

ALL THINGS YOUNG TEEN

Programs for Grades 5-8

VISIT [WESTLINNOREGON.GOV/LIBRARY/YOUNG-TEEN-EVENTS](https://www.westlinnoregon.gov/library/young-teen-events)
FOR MORE INFORMATION

COOKIE DECORATING

Thursday | December 11 | 4:30 PM

Spend a cozy afternoon at the library decorating cookies! We'll show you how to make frosting, then you can design your own sweet creations. Take home your cookies to enjoy or share — either way they will be delicious.



MARIO KART PARTY

Wednesday | January 14 | 4:30 PM

Start your engines and get ready to race! Join us at the library for a few friendly Mario Kart races on the big screen. Whether you're a seasoned racer or brand-new to the tracks, everyone is welcome.



VALENTINE CUPCAKES

Thursday | February 12 | 4:30 PM

Valentine's Day is right around the corner! Learn some cool frosting tips and tricks, then spread the sweetness with cupcakes to share with your friends and loved ones.



MINECRAFT

2nd & 4th 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.



TEEN ART MEET

3rd Thursdays 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!)

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

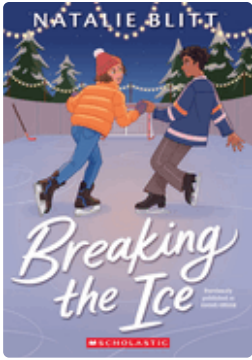
Our website has resources to help you succeed. A couple of easy clicks will take you to credible articles and databases, newspapers and magazines, and our library catalog.

SCHEDULED CLOSURES

Wednesday, December 24
Thursday, December 25
Wednesday, December 31 @ 4:00
Thursday, January 1
Monday, February 16

Middle School Must-Reads:

Discover New & Old Favorites!



BREAKING THE ICE
Natalie Blitt

One girl. One boy. A small-town ice rink. This sweet story of hockey, friendships, and crushes is perfect for a cozy winter read.

Read-Alikes:
Keeping Pace
Never Evers



THE NINE MOONS OF HAN YU AND LULI

Karina Yan Glaser

Breathtaking suspense, unforgettable characters, and a pinch of magic combine in the dual stories of two young people, one in 731 China, and one in 1931 Chinatown, on perilous journeys to save their families. An instant classic from the beloved and bestselling author of the Vanderbeekers series.

Read-Alikes:
Refugee
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon



THE ROAD FROM NOWHERE
Avi

There's just one road in Gatchett's Gluch--a tiny silver mining town in the high Colorado desert. That means there's only one way in and one way out. Ollie is desperate to find his own lode of silver, so he can gain riches and get his family out of the town. While looking (and finding!) silver, Ollie and his brother find themselves on an adventure that has never been told before.

Read-Alikes:
One Came Home
Will's Race for Home



HYPERGIFTED

Gordon Korman

The 3rd book in the "Ungifted" series is finally here! Noah has just graduated from 8th grade and gets accepted into college. Will his life ever be just normal? Well, this summer it won't, as he brings his friend Donovan along to campus and not-so-great decisions are made.

Read-Alikes:
Diary of a Wimpy Kid
The Smartest Kid in the Universe



THE MOON WITHOUT STARS

Chanel Miller

At the beginning of 7th grade, Luna knows who she is: an observant, quiet girl who loves writing and making zines with her best friend, Scott. But when one of their zines takes off, Luna is somehow swept up into the popular group and learns just how much of herself she's going to have to compromise to stay there. How much is she willing to give up?

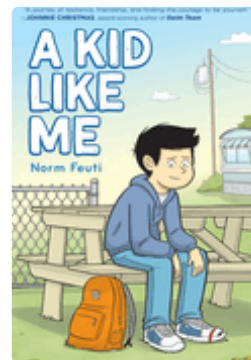
Read-Alikes:
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Scarlet Morning



A SCAR LIKE A RIVER
Lisa Graff

From bestselling author Lisa Graff, this important story follows a thirteen-year-old with a mysterious scar on her face--and a big secret she feels pressured to keep.

Read-Alikes:
All the Bright Places
Fighting Words



A KID LIKE ME
Norm Feuti

Ethan doesn't want to stand out, he just wants to fit in. But fitting in is tough when so much about you is different. Things start looking up, though, when Ethan befriends Aiden, a new kid in school, but it's only matter of time before even that goes sideways. Can Ethan figure out where he belongs without forgetting who he is and who he wants to be?

Read-Alikes:
And Then, Boom!
Pizza Face



DESTINY OF THE DIAMOND PRINCESS
Sherry Winston

For her 12th birthday, the only thing Zahara-Grace wants is to discover herself. She knows her likes and dislikes, and she also knows she is adopted. She wants to learn more about her ancestry. When her mom lets her take a DNA test, she never imagines her biological grandfather contacting her. And she definitely never imagined that he would be a king!

Read-Alikes:
From the Desk of Zoe Washington
The Princess Diaries