August 2025



Monthly Report



Children learned about how insects' bodies change as they grow and how they survive at an OMSI class at the library on August 2.

From the Director

The library successfully concluded our annual Summer Reading Program, celebrating a season of "leveling up" by reading, doing science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) activities, and completing reading Bingo cards. This year's program welcomed over 500 enthusiastic participants across all age groups—children, teens, and adults—who collectively logged over four thousand hours of reading.

Also in August, the parking lot received a fresh slurry seal treatment, which helps preserve the asphalt and extend its lifespan. Following the seal, the lot was restriped to improve visibility and traffic flow, ensuring safer access for patrons and staff alike.

The library extended hours on Aug. 22 and 23 to give community members a place to escape the heat during the extreme weather event.

-Shasta Sasser, Library Director

Children's Services

OMSI STEAM classes for kids

OMSI returned to the library in August to provide special STEAM classes for kids. On Saturday, Aug. 2, OMSI held "Bug Me!" classes for children in pre-K and preschool. Then on Saturday, Aug. 9, OMSI held "Prehistoric Dinosaurs" classes for children entering Kindergarten and 1st grade this fall.

StoryWalk Artist Talk: Margaux Meganck

Picture book author and illustrator Margaux Meganck joined us at the library to read her book *People Are Wild*. Margaux then answered questions, and led a drawing activity. *People Are Wild* is the featured picture book for the Tivoli Park StoryWalk.



A young library patron poses with their prize from the People Are Wild StoryWalk scavenger hunt in August.

UPCOMING:

- Regular youth programs return starting Sept. 9.
- Wilsonville High School Robotics Team program on Saturday, Sept. 13, at 1pm.
- Crochet Corner for kids ages 10+ on Thursday, Sept. 18, at 6:30pm
- Music Class with Heart Strings Mandarin on Saturday, Sept. 20, at 11am.



Teen Advisory Board (TAB) members test virtual reality (VR) gaming in the Oak Room at the TAB meeting on Aug. 6.

Teen Services

Teen Advisory Board plans for the fall

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) met in August to plan for the upcoming school year. Board members discussed programs and events for teens, including how to refresh popular programs. The teens also performed test runs of virtual reality games and laser tag to understand and adapt the logistics for potential future programs.

UPCOMING:

 Weekly Teen Afterschool Drop-in Activities resume on Wednesdays, from 3-6pm, starting Sept. 3

Adult Services

Trivia Night at the library

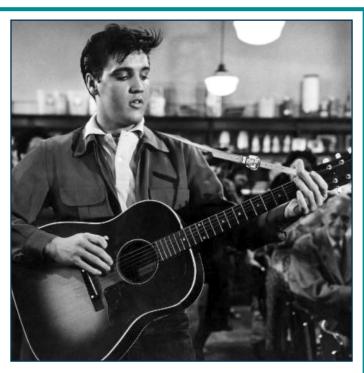
The library held its first Trivia Night on Thursday, Aug. 21. Eighteen (18) participants competed in this fun and friendly competition to test their knowledge on everything from space and literature, to pop culture and Wilsonville history.

Minor Bike Repair class

SMART held a minor bike repair class at the library on Saturday, Aug. 23. Participants learned about basic bike maintenance and about basic tools and equipment, and then received hands-on experience with basic bike repairs.

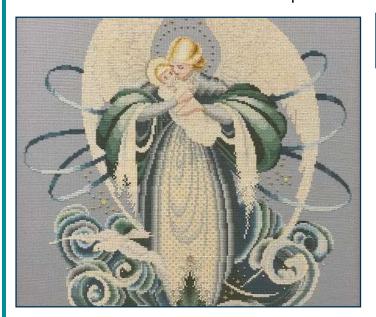
UPCOMING:

- Online "Profiles" program looks at the four Brontes on Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 11am
- Tabletop Game Night on Thursday, Sept. 4, from 6-7:30pm.



The library celebrated National Elvis Week with a screening of <u>King Creole</u>, Elvis's personal favorite of all his film performances.

- Weekly Monday computer classes start Monday, Sept. 8, at 11am.
- "Writing Real Life Non-fiction for a Small Press Publisher" presentation on Thursday, Sept. 11, at 6pm.
- Celebration Cinema celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month on Friday, Sept. 19, at 3pm.



Cathy Privette's counted cross stitch artworks were featured on the library's Art Wall during August, including this angel artwork.

Around the Library

Artist of the Month highlights "Sit & Stitch" program

Local artist Cathy Privette was our featured artist of the month for August. Her counted cross stitch artwork was on display and for sale on our Art Wall. Cathy is a regular attendee of the library's "Sit & Stitch" weekly program, where she shares her wealth of knowledge with fellow stitchers.

Library hiring on-call staff

August saw the library hiring two new on-call clerks, and recruiting for additional on-call librarians.

