

SPRING 2021

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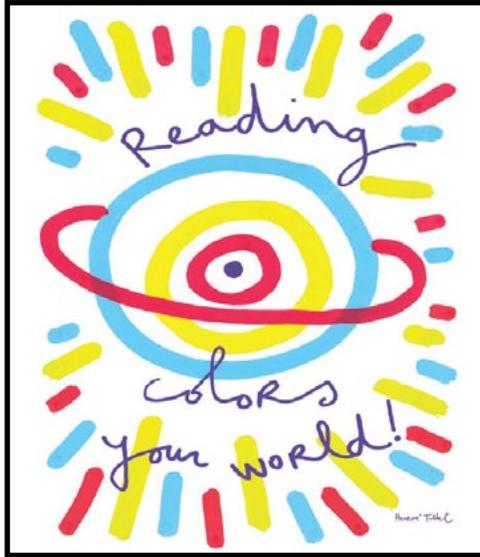
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## Designed for All Ages, 2021 Summer Reading Program Celebrates Diversity

The Summer Reading Program is coming soon! "Reading Colors Your World" is the title of the 2021 program, scheduled to run at West Slope from June 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>.

With artwork based on Hervé Tullet's book, *Press Here*, "Reading Colors Your World" will be celebrating the colorful diversity and excitement of humanity, nature, culture, and science. This program will shine a light on the inspirational, multi-generational power of modeling reading.

Library patrons, young and old, will be encouraged to get creative, learn new things, explore art, and find the beauty in our world's diversity. While the WSL staff doesn't yet know everything about the Summer Reading Program, here's what they do know:



- 1 EXPECT A FREE PAPERBACK FOR EVERY CHILD, AGES 0-17, WHO SIGNS UP.
- 2 GET A FUN, INDIVIDUALIZED GOAL-ORIENTED READING RECORD.
- 3 ENJOY FREE ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE TO "TAKE AND MAKE."
- 4 ENGAGE IN EXCITING ONLINE PROGRAMS.
- 5 BECOME A READING INSPIRATION TO OTHERS.
- 6 LEARN TO EXPAND YOUR WORLD AND YOUR IMAGINATION.

### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



*Cooking up lots of comfort food with fun recipes from some library cookbooks.*

Dear Friends,

I'm not going to lie - it's been a challenging year on many levels. I hope many of you have gotten vaccines and will be able to see family, neighbors, and friends in person again soon! As we get closer to the one year anniversary of the pandemic, being able to engage with each other seems especially important right now.

Speaking of engaging with each other...even while West Slope is temporarily closed during the pandemic and remodel, and pick-up and return of items is not available, the staff is still continuing to work hard for their community. You can call them at 503-846-6416 for any questions about placing holds, renewing items, and scheduling pick up appointments for items at other libraries. Or ask them about signing up for West Slope online programs. There will still be many offered for all ages through Zoom this spring.

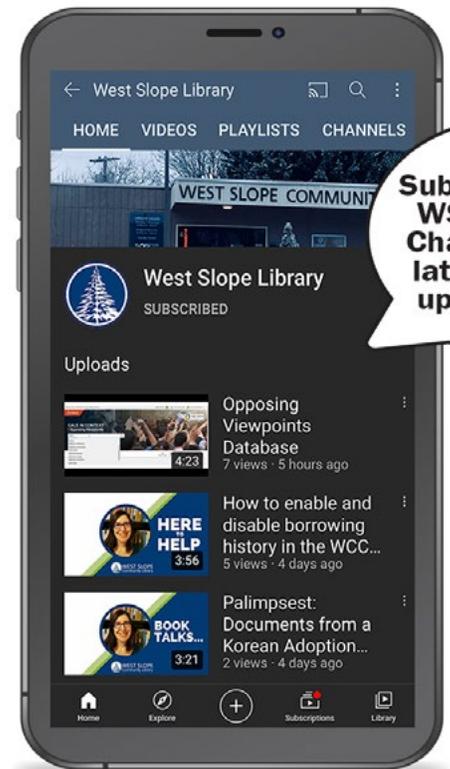
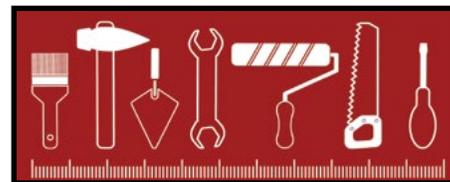
Even though I can't physically go into the library, I've appreciated being able to continue checking out WCCLS items to go through our other community libraries. (I love trying out new cookbooks). I use Libby for audiobooks, watch movies and documentaries on Kanopy, and read newspapers through the WCCLS' online partner sites. Other people I know have attended virtual book groups, participated in story hours, craft times, and even yoga!

Community is everything right now and how we attempt to engage with each another, even in small ways, matters. The WSL staff is doing their best to keep the lines of communication open with their patrons and procure library services for all. Our Friends' members have also stepped up and generously provide monetary donations to support those library services. Thank you for that! This benefits everyone... and especially those that can't afford it otherwise.

