b> 10am <b>Toddler &amp; Baby Time</b> 10:30am & 11:15am	11 <b>Family Storytime</b> 10:30am <b>STEAM Stuff</b> 2:30pm <b>Teen After School Drop-in</b> 3-6pm	12 <b>Family Storytime</b> 10:30am	13 <b>Play Group</b> 10:30am-Noon <b>WIC Pop-Up Clinic</b> 10am-12pm 1-4pm	14 <b>Space Talks</b> The Bold Mission of Apollo 8 11am-12:30pm <b>Booknotes Concert</b> Mark & Helena Greathouse 2-3pm
15	16 <b>Beginning English Class</b> 11am <b>Genealogy Club</b> 1pm	17 <b>ODHS Drop-in</b> 10am-12pm 1-3pm <b>Intermediate ESL</b> 10am <b>Toddler &amp; Baby Time</b> 10:30am & 11:15am	18 <b>Family Storytime</b> 10:30am <b>Teen After School Drop-in</b> 3-6pm	19 <b>Family Storytime</b> 10:30am <b>Book Walk</b> Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano 1pm	20 <b>Play Group</b> 10:30am-Noon <b>WIC Pop-Up Clinic</b> 10am-12pm 1-4pm	21 <b>Wintry Take and Makes</b> While supplies last <b>Spanish Storytime</b> 11am
22	23 <b>Beginning English Class</b> 11am <b>Blood Drive</b> 11:45am-4:15pm <b>Teen Advisory Board</b> 4:30pm	24 <b>Library Closed Winter Holiday</b>	25 <b>Library Closed Winter Holiday</b>	26	27	28
29	30 <b>Beginning English Class</b> 11am	31 <b>ODHS Drop-in</b> 10am-12pm 1-3pm <b>Intermediate ESL</b> 10am	 <h1>DECEMBER</h1>			

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**Hours**  
Monday - Thursday 10-8  
Friday - Saturday 10-6  
Sunday 1-6

