



The West Linn & Wilsonville Public Libraries Present



# THE WEST LINN-WILSONVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## At West Linn Public Library in December!

### **Monthly Maker Club** on Sunday, December 1st at 12:00pm

Join us for our monthly Maker Club! Experiment with a rotating roster of activities, including Legos, Ozobots, wind tubes, and more! Explore a single activity or complete our challenges!

### **Tales to Tails!** on Wednesdays and Thursdays through December 19th from 3:00 - 4:30pm

Want to practice reading to one of our therapy dogs at the library? Sign up for a 20-minute session. All dogs and handlers are registered therapy teams. Registration is required.

### **StoryWalk® at Fields Bridge Park** available all day, every day

Enjoy a beautiful bilingual picture book while exploring the great outdoors! Our December StoryWalk® features Pat Mora's *Gracias/Thanks*, a wonderful celebration of friendship, family, and gratitude.

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## Did You Know?

### **Libraries offer FREE Cultural Passes for families**



Looking for fun, FREE local destinations to take the family to visit during winter break? With your LINCC Library card you can check out Cultural Passes that will gain you and your family free entry to places such as the Gilbert House in Salem or the Evergreen Aviation Museum in McMinnville, plus many others. See the full list of sites and reserve your free tickets here.



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## At Wilsonville Public Library in December!

### **Tree Lighting Story & Songs** on Thursday, December 5th at 5:30pm

Join Wilsonville Librarians at the Wilsonville Parks and Recreation's Annual Community Tree Lighting at Town Center Park. We'll kick off the event at 5:30 with a festive story and fun songs. The full event runs from 5:30-7pm.

### **Children's Concert with Greta Pedersen: Winter Songfest** on Saturday, December 7th at 11:00am

Families are invited to join this festive sing-along celebrating winter and the traditions of Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, and the Winter Solstice. Greta is an award-winning performer and educator.

### **Wintry Take & Makes** starting on Saturday, December 21st

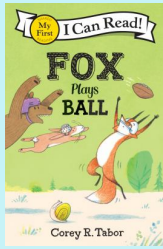
Starting on December 21st, families can take a break with a free wintry Take & Make kit to try at home. Available at the children's desk while supplies last.

Questions or comments: contact Kimberley Rhoades at [krhoades@westlinnoregon.gov](mailto:krhoades@westlinnoregon.gov) or 503.742.6191 or Jo Caisse at [jcaisse@wilsonvillelibrary.org](mailto:jcaisse@wilsonvillelibrary.org) or 503.570.1592.

# Animals in Fact & Fiction

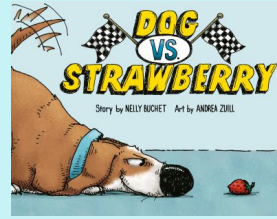
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Younger Grades



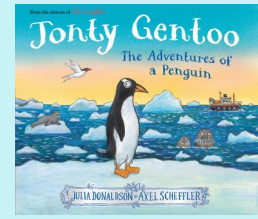
***Fox Plays Ball***  
by Corey R. Tabor

Fox is ready to play football, and so are his friends. Elephant is a great kicker, and Bear and Rabbit are fast. Does Snail have a chance to be the winner? A lively animal story just right for brand new readers.



***Dog vs. Strawberry***  
by Nelly Buchet

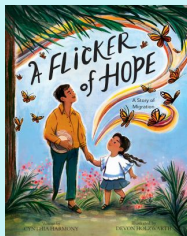
It's an epic race between an enthusiastic pet and a piece of fruit. Dog's got all the moves, but somehow this race goes down to the wire. Picture book fun for fans of Pigeon, Crayons, and Pete the Cat.



***Jonty Gentoo***  
by Julia Donaldson

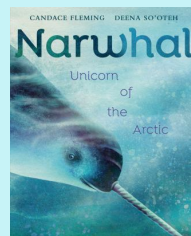
In this picture book adventure, a penguin escapes from the zoo hoping to reach the South Pole...and goes north instead! It features creative rhyming text, fun illustrations, and simple bird facts.

Middle Grades



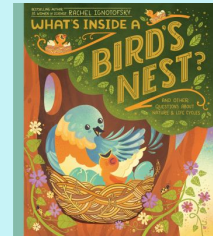
***A Flicker of Hope***  
by Cynthia Harmony

Lucia knows that the butterflies she loves will migrate north, then return. Her Papá also makes a northward journey. Will he make it back safely? Nature and real life intersect in this thoughtful picture book.



***Narwhal: Unicorn of the Sea***  
by Candace Fleming

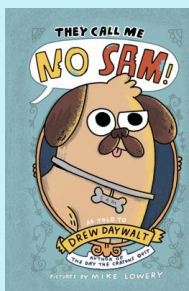
Dramatic, oversized illustrations and poetic language lead readers through the migratory adventures of a young narwhal. A perfect combination of scientific facts and suspenseful storytelling.



***What's Inside a Bird's Nest?***  
by Rachel Ignotofsky

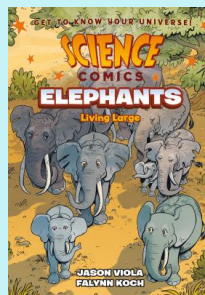
Bird nest materials can include twigs, string, spider silk, and bird spit! Their primary purpose: to keep hatchlings safe. Clear, captioned drawings and fascinating facts cover all aspects of the life cycles of birds.

Older Grades



***They Call Me No Sam!***  
by Drew Daywalt

In his diary, a confused dog called "No Sam" shares his thoughts, fears, and many misconceptions. And somehow solves a mystery along the way. A fun choice for kids who like books with jokes and pictures.



***Elephants: Living Large***  
by Jason Viola

Duni the elephant narrates this "Science Comics" book. Fascinating facts, drama, humor, and paneled illustrations make this a great choice for visual learners and graphic novel fans who also love science.



***The Secret Language of Birds***  
by Lynne Kelly

At summer camp, Nora discovers two birds nesting in the marsh. They might be rare whooping cranes! Can she reveal her secret and still keep the birds safe? An engaging mix of science and friendship fiction.