Thank you for being a Friend!

*Julie Cooper*

## WEST SLOPE LIBRARY REMODEL UPDATE



Subscribe to the WSL YouTube Channel for the latest remodel update videos

No more wood paneling! New LED lights! New holds lockers! So many new changes are coming with the upcoming West Slope Library remodel. WSL is working with County Health and Human Services to follow their recommendations so the library can prioritize health and safety as it provides great service after its remodel is complete.

The arrival of WSL's new carpet has unfortunately been delayed due to COVID and is keeping the library from offering in-person services at this time. However, the library team is working hard to bring these services back as soon as possible. Sign up for the WSL newsletter at the website [www.westslopelibrary.org](http://www.westslopelibrary.org) to get updates and to see what phone and online services are being offered to patrons at this time. Also, by subscribing to the WSL YouTube channel, patrons can see the latest remodel update videos that have been uploaded.

# SPRING 2021 ONLINE PROGRAMS

## PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Here to Help is a video series created by West Slope Library to help you access information online. You can access these short videos on the West Slope Library's YouTube channel, and learn how to do tasks like:

- Book a librarian for a 30-minute appointment for one-on-one help with library questions.
- Reset your password for the library catalog.
- Find tax help for filing 2020 taxes.

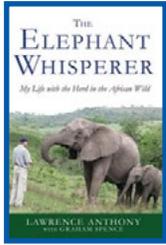
Coming soon: videos providing help for job seekers.



Navigate through the WCCLS system with West Slope librarians at the West Slope Library YouTube channel.

### 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 COVID-19 emergency closures and remodel, events are online. Go to [www.westslopelibrary.org/book-group/](http://www.westslopelibrary.org/book-group/) 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! Questions? Thea Hart attends and participates in these book group meetings. Please let her know if you have any questions by calling 503-846-6416.

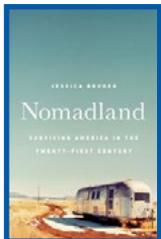
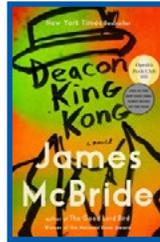


### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2-3:30 PM THE ELEPHANT WHISPERER BY LAWRENCE ANTHONY

Set on an African game reserve, *The Elephant Whisperer* is the true story of Anthony's experiences with a pack of elephants he reluctantly agreed to take in and ultimately fell in love with. Anthony's recounts his efforts to protect these majestic animals and their natural world and will inspire adventurous and animal-loving readers.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2-3:30 PM DEACON KING KONG BY JAMES MCBRIDE

Cranky church deacon, Sportcoat, shoots the local drug dealer at point-blank range in the courtyard of his housing project in September, 1969. His reasons are unclear, but the consequences that spring from the act bring the people from his community together in a swirl of intertwining stories filled with McBride's witty and insightful writing style.



### WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2-3:30 PM NOMADLAND BY JESSICA BRUDER

Large businesses like Amazon have discovered a low-cost labor pool, made up largely of transient older adults. Fueled by their losses during the Great Recession of 2008, they have taken to the road in modified vehicles forming a close community of "nomads," traveling from job to job together. Their love of this frugal, debt-free lifestyle is explained in this lively look at a forgotten part of America.

Many of our patrons support the Friends by picking up blue BottleDrop recycle bags at the library to put their bottles and cans into. We plan on having many more of these bags available to patrons to pick up after our remodel is over. The Friends have a special bar code sticker on the bags, so all you have to do is drink, collect your bottles and cans in the bags, and then drop them off at one of the many BottleDrop locations found around the Portland Metro area. This has been a great fundraiser for the friends, raising over \$500 dollars this last year alone and every little bit helps. Thank you!



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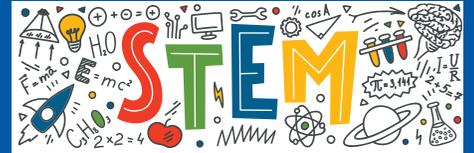
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## PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

### STORYTIMES

Every Tuesday at 10 am, Youth Services Librarian, Terisa Brown will read books and sing songs via Zoom. Terisa says: "Now that we've been doing it a while, the kids have gotten to know each other by name. And they're always super excited to welcome a new child to the group! It really has become a kind of community. I think we all need that."

Go to [www.westslopelibrary.org](http://www.westslopelibrary.org) to register and receive the Zoom link to join the fun and make new friends!



"STEM in a Bag" kits will be available after our remodel is finished. All you need for each activity is what is in the bag, possibly some common household ingredients, and a desire to learn! Each experiment also includes discussion questions and great ideas for STEM-based extension activities. For ages 5 and up. Supplies will be given on a first come, first serve basis. Check our website for dates and themes!



There's not just Book Talk videos about adult books on the West Slope Library YouTube channel. Youth Services Librarian, Terisa Brown, has some great videos highlighting kid's selections on there as well. Go to the West Slope Library channel on YouTube for all the fun!