

SUMMER 2021

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Summer Reading Is Here!

The West Slope Library has TWO 2021 Summer Reading Program themes for both kids and adults. The first theme is "Reading Colors Your World" and features fun art from Herve Tullet, the artist and author of *Press This*. The second theme is "Be a Reading Role Model" which encourages patrons of all ages to be reading "influencers."

What are some ways to become a "reading role model" to others? Reading to friends and family or recommending good books to coworkers are great ways to influence people you interact with on a daily basis to read. However, you can also influence people you don't know. For example, strangers may see you enjoying a summer mystery or fiction novel in the park or on your front porch and be encouraged to start a new book.

WSL staff wants to hear your stories about the ways you were a reading role model this summer. Patrons can share them at www.westslopedlibrary.org or use the paper form available at the library until September 1st to write them down. The WSL staff will give patrons a cute "Reading Role Model" button for a

backpack or shopping bag for sharing their stories.

To sign up for Summer Reading go to: www.westslopedlibrary.org. If you are age 17 or younger, you can also choose a prize book from the WSL list and make an appointment time to pick it up. There will be plenty of popular prize books for ages 0-17 to choose from.

How will you keep track of your reading goals this year? You don't need to pick up a reading log. Instead, WSL staff will give patrons an opportunity to get creative with their reading logs. Keep track of your progress however you like. It can be a basic list, an elaborate maze made out of Legos, or you could even use an advent calendar. Don't worry – it's not something you'll turn in to WSL – it's just something for you to make your reading fun last all summer long.

Every month, WSL will also have a new Summer Reading "Take and Make Kit" for all ages for you to get creative and bring color to your world! Sign up online to reserve your Take and Make kit at www.westslopedlibrary.org and see the back page for kit examples.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



We're ready for sun, the Summer Reading Program, and the upcoming reopening of West Slope Library!

Hello! My name is Dorothy Gerlach. As the new President of Friends of West Slope Library, I'd like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to Julie Corpron who has supported our community as President the last few years.

I've lived in West Slope for almost 23 years with my husband and four children. Our family has grown up with the library and enjoyed its many benefits over the years. In 2017, I became a Friends Board Member, serving as the Secretary and helping to plan and manage the annual Tulip Sale.

I'm thrilled to continue my support of WSL, which is a true neighborhood gem, as your Friends President. I look forward to raising vital funds for materials, programs, and services for our community. Thank you for your continued help and I would love to hear about any additional thoughts or ideas you may have about programs and fundraising at friendsofwsl@gmail.com.

- Dorothy Gerlach



West Slope's new and improved service desk in a central location within the remodel

West Slope Library staff are so excited about the library reopening on June 16 for limited in-person services! Soon you'll be able to return your items, pick up holds, and visit WSL without reservations. A full list of services will be on the library's website at www.westslopedlibrary.org.

WSL Staff are asking everyone to please continue to wear a mask in the library, regardless of vaccination status. Mask requirements will help us provide library services to members of the community and the library team who are more vulnerable to infection or who are not yet vaccinated by providing a higher degree of caution.

Thanks for working with us as we continue to prioritize health and safety while providing library services.



Laura Denise Baldschun January 4, 1961- February 22, 2021

With great sadness, we say goodbye to Friends' volunteer and Board Member, Laura Denise Baldschun, who passed away from cancer on February 22, 2021. Laura was born on January 4, 1961 to Alton and Sheila White. Sheila was widowed and later married Wayne Ingle, who adopted Laura. Laura is remembered for her kindness, generosity, grace, and love of life, people, and animals. Laura had beautiful blue eyes, an engaging smile, was a joy and fun to be with, and was practically perfect in every way. She was active in church, PEO, libraries, and as an alumni to the Washington State Cougars. She loved traveling and was an avid reader. For 15 years, Laura was an active West Slope Library volunteer. She joined the Library Advisory

Committee in 2006 and in 2010, became a member of the Friends Board of Directors. She also worked at the West Slope Library for six years.

