



Memorandum

Date: September 7, 2017

To: West Linn City Council, Staff and Readers

From: Eileen Stein, City Manager

Subject: City Manager's Weekly Report – September 7, 2017

Schedule

- The 3rd Quarter Town Hall is scheduled for Thursday, September 21st at the ACC. The theme will be Emergency Preparedness given that September is Emergency Preparedness Month. The Police Department is scheduled to provide a briefing on the recently updated Emergency Operations Plan at the September 18th work session. We are also in the process of advertising the annual Emergency Preparedness Fair on September 28th.

Information Items

- Ballot Title Objection. This week the Circuit Court affirmed the ballot title approved by the City Council via Resolution 2017-17. This is the language that will appear on the ballot in November.
- I-205 Project and Waterfront Plan Update. This week, Mayor Axelrod and key City staff met with the ODOT Region 1 Manager about these projects. It was a very timely meeting, although the closure of Interstate 84 was clearly forefront in his mind. ODOT staff shared its emerging plans for the preliminary design development of the I-205 widening project, the aspect of the project which was approved in the recently adopted state transportation funding package. ODOT will report back to the Oregon Transportation Commission (OTC) and the Legislature later this year on a Total Cost to Complete of the project.

The meeting also included briefing ODOT on the Waterfront Plan and the preliminary thinking we've done about traffic circulation in the project area. The key outcome of the meeting was to establish this communication link and commitment to keep each other informed as our respective projects evolve. Also touched on briefly were the Highway 43 project, parking around West Linn High School, and the possibility of utilizing ODOT right of way on I-205 for a future PW/ODOT shared maintenance yard. The next community meeting for the Waterfront Plan is October 3rd and that meeting will feature the discussion being had about traffic control options in the project area.

- Library/School District Collaboration. Mayor Axelrod and I met this morning with the Superintendent of the West Linn Wilsonville School District to discuss ways to strengthen the relationship between the City and School District. This was a productive conversation and we tentatively agreed on a joint meeting between the City Council and School Board on January 22, 2018.

Coincidentally, Library Director Erickson shared how he has been working with the district already on several initiatives. These include:

- Establish Public Library Book Return Crates in all 6 primary schools. Library staff will pick up these materials weekly which allows ongoing communication with school staff as well as sharing fliers for upcoming events. This easy method of returning books will minimize fines for students and families.
- Offer 1st Annual Kindergarten Carnival at the Public Library on Thursday, 10/05 from 5:30-7pm. Kindergarteners can sign up for a library card if they don't have one already, get fines waived on existing cards, learn more about library resources and meet youth staff while enjoying a photo booth, balloon animals, a raffle for books and other prizes with a free book for each kindergartner.
- Distribute monthly Primary School Newsletter to Teacher Librarians. This will keep them updated on library happenings and offer book suggestions related to school curriculum. A PDF of a sample newsletter is attached.

Other ideas in development include educator cards which would allow teachers to access more materials for their classroom with increased item checkouts, holds and reduced fines. Additionally library staff would visit schools twice a year to offer Book Adventures with early elementary students, getting students excited about new books and connecting school students to the public library staff.

- High School Parking. Related to this is the matter of parking at the high school. One question which has been asked related to past planning approvals from the City. Planning staff reviewed all past land use approvals for the high school and will report on this at the meeting on Monday. This too was discussed with the Superintendent this morning which was also a productive discussion in learning about the various issues the district contends with in managing transportation to and from school by students.

That's it for this week.

Respectfully,

Eileen



The West Linn Public Library Presents WLWV PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Meet your Youth Services Staff!

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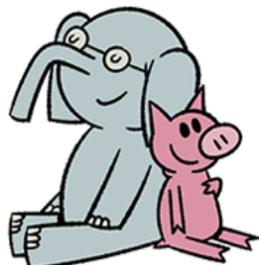
Caitrin Lenartz, Library Assistant;
Rebecca Mayer, Teen & Tween Librarian;
Sandi Box, Children's Services Specialist;
Sarah Flathman, Youth Services Manager;
Kimberley Rhoades, Children's Librarian;
 and **Elaine Spence**, Teen Librarian.

Questions or comments:
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KINDY CARNIVAL



Calling all kindergartners! The West Linn Public Library is inviting all Kindergartners and their families to our 1st Annual **Kindergarten Carnival** on **Thursday, October 5th from 5:30-7:00pm at the Library**. Sign up for a library card, meet the librarians, and receive a token for \$5.00 off late fines. There will also be a photo booth, balloon animals, a raffle for books and other prizes, and a free book for each kindergartner! More information to follow.

At WLPL in September!

LEGO Free Build (ages 4-12) on Wednesday, September 6th from 6:00-7:30pm

Join us for LEGO fun! Build whatever you want on Wednesday evening.

