

SUMMER 2022

among Friends

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USED BOOK BLOWOUT TABLE SALE



June 1, 2022, 10am-5pm at West Slope Community Library

A one day sale! Fill a brown bag (provided by Friends of WSCL) with a wide selection of "featured" used books, audiobooks, DVDs, and games from the table only for just \$5. Regular Used Book Sale prices will resume on June 2nd.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,
I saw blue sky and bright flowers today! Warm weather is here again and that means fun library summer programs and events are about to begin!



I'm enjoying this Take and Make project!

Starting June 1st, patrons can sign up for the Summer Reading Program at the library. This year the theme is "Read Beyond the Beaten Path" and there are many things being planned that you can read about throughout this newsletter. June 1st is also when the Friends' regular Used Book Sale is starting back up! Volunteers have been working like crazy to get the books organized and ready due to the many great donations that came in over our hiatus. Patrons are sure to find some amazing summer reads!

In addition, June 1st is also the day of a Friends' special "Used Book Blowout Table Sale." Stop by and browse a table of books, games, audiobooks, and DVDs and fill a brown grocery bag (which the Friends will provide) with selections from the table only for just \$5. This is a one day sale and after June 1st, the Friends Used Book Sale team will continue the regular Used Book Sale pricing with books on the shelves. All proceeds from the sale benefit the library's amazing programs, including their WiFi hotspots which have been so popular with patrons. I hope you take advantage of and enjoy all of these upcoming summer offerings.

Speaking of proceeds, did you know that your generous support allowed the Friends to give over \$10,000 to WSCL this year? Because of your BottleDrop, Fred Meyer, and Amazon Smile donations, and the wonderful turnout for the Friends' Tulip Sale in May, West Slope Community Library programs and events continue to be well funded. Thank you so much for being a Friend!

Dorothy Gerlach

Summer Reading Program Begins

The West Slope Community Library's theme for the 2022 Summer Reading Program is "Read Beyond the Beaten Path," and the staff is excited about the fun activities that are planned. The program begins June 1st and includes:

-  A free paperback is given to every child, ages 0-17, who signs up.
-  A WCCLS Summer Passport allowing kids and adults to visit WCCLS libraries and collect stamps to win prizes.
-  New Take and Makes each month.
-  Monthly bird walks.
-  A Stuffed Animal Overnight Campout (only stuffed animals are invited).



All artwork by WSCL Staff Member, Concetta

Kids get a free book, can set their own reading goals, receive a reading log to track their progress, and are invited to participate in a collaborative art project as they read all summer long. Adults and kids can visit every WCCLS library to collect stamps for their library passports (see below for details) to earn prizes. West Slope Community Library Take and Makes will be fun, fun, fun (see the opposite side of this newsletter for all the Take and Make projects).

This year WSCL staff are asking readers to think creatively about where their summer reading journey will take them! Journeys can be long or short, with stops along the way.

Help the staff create a map beyond the beaten path. Patrons are encouraged to add to the map on the WSCL wall as they are inspired throughout the summer. There are five different colored tiles for patrons to write and draw on, with prompts to guide them. The only rule is to have fun!



What is the Summer Reading Passport?

Adventure in your own backyard this summer and visit all of the WCCLS libraries to win prizes! Pick up a passport at the library and receive the first stamp. Then, bring the passport to other branches and collect more!

At the end of summer, turn in the passport with all the stamps collected. One stamp is a ticket into the prize giveaway. The more stamps earned, the bigger the prize opportunities. The countywide prize raffle is supported by WCCLS and info about eligibility is at: www.wccls.org/news/wccls-passport



Friends' Tulip Sale Sees Generous Customer Turnout for 2022

The annual Tulip Sale roared back to West Slope Community Library in May with its best year ever! Once again, the Friends of WSCL sold tulips from Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm, located in Woodburn, Oregon. There was lovely weather on Thursday, April 7 which got cooler and rainier as the weekend progressed. But it didn't stop the buyers in the

least! Despite the dismal weather, by the time the sale ended Sunday afternoon, the Friends had sold 38 boxes of tulips... a new sales record!

Many thanks to all the Tulip Sale customers and the volunteers who distributed flyers and yard signs and worked shifts at the sale booth by the bicycle rack. We look forward to seeing you back next spring!



Carol Hellebuyck, Marcia Mueller & Dorothy Gerlach manned the sale booth at the annual Friends' Tulip Sale at the library in May.

