



The West Linn & Wilsonville Public Libraries Present



THE WEST LINN WILSONVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

At West Linn Public Library in December!

LEGO Club (ages 4-12) on Saturday, December 7th from 12:00-1:30pm.

Learn new building techniques on Saturdays with LEGO Master Builder Blair Archer.

Oreo-Taste Off! (grades K-5) on Wednesday, December 4th at 1:00 or 2:00.

Early Release day.

Join us for an Oreo cookie tasting contest! Can you guess which of the many flavors of Oreos each cookie is? Then we'll decide which flavor is our favorite and perhaps invent a new one.

Milk (and juice) will, of course, be provided.

Tales to Tails! Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:30-5:00pm.

Reservations are necessary!

Kids, want to practice reading? Come and read to one of our therapy dogs! Please stop by the Kid's Desk or call 503.742.8623 to make your reservation in advance.

Did You Know?

In talking with children about allyship, the simple idea of "making room" can be easily understood. "Making room" means enlarging the circle, scooting over to allow others in, and yet is more than just offering up physical space. It asks each of us to do more than acknowledge, tolerate, and respect each other's differences. It even asks us to move beyond kindness. "Making room" is a call to positive action and requires us to support those around us, in our neighborhoods, classrooms, and communities, regardless of our differences. It means seeing those differences as a strength rather than as a threat or source of shame. "Making room" is the idea of not just offering everyone a place at the table, but including everyone in planning the communal meal to ultimately create a place of solidarity.

At Wilsonville Public Library in December!

Science Zone (grades 3-5) on Wednesday, December 4th from 1:30 – 2:30pm.

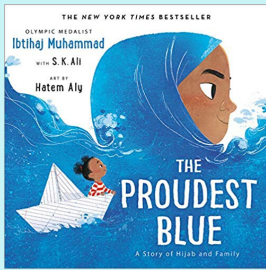
Early Release day.

Come experiment with our hands-on science activities!

LEGO Night (grades K-5) on Wednesday, December 18th from 6:30 – 7:30pm.

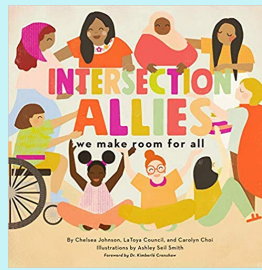
A fun night to construct, create, and imagine with Legos! Lego expert David Thornton from Canby Bricks & Minifigs will be available to provide cool tips.

Picture Books About Making Room



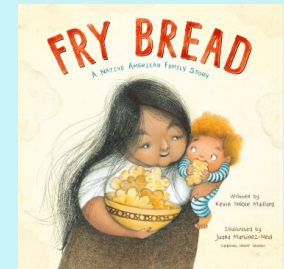
The Proudest Blue
by Ibtihaj Muhammad

This empowering text by Olympic fencer Muhammad is a triumph for a coming of age rite. It's a story about family, tenacity, and pride in who you are. The illustrations capture emotions well with bold, bright colors, and bullies are faceless and grey.



**Intersection Allies:
We Make Room For All**
by Chelsea Johnson

A remarkable picture book about allyship and intersectionality where we see how a community can come together in everyday situations. The end notes offer a page-by-page discussion guide and much more. A wonderful resource for children.



Fry Bread
by Kevin Noble Maillard

A thoughtful and inspiring story about much more than food. Told with both depth and subtlety, addressing family, community, and cultural issues, this book offers warmth and beauty to readers of all ages. End notes offer outstanding cultural details.



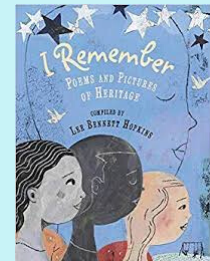
Finding Kindness
by Deborah Underwood

A powerful story of the simple and abundant ways we can model kindness everyday. Rhyming text and sweet illustrations bring a variety of people in a community to life, asking the reader to reflect on ways they can be kind.



Like A Girl
by Lori Degman

An informational picture book that changes the connotation of 'like a girl'. The accomplishments of 24 multicultural female leaders are shown in vivid details, with end notes sharing a minibiography of each one, making this an engaging read aloud as well as an excellent reference.



**I Remember: Poems
and Pictures of Heritage**
by Lee Bennet Hopkins

A celebration of culturally diverse poetry by some of the most important voices in children's literature today. Illustrations by talented artists add a layer of visual lyricism to this moving poetry collection.



Mary Wears What She Wants
by Keith Negley

This book shows the determination of a young Mary Walker to navigate her own way in life by dressing in pants. We are offered a glimpse of Mary's trailblazing life of pushing against the constrictions of societal norms for women in order to create a meaningful life for herself and others.



The Scarecrow
by Beth Ferry

Illustrated by the famous Fan Brothers who capture the complex depth of this tale with their consistently evocative details. This emotionally packed story of friendship, love, and loneliness is a heartwarming twist on a theme of traditional enemies.



Sulwe
by Lupita Nyong'o

Drawing on her own experience with colorism, Oscar-winning actress Nyong'o eloquently gifts us a simple fable about Night and Day to explain the beauty of darkness. Harrison's use of bold, contrasting color creates a dream-like world for this unique and thoughtful tale.