



The West Linn & Wilsonville Public Libraries Present



THE WEST LINN-WILSONVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

At West Linn Public Library in April!

Monthly Maker Club on Sunday, April 6th at 12:00pm

Check out our monthly Maker Club! Experiment with a rotating roster of activities, including Legos, Ozobots, wind tubes, and more! Explore a single activity or complete our challenges! For grades K-5.

Recycle Right! The Do's and Don'ts of Recycling on Monday, April 7th at 10:30 and 11:30am

Join us for a fun hands-on experience with a Master Recycler. Learn what you can (and cannot) recycle and find out what happens to it all after we do our part. Registration is required.

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

Want to practice reading to one of our therapy dogs at the library? Sign up for a 20-minute session. All dogs and handlers are registered therapy teams. Registration is required.

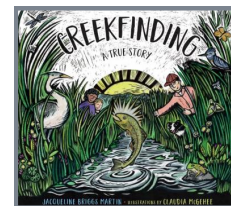


West Linn
StoryWalk®

Did You Know?

Families can explore StoryWalks® in our parks!

A StoryWalk® is a fun way to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time! We've mounted pages from a picture book on standing signs along a paved path. Read the book while you explore the trail! Stories are changed regularly. Visit Fields Bridge Park in West Linn and Tivoli Park in Wilsonville to experience our latest StoryWalks®.



Wilsonville
StoryWalk®

At Wilsonville Public Library in April!

Bunny Portraits on Saturday, April 5th from 2:00-3:00pm

Children and their grown-ups are invited to a bunny-themed afternoon making recycled egg carton bunny portraits! Celebrate spring and learn how ordinary objects can become art.

Creative Corner: All About Birds! on Monday, April 7th from 2:00-3:30pm

Create your own DIY bird feeder, paint a mini-birdhouse, and try more bird-related activities.

STEAM Stuff on Wednesday, April 9th from 2:30-3:30pm

Explore fun and educational STEAM activities at the library. This drop-in program is for elementary age children with their grown-ups. Younger siblings are welcome to join!

Pink Pig Puppet Theater presents "Animal Antics" on Saturday, April 12th from 11:00-11:30am

An animal puppet show featuring a clever mouse, an artistic monkey, and a dancing 'gator.

Dia-Children's Day/Book Day on Wednesday, April 30th from 3:30-4:30pm

Join us for crafts, music and fun to celebrate Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros!

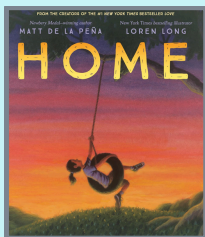
Questions or comments: contact Kimberley Rhoades at krhoades@westlinnoregon.gov or 503.742.6191 or Jo Caisse at jcaisse@wilsonvillelibrary.org or 503.570.1592.

April is National Poetry Month!

Our favorite new poetry collections, lyrical picture books, informational poems, and more...

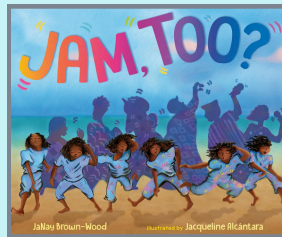
(click on the covers to link to our catalog)

Younger Grades



Home
by Matt de la Peña

Your home is more than just a place with walls, floor, and ceilings. It can also mean the people you share it with and the sense of belonging and safety. A lyrical and moving ode to the many meanings of “home.”



Jam, Too?
by JaNay Brown-Wood

The pulsing power of a jam session on the beach is conveyed through the rhythmic cadence of the rhyming text. A lively picture book read-aloud choice that also introduces readers to several rhythm instruments.



This Land is a Lullaby
by Tonya Simpson

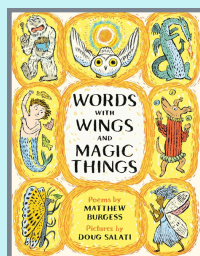
A mother softly sings a lullaby to her slumbering child: “the sweet song of your home.” Lyrical rhyming text honors the enduring connection between the lands and the ancestors of indigenous peoples.

Middle Grades



A Planet is a Poem
by Amanda West Lewis

Informational poems, ranging from sonnets to acrostics, introduce the planets and other outer space objects. Fold out the page for more facts about the planets and notes on the various poetic forms.



Words with Wings & Magic Things
by Barney Saltzberg

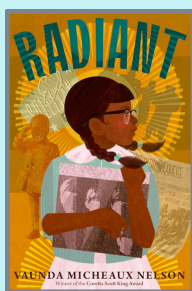
A highly appealing poetry collection with illustrations by Caldecott medalist Doug Salati. The poems are clever, thought-provoking, and just plain fun. Great for fans of Silverstein, Prelutsky, and *I'm Just No Good at Rhyming*.



Wind is a Dance
by Debra Kempf Shumaker

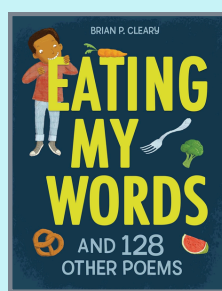
Poetic language describes different winds, from gentle breezes to terrifying tornadoes. A mixture of creative metaphors and scientific facts that capture how each type of wind is a unique “dance of air.”

Older Grades



Radiant
by Vaunda Nelson

In 1963, Cooper is the only Black girl in her 5th grade class. She's determined to shine and finds her way with help from friends, family, and even an enemy. Engaging historical fiction told in free verse.



Eating My Words
by Brian R. Cleary

129 poems, from limericks to list poems, with lots of clever wordplay and inventive rhymes. Useful notes describe poetic forms and rhyme schemes and offer tips to help kids understand all kinds of poetry.



Poetry Comics
by Grant Snider

Thoughtful poems, laid out in graphic-novel style panels, follow a child through all four seasons. The distinct illustrations and short, simple verse should appeal to readers who don't love poetry...yet.