

WINTER 2021

# among Friends

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WEST SLOPE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

## 325 TAKE AND MAKES

Watercolor  
Metal Tooling  
Felt Gnomes  
Nature Weaving



Here to Help  
Book Talks  
Summer Reading



## OVER 1,871 VIEWS

## 95 CHECKOUTS

Our WiFi Hotspots are constantly in the hands of patrons who need fast, available access to the internet.



The Friends of West Slope Library have contributed \$7,600 toward funding the Library's programming and equipment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and continuing through June 30, 2022. Here is what the library has gained so far with these donations from the Friends:

### 1 TAKE AND MAKE KITS:

These kits were relaunched after WSL reopened and were so popular during Summer Reading that they will continue throughout the fiscal year for patrons wanting to make their own artistic creations. Though the majority of the Take and Makes funding has come from Youth Programming, they are intended for all ages. Patrons have mentioned to the staff how much fun they were having while doing each kit. Many mentioned that they had done every one so far!

### 2 LIBRARY PROGRAMS, EQUIPMENT, AND SUMMER READING:

The library has dedicated participation in its Storytimes and Adult Book Groups. In fact, Book Group patrons, both returning and new, have shared how important the group is to them, how much they enjoy getting together to talk about books, and how eager they are to get together at the library again but how grateful they are for a safe gathering option in the meantime. Summer Reading is also very popular with patrons of all ages. For other online programs, there seemed to be some Zoom "fatigue" which impacted how many people participated.

To combat the Zoom fatigue, the "Here to Help" and "Book Talks" video series on the WSL YouTube page helped patrons with reading recommendations and reference help. Part of this year's Friends' funding was spent on equipment to help make filming these videos look more professional. The Friends helped purchase a camera stand and LED portable light for the videos.

### 3 WIFI HOTSPOTS:

These 10 circulating devices are extremely popular with patrons. During the library remodel, the staff partnered with Garden Home Library in order to have devices available to patrons. Currently, they can be checked out directly at West Slope. The devices allow patrons to have WiFi connectivity and power on the go. The monthly cost of the devices has increased and WSL will be spending this allocation fully for the year.

## Library Welcomes New Staff Member

David started working at WSL in late August of 2021. David loves connecting with patrons and sharing conversations with all the wonderful people who visit the library. His first job was at the American Library in Paris! When he is not at WSL he can be found speaking Franglais with his wife, watching Cary Grant movies, taking walks and enjoying the ability to return to the cinema. David is currently teaching himself to enjoy and understand classical music. Magnifique!



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that 2021 is quickly coming to an end. We want to thank you for your on-going support of West Slope Library as it has adapted its many services to keep us safe during the pandemic.



The library is now open for express browsing, hold pick-ups, take and make pick-ups, wireless printing, and 24/7 book drop-offs. In addition, reservations for public computers and book a librarian services are available. Be sure to look for the new dog themed books donated to the library by the Friends in honor of our dear friend and former West Slope Library staff member, Laura Baldschum.

Friends of West Slope Library continues to fund materials, programs, and services for our community and we appreciate your support through donations, memberships, Bottle-Drop collection, and signing up for the Fred Meyer Reward and Amazon Smile programs. We hope to bring back our fabulous Used Book Sale in early 2022 and our Tulip Sale again in the Spring. We're looking forward to a bright new year at the library.

Your contribution matters! Please consider renewing your membership by making a tax deductible donation to The Friends. Enclosed is a membership form, or you can renew online at [friendsofwsl.org](http://friendsofwsl.org). Thank you for making the West Slope Community Library a special place!

Dorothy Gerlach



## STAFF PICKS FOR YOU

## A Personalized Library List, Created Just For You!

Not sure what to read, watch, or play? Looking for your next "I can't wait to read everything they write" author? Ready to find a new game or movie for family night? Have a kid who's ready for another can't-put-it-down series?

