



The West Linn & Wilsonville Public Libraries Present



# THE WEST LINN WILSONVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## At West Linn Public Library in December!

**LEGO Club** (ages 4-12) on Saturday, December 1st from 12:00-1:30pm.

Learn new building techniques on Saturdays with LEGO Master Builder Blair Archer.

**Science Saves Lives** (grades K-5) on Wednesday, December 5th at 1:00 or 2:00.

Early Release day.

Come and meet a Police Officer and other First Responders. Learn about some of the equipment they use and discover how science helps them save lives!

**Tales to Tails!** Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:30-5:00pm. Reservations are necessary!

Kids, want to practice reading? Come and read to one of our therapy dogs! Please stop by the Kid's Desk or call 503.742.8623 to make your reservation in advance.

### Did You Know?

There is some new vocabulary around books and equity. What language do we use to describe a text where the main character is part of a diverse or marginalized group, and the author is also part of that same diverse or marginalized group? The answer is 'own voices'. The thinking is that the author is one who has experienced firsthand what it means to be part of a group of people and writes from a viewpoint not only of knowledge, but of experience as well. Why is this important? With certain subjects, it helps to have vocabulary such as 'own voices' as a criteria in choosing books to ensure the text is authentic.

## At Wilsonville Public Library in December!

**Science Zone** (grades 3-5) on Wednesday, December 5th from 1:30 – 2:30pm. Early Release day.

Try the paper airplane challenge and other hand-on science fun!

**LEGO Night** (grades K-5) on Wednesday, December 19th from 6:30 – 7:30pm.

Construct, create, and imagine with a huge supply of LEGOs.

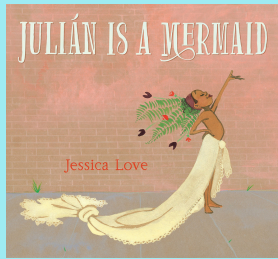
**Read to the Bunny!** Wednesdays from 3:30 – 4:30pm, December 5th and 12th.

NEW PROGRAM!

Kids, want to practice reading? Sign up for a fifteen-minute session with our cute, fluffy bunny! Please stop by the Children's Desk or call 503.570.1599 to make your reservation in advance.

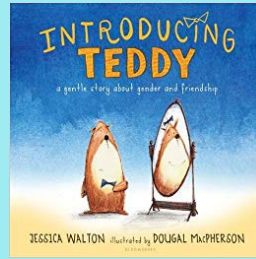
# Gender Identity

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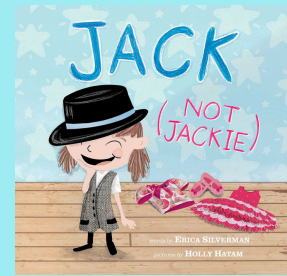
**Julian Is A Mermaid**  
by Jessica Love

Vibrant illustrations dot this delightful tale of an Afro-Latinx child and their Abuela in a unique telling of gender nonconformity. From them we learn the importance of being loved and accepted. This resource reminds us all that our bodies do not define who we are.



**Introducing Teddy**  
by Jessica Walton

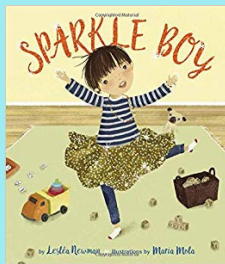
A gentle story for the youngest readers about friendship and being true to yourself. It reminds us that changing gender does not change who a person is. A useful text for having conversations about gender identity with little ones.



**Jack (Not Jackie)**  
by Erica Silverman

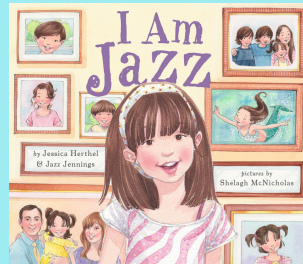
Offering a peek into the family of a transgender child, this story is written from the perspective of a confused sibling, where an understanding mother offers refreshing acceptance of her child. A wonderful resource for siblings of transgender children.

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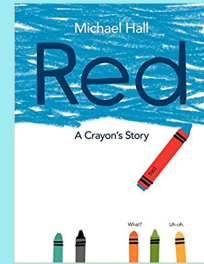
**Sparkle Boy**  
by Lesléa Newman

This book about sibling dynamics shows the emotional journey of a sibling to a gender nonconforming child, and their ultimate acceptance of who their sibling is. This book will help families understand that each member's process of understanding and support can come at different times.



**I Am Jazz**  
by Jessica Herthel

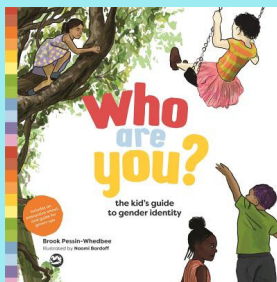
An empowering picture book autobiography of Jazz Jennings that shares both the confusion and acceptance among her own family in examining gender roles. A book with a positive message of self-acceptance for both trans- and cisgender families.



**Red: A Crayon's Story**  
by Michael Hall

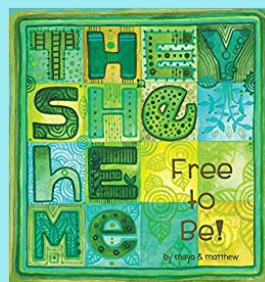
This creative story about the danger of labels will be obvious to children, and will have them cheering for the freedom of being yourself. The charming text offers many layers of discussion about conformity and what it means to truly be seen.

Reference



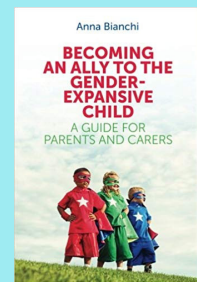
**Who Are You? The Kid's Guide to Gender Identity**  
by Brook Pessin-Whedbee

A straightforward introduction to gender is found in this colorfully illustrated text for young readers. This book offers a resource of language, key concepts, and discussion points for all ages, as well as a guide for grown-ups, found in the back.



**They She He Me: Free To Be!**  
by Maya Christina Gonzalez

This visually rich picture book is an exploration of gender inclusion, useful pronouns, and kindness. It includes excellent reference material, for both children and adults, on starting conversations around gender, as well as nonbinary gender terminology.



**Becoming An Ally to the Gender-Expansive Child**  
by Anna Bianchi

Drawing on the author's own experience, this valuable book prompts readers to reflect on personal attitudes, beliefs, and biases in order to understand, accept, and advocate for gender creative children.