

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### February 2018

#### FLOWERS 'POP-UP' ALL OVER THE LIBRARY

Despite the gamut of weather February brought, Camas Public Library had already determined that spring would not be denied. The idea was simple: fill the Library with as many flowers as possible during the month of February, to infuse color into the building and help people beat those winter doldrums. The Display Team (Debbie Chevron, Connie Scott, Denise Warner, and Judy Wile), started with the proverbial seed, and were amazed at what bloomed. When they reached out to the local Art Quilter Group to help turn the Library into a garden, the response was overwhelming. Miniature quilts of all shapes, patterns, and colors; and flowers of all colors, varieties, and textiles arrived by the dozens.

"We hoped the Art Quilter Group would help us with a few items. We



were shocked when they brought in piece after piece. They have been so generous, and we are happy to bring color to the Library during a typically gloomy month," said Debbie Chevron, Library Associate and Display Team Lead.

Young patrons got into the act as well; they made flowers from construction paper, which were hung in the windows of the children's and teen rooms. The response from patrons was so positive that we are thinking the flowers may "pop-up" on an annual basis.

## CHECKOUTS IN THE LAST YEAR

### BY FORMAT

28%

**FICTION**

ADULT, TEEN, AND CHILDREN'S PRINT

**NONFICTION**

ADULT, TEEN, AND CHILDREN'S PRINT

23%

20%

**PICTURE BOOKS**

ALSO INCLUDES EASY READERS

**DVDS**

7%

5%

**EBOOKS**

FICTION & NONFICTION

**E-AUDIOBOOKS**

FICTION & NONFICTION

4%

3%

**BOOKS ON CD**

FICTION & NONFICTION

**GRAPHIC NOVELS**

ADULT, TEEN, AND CHILDREN'S PRINT

3%

7% **EVERYTHING ELSE**

### CHILDREN

49%

### BY AUDIENCE

#### ADULT

47%

#### TEEN

4%

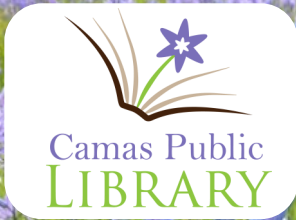


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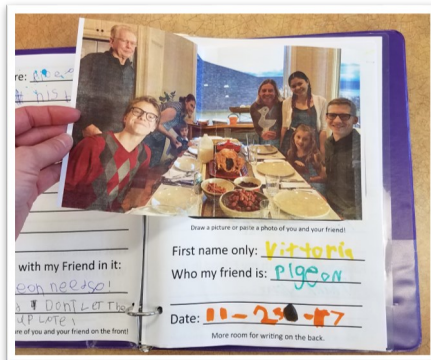
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### CONTENT DELIVERY

#### LEND A FRIEND UPDATE

In November 2016, we introduced a new collection called *Lend a Friend*. Families can check out a binder containing a beloved picture book character, and they are encouraged to write, draw, or take photos of the adventures the characters have while visiting their home. Now that the *Friend* kits have been in circulation for about a year, we've taken a look to see just what kinds of adventures these characters have had. The most popular character to check out is the Pigeon from stories like *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus* and *The Pigeon Finds a Hot Dog!* by Mo Willems. In the above photo, the Pigeon joins a family for Thanksgiving dinner. With another family, he dives headfirst into a bag full of candy. These binders are fun to read, even if you don't anticipate taking one home. When in need of a smile, stop by the Children's Library and give them a browse. They won't disappoint!



#### GIVE MORE HUGS CAMPAIGN

Give More Hugs strives to help underprivileged students develop a lifelong love for learning, reading, and creativity. Ashley Lin, a freshman at Union High School, is a Student Ambassador to Give More Hugs, and reached out to the Library to organize a Book Drive. Our goal was to get 100 children's books donated for the purpose of giving to a local Title 1 school, and we easily hit that mark! Additional children's books went to our Friends & Foundation book sale. Our Youth Advisory Council (YAC) created bookmarks to go in each of the books that went to Give More Hugs.



### STAFF DEVELOPMENT

#### Virtual Training

- *Building a Priority-Based Budget*, Connie Urquhart
- *North of 50*, Judy Wile
- *Not Just Bingo: Library Services and Programs for Older Adults*, Connie Scott
- *Recruiting and Training Volunteers for Library Advocacy (Part 1)*, Connie Urquhart
- *Tween Programming*, Karen Nicholson



