



The West Linn & Wilsonville Public Libraries Present



# THE WEST LINN WILSONVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## At West Linn Public Library in December!

**Office Hours** on Tuesday, December 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th from 2:00-4:00pm.

Make an appointment to connect virtually with a Youth Services Librarian in real time! These ten minute appointments are yours to request personalized book recommendations, ask about books or library resources, and receive general youth services reference help. Visit our website to register.

**STEM Take & Make Kits - Catapults** on Thursday, December 17th at 2:30pm.

Want to make something fun while learning at the same time? Grab a bag of items for a specific STEM activity that you can create at home! Registration is required to pick up your Take & Make kit.

**Doodle School** on Friday, December 4th and 18th at 2:00pm.

Join our Emerging Technologies Librarian for a new drawing series focusing on doodles! Every other Friday, we'll learn how to draw something new, fun, and easy! On our YouTube channel.

## Did You Know?

### Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

West Linn and Wilsonville children can sign up to receive 60 free books before they turn 5! Every family in West Linn and Wilsonville is eligible and can register for **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**. Once a child is enrolled, a new picture book arrives in the mail every month until their 5th birthday – what a motivator for book-sharing! Help us make sure all families with young children know about this program which is sponsored by the West Linn Library Foundation and the Wilsonville Public Library Foundation.



## At Wilsonville Public Library in December!

**Stories and Science on the Go!** on Thursdays, December 3rd, 10th, and 17th at 10:30am.

Favorite tales are brought to life through storytelling, science play, and early learning fun. We'll demonstrate craft and science activities to go with each program. **While supplies last, beginning November 24th**, families can pick up a "Stories and Science Take-and-Make Bag" with supplies to support these activities. \*\*\*link to go in the title\*\*\*.

**Wilsonville Library is Open!** (ish)

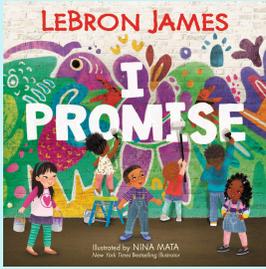
Did you know you can come into the Wilsonville Library in person to pick up holds, ask questions, request printing and copying, and browse book bundles? Ask us for reading recommendations, or when you visit, we can simply gather an assortment to your taste (or for your class). Hours and details online. Meanwhile, programs for all ages continue online, both live and recorded.

Questions or comments: contact Kimberley Rhoades at [krhoades@westlinnoregon.gov](mailto:krhoades@westlinnoregon.gov) or 503.742.6191 or Deborah Gitlitz at [gitlitz@wilsonvillelibrary.org](mailto:gitlitz@wilsonvillelibrary.org) or 503-570-1582.

# Books that make you say WOW!

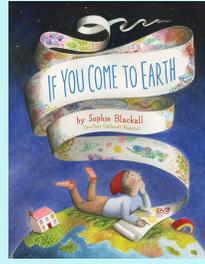
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Stories



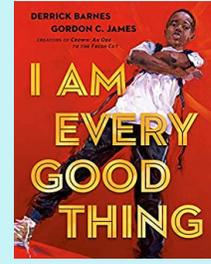
***I Promise***  
by Lebron James

In vibrant illustrations, children of a diverse neighborhood work hard in school, play fair, try new things, and share joy. The rhyming text takes the form of a pledge, motivating readers to become the very best version of themselves. Inspired by James' "I Promise" School in Akron, Ohio.



***If You Come to Earth***  
by Sophie Blackall

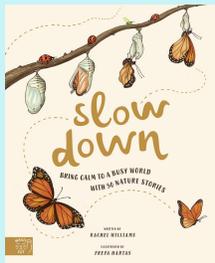
Imagine explaining life on Earth to one who has never been here. Two-time Caldecott Medalist Blackall explores big concepts such as families, weather, animals, transportation, and food in beautifully rendered illustrations embodying kindness and love. A powerful message about being better together.



***I Am Every Good Thing***  
by Derrick Barnes

Barnes' lyrical text and James' majestic illustrations combine for a powerful celebration of Black boyhood. Boys leap from the pages, busy and bright, and the whole book feels like a cheer. From the team that created the award-winning *Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut*.

Perspectives



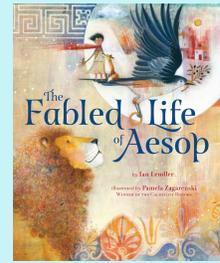
***Slow Down: 50 Mindful Moments in Nature***  
by Rachel Williams

From the cresting of a wave to a snake shedding its skin, this charmingly illustrated text reminds us to slow down and notice the beauty of nature. Rainbows, snowflakes, sunsets, and so much more beauty is there for us if we pause and pay attention.



***We Are Water Protectors***  
by Carole Lindstrom

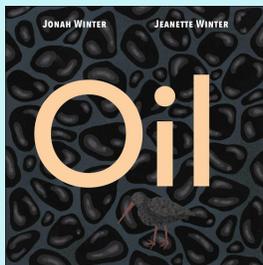
Magically rendered in jewel-toned watercolors, this stunning book is a rallying cry inspired by the many Indigenous-led movements across the continent. A young girl joins her community to 'stand for the water. To stand for the land. To stand as ONE' protecting the Earth's water from harm.



***The Fabled Life of Aesop***  
by Ian Lendler

Through stories both familiar and new, an enslaved storyteller asks the reader to reflect on values such as hard work, honesty, humility, and kindness. Illustrations by Caldecott-honoree Pamela Zagarenski breathe intricate life into these ancient fables.

Hot Topics



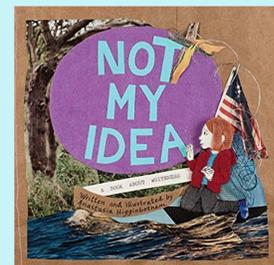
***Oil***  
by Jonah Winter

30 years after the Exxon Valdez spilled millions of gallons of oil off Alaska's coast, this mother-son duo highlights the devastating environmental impact that is still seen today on the land, water, wildlife, and Native people in a simple, somber, and important story.



***My Maddy***  
by Gayle Pitman

This unique gender story shares how "some of the best things in the world are not one thing or the other, but something in between." Using concepts children will know, such as dusk and dawn and seasonal changes, we learn that not all beautiful things can be distinctly labeled.



***Not My Idea***  
by Anastasia Higginbotham

From the **Ordinary Terrible Things** series comes a necessary book about a child's growing awareness of what whiteness means and the privilege that accompanies it. An excellent resource for those wanting to foster conversations around racial injustice.