

Library

August 2026 Report



From the Director

August brought the final days of summer reading, and we had such a fun season filled with reading, learning, and connecting with our community. We enjoyed bringing our Dolly Parton cardboard cutout along for outreach at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility's "Through a Child's Eyes" event on August 6 and at Party in the Park on August 20. Dolly holds a special place in our heart for her "Imagination Library" (DPIL) which provides Wilsonville resident children up to five years old a free book each month in the mail for them to keep forever. Families can register on the [Imagination Library](#) website or at the library.

Library staff, volunteers, and patrons were all saddened to hear of Dolly's passing on August 25. Dolly was a true champion of early literacy through DPIL. We will strive to keep her memory and legacy alive by continuing her good work with DPIL.

We'll miss summer, but we're excited for all that fall has in store at the library! Our regular youth programs are returning, with plenty of opportunities to read, create, learn, and spend time together.

*-Shasta Sasser
Library Director*

Children's Services

Back-to-School Resource Event at the Family Empowerment Center

Youth Services librarians Jo and Crystal attended the annual event on Aug. 19 to share information about library services and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

OBOB and ORCA books now available

Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) and Oregon Reader's Choice Award (ORCA) books hit the shelves in our children's, young teen, and teen collections. These books are intended for youth in grades 3-12. Oregon Battle of the Books teams start in September and then compete through the spring. Voting for Oregon Reader's Choice Awards occurs in March and April.



OBOB and ORCA books on display and available for checkout next to the Children's Room entrance.

UPCOMING:

- Youth programs return Sept. 1.



Teen Services

Teen Advisory Board-only events

After two months of weekly teen events, the Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.) held two events in August just for the board.

On Aug. 5, the T.A.B. did a debrief of summer events, and then enjoyed board games, cartoons, and snacks.

At the second event on Aug. 19, T.A.B. got the library “after dark” (after the library closed to the public). They discussed the upcoming school year and played several rounds of Five Nights at Freddy’s hide and seek.

As City volunteers with their work planning and running teen events at the library, members of T.A.B. were invited to the Party in the Park on Aug. 20 for some well-deserved volunteer recognition.



The Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.) planned and held weekly teen events in June and July, including a “PJs and Movie Day” on July 24.

UPCOMING:

- Teen programs return Sept. 2.



Adult Services

Tabletop Game Night

Every month we hold a board game night for ages 18 and up, with a different featured game. On Aug. 6, participants got to experience the classic game “Clue”.

Birdwatching for Beginners

Rebecca Lexa, certified Oregon Master Naturalist, taught this class on Aug. 24. Participants learned the skills and tools they need to be able to identify birds.

Book Club at the Community Center

In August, the Book Club held a “BYOB” (Bring Your Own Book) party on Aug. 26. Members brought their own books and shared what they liked about them.



The “Profiles” online program on Aug. 5 looked at the history of the Erie Canal and its impact on American culture.

UPCOMING:

- **“Life Happens: Understanding Mental Health, Substance Use, and Healing”** on Thursday, Sept. 10, at 6pm.
- **Intercambio** (casual conversations with native speakers of Spanish and English) on Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 5pm.



Around the Library

Hilly Alexander recognized for outstanding service

Library volunteer Hilly Alexander was recognized for her 15,000 hours of service to the library. Hilly has been involved with the Library Board, the Wilsonville Public Library Foundation, and regularly volunteers at the library with shelving and outreach work. Hilly is a joy to work with, and we are delighted to have her volunteer for us!



Hilly Alexander (right) greets guests with Librarian Ann at the Summer Reading Program Kick-off event on Saturday, June 13. Hilly represented Dolly Parton's Imagination Library for the Wilsonville Public Library Foundation.

Crosswalk renovation

The library parking lot underwent construction in late August to replace the elevated crosswalks in front of the main library entrance with standard speed bumps and a crosswalk.



Calendar

AUGUST

Saturday

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Short Story Contest
August 1-31

Sunday **Monday** **Tuesday** **Wednesday** **Thursday** **Friday**

2	3 Computer Basics 11am-12pm Sit and Stitch 1:30-3pm	4 ODHS 10am-12pm 1-3pm Intermediate ESL 10-11:30am	5 Profiles Two Hundred Years of the Erie Canal 11-12:30pm Zoom	6 Tabletop Night Clue 6-7:30pm	7 WIC Pop-Up Clinic 10am-12pm 1-4pm	8 R
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16	17 Microsoft Word 11am-12pm Genealogy Club 1-2:30pm Sit and Stitch 1:30-3pm	18 ODHS 10am-12pm 1-3pm Intermediate ESL 10-11:30am	19	20	21 WIC Pop-Up Clinic 10am-12pm 1-4pm Don't forget August 31 Turn in all summer reading materials by the end of the month to win prizes.	22 A
23	24 Online Job Seeking 11am-12pm Sit and Stitch 1:30-3pm Birdwatching for Beginners 6-7:30pm	25	26 Library Closed Staff Training Community Center Book Club BYOB Bring Your Own Book Party 1-2pm	27	28	29 D
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