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## Reading Suggestions



Scan this QR code for booklists for all age groups to check out new books for a new year!

[sherwoodoregon.gov/library/reading](https://sherwoodoregon.gov/library/reading)

## STORYTIME

Interactive reading, rhymes, music and movement for developing early literacy skills and kindergarten readiness.

**Storytime break: December 26 -January 4**

### Storytimes

**Fun for Ones:** Tuesdays @ 9:30 a.m. Ages 12-23 months.

**Toddler Storytime:** Tuesdays @ 10:15 a.m. Ages 2-3 years.

**All Ages Storytime:** Wednesdays @ 9:30 & 10:15 a.m.

**Baby Storytime:** Thursdays @ 10:15 a.m. Ages 0-12 months.

## Letter from the Manager



## New Year, New Books, and New Ideas

### Why do you read?

We asked our regular book club participants what difference reading makes in their lives. Here's what we heard:

- Reading makes me think more deeply about things and offers new perspectives.
- Reading makes everything better :)
- It is a life source for me! I love to read and learn something every day.
- Everything!!!
- It gives pleasure and adds to my knowledge in many ways.
- A huge difference. I get to expand my thinking, enjoy discussions with others, pique my imagination, keep my brain sharp, and experience new ideas.
- Reading provides new views.
- An outlet to escape from work/home concerns. Something I do just for me.

### Develop your new habits & skills for 2024 with us:

- Adults, we invite you to **expand your reading life and explore new voices and genres** with our Adult Winter Reading Challenge. Check the details inside this newsletter to learn more!
- **Get fresh ideas for your next read** with our recommended reading lists in the library and at [sherwoodoregon.gov/library/reading](https://sherwoodoregon.gov/library/reading).
- **Listen to books while you walk/drive/do dishes** with the "Always Available" audiobook collection provided by Washington County Cooperative Library Services. Get started at [wccls.overdrive.com](https://wccls.overdrive.com) or on the Libby app.
- **Learn a new skill** with our Library of Things. We have tools, gadgets, instruments, and more. **Do that home repair for less** with our video borescope, or auto-leveling laser & stud sensor. Search "Sherwood Library of Things" at [wccls.org](https://wccls.org) to get started.



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# For Adults



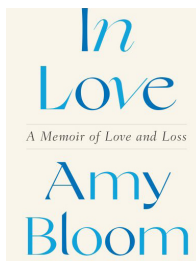
## Adult Winter Reading

Through February 29, 2024

Our fifth annual adult reading challenge continues! Read a book in each of the challenges by February 29, 2024 for a chance to win a \$25 gift card. More details in the library and at [sherwoodoregon.gov/library](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/library).

Adult Winter Reading challenges:

- 1) Read a book by a PNW author.
- 2) Read a historical fiction book.
- 3) Read a book of poetry.



## Adult Book Discussion

Wednesday, January 10, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Read. Be inspired. Discuss. We are discussing *In Love* by Amy Bloom -- the true story of a early onset Alzheimer's diagnosis of the author's husband, and how their family was forever changed by the disease. The first ten to register receive a free copy of the book.\*

# For Tweens & Teens



## TeenLAB

Tuesdays, January 2 & 16, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Join a solid group of teens who want to make the library a great place! Email [askusSPL@sherwoodoregon.gov](mailto:askusSPL@sherwoodoregon.gov) for info on volunteering.



## Teen Book Club

Wednesday, January 10, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Are you a teen who loves reading? Join us to discuss books, have a snack, and do related activities. Register and get a free copy\* of *The Compound* by S. A. Bodeen to read before our meeting, while supplies last. Books read in Teen Book Club may contain mature content. Grades 9-12.

## Citizenship Classes/ Clases de ciudadanía

Thursdays, January 11 through March 21, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Volunteers from Mission: Citizen will offer a free citizenship course that will cover U.S. history, governmental structure, civil rights, and basic civic concepts. No class Jan 25.

Los jueves desde el 11 de enero hasta el 21 de marzo, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Voluntarios de Mission: Citizen ofrecerán un curso gratis que cubrirá la historia de los Estados Unidos, la estructura del gobierno, derechos civiles y conceptos cívicos básicos. No hay clase de 25 de enero.

## Fiction Friends

Thursday, January 11, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

[In-Person / Zoom] Each month we read a book in advance, then discuss it during the book club. Each session ends with an activity. Free copy\* of *Yusuf Azeem is Not a Hero* by Saadia Faruqi available at registration while supplies last. Grades 6-8.

## Sign up for our E-Newsletter!

Each month we email a digital newsletter to you, with all the latest library info and booklists for all ages.

[sherwoodoregon.gov/library/newsletters](http://sherwoodoregon.gov/library/newsletters)



# For Youth & Family



## Books & Bricks Winter Reading

Read through January 3, turn in logs by January 9.

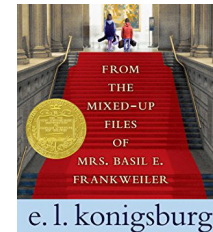
Kids keep up their reading habits with our LEGO-themed reading challenge and a chance to win LEGO prizes. Look for a reading log from your Sherwood elementary school or at the library and turn it in by January 9.



## Read to Mia the Dog

Saturday, January 13, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Brush up on reading skills in a fun and non-judgmental environment while reading with a trained therapy dog for 20 minutes. Get a frequent reader card to earn a new book after five visits and a Friends of the Library coupon to spend after you read to Mia. Registration required.



## Paperback Pals

Thursday, January 18, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

[In-Person / Zoom] It's so much fun to talk about the books you love with pals who enjoy reading! A free copy\* of *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E. L. Konigsburg is available at registration while supplies last. Grades 3-5.

## Book Buddies

Thursday, January 25, 3:45-4:45 p.m.

[In-Person / Zoom] Enjoy talking about *Dirt and Buggy: Bug Catchers* by Megan Litwin this month with kids your age and an activity to follow. A free copy\* of this month's book is available at registration while supplies last. Grades K-2.

## STEAM Saturday / Sábado de STEAM

Saturday, January 27, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Drop in for a dose of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) fun on the last Saturday of every month. Build with Snap Circuits, 3-D pens, Magnetic Tiles, and more. We also have a rotating station each month, with a new fun STEAM activity. All ages.

Sábado, el 27 de enero, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Visítenos para disfrutar de una dosis de diversión STEAM el último sábado de cada mes. Construir con Snap Circuits, lápices 3D, Magna-Tiles y más. Cada mes habrá una estación "sorpresa" en la que podrá poner en práctica sus habilidades creativas. Todas las edades.

# 2024 HAPPY NEW YEAR

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