

St. Helens Public Library

Presentation to the City Council

May 19, 2021



Current Board Members

- Melisa Gaelrun-Maggi, Chair (term expires 6/30/24)
- Amanda Heynemann, Past Chair (term expires 6/30/22)
- Becky Bean (term expires 6/30/22)
- Dan Davis (term expires 6/30/23)
- Jessica Sturdivant (term expires 6/30/25)
- Steve Topaz, Council Liaison



Library Board Responsibilities



- Keeping informed about current trends in library services and administration.
- Studying Library growth and needs in the city and its vicinity.
- Developing long -range plans for library service and facilities, consistent with city priorities and with state, regional, and national goal pertinent to libraries.
- Recommending types of library service for the city and its vicinity.
- Recommending the acceptance and use of gifts for library purposes.
- Participation in the annual budgetary process of the city where the process pertains to the library.
- Recommending policies and procedures conducive to efficient and effective operation of the library.

Library Board Responsibilities

- Reviewing and recommending terms for contracts and working relationships with other public agencies regarding library services.
- Encouraging widespread public support and use of the library.
- Submitting an annual report to the city council.
- Performing other duties as authorized by the city council.



Recent Behind the Scenes Work:

- Changes to the outdated Library Municipal Code.
- Updating interview questions for potential Board Members.
- Changes to Library Card renewal terms.
- Making sure we meet House Bill 2243's definition of a "Public Library".



Staying connected during COVID



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LIBRARY CURBSIDE PICKUP WINDOW

Over 2900 window transactions!

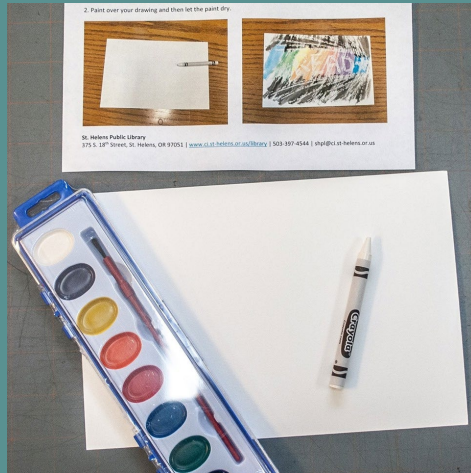


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Facebook Storytimes with Gretchen

Take & Make

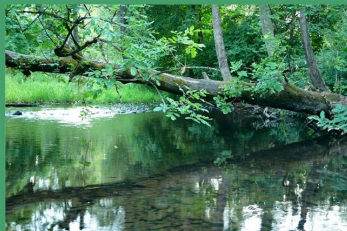
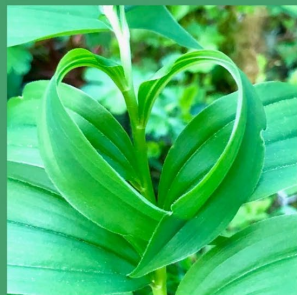
Over 12,400
views!



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Online classes and groups!

#FocusPhotoClub

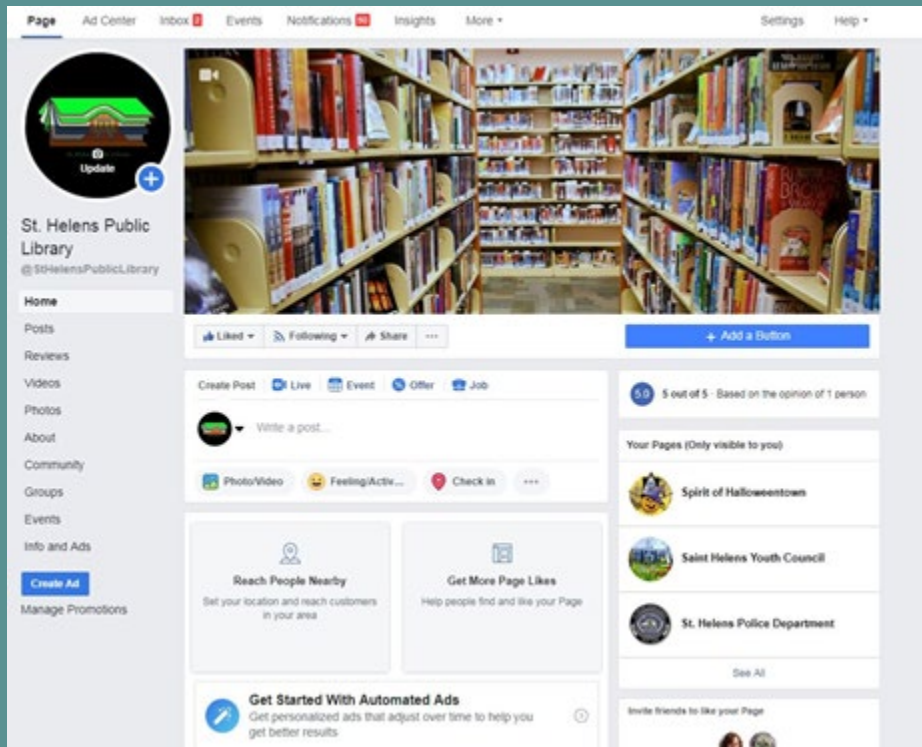


Green



Genial Genealogists

Tonight 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.




Keeping Informed About Current Trends & recommending Library Services

- Feature Fridays
- Book Bundles
- National Days
- Community Links
- Mental Health
- History Months
- Author Recommendations

Our most popular post!





