



The West Linn & Wilsonville Public Libraries Present



THE WEST LINN-WILSONVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

At West Linn Public Library in May!

Monthly Maker Club on Sunday, May 4th at 12:00pm

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

Fun with Flora & Fauna...And Forest Tea! on Monday, May 5th at 10:30 and 11:30am

Join us for an educational and eye-opening presentation about the plants and animals in your own backyard! Learn to identify local flora and fauna. For grades K-5. Registration is required.

Chill with a Chick! from Thursday, May 22nd through Saturday, May 24th from 3:00-5:00pm

Get close up and personal with newborn chicks! Learn the proper way to hold a chick, then enjoy a fuzzy ball of cuteness. All ages are welcome. Sign up for a 15 minute session.

Tales to Tails! on Wednesdays and Thursdays through May 22nd from 3:00-4:30pm

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.

Did You Know?

The **2025 Summer Reading Program** theme is **Level Up at Your Library!**

Our programs run from **June 15th - August 15th for West Linn**

and from **June 1st - August 31st for Wilsonville.**

Read or listen to books to complete your Summer Reading Log and become eligible for prizes. We have programs for all ages, from babies to adults. Visit our library websites for more details on the Summer Reading Program, including prizes, and free special events.



At Wilsonville Public Library in May!

Return of the Jedi Goats on Saturday, May 3rd from 3:00-5:00 pm

Join us on May 3rd to start your Star Wars celebration early, with crafts, activities, and Jedi goats! Star Wars fans of all ages are welcome and costumes are encouraged.

Creative Corner! - Get Gardening! on Monday, May 5th from 2:00-3:30pm

Let's get gardening! We provide materials so you can create your own little patch of a garden. For elementary-aged children with their grown-ups. Siblings welcome too!

STEAM Stuff on Wednesday, May 14th 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!

Wilsonville High School Robotics Team on Saturday, May 31st from 1:00-3:00 pm

Robotics team members will provide a hands-on experience for students interested in the STEM field. For kindergarten through middle school students with their grown-ups.

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.

The Jo & Steven Awards

Books that haven't won any medals, but (in our opinion) are definitely award-worthy

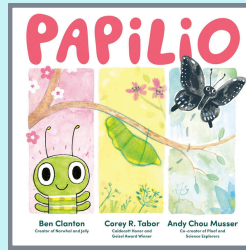
(click on the covers to link to our catalog)

Younger Grades



Mixed Feelings
by Liana Finck

BEST SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL BOOK:
Simple words and clever pictures capture a wide range of childhood moods and emotions, including some unexpected ones. Funny, insightful, and an excellent discussion starter.



Papilio
by Clanton, Tabor & Messer

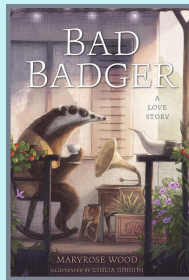
BEST AUTHOR COLLABORATION:
Three acclaimed picture book author/illustrators each tell one part of Papilio's amazing life, from caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly. A triple dose of information and fun.



Shape Search
by Melissa Stewart

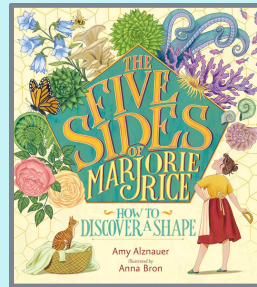
COOLEST CONCEPT BOOK:
Using carefully chosen photographs, this interactive book reveals how shapes exist in nature. A creative exploration of simple geometry, photography, and the natural world.

Middle Grades



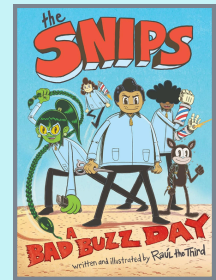
Bad Badger
by Maryrose Wood

BEST "MOVING UP" STORY:
Septimus knows that he's not like other badgers, but hopes a visiting seagull will be his new and true friend. A great choice for readers moving up to chapter books.



The Five Sides of Marjorie Rice
by Amy Alznauer

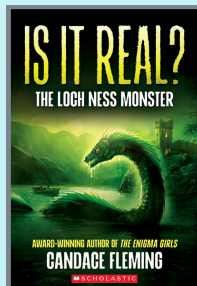
BEST PICTURE BOOK BIOGRAPHY:
As a girl, Marjorie saw shapes everywhere. She grew up to become an amazing amateur mathematician, who made several unprecedented discoveries about pentagons.



The Snips: A Bad Buzz Day
by Raúl the Third

BEST EARLY GRAPHIC NOVEL:
Hair stylists with superpowers keep the citizens of Scissors City safe from "hairtastrophes." The action, humor, and artwork are just right for fans of "Dog Man" and "Bad Guys."

Older Grades



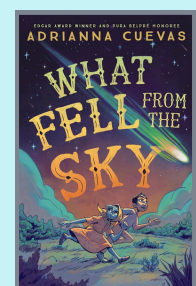
Is It Real? The Loch Ness Monster
by Candace Fleming

BEST INTERACTIVE NONFICTION:
Readers learn about Nessie sightings and theories, then are challenged to decide the truth for themselves. An intriguing introduction to critical thinking and research methods.



Tree. Table. Book.
by Lois Lowry

BEST INTERGENERATIONAL STORY:
11-year-old Sophia's best friend is 88 and struggles with some memory issues. But she remembers past years vividly and shares poignant stories of World War II with her young friend.



What Fell from the Sky
by Adrianna Cuevas

BEST FRIENDLY ALIEN BOOK:
Kids try to help a stranded alien find her parents in 1950s Texas. A lively science fiction adventure that also explores themes of inclusion, empathy, and community.