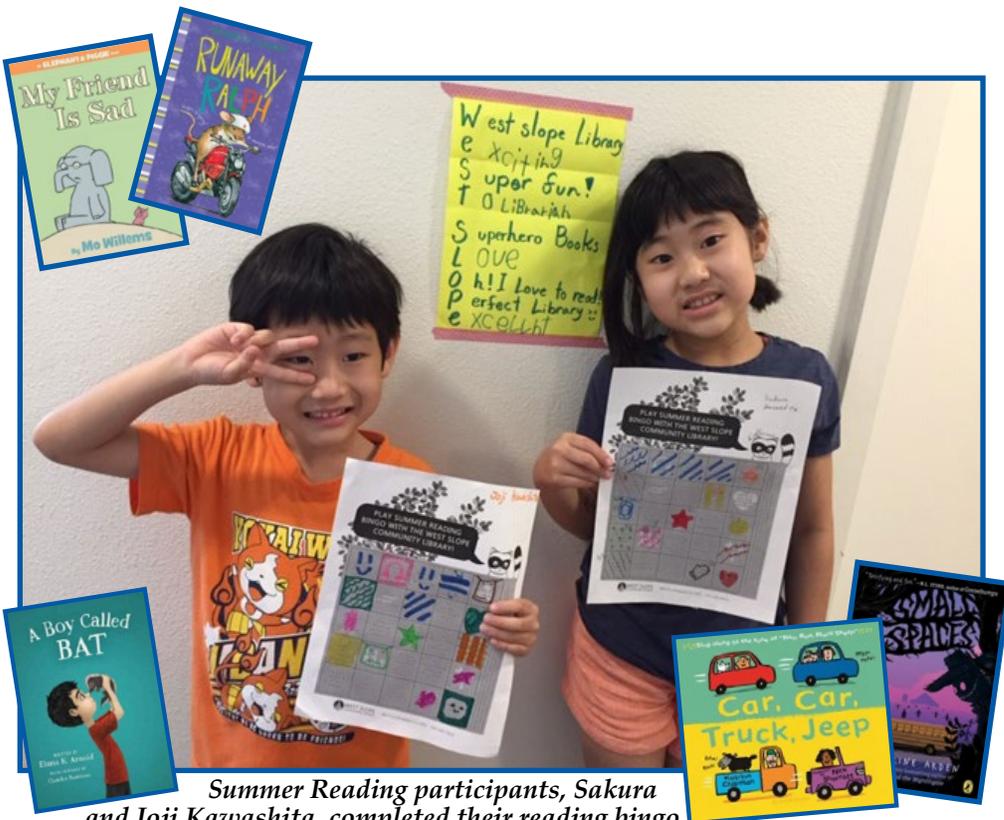


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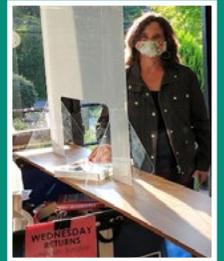
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Summer Reading participants, Sakura and Joji Kawashita, completed their reading bingo cards and were ready to claim their well-deserved book prizes. Congratulations Sakura and Joji! And thanks to all of the kids and adults who engaged in the 2020 Summer Reading Program: "Imagine Your Story." WSL Staff hopes you enjoyed it.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,
We hope you're all doing well during these unusual times. Everyone has had to make some changes in this new world. Like attending school and college classes online, celebrating graduations at drive-through ceremonies, conducting business through Zoom work meetings, wearing masks to do our shopping, and much more.



Returning a real book to WSL!

The library has also been adjusting and accommodating to be more accessible during these trying times. They dropped late fees and helped steer people into audio and digital books as well as amping up their bevy of online resources. Then they gradually started adding in takeouts and returns of actual physical items, all while still doing summer reading, story hour, and programs online.

For people struggling financially, the library continues to be a free service that benefits and educates everyone. And they are doing a GREAT job, despite having to adjust budgets and employees. It's nice that in this pandemic, libraries have not lost sight of the importance of working for the good of the community.

As Hagrid says in Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, "What's comin' will come, an' we'll meet it when it does!"