SUMMER 2022 PROGRAMS

SUMMER TAKE AND MAKE KITS

Register to reserve a Take and Make Kit and pick it up at the library during open hours at your convenience. Stop by June 1-30 for postcards, July 1-31 for felted portraits, and August 1-31 for macrame keychains. Register at www.westslopelibrary.org/take-and-make/ Some kits will also be available for pick up at the library, no reservation required. Please limit one kit per person for each Take and Make craft.

TAKE & MAKE JUNE 1ST-30TH: POSTCARDS

Share any explorations off the beaten path using one of these blank postcards! Inspired by summer camp-style "letters home," patrons can use these blank postcards as a canvas for summertime creativity. Kit includes two postcards, each with postage paid. One is addressed to the library and one can be addressed to someone else. WSCL staff can't wait to see the postcards mailed back to the library! To share photos of your other postcard with WSCL staff, tag us on Instagram, Twitter or Facebook using the hashtags #TakeAndMake and #WestSlopeLibrary or send us a photo by email to westslope@wccls.org.



TAKE AND MAKE JULY 1ST-31ST: FELTED PORTRAITS

Transform wool fiber into fabric by felting it. Your textile portrait can be of any person (including a self-portrait). Each kit includes: detailed instructions, with a link to a video tutorial; a package of wool fiber in assorted colors; two squares of bubble wrap approximately 12-inches square; one piece of burlap approximately 10-inches square; one printed poster, to create your personalized frame, approximately 16-inch x 18-inch. For the felting you will need the following at home: 1/4 tsp measuring spoon, 1/2 cup measuring cup, warm water, dish soap, a towel, and a timer. For the frame: markers, crayons, scissors, and glue or tape.

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TAKE AND MAKE AUGUST 1ST-31ST: MACRAME KEYCHAINS

The library will provide all supplies needed to make a macrame key chain.

SIGN UP FOR A SATURDAY BIRD WALKS

SATURDAYS, JUNE 18, JULY 16, & AUGUST 20, 10:00-11:30AM

As part of our summer reading for adults, Thea Hart will help you explore new paths to observe and identify local birds by sight and by sound. This walk begins and ends in the adult nonfiction area at WSCL. Thea will take a route through Raleigh Park and back to the library. Bring your own binoculars if you have them but please don't let that be a barrier to joining. There is good birding to be had without! You may also wish to download the Merlin App to your smartphone, if you have one. Info at: <https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org/>

Please wear good walking shoes and dress in layers, and bring a rain coat or umbrella in case of rain. Families are welcome. All participants must assume responsibility for their own actions and safety, exercise sound judgment, be prepared, and make their own determination on whether or not they participate based on their own assessment of their own abilities, the current weather, and the current trail conditions.

Please note that the path includes some steep sections, particularly the portion parallel to SW 78th heading down into the park. For accommodation requests, please contact Thea Hart.



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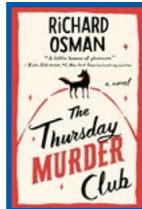
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WEST SLOPE LIBRARY ADULT BOOK GROUP

Our book group has shifted to a hybrid meeting style where adult patrons are welcome to participate whether they prefer to attend in person or by Zoom. In-person participants will gather in the adult nonfiction area. Masks are optional. Please sign up for book group whether you plan to attend in person or by Zoom. All participants will be emailed the Zoom link 24 hours before the meeting; no need to use it if you plan to come in person instead. Register at the website: www.westslopelibrary.org/book-group/.

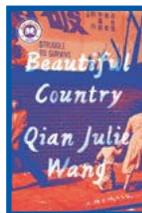
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2-3 PM THE THURSDAY MURDER CLUB BY RICHARD OSMAN

Richard Osman has crafted a charming mystery surrounding a spirited group of septuagenarians who spend their Thursdays at the retirement home discussing unsolved crimes. When a local developer is found dead, the group doesn't miss their chance to hunt down and find the killer.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2-3 PM BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY BY QIAN JULIE WANG

This acclaimed memoir describes the author's childhood growing up undocumented in New York City in the 90s. An unsentimental look at life on the margins in America, it is a testament to the indignities of the immigration system and an affirmation of the beautiful moments and successes Wang's family shared.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2-3 PM THE AFGHANISTAN PAPERS BY CRAIG WHITLOCK

Craig Whitlock's groundbreaking account of America's longest war dives into previously unseen memos, phone calls, and secret strategies, pulling back the curtain on three decades of hubris and mismanagement. Revealing that even after living through the war, few of us-presidents included-understood it.

