

# ALL THINGS YOUNG TEEN

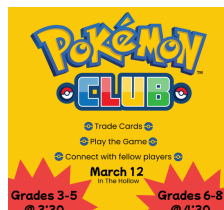
## Programs for Grades 5-8

VISIT [WESTLINNOREGON.GOV/LIBRARY/YOUNG-TEEN-EVENTS](http://WESTLINNOREGON.GOV/LIBRARY/YOUNG-TEEN-EVENTS)  
FOR MORE INFORMATION

### POKÉMON CLUB

Thursday | March 12 | 4:30 PM

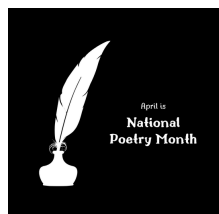
Come share your love for Pokémon with other enthusiasts. Swap cards and play the game with other trainers! Registration is NOT required, but supplies are limited. Keep your eyes open for future events!



### POETRY!

April 1 - April 30

Celebrate National Poetry Month by creating a blackout poem or writing a haiku or two! Supplies will be in the Young Teen and Teen rooms at the library.



### CHILL WITH A CHICK

May 21 - May 24

Chicks are coming back to the library! We will start incubating at the end of April, with a hatch in May. You and your family can sign up for your own cuddle session with one of the sweet chicks.



### MINECRAFT

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the Month | 4:30 PM

Join us for Minecraft gaming at the library! We provide the computers and server to play on; you bring the creativity and building skills.

MINECRAFT WILL BE TAKING A BREAK STARTING IN MAY  
Look for it to start again in September 2026.



### TEEN ART MEET

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month | 4:30 PM

For those in grades 8-12

Join your fellow artists every third Thursday of the month at our Teen Art Meet! Get away from it all to paint, draw, sculpt or experiment with new media every month at a laid back, artsy hangout. You'll enjoy music, novel art supplies and a space to share and exchange with other young artists. Feel free to bring your own supplies and projects - this studio time is completely self-guided!



We have what you need!

### A Place Just For You

Our Teen Room is reserved for students in Grades 6-12 (no adults allowed!)

- o Tables for studying
- o Comfy couches
- o Take and Make kits
- o Rotating games and Maker supplies
- o Charging stations

### Looking for your next read?

We can help with that:

#### Booklists

Print lists are available in the Young Teen and Teen rooms. Scan the QR Code to view up-to-date booklists on our website.



#### Book Recommendations

Fill out an online form with a few details of what you are looking for. We will reply back with several suggestions. OR stop in and ask us in person!



#### Teen Book Boxes

Starting in 7th Grade, you can sign up for our Teen Book Box service and receive mystery boxes filled with 2 personalized fiction selections.



### Earn a Prize!

Every other month, there is a scavenger hunt in the Youth Services section of the library. On the opposite months, you can come in to guess our Book In A Jar book.

### Research & Homework

Our website has resources to help you succeed. A couple of easy clicks will take you to credible articles and databases, newspapers and magazines, and our library catalog.

### SCHEDULED CLOSURES

Tuesday, March 31  
Monday, May 25

# Middle School Must-Reads:

## Discover New & Old Favorites!



**HAFSA'S WAY**  
Aisha Saeed

Hafsa, a determined Pakistani girl who dreams of becoming a doctor despite her family's disapproval, is begrudgingly allowed to attend an elite summer science camp in Lahore, where she faces isolation, unexpected challenges, and family pressures but refuses to let anything derail her ambitions.

**Read-Alikes:**  
*Singing with Elephants*  
*Thirst*



**WHEN TOMORROW BURNS**  
Tae Keller

Once there was a tree. For two hundred years, there was a tree. Until the tree fell in a forest and then there was a book. When best friends Nomi, Vi, and Arthur were younger, they discovered a book of prophecies. It was so very comforting to know what was coming. But as the kids grew older, they forgot about the book. Until the final prophecy started coming true.

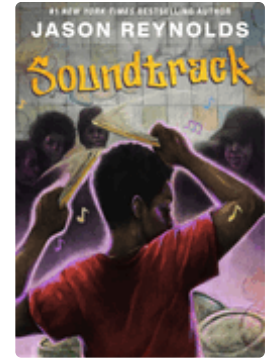
**Read-Alikes:**  
*The Experiment*  
*Wishtree*



**EUROPA**  
James Ponti

When Umbra threatens to attack multiple high-level targets across Europe unless Le Fantôme is released from prison, the City Spies have to split up and race across the continent solving codes and chasing clues in hopes that they can thwart the attacks and keep Le Fantôme from going free.

**Read-Alikes:**  
*Alex Rider Series*  
*Spy School Series*



**SOUNDTRACK**  
Jason Reynolds

Stuy has moved in with his uncle to avoid his mom and her abusive boyfriend. He plays the drums and busks in NYC subway stations with his band to scrape enough money to record an album. As their popularity grows, so do the pressures. When the police start looking for their bassist, Stuy faces his toughest decision yet.

**Read-Alikes:**  
*Dropping Beats*  
*On the Come Up*



**LOVELY ONE**

**Ketanji Brown Jackson**  
Ketanji Brown Jackson, the first Black woman to ever be appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court, chronicles her life story and her extraordinary path to becoming a jurist on America's highest court in this inspiring, intimate memoir.

**Read-Alikes:**  
*Dissenter on the Bench*  
*I am Malala*



**KID X**

**Tracey Baptiste**  
The sequel to *Boy 2.0* (a librarian favorite!) is here. Coal is adjusting to his foster family *and* his new powers. Life is pretty decent until Coal suspects that someone is following his every move, Coal needs to find out who his friends and enemies are...quickly.

**Read-Alikes:**  
*Jax Freeman Series*  
*Miles Morales: Suspended*



**FRUITCAKE**

**Rex Ogle & Dave Valeza**  
Eighth grade isn't off to a great start. Everyone but Rex seems to be coupling up, and he's starting to feel like an outsider... until he meets Charlotte. She's fearless, smart, pretty, and she likes him back. But as great as Charlotte is, there's someone else Rex can't stop thinking about.

**Read-Alikes:**  
*Real Friends*  
*Weirdo*



**AMARI AND THE METALWORK MENACE**  
B. B. Alston

The 4<sup>th</sup> book is here! A deadly new curse is threatening both the supernatural and mortal worlds as, beneath their skin, people are slowly becoming machines--and losing their very humanity. And it's somehow related to the First Magician. It's up to Amari to get to the bottom of this deadly mystery--even if it means trusting an old enemy.

**Read-Alikes:**  
*Nevermoor*  
*Percy Jackson Series*