Julie Cooper

Homebound Kids Kept Active With Summer Reading Supplies



Washington County libraries gave away over 15,000 free books and art supplies to youth at summer meal sites, starting in July. Terisa Brown, WSL Youth Services Librarian, handed out bags full of goodies at William Walker Elementary and McKinley Elementary to many happy families. The supplies helped provide some fun learning tools to keep children mentally active while they are home during COVID-19 closures.

Item Takeout and Return Service Now Available at WSL

We are excited to bring you takeout service five days a week. We are also offering limited return hours (see below). Since we've launched takeout service, hold requests have doubled: averaging about 300 unique patrons with over 600 items on any given day. Our workflows have significantly changed so we appreciate everyone's support as we work to get you your library items as fast as we can. No late fees are being charged during this time.

TAKEOUT HOURS:

A Reservation is Required
See Instructions at Right
Monday, 3-7 pm
Wednesday, 3-7 pm
Friday, 11 am-3 pm,
Saturday, 10 am-2 pm
Sunday, 2-4 pm

RETURN HOURS:

Friday, 9 am-4 pm
Saturday, 9 am-4 pm

Please wear a face covering while accessing the library and keep everyone's health and safety in mind. If you are feeling unwell, please plan your visit for another time.

HOW TO TAKEOUT ITEMS:

- 1 Reserve items from the catalog at www.wccls.org.
- 2 You'll get a notification that your items are ready. At this time, contact WSL at 503-292-6416 or email westslope@wccls.org to reserve a takeout day and time.
- 3 Include your name and full library card number in any message you leave to make your reservation. Everything that is received and processed at the time of your reservation will be checked out to you.
- 4 Pick-up items at the library's front door on your designated day and time. Follow signs for the pickup route.

HOW TO RETURN ITEMS:

All items returned to the library must be quarantined for 120 hours before we can process them. To accommodate this new safety protocol, we are accepting limited item returns Fridays and Saturdays, 9 am-4 pm.



WSL purchased six, 16-bushel sized laundry bins to quarantine returns for 120 hours.

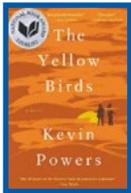
FALL 2020 ONLINE PROGRAMS

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

We are starting two new recorded programs in the fall! *Here to Help* will be a series of videos featuring librarians Thea Hart and Terisa Brown as they help you learn the ins and outs of all the library resources available to you. They will also be creating *Booktalks* where they share some reading recommendations. We will post two videos a week online, but you can watch (or re-watch) anytime at our website: www.westslopelibrary.org

BOOK CLUB

Adults meet monthly to discuss a featured title at this member-led book group. Typically this group meets in the library's community room, but during the COVID-19 emergency closures, events will take place online. Go to www.westslopelibrary.org/book-groups/ to register. Adult Services Librarian, Thea Hart will email you a link to the book group meeting after registration has closed. All are welcome to participate! Join us for a lively discussion. Questions? Thea Hart attends and participates in these book group meetings. Please let her know if you have any questions about the book group by calling 503-292-6416



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2-3:30 PM
YELLOW BIRDS BY KEVIN POWERS

In the midst of a bloody battle in the Iraq War, two soldiers, bound together since basic training, do everything to protect each other from both outside enemies and the internal struggles coming from constant danger.



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2020, 2-3:30 PM
SEVERANCE BY LING MA

A smart commentary on consumerism, millennial malaise, and apocalyptic fears. Millennial Candace Chen carries on her monotonous work for a corporate publishing company in New York City even after the Shen Fever hits and zombies the populace. She photo blogs the decline of New York City. Then she joins a band of survivors and it doesn't go smoothly.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020, 2-3:30 PM
BABEL BY GASTON DORREN

A tour of the world's twenty most-spoken languages explores the history, geography, linguistics, and cultures that have been shaped by languages and their customs.

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

ONLINE BOOKS AND SONGS WITH MISS TERISA

Every Tuesday at 10 am, Youth Services Librarian, Terisa Brown, will read books and sing songs via an online platform! Learn and be creative all fall. Go to www.westslopelibrary.org to register and receive a meeting link to join in on all the fun!



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The library is currently working with County Elections to be a ballot drop box location. Once we have details, we will share that information in the library's monthly newsletter and on our website.