



The West Linn & Wilsonville Public Libraries Present



# THE WEST LINN WILSONVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## At West Linn Public Library in December!

### **STEM Take & Make Kits: Robotic Hand** November 29th - December 4th

Want to make something fun while learning at the same time? Grab a bag of items for a specific STEM activity you can create at home! Registration is required to pick up your Take & Make kit.

### **Letters for Community** anytime and especially this holiday season, by writing a letter

Letters for Community is an all ages, community wide program that seeks hand written letters and wellness cards to support and bring joy to those in West Linn living in isolation, while also providing a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the impact that simple acts of kindness can have on others. Visit our website to learn more and for tips on creating your letter.



## Did You Know?

### **West Linn and Wilsonville Public Libraries have a Library of Things!**

Want to try coding with Ozobots? Need a sewing machine for a quick project? Curious about an Instant Pot or an air fryer? You'll find these and many other unique items in our new Library of Things! This collection of non-traditional items includes technology, arts & crafts, and home & garden tools. For more information, visit our [Library of Things](#).

## At Wilsonville Public Library in December!

### **Winter Wonderland Storytime at the Barn** on Thursday, December 16th at 10:30am.

A special winter themed in-person storytime presented by Wilsonville Library's Youth Services Staff at the Stein-Boozier Barn in Memorial Park. Programs will also stream on the library's YouTube channel for viewing live or later.

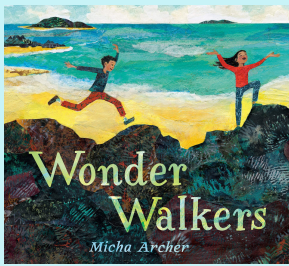
### **Take a break with Take & Makes** December 18th - 31st

Take & Make kits with activities for you to explore and create. Stop by the library and take one home. While supplies are available.

# Our Relationship with Nature

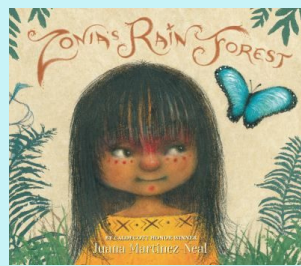
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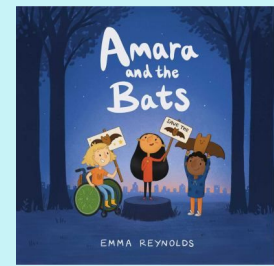
**Wonder Walkers**  
by Micha Archer

Vibrant collage art shows the curiosity of two children as they spend time outside, fostering a deep appreciation for nature. New perspectives will encourage readers to ask questions of their own. A wonderful text for writing prompts about the natural world.



**Zonia's Rain Forest**  
by Juana Martinez-Neal

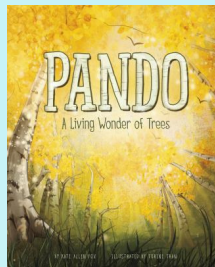
This Caldecott honoree shares an important narrative from the perspective of an indigenous child, living in Peru's Amazon rain forest, who witnesses the devastation brought on by deforestation. Excellent back matter and a reminder that we are all connected.



**Amara and the Bats**  
by Emma Reynolds

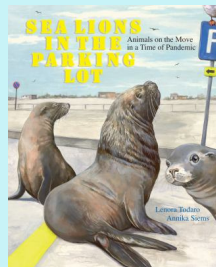
This is an inspiring story about the power of children as environmental activists in their community, as well as a reexamining of what bats contribute to our ecosystems. End pages include many amazing facts about bats and how we can protect them.

Nonfiction



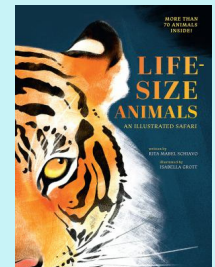
**Pando: A Living Wonder of Trees**  
by Kate Allen Fox

Discover this tribute to one of the largest living organisms on earth, a collective of 47,000 Aspen trees that share a root system in Utah. A reflection on what it means to share an ecosystem. Impressive photos and helpful hints are included.



**Sea Lions in the Parking Lot**  
by Lenora Todaro

A fascinating text about the effect the human shutdown had on different animals during Covid. We learn that when humans live more modestly, there can be safe spaces for us all. End pages include interesting facts about animal habitats, biomes, and behaviors.



**Life-Size Animals: An Illustrated Safari**  
by Rita Mabel Schiavo

Ever wonder how long a hippo's tooth is or the diameter of a giant squid's eye? Learn the answers (20 inches and 10 inches) and much more in this captivating title about the size of different animal parts. For those who love both animals and fun facts!

Chapter



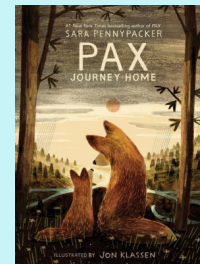
**The Leak**  
by Kate Reed Petty

When a young aspiring journalist discovers a strange black slime in the man-made lake of her suburban neighborhood, she decides to investigate. A story that demonstrates even the youngest voices can make a change in our environment for the better.



**The Last Bear**  
by Hannah Gold

A sweet book about a unique friendship and one that reminds us that a person can indeed make the world a better place for others. For animal lovers, environmentalists, and those who want to change the world.



**Pax, Journey Home**  
by Sara Pennypacker

Ultimately, a story about the love between a child and a wild animal. This sequel to *Pax* is deeply moving novel about grief, healing, and the connections that we all crave. A must read for anyone with a heart for four-legged friends.