Tell the West Slope Library staff what you like through the "Staff Picks for You." You can find it online at [www.westslopelibrary.org/staff-picks-for-you/](http://www.westslopelibrary.org/staff-picks-for-you/) in person, or over the phone. A few quick questions... and they'll find your new favorite items and send those suggestions directly to your inbox. They hope to hear from you soon!

# WINTER 2021 ONLINE PROGRAMS

## PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

Now that registration for Oregon Battle of the Books Teams at the schools has officially ended, it's time for kids to really dive into those awesome OBOB books! West Slope Library donated OBOB reading kits to Raleigh Park Elementary that had a selection of this year's titles. More copies of the OBOB books are available to check out in the Kids' Section. Digital copies and some audiobooks are available too



Oregon Battle of the Books selections are awaiting checkout in the Kids' Section of West Slope Library.



Reserve your next Take and Make Kit today and make a seasonal craft for someone special!

### WINTER TAKE AND MAKE KITS FOR FUN AT HOME

Get creative and cozy in the warmest season of the year with a Take and Make Kit for all ages. Please sign up to reserve a kit for pick up at [www.westslopelibrary.org](http://www.westslopelibrary.org). The first Winter Take and Make Kit will be a felted bar of soap that you can make look like a yummy piece of peppermint candy. Other cozy Winter Take and Makes will be Beeswax Candles and Conversation Heart Handwarmers.

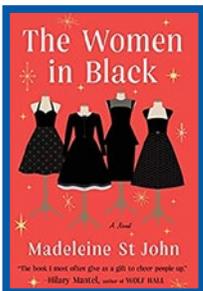
### ZOOM STORYTIME WITH MISS TERISA, WEDNESDAYS AT 10:15 AM

A Zoom Storytime with Youth Services Librarian, Miss Terisa, is now on Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. Please register in advance at the WSL website at [www.westslopelibrary.org](http://www.westslopelibrary.org). You will receive the Zoom link for that month to participate.



## Friends Recommend: Cozy Winter Reading

Suggested by Julie Corpron



### *The Women in Black* by Madeleine St. John

This funny and light book is about four women who work in a posh Sydney department store in the 1950's, and how their lives intertwine over the holidays one year. By the time the last marked-down dress is sold, all of these characters will be forever changed.

### WINTER PICTURE BOOKS FOR LITTLE ONES:

*Snow* By Sam Usher

*A Warm Winter Tail* By Carrie A Pearson

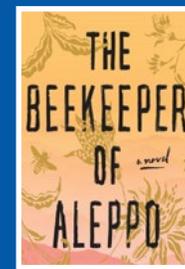
*Over and Under the Snow* By Kate Messner

## PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

### BOOK CLUB

Adults meet monthly to discuss a featured book at this member-led book group. Go to [www.westslopelibrary.org/book-group/](http://www.westslopelibrary.org/book-group/) to register. Adult Services Librarian, Thea Hart, will email you a Zoom link prior to the book group meeting. Call 503-846-6416 or email [westslope@wcsls.org](mailto:westslope@wcsls.org) with any questions. All are welcome to participate!

Book group members will review the results from their vote on books to read in 2022 at their December 2021 meeting. Books selected will be assigned to each month in 2022 and shared out after that meeting. Book Group for Wednesday, January 5th is To Be Determined. Book Group for Wednesday, February 2nd To Be Determined



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2-3:30 PM  
**THE BEEKEEPER OF ALEPPO**, BY CHRISTY LEFTERI

A beekeeper and his artist wife have their lives upended and must flee after war destroys their home in Aleppo, Syria. They set off on a dangerous journey through Turkey and Greece, towards an uncertain future in England. Moving, intimate, and beautifully written, *The Beekeeper of Aleppo* is a book for our times: a novel that at once reminds us that the most peaceful and ordinary lives can be utterly upended in unimaginable ways and brings a journey in faraway lands close to home.

### BOOK TALKS

Check out the Book Talks videos on the West Slope Library YouTube channel and find your next great read! Click the YouTube icon near the "Log In/Search" button at [www.westslopelibrary.org](http://www.westslopelibrary.org) and then click on the Book Talks playlist.



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