



The West Linn & Wilsonville Public Libraries Present



# THE WEST LINN WILSONVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## At West Linn Public Library in January!

**Catapults!** Our in-person STEAM classes are Wednesday, January 18th at 1:00pm and 2:00pm and our STEAM Take & Make Kit pickup is January 19th-22nd.

Join our in-person class and learn to build a catapult. Then defend the castle by launching mini marshmallows at the dragons to keep them away! Or grab a Take & Make Kit with all of the supplies you'll need to create a catapult and keep dragons away at home. Registration is required.

**LEGO Club** on Sunday, January 8th at 10:30 and 11:30am.

Come to the library and build houses, castles, towers, or whatever you'd like! Each month will have a theme and LEGO expert, Blair Archer, is on hand to provide tips and tricks on how to get the most out of your build. Registration is required.

**Tales to Tails!** on Wednesdays and Thursdays in January from 3:00-4:30pm.

Want to practice reading to one of our therapy dogs? Sign up for 20-minute sessions to read to a dog at the library. Our dog handlers encourage interaction with their dogs and will offer help if needed. All dogs and handlers are registered therapy teams. Registration is required.



## Did You Know?

### You Can Save Your Checkout History

Want to know what you've checked out before, perhaps recall the titles you used last year for a specific unit of study? By default we don't save your checkout history, but you can opt in. Log into your account on [lincc.org](http://lincc.org) by clicking My Account, then go the Account Information tab, click on Preferences at the bottom, and click the checkbox for Enable My Checkout History. Keep in mind that the system will only start recording your history from that moment forward.

## At Wilsonville Public Library in January!

**STEAM Stuff** on Wednesday, January 18th from 1:00-3:00pm

Drop in for hands-on STEAM activities at the library on January's Early Release Day.

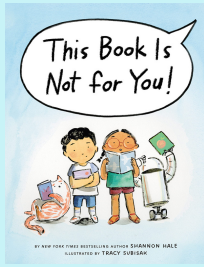
**2023 Winter Reading Challenge** from January 2nd - February 28th

Students can cozy up with their entire family to participate in Wilsonville Library's online reading challenge. Have fun reading, participating in online activities, and entering our prize drawings. Call the Youth Services staff at 503.570.1599 for more information.

# Freedoms

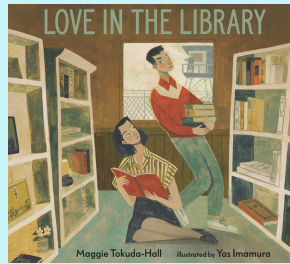
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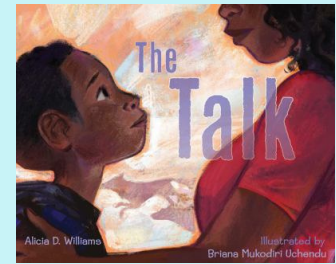
***This Book Is Not For You!***  
by Shannon Hale

What if books about robots could only be read by robots? Or if a book with a female protagonist was only given to girls? This is the concept explored in this clever primer about intellectual freedom in it's most basic sense. Appealing for all ages!



***Love In The Library***  
by Maggie Tokuda-Hall

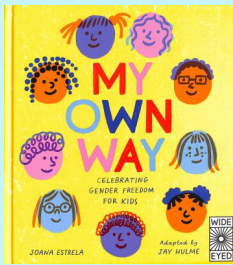
Inspired by the author's grandparents, this powerful book tells the harrowing and hopeful story of the improbable love, courage, and fortitude found by two people in a Japanese incarceration camp in the 1940s. The poignant author's note at the end is a beautiful capstone for this story.



***The Talk***  
by Alicia Williams

A thoughtfully constructed book about what it means to grow up as a young Black boy. Muted illustrations share the reality of our unkind history alongside the love of family, sense of community, and the possibilities we hope for, for all children. A challenging topic done well!

Nonfiction



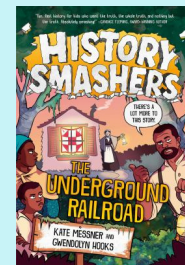
***My Own Way: Celebrating Gender Freedom***  
by Joana Estrela

A lyrical picture book that explains we are so much more than gender. A sweet reminder that labels are not important, kindness matters, and your heart is what determines who you are!



***Fall Down Seven Times, Stand Up Eight***  
by Jen Bryant

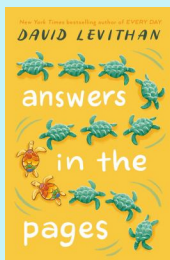
This story of grit and courage pays homage to both Patsy Mink, the first woman of color elected to Congress, and to the passing of the Title IX law which changed the future for women by allowing them opportunities equal to those of their male counterparts.



***Underground Railroad***  
by Kate Messner

From the in-demand nonfiction series **History Smashers** comes a title which exposes the myths, lies, and little known facts about what really happened in The Underground Railroad. Respectful, informative, and extremely engaging.

Chapter



***Answers In The Pages***  
by David Levithan

Three stories from different periods of time, all told through they eyes of children, are interwoven around a theme of banning books. Written with regard for both sides, this thought-provoking novel offers a necessary lens with which to look at a child's right to read.



***Attack of the Black Rectangles***  
by Amy Sarig King

A bold and skillfully written novel about censorship and intolerance where many freedoms, intellectual and otherwise, are addressed. You'll cheer for these characters who have been taught to think, speak up, and discuss challenging issues in ways that are both respectful and effective.



***Ban This Book***  
by Alan Gratz

When precocious kids take matters into their own hands by creating a secret lending library of banned books in a locker, we learn just how meaningful books are. Note that each title mentioned in this book has actually been banned or challenged at an American library.