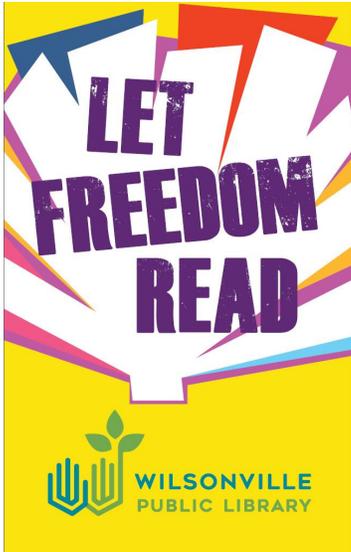


### *From the Director*



September was a joint celebration of Library Card Sign-up Month and Banned Books Month. People who signed up for a library card at the Wilsonville Public Library could choose between the regular and the limited-edition designs of the Libraries in Clackamas County (LINCC) library card. The limited-edition card features the theme “Let Freedom Read,” which is the Banned Books Month theme. The limited-edition card will continue to be available as a replacement card, while supplies last.

With the start of September, our regular Youth programs returned. Baby & Toddler Time resumed on Tuesday mornings at 10:30am. Family Storytime returned on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30am, and Play Group on Friday mornings from 10:30am-noon. New this month was a performance by the Pink Pig Puppet Theater, starring our own Steven Engelfried. Teen Drop-in Afterschool Activities started up again on Wednesday afternoons from 3-6pm. The laser tag event was quite the spectacle!

Adult programs included a creative writing class about discovering one’s intuitive voice, an online program about Tennessee Williams, and a history talk about “Home Front Heroines,” the women who worked in factories in World War II. The Walking Book Club, Genealogy Club, and English (ESL) class met. The First Friday Film was *Avatar: The Way of Water*.

In coordination with SMART, a Bike Rodeo was held at the library on Saturday, Sept. 16. At this drop-in event, kids of all ages participated in an agility course in the library parking lot to test bike skills and were able to receive free minor bike repairs.

At the end of September, we announced the winners of our 4th annual Short Story Contest. We received 42 entries from writers ranging from toddlers through adults. A panel of seven librarians read the stories and then ranked them using the criteria of creativity, style, and voice. It was a tough competition, but we were pleased to announce the three winners in each age category (Toddler-Preschool, Kindergarten-2nd Grade, 3rd-5th Grade, 6th-8th Grade, 9th-12th Grade, Adult). The winning stories are available to read on our website at [www.wilsonvillelibrary.org/story](http://www.wilsonvillelibrary.org/story).

New Library Services Manager Ethan Picman started work at the library and has been getting to know the library, including observing programs like Storytime and meeting with staff. The first phase of the Volunteer Coordinator and weekend Circulation Clerk recruitments have ended, and now interviews are being scheduled.

*-Shasta Sasser, Library Director*