May 2025



# Monthly Report



"For the Dreamers, For the Artists," one of ten large fiberglass hearts painted by local artists, arrived at the library in May.

#### From the Director

We had a lot to celebrate at the library in May. The City's public art project "heARTs of Wilsonville: Many Cultures, One Heart" arrived at the library with local muralist Addie Boswell's heart sculpture "For the Dreamers, For the Artists." This artwork aims to inspire creativity and encourage viewers to pursue their artistic aspirations, which is a wonderful message to have at the entrance to the library.

Also in May, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library achieved a remarkable milestone by making its resources available in every zip code in Oregon. During his tenure at the library, former Library Director Pat Duke initiated the adoption of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in Oregon with a state-wide tour. Imagination Library is an important resource because it mails free, high-quality books to children from birth to age five that the children to keep forever. We're excited to see this valuable program expand throughout the state.

## **Children's Services**

#### Return of the Jedi Goats

Star Wars fans of all ages celebrated Star Wars Day early at the library on Saturday, May 3, with Jedi training activities, crafts, and Jedi goats. Many attendees attended in costume, including Darth Vader!

#### **Creative Corner**

Elementary-aged children with their grown ups got to garden at the library on Monday, May 5. Youth Services staff provided the materials for participants to create their own little patch of a garden.



Young patrons completed a variety of activities for their "Jedi Training" at the library's Star Wars Day event.

#### **UPCOMING:**

- Summer Reading Program starts Sunday, June 1.
- Summer Reading Program Kick-off Event on Saturday, June 14, from 10am-2pm, with graphic novelist Aron Steinke giving a presentation about his life and writing process at 1pm.
- Stories & STEAM on Wednesdays at 10:30am and 12pm starts June 18.
- Thursday Fun Shows at 11am at Memorial Park starts June 25.



The upcoming kick-off Teen Summer Reading Program event "Library After Dark: Five Nights at Freddy's" focuses on the popular video game and movie on Wednesday, June 18, from 8-11pm. This event was created by the Teen Advisory Board.

## **Teen Services**

#### **Teen Afterschool Drop-in Activities**

Every Wednesday afternoon from 3-6pm through May 14, teens dropped-in to the library's Teen Area for video games, movies, crafts, and snacks.

#### **UPCOMING:**

- Teen Summer Reading Program starts Sunday, June 1.
- "Library After Dark: Five Nights at Freddy's" on Wednesday, June 18, from 8-11pm.
- "Legend of Zelda Scavenger Hunt" on Wednesday, June 25, from 4-6pm.

## **Adult Services**

## "Samurai in the Oregon Sky" documentary and Q&A with director

Local film director Ilana Sol-Pich attended the screening of her documentary *Samurai in the Oregon Sky* and answered questions from the audience afterward on May 1. Former Mayor Julie Fitzgerald attended and shared her family's history that ties into the documentary's story of WWII aerial bombings of southern Oregon.

#### Final Book Notes Concert for the season

Northwest native Sean Gaskell returned for a performance of West African traditional songs on the kora, an ancient 21-stringed harp, on Saturday, May 10.



Director Ilana Sol-Pich and former Mayor Julie Fitzgerald converse at the "Samurai in the Oregon Sky" screening.

#### **UPCOMING:**

- New weekly program "Sit & Stitch" starts Monday, June 2, at 1:30pm.
- Online "Profiles" program explores the works of five LGBTQ+ authors on Wednesday, June 4, at 11am
- Tabletop game night on Thursday, June 5, from 6-7:30pm.
- Speed Puzzling event on Thursday, June 12, from 6-7:30pm.



The Wilsonville Historical Society's collection of stories and historic photos were featured in the lobby display cases in May.

## **Around the Library**

#### Historical Society display and book

The Wilsonville Historical Society was featured in May at the library. The lobby display contained pieces of Wilsonville history, and the art wall highlighted Wilsonville historic photos. The Wilsonville Historical Society has recently published a book, which is available to view at the library Adult Services desk.

#### Increased check-out limit on Libby

Starting May 12, library patrons can now check out ten (10) items at a time on the Libby app. This is an increase from the former six (6) item limit.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	MA	\Y 		Samurai in the Oregon Sky with Director Ilana Sol-Pich 6pm Family Storytime 10:30am	Play Group 10:30am-Noon WIC Pop-Up Clinic 10am-12pm 1-4pm First Friday Film Here (PG-13) 3pm	Space Talks Touching the Atmosphere of the Sun 11am-12:30pm Return of the Jedi Goats 3-5pm
4	Rent Well Lab 10am-1pm Creative Corner Let's get gardening! 2-3:30pm	Intermediate ESL 10am Toddler & Baby Time 10:30am & 11:15am	Family Storytime 10:30am Teen After School Drop-in 3-6pm	Family Storytime 10:30am	Play Group 10:30am-Noon WIC Pop-Up Clinic 10am-12pm 1-4pm	Booknotes Concert Sean Gaskell 2-3pm
11	Teen Advisory Board 4:30pm	Intermediate ESL 10am Toddler & Baby Time 10:30am & 11:15am	Family Storytime 10:30am STEAM Stuff 2:30pm Teen After School Drop-in 3-6pm	Family Storytime 10:30am  Book Walk Gap Creek by Robert Morgan 1pm	Play Group 10:30am-Noon WIC Pop-Up Clinic 10am-12pm 1-4pm	Spanish Storytime 1pm
18	Rent Well Lab 10am-1pm Genealogy Club 1pm	Intermediate ESL 10am	21	22	WIC Pop-Up Clinic 10am-12pm 1-4pm Blood Drive 12:30-6pm	24
25	Library Closed Memorial Day	Intermediate ESL 10am	28	29	30	Wilsonville High School Robotics Team 1-3pm
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**Hours** Monday - Thursday 10-8 Friday - Saturday 10-6 Sunday 1-6