LEGO Club (ages 4-12) on Saturday, September 9th from 12:00-1:30pm

Learn new building techniques on Saturdays with LEGO Master Builder, Blair Archer.

Spaghetti Engineering (grades K-5)

Wednesday, September 27th from 1:30-3:00pm (Early Release day)

Who can make the tallest tower or a structure strong enough to hold weight? Find out in this hands-on program using spaghetti, building basics and plenty of creativity.

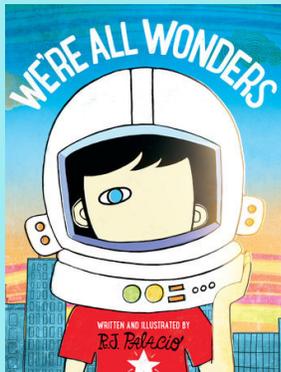
Tales to Tails! *Reservations are necessary!*

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:30-5:00pm

Kids, want to practice reading? Come and read to one of our therapy dogs! Please stop by the Kid's Desk or call 503.742.8623 to make your reservation in advance.

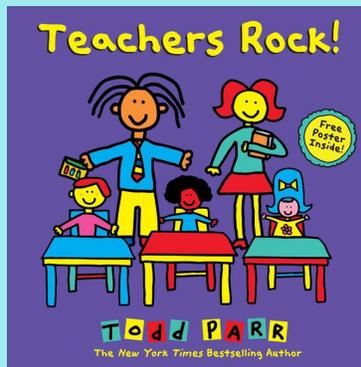
Books We Recommend!

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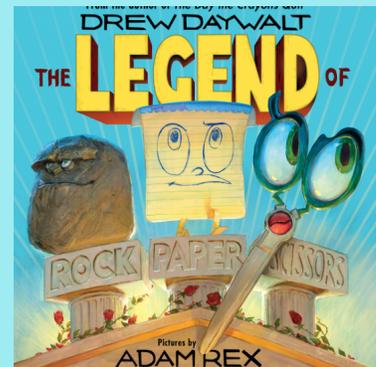
"We Are All Wonders"
by R.J. Palacio

A picture book version of Auggie Pullman of *Wonder*. Great for teaching empathy and promoting kindness.



Teachers Rock!
by Todd Parr

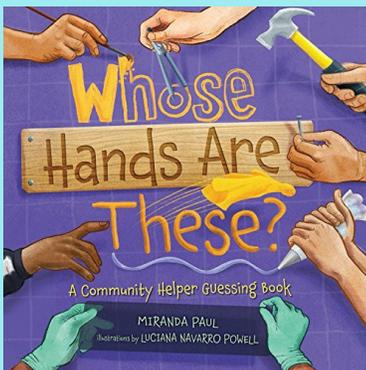
Another must read about how teachers make classrooms a great place to be.



The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors
by Drew Daywalt

The latest story from the author of *The Day the Crayons Quit* that will have you in stitches.

Nonfiction



Whose Hands Are These?
by Miranda Paul

A book about community helpers and how they work together to help us.

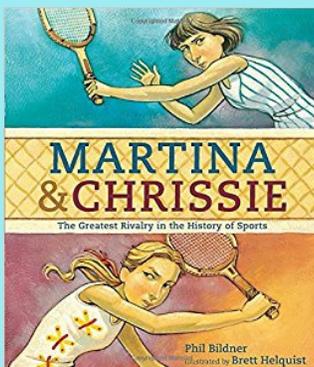


Maya Angelou
from the series
Little People, Big Dreams
Beautifully illustrated
biographies for children
K-2nd grade.

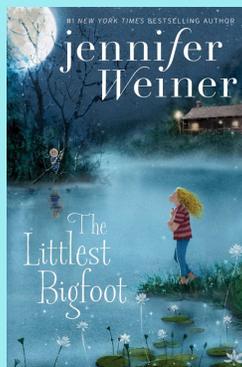


Apex Predators
by Steve Jenkins
This master of nonfiction
explores some of the world's
most powerful predators.

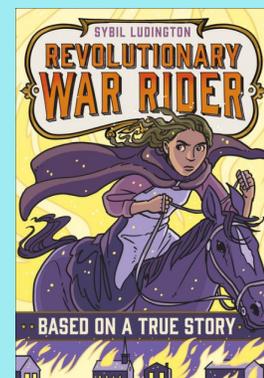
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**Martina & Chrissie:
The Greatest Rivalry in
the History of Sports**
A nonfiction book about the
friendship and rivalry
between two tennis greats.



The Littlest Bigfoot
by Jennifer Weiner
A thought provoking yet
funny book about friendship
and finding where you
belonging.



Revolutionary War Rider
from the series
Based On A True Story
Exciting fictionalized stories
of actual events involving
children in history.