Our St. Helens
Public Library
Facebook has 1033
followers & 952
likes.

**St. Helens Public Library**
January 14

Cat on a wet asphalt roof...

We've received phone calls, emails, messages on social media, in-person queries, smoke signals, and Morse code asking us if the cat on our roof is stuck and we want to reassure everyone that she is not! Her name is Sweet Pea and she lives in the neighborhood. Recently, she discovered that she can get on our roof and now she spends her days surveying her kingdom. When not on the roof she also likes to pounce on insects in our lawn and warm herself on the hoods of our cars. Next time you drive by see if you can spot her and tell her hello! But please don't fret - we promise she can get off the roof on her own.






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11,281
People Reached

1,765
Engagements

Boost Post


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5 Comments 51 Shares

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11,281 People Reached

864 Reactions, Comments & Shares

453 Like	54 On Post	399 On Shares
195 Love	37 On Post	158 On Shares
102 Haha	4 On Post	98 On Shares
3 Wow	0 On Post	3 On Shares
62 Comments	6 On Post	56 On Shares
51 Shares	51 On Post	0 On Shares

901 Post Clicks

34 Photo Views	0 Link Clicks	867 Other Clicks
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NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

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Let's Play!

Mobile recreation
and library pop-
up

Art, STEM,
Physical
Activities for
ages 5-12

● September 15th- McCormick Park ●

September 22nd- Campbell Park

September 29th- Godfrey Park

● Tuesdays, 3-4 p.m. ●

Please bring a
blanket to sit on
as seating may
be limited.

This activity is free.

We will be
following social
distancing, so
please help us stay
within guidelines.



Encouraging
widespread public
support and use of
the library.



STORYTIME IN THE PARK

with stories, songs, and art projects!

Presented by the St. Helens Public Library
and St. Helens Recreation Program

Join us on Tuesdays at McCormick Park for a family-friendly storytime. Stick around afterwards for a different activity every week!

UPCOMING DATES
September 8th @ 6 pm

In Veteran's Plaza at McCormick Park

All ages are welcome!
This event is free
Masks are recommended
Groups may be limited in size.

We will be enforcing physical distancing, so please help us stay within guidelines.



Working
Relationships!



Encouraging
public support!



Nature Buddies & Chalk Art

Partnerships with St. Helens Parks & Recreation

Nature Buddies

Children ages 1-6 are invited to a free weekly nature-based story, hike, and activity.

Thursdays from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

This is a parent/carer led activity with an activity/lesson provided by the St. Helens Recreation Program and the St. Helens Public Library.

Meet at the Veterans Plaza at McCormick Park.

Dress for the elements. We will be adventuring.



This activity is made possible through a grant through the Northwest Early Learning Hub



ST. HELENS PUBLIC LIBRARY AND ST. HELENS RECREATION PROGRAM PRESENT:
STORYTIME AND ART IN THE PARK

HAVE FUN MAKING CHALK ART AND ENJOYING STORY TIME BOOKS AND SONGS WITH YOUR FAMILY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH @ 10-11AM
AT MCCORMICK PARK
ALL AGES WELCOME

GROUPS MAY BE LIMITED IN SIZE
MASKS ARE RECOMMENDED
PHYSICAL DISTANCING AT ALL TIMES
THIS EVENT IS FREE

**CHALK WILL BE AVAILABLE ON A
FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS**

WE WILL BE ENFORCING SOCIAL DISTANCING,
SO PLEASE HELP US STAY WITHIN GUIDELINES.

Story Stroll



Literary walks through McCormick park brought to you by the partnership of the St. Helens Public Library, St. Helens Parks & Recreation, and Parks Division.



Trunk or Treat

This is the third time the St. Helens Library Board has participated. They gave out 500 goodie bags made up of participant donated items.



City's Employee of the Year Award Youth Librarian Gretchen Kolderup





Makerspace

Long-range plans for the facilities.



The Makerspace is a collaborative work space where the community can gather to create, explore, and practice creative skills using shared technology.





Makerspace

The St. Helens Public Library received a \$5000.00 sustaining grant from NW STEM Hub to expand hands-on educational programs at the library. The Library will use this to expand the Library of Things collection and STEM based play and programming in the upcoming Makerspace.

Equipment available for use within the Makerspace will include items such as a laser cutter, a Cricut cutter, a sewing machine, audio and visual recording/editing equipment, and more.

The St. Helens Public Library believes that the new Makerspace fits with the Library's mission to provide the community with optimal access to tools that promote and encourage lifelong learning, self-development, and life enhancement.

Types of Current Library Services Available



The Library of Things includes Wi-Fi mobile hotspots, Snap Circuits, a Dash coding robot, 3D pens, a bento making kit, electricity usage monitors, and more.

The NW Stem Hub sustaining grant will be used to expand our collection.

Encouraging widespread use of the library through card sign-up promotions!



LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

Download an audiobook	Get a library card	Stream a movie	Read a magazine	Learn a new language
Give your library a social media shoutout	Participate in a DIY activity	Follow your library on social media	Check out a banned book	Put up a lawn sign supporting your library
Read the Libraries Transform Book Pick	Get 2 people to sign up for a library card	BONUS	Join a book club	Send your librarian a thank you note
Post a selfie with your library card	Take an online class	Ask a reference question via email/phone	Borrow a graphic novel	Share your library love on social media
Join your library's Friends group	Play a video game	Visit your library's website	Access a database	Ask for a book recommendation

BINGO

ALA American Library Association

- Digital only library cards
- Quarterly Library Cards



New Painted Book Drops!



