

SPRING 2022

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WEST SLOPE COMMUNITY LIBRARY



2022
Tulip
SALE

**Thursday, April 7, Friday, April 8
& Saturday, April 9, 10 am-Close
Sunday, April 10, 1 pm-Close**

Fresh from the Wooden Shoe Tulip Co., tulips will be \$9 per one bunch of tulips and \$8 per bunch for two or more bunches of tulips. Friends of West Slope Library volunteers will be in front of the library selling the tulips to raise funds to support many different WSL programs and services. Cash or credit will be accepted.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,



Welcome to our Spring Newsletter! I always look forward to the coming of spring with all the little green sprouts popping out of the ground and the promise of bright colors and flowers on the horizon.

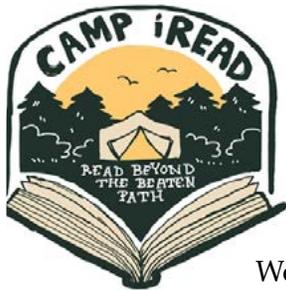
I'm really excited to let you know the Friends are moving forward with planning our annual Tulip Sale in April! We've missed holding this fundraiser the last two years due to COVID precautions, but with cases on the decline, we hope to be back in business. We'll be under the bike rack area on April 7-10, surrounded by lots of colorful tulips from the Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm for sale. This sale has historically been a successful way for us to raise funds in support of the programs and services WSL provides to the community. We're looking forward to seeing you there. If you're interested in volunteering at the sale, please email us at: friendsofwsl@gmail.com and you'll receive information on signing up.

We are so appreciative of the ongoing adjustments the library has made during the last two years to accommodate a remodel and COVID safety protocols. The library continues to provide as much accessibility and ease of use as possible during these changing times. E-books and audio books, pick-up of reserved items, Take and Make projects, wi-fi hotspots, ZOOM book groups, and "Reserve a Librarian" are some of the services available to the community through the library right now.

We appreciate your support during these chaotic times. Thanks again for all you do!

Dorothy Gerlach

"Read Beyond the Beaten Path" Summer Reading Program Aims to Invite Patrons of All Ages to Discover the Great Outdoors



The WCCLS 2022 Summer Reading Program, "Read Beyond the Beaten Path," is coming soon to West Slope Community Library.

Beginning on June 1st and continuing through August 31st, every child ages 0-17 who signs up for the Summer Reading Program receives a free paperback. For adults and kids, new Take and Make project kits that correspond to the program will also be available for all ages to enjoy all summer.



JESSICA GIBSON



DAV PILKEY



KAYLA MILLER



STEENZ

The talented authors and illustrators that will be featured during the 2022 Summer Reading Program include Dav Pilkey, Jessica Gibson, Kayla Miller, and Christina "Steenz" Stewart. Their books can be found and reserved through

WCCLS County-Wide Partnership With West Slope Library Gets Books Into Hands of Underserved Kids

This summer, in keeping with their commitment to equity, the West Slope Library is working through a county-wide partnership with WCCLS to get books into the hands of children and teens who need them most.

WCCLS is purchasing additional Summer Reading giveaway books in English, Spanish, and other languages if possible. Each library will be responsible for distributing those books at food sites and other community partners who serve marginalized populations.

Friends of WSL Thank Patrons for Their Ongoing Financial Support

Friends of West Slope Library have received various donations throughout the year. Some of our income comes from patrons making purchases at Kroger, Amazon, and Costco and using these companies' rewards programs to donate back to WSL. This is a great way to support us - with no direct financial transaction required of patrons. But it does require signing up for the different rewards programs. Please contact us at our email: friendsofwsl@gmail.com

for more information on signing up.

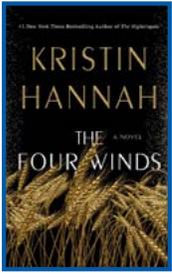
Another way Friends of WSL received donations this year is through the BottleDrop program. Income from patrons' recycled bottles and cans returned to BottleDrop locations was donated to Friends using blue BottleDrop bags with our QR Code sticker already on them. Bags and information about this easy-to-use program can be found at the West Slope Library. This past year we received over \$1,700 through this program!

