

Covid Highlights



CURBSIDE SERVICE

In addition to bolstering our eBook collections and other online resources, Library staff are working hard to deliver books and other physical materials via no-contact curbside pickup. More than 500 patrons schedule appointments each week via an easy-to-use online portal, with wait times rarely exceeding 2-3 business days. We've averaged close to 15,000 checkouts each month since our curbside service started!

ONLINE PROGRAMMING

Library staff delved into online programming immediately after the library closed. After months of learning, experimenting and getting survey feedback from patrons, our current line up includes Virtual Storytime and Community Storytime, Office Hours where kids can connect virtually with a library for book recommendations, research help and more, Monthly STEM activities for Kids, Teen Manga Club, Take and Make Spice Club, Online Writing Workshops, Financial and Estate Planning Workshops, and several upcoming Cookbook Author presentations.

NEW USERS

New patrons can register for a library eCard. These accounts provide instant access to our outstanding online resources, including Kanopy, an on-demand streaming service offering over 30,000 streaming documentary, classic, and indie films. Over 200 patrons have registered for new library cards in the past few months.



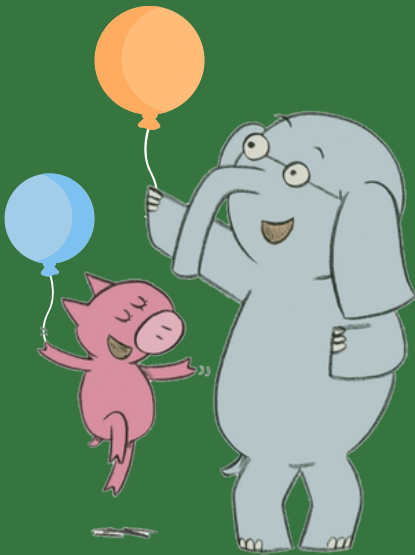
SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The library's highly anticipated Summer Reading Program provided a virtual option for participation this year via Beanstack, an online portal. 631 participants signed up and a grand total of 4044 hours were spent reading and 3,178 badges were earned. Thanks to the generosity of the West Linn Library Foundation, 12 lucky winners received either a \$50 Visa gift card or a \$50 Powell's gift card. A total of 95 programs were offered that encourage reading and exploring for all ages -- this includes 2 take and make crafts, 26 live virtual programs and 67 recorded virtual programs. For little ones, we offered Virtual Storytime, Community Storytime and Craft Videos. Kids enjoyed Library Live, Kitchen Chemistry, Bedtime Stories and Letters to a Librarian. And adults learned something new this summer by watching How-Do Tuesdays videos like how to grow microgreens, find a geocache, and tie a knot.



NEW LIBRARY RESOURCES AND SERVICES

- **Creativebug:** Experience the joy of making and crafting with thousands of award-winning video classes taught by top designers and artists
- **Personalized Book Recommendations:** Receive recommended titles based on your personal taste by our librarians. Available for both kids & teens as well as adults.
- **Book Bundles for Kids:** Our youth librarians can compile a selection of up to 10 books for your family to enjoy. So far we've processed over 165 requests and provided over 1500 books!
- **Teen Book Boxes:** Every quarter, teens in grades 6th-12th can subscribe to our Teen Book Boxes service and receive monthly mystery boxes filled with 2-3 personalized books
- **Take & Make Craft Kits:** We've offered a variety of take and make craft kits for patrons to pick up similar to our no-contact holds pick up service. These have included Kindness Rocks, Beaded Keychains, and even Graveyard Terrariums. We are planning to offer a different craft kit on a monthly basis for various age groups.



KINDERGARTEN CARNIVAL

Library staff hosted the 4th annual Kindergarten Carnival on Thursday, October 1st. Rather than the usual hundreds of kindergarteners and their families who visit the library afterhours for a free book, library card sign up, and fun activities, this year's Carnival included a Curbside Packet Pick Up and virtual activities on Beanstack. Each kindergartener received a free Elephant and Piggie book, bookmark, STEM activities, and more distributed by our very own Book Fairy. The goal is to introduce young patrons and their families to the wonderful services and programs offered at the library typically and now virtually. 135 kindergarteners from our 6 primary schools participated! 17 new library cards were opened for them or a member of their family. All of this was accomplished with the help of Kindergarten teachers who promoted this to their families.

PARTNERSHIP WITH WLWV SCHOOL DISTRICT

We are still working closely with teachers as well as school district administration to support the evolving needs of both students and instructional staff this year. Each month we offer a monthly school newsletter to inform both teachers and students of our resources, events and new titles of interest. We are providing curriculum units as needed and working with classroom teachers to ensure their students have a library card to provide access to our resources.

