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# ALL THINGS YOUNG TEEN

WE HAVE ALL THE DETAILS - VISIT US ONLINE OR IN-PERSON

## HAIKU CHALLENGE

April 1 - April 25

April is National Poetry Month! To celebrate, we are encouraging anyone in Grades 5 through 12 to create a haiku (or two!) and share it with us. You may submit in person at the Youth Services desk, or email to [anewman@westlinnoregon.gov](mailto:anewman@westlinnoregon.gov).

*words flutter and flap  
they skitter around the page  
shift and twist: words dance*

## WORKSHOP: NORTHERN LIGHTS CHALK ART

April 24 | 3:00 PM

Scientists and astronomers are predicting that we may be able to witness the northern lights in Oregon in 2024. Since the chances are still highly unpredictable, we thought we would make our own northern lights that we can enjoy at any time!



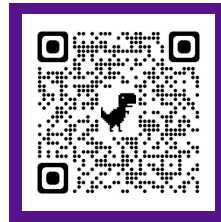
## WEST LINN WIZARDFEST 2024

May 8 | 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM



The owl finally brought your admission letter to Hogwarts! The QR code is the portkey to take you to all of the details.

Free tickets will be available starting April 17th.



## SOMETHING IS HATCHING AT THE LIBRARY...



### Drawing with Mark Fearing

May 16 | 4:30 PM

Mark Fearing is the illustrator behind *Chicken Story Time*, the book that inspired us to have chicks in the library! Join us for a drawing workshop led by himself. This is an all-ages all-skill levels event.



### Chill With A Chick

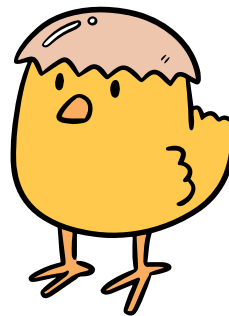
May 23, 24 & 25

We are going to be incubating and hatching chicks at the library. You can sign up for your own cuddle session with a ball of fuzzy cuteness.



### StoryWalk® at Fields Bridge Park

Our current StoryWalk features *Chicken Story Time*, written by Sandy Asher and illustrated by Mark Fearing. Enjoy the beauty of outdoor Oregon in the spring AND read a book while doing so. It's truly a win-win!



## TEEN MANGA CLUB

Last Thursday of the Month | 4:30 PM

Hang out with other manga and anime enthusiasts, pick up some #1's, enjoy snacks and watch some anime! Anime is streamed from crunchyroll and is generally rated TV14 and under.



## 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 Boxes 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, May 8 2024

Monday, May 27 2024

Wednesday, June 19 2024

Thursday, July 4 2024

### Clothing & Accessory Swap

April 27 | 12:30 - 3:30

West Linn Ambassador, Princess Sadie, is hosting a clothing and accessory swap for tweens and teens. Items can be dropped off at the library or brought in on the day of the event. Donate your gently used belongings and leave with something new to you!



# Middle School Must-Reads:

## Discover New & Old Favorites!

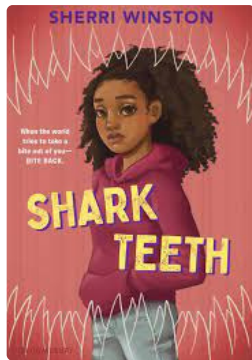


### JUST KEEP WALKING

**Erin Soderburg Downing**  
Jo and her father had planned an epic hike. But then Jo's father found himself a new family. Now Jo is hiking the trail with her mom so that they can both prove they will be fine. But will they? This adventure will pull you in and keep you reading.

**Read-Alikes:**

*The Honest Truth*  
*The Canyon's Edge*



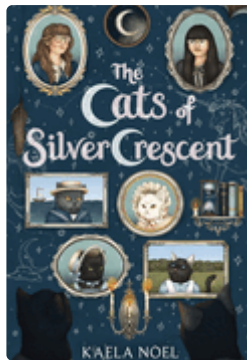
### SHARK TEETH

Sherri Winson

Sharkita lives in a constant state of chaos. She centers her life around keeping her younger siblings safe. This makes being a normal middle-school student really difficult. Through Kita's struggles she eventually triumphs, learning to trust.

**Read-Alikes:**

*Hurricane Season*



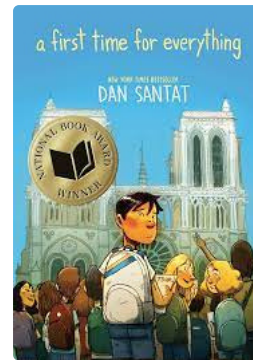
### THE CATS OF SILVER CRESCENT

Allie Millington

Elsby is staying with her aunt for the summer. Her aunt's house holds a very dark secret. Elsby very quickly becomes aware of this when she discovers 3 cats living next door that desperately need a human's help for their survival. Magical, creepy vibes.

**Read Alikes:**

*The Warriors series*



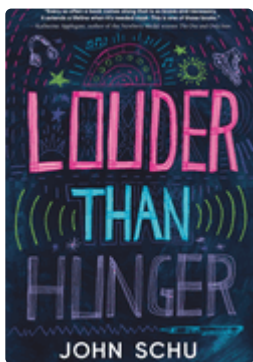
### A FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING

Dan Santat

Santat recalls his middle school years in this hilarious and touching graphic memoir. Follow along as Dan moves through his awkwardness and first crush on a school trip to Europe.

**Read-Alikes:**

*New Kid*  
*Smile*



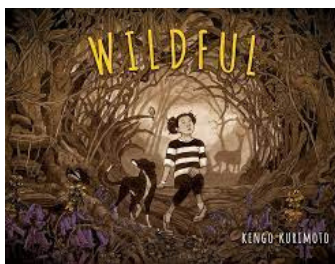
### LOUDER THAN HUNGER

John Schu

This novel in verse will tear your heart apart and then stitch it back together, filling it with hope. THE VOICE in Jake's head is controlling him, and Jake doesn't know how to tell it to be quiet.

**Read-Alikes:**

*A Work in Progress*  
*Starfish*



### WILDFUL

Kengo Kurimoto

An almost-wordless graphic novel that will draw you in with its illustrations (especially the owl!) and story of grief and healing through nature and growth.

**Read-Alikes:**

*Pilu of the Woods*  
*Raymie Nightingale*



### ULTRAVIOLET

Ada Salazar

Eighth grade is where it all starts to happen for Elio, and it isn't all good. This hilarious book hits on the realities of middle school. From first relationships to family dynamics and finding his voice, Elio is a narrator that you will remember for a long time.

**Read-Alikes:**

*Ghost*  
*The Crossover*



### THE NIGHT WAR

Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Paris, France 1942: Miri escapes a Nazi roundup, fleeing with her neighbor's 2-year-old baby. The storytelling in this book is deeply layered, filled with the terrifying truths of war along with the strength and love that humans have for one another.

**Read-Alikes:**

*Number the Stars*  
*I Survived series*