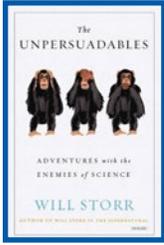
Laura made such a positive, permanent impact on her family, friends, and community. She is survived by her husband Randy Baldschun and their two sons, Jack and Taylor Baldschun; stepchildren Lisa Thompson and Brett Baldschun; parents Wayne Ingle and Sheila Ingle; sister Madeline Robinette and family; grandchildren Brooke, Aidan, Lauren, and Cole Thompson, and Bella and Brynli Baldschun. She will be missed.

SUMMER 2021 ONLINE PROGRAMS

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

BOOK CLUB

Adults meet monthly to discuss a featured title at this member-led book group. Go to 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! Call 503-846-6416 for any questions.

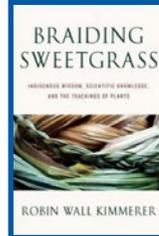


WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2-3:30 PM THE UNPERSUADABLES: ADVENTURES WITH THE ENEMIES OF SCIENCE, BY WILL STORR

Author Will Storr interweaves personal memoir and investigative journalism with the latest neuroscience and experimental psychology research to reveal how the stories individuals tell themselves about the world shape their beliefs, leading to self-deception, toxic partisanship, and science denial.

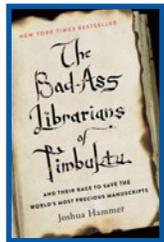
WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2-3:30 PM BRAIDING SWEETGRASS: INDIGENOUS WISDOM, SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE AND THE TEACHINGS OF PLANTS, BY ROBIN WALL KIMMERER

As a botanist and professor of plant ecology, Robin Wall Kimmerer has spent a career learning how to ask questions of nature using the tools of science. As a Potawatomi woman, she learned from elders, family, and history that the Potawatomi, as well as a majority of other cultures indigenous to this land, consider plants and animals to be our oldest teachers. In *Braiding Sweetgrass*, Kimmerer brings these two lenses of knowing together to reveal what it means to see humans as “the younger brothers of creation.”



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2-3:30 PM THE BAD-ASS LIBRARIANS OF TIMBUKTU AND THEIR RACE TO SAVE THE WORLD'S MOST PRECIOUS MANUSCRIPTS, BY JOSHUA HAMMER

To save precious centuries-old Arabic texts, a band of librarians in Timbuktu pulls off a brazen heist worthy of Ocean's Eleven. In the 1980s, Abdel Kader Haidara tracked down and salvaged ancient Islamic and secular manuscripts in danger of falling into obscurity. But then Al Qaeda showed up at the door.



Author Dawn Babb Prochovnic, a Raleigh Hills resident and Friends of West Slope Library member, has teamed up with illustrator Alice Brereton and West Margin Press to create a new book, *Lucy's Blooms*, a picture book for young readers ages 6 to 9. In the book, the town's annual flower contest is coming soon, and a young girl puts her heart into growing a lively bunch of flowers she finds in a meadow. As her grandmother guides her in nurturing a garden, the girl learns that winning isn't the true reward—it's the special love found in caring for something or someone.

“It's my hope that *Lucy's Blooms* inspires readers to marvel in the wonders of nature around them and to grow their own special gardens with people they love.” Dawn says.

Dawn has 18 other children's books to her credit, including the humorous picture books, *Where Does a Pirate Go Potty?* and *Where Does a Cowgirl Go Potty?*, which can be found at West Slope Library. She is also a contributing author to the award-winning book, *Oregon Reads Aloud*.



Dawn Babb Prochovnic

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

ONLINE BOOKS AND SONGS WITH MISS TERISA

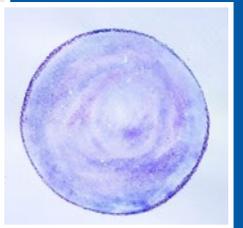
Every Monday at 10 am, Youth Services Librarian, Terisa Brown will read books and sing songs via Zoom. Go to www.westslopelibrary.org to register and receive the Zoom link to join the fun and make new friends!



Summer Reading “Take and Make Kits” for all ages will be available at the library to pick up. Get creative and bring some color to your world! Please sign up in advance to reserve your Take and Make Kit at www.westslopelibrary.org.



Some Take and Make Kits: Nature Weaving, Watercolor Nebula, and Tin Art



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