Direct donations to the Friends of WSL through Paypal or checks are always appreciated as well. Our website: friendsofwsl.org has a direct link to our Paypal connection. This has been the primary source of our funds - and helped to continue supporting programs and special purchases at the library like the custom-made circular desk for our remodeled library. We also supported the "Take and Make" program, as well as making Wifi Hot Spots available for loan at the library.

SPRING 2022 ONLINE PROGRAMS

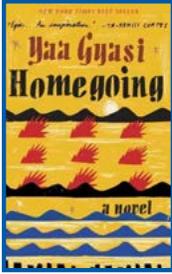
WEST SLOPE LIBRARY BOOK GROUP

Adults meet the first Wednesday of the month from 2-3:30 p.m via Zoom to discuss a featured book at this member-led book group. Go to the website at www.westslopelibrary.org/book-group/ to learn more and register.



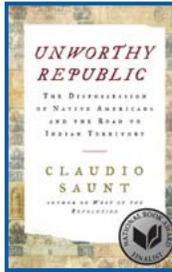
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2 PM THE FOUR WINDS BY KRISTIN HANNAH

This powerful American epic about love, heroism, and hope, is set during the Great Depression, a time when the country was in crisis and at war with itself. In this uncertain and perilous time, Elsa Wolcott—like so many of her neighbors—must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or leave it behind and go west, to California, in search of a better life and opportunities for her family.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2 PM HOMEGOING BY YAA GYASI

In Ghana during the 18th Century, two half sisters are born into different villages, each unaware of the other. One will marry an Englishman and lead a life of comfort in the palatial rooms of the Cape Coast Castle. The other will be captured in a raid on her village, imprisoned in the very same castle, and sold into slavery. *Homegoing* follows the parallel paths of these sisters and their descendants and illuminates slavery's troubled legacy both for those who were taken and those who stayed behind.



WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2 PM UNWORTHY REPUBLIC BY CLAUDIO SAUNT

In May 1830, the United States launched the "Indian Removal," an unprecedented campaign to expel 80,000 Native Americans from their eastern homelands to territories west of the Mississippi River. The operation devolved into an unofficial policy of extermination, enabled by US officials, southern planters, and northern speculators. Hailed for its searing insight, *Unworthy Republic* transforms our understanding of this pivotal period in American history.

THANK YOU TERISA BROWN

West Slope Library staff are grateful to Terisa Brown, West Slope's former Youth Services Librarian, and wish her well on her next adventure! While they are in the process of recruiting a new Youth Services Librarian, story-times will be on pause.

TAKE & MAKE KITS FOR ALL AGES!

Spring is a time for creativity and growth. Every month this spring WSL staff have a new Take and Make Kit for you to practice something new. You can focus on the creative process not the product with these open-ended kits. Learn more and reserve kits online at www.westslopelibrary.org/take-and-make/

March: Sketchbooks



April: House of Cards



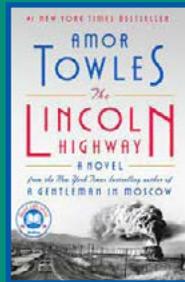
May: Pressed Botanicals



Friends Recommend: Springtime Book Suggestions

THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY BY AMOR TOWLES SUGGESTED BY DOROTHY GERLACH

Amor Towles spins a fun and imaginative story of a 10-day road trip in 1954 America from Nebraska to New York. After their father dies, 18-year-old Emmett Watson and his 8-year-old brother, Billy, leave their foreclosed family farm for California hoping to find their Mother who abandoned them years ago. Interesting circumstances take them in the wrong direction to New York and several additional characters add constant surprises and adventure along the route. The characters are all a bit quirky adding to the charm of the book. I loved the story being told from the different perspectives of the characters involved. I enjoyed the adventure and range of characters, but would have preferred a different ending.



BROKEN HORSES BY BRANDI CARLILE SUGGESTED BY CAROL HELLEBUYCK

I highly recommend Brandi Carlile's memoir *Broken Horses*, A Memoir in audiobook format. Not only is Carlile the narrator, you get her songs in-between the chapters. The songs usually have something to do with the portions of her life reviewed in the previous pages. Carlile's story is quite moving and explores the depths of this fascinating singer-songwriter still bringing her Americana roots to both rock and country formats.



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