

AUGUST 2024 MONTHLY REPORT



Library staff assist guests with a fishing game in front of the library booth at the City of Wilsonville's "Party in the Park" on Aug. 22.

From the Director

At the library in August, many of our regular programs go on break, and we get to spend more time out in the community. Library staff attended a number of outreach events during the month, including the Charbonneau volunteer event, the West-Linn Wilsonville Empowerment Center's "Back to School" event, and the City of Wilsonville's "Party in the Park."

Library staff also conduct regular visits to The Springs at Wilsonville and Coffee Creek Correctional Facility, where library staff get to know the residents and provide library services.

We are delighted to share the library beyond the building as we strive to meet the needs of our community.

-Shasta Sasser, Library Director

Children's Services

STEAM Kids Science Classes

The University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History, the Oregon Coast Aquarium, and OMSI led free science classes for kids in early August. Topics included music, bats, car engineering and design, and tidepools.

Children's Summer Reading Program

The Children's Summer Reading Program ended Aug. 31. Over 400 children participated in the program by submitting reading logs, STEAM logs, and Bingo Cards.

UPCOMING:

 Regular children's programs return in September, including Baby & Toddler Time, Family Storytime, and Play Group.



A young patron looks through a microscope at the UO Natural and Cultural History Museum's program "Journey Under the Sea" on Aug. 6.

- Storytime with Author Sara Behrman on Saturday, Sept. 14, at 11am.
- Spanish Storytime on Saturday, Sept. 21, at 11am.
- Creative Corner on Friday, Sept. 27, at 2pm.



Teens wrapped rubber bands around a watermelon until it exploded at the final Teen Summer Reading Program event.

Teen Services

Teen Summer Reading Program

The Teen Summer Reading Program ended Aug. 31. Over 100 teens participated in the program, which included reading logs, STEAM logs, and Bingo Cards.

Over 200 teens attended the various summer events, with the Laser Tag/ Nerf Day and the "Library After Dark" programs having the highest attendance.

UPCOMING:

 Teen programs return Sept. 11 with Teen Afterschool Drop-In Activities.

Adult Services

"DNA & Paper" Genealogy Presentation

Don Anderson covered the different types of DNA tests and how to use the available tools and matches to uncover what one's genealogy. This presentation was part of August's Genealogy Club meeting.

Backyard Birdwatching

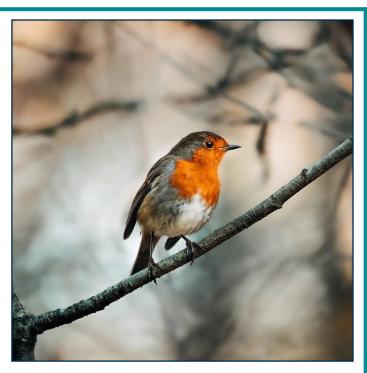
Professional Naturalist Rebecca Lexa shared information about what sort of equipment might be helpful for birdwatching, safe and ethical bird feeding, some common backyard birds to look for, and additional useful tips and resources.

UPCOMING:

- PROFILES online presentation about Judy Garland on Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 11am.
- Space Talk about meteorites on Saturday, Sept. 7, at 11am.
- Book Notes concert with Peter Spiegel on Saturday, Sept. 14, at 2pm.
- Book Walk discusses *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab on Thursday, Sept. 19, at 1pm.



The annual Short Story Contest accepts stories of 1,500 words or less by writers of all ages, from toddlers through adults.



Seventeen people attended the "Backyard Birdwatching" class on Aug. 29.

Around the Library

August Short Story Contest

We received over 35 short stories written by all ages for our 5th annual Short Story Contest. The stories will be judged by our librarians, with winners to be announced in September.

Meeting Room A/V Upgrades

The library's Oak and Rose Rooms received technology upgrades to their audio-visual systems. The upgrades included new projectors as well as technology to facilitate video conferencing.



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