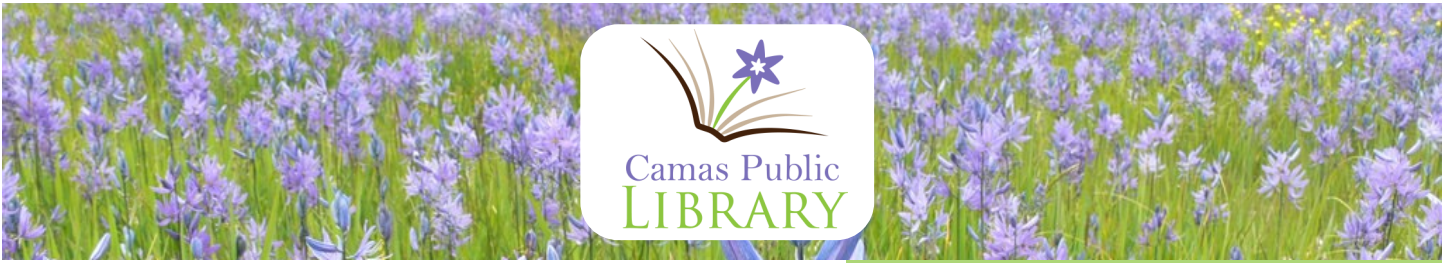
#### In-Person

Volunteer Management Conference 2018, Ellen Miles



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## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

### IN THE MEDIA

Camas library hires first manager of tech, collections  
[print edition only]  
Camas Post Record, January 4, Tori Benavente



### FACEBOOK

[Bill Schmidt](#) Lego Club is such a great thing to offer to the kids. I love taking my grandson to Lego Club when we can make it.  
February 16

## SOCIAL MEDIA shout outs

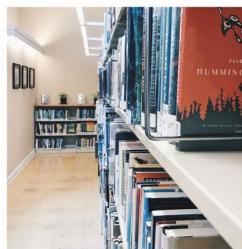
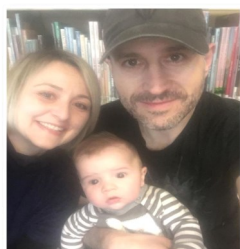
[Dorothy Fox Elementary Library](#) Check out our new display featuring events at the [Camas Public Library!](#) February 12

### INSTAGRAM

[stephanie.martian](#) five dollars and five minutes at the [@camaspubliclibrary](#) book sale. i've been reading a lot more and i'm determined to spend more of 2018 reading and less of 2018 scrolling, you feel me??? which of these books should i start with? February 2 [bottom left photo, below]

[mollyjvoyles](#) Daddy's first baby story time with Asher! February 9 [middle photo, below]

[justenmartian](#) Checked out our local library for the first time since I was a kid. February 24 [bottom right photo, below]



### PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHT

The Crochet Club is a new weekly program held Thursday afternoons. Laurinda Reddig of *Re-crochetions* came to us with the idea to host a cross-generational program after having success with teens and crochet at Liberty Middle School. If you check out the teen room on Thursdays between 3-4:30, you'll see people of all ages crocheting and simply talking to each other. This is a wonderful way for different generations to get to know one another in an informal setting. And because it's volunteer-led, we can offer this program in addition to the other myriad events our staff plan and facilitate. Community partnerships for the win!

all ages and skills welcome!

**Crochet CLUB**

Thursdays @ 3-4:30pm  
Young Adult Room  
Starts February 1st

- INSTRUCTION & YARN PROVIDED
- LOANER HOOKS AVAILABLE
- FOR ALL AGES, BUT IF YOU ARE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, PLEASE BRING AN ADULT

Led by Laurinda Reddig from ReCrochetions. Visit [re-crochetions.com](http://re-crochetions.com) for more crochet fun!

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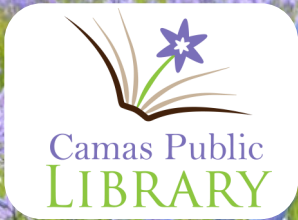
### VOLUNTEER

Save the date! The annual Volunteer, a tea reception to thank all of the Library's volunteers, will be held **Saturday, April 14** from 10:30am-12:30pm. Let the Library staff cater to you while you put your feet up and enjoy good food and better company!



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## PHOTOS

FROM RECENT EVENTS



### Russian Storytime



### LEGO CLUB



### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME CRAFT



### Bird Products Craft-o-Rama



### Club K3 Secret Codes

### and Scavenger Hunt

## LOOKING AHEAD

A sampling of Library events in the coming month. For a full listing and descriptions of our programs, visit [www.camaslibrary.org](http://www.camaslibrary.org).



FRIDAY, MARCH 9

**Teen Overnight Movie Marathon Lock In**, 5pm Friday—8am Saturday

MONDAY, MARCH 12

**Matthew Erlich: Son of an Auschwitz Survivor**, 6:30pm

FRIDAYS, MARCH 16, 23 AND 30 (Continues in April)  
**Holocaust Studies**, 1-2:30pm

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

**Friends & Foundation Board Meeting**, 5:30pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

**Healthful Gluten-Free Living**, 6:45pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

**Library Board of Trustees Meeting**, 6:30pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

**First Friday Artist's Reception**  
5pm-8pm

### Healthy Aging Series

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

**History of the Human Diet and What it Says About Healthy Aging**, 10:30am

SATURDAY, MARCH 17

**Nutrition, Digestion and Aging**, 10:30am

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

**Meditation and Contemplation**, 10:30am

**Maintaining Your Confidence as You Age**, 11:30am



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