

# SWEET HOME PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

May 2025

## 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Reading books at home is one of the best ways to get your child ready for school. Reading 1,000 books sounds like a lot, but if you read just 1 picture book with your child every day, you will read over 365 books in just 1 year! And 730 books in two years, and over 1,000 books in just three years.

Stop by the Library and pick up a reading log and starter packet. Keep track of the books you read. Every time you read 100 books and fill up your log, bring the log back to the library and get a certificate and prize. Pick up the next log for the next 100 books.

It's okay if you read the same book 100 times!

Any child that has not started Kindergarten can start this program! Families are encouraged to participate together, so feel free to sign up multiple children. You can even do it more than once!



## Open House

We are having an open house on May 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm. Stop in and see what is happening in your library as we ask for the renewal of our Operating Levy.

## May Events

- Storytime Thursdays 10am & 11am
- Afternoon Movie Wednesdays 3pm
- Lego Creators Club Tuesdays 4pm
- Anime Club May 29<sup>th</sup> 4pm
- Teen Game Night May 9<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm
- Teen Movie Night May 16<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm
- Community Read Discussion May 6<sup>th</sup> 6pm OR May 7<sup>th</sup> 10am
- Canning and Preserving Class May 24<sup>th</sup> 2pm

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## New Books

### Kid

*Giant Parsnip Soup* by Daniela Sosa  
A feisty group of friends find a giant parsnip and set off on an adventure to gather the rest of the ingredients, from one to ten, to make delicious soup together. Come and count along! Includes a recipe for vegetable soup.

### Tween

*Way off Track* by Carol Brundtland  
Nansi has never lost a race ... until snobby Tania beats her in an unofficial event. Surely it's Tania's flashy shoes that gave her the edge. Nansi has to get a pair before the track tryouts! But how will she kick up \$338?

### Teen

*Fairy Cat* by Hisa Takano  
A minuscule cat appears one rainy day, perched on Kanade's chair. But the moment he spots the tiny ball of fluff, it vanishes! Kanade knows fairy cats are a rare sight to behold, hiding out of reach in nooks and crannies—but now that he's seen one, he is determined to win its affection. Can Kanade coax the fairy cat out of hiding and befriend it?

### Adult

*Front Runner: The Life of Steve Prefontaine* by Brendan O'Meara  
On the 50th anniversary of American Track and Field icon Steve Prefontaine's tragic death comes an essential reappraisal of his life and legacy, a powerful work of narrative history exploring the forces and psychology that made Pre great and separating the man from the myths.



## Cool Library Things

### Outdoor Games for check out!

Our outdoor games are out and ready to be checked out, we have:

Horseshoes, Gator Sprinkler, Ball toss, Lawn Dice, Bocce, Croquet, Rollors, Chicken Toss and more!

### Online Collections for FREE!

Northwest Digital Heritage Online includes digital collections from over 250 libraries and museums in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Including a collection just about the Mt. St. Helens eruption and MORE!

Check it out:

[northwestdigitalheritage.org](http://northwestdigitalheritage.org)

### Jim Bean Safety Fair/Summer Reading Kick Off Party

Join us at Sankey Park JUNE 21st from 9am-1pm  
Join us for raffles, games, safety education, bike rodeo, summer reading sign up, free hotdogs and popcorn and more!

### Summer Reading

Summer Reading Program for all ages will start on June 17<sup>th</sup> with programs for kids on most Fridays, plus lots of other activities for teens and adults

