

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

April 2018



CHANGES TO REFLECT COMMUNITY NEEDS

Changes are afoot at the Camas Library! Recent usage statistics have shown that picture books are among the most-used collection in the Library, yet they have relatively little space devoted to them. What's more, the picture books are largely housed in the Storytime Room, which is unavailable to patrons during events, which is—you guessed it—every morning. Here's our plan for getting more picture books into the Library, and for making them more accessible.

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The first step was finding shelf space for additional picture books. As luck would have it, there was a low-rise shelving unit the same size as an existing picture book shelf completely empty by the self-service holds. Our Public Works hero Paul Hargrave and Circulation Services Specialist John Goaring moved the unit into the Children's Room, then cleaned up the area left by years spent under an extremely heavy shelving unit. Done!



2

Here's the unit in its new home (right). It's displaying new books until the project is complete. It will hold all of the additional picture books that the community desires, but what about getting the picture books out of the Storytime Room? That will be trickier, but not impossible. In the Children's Room there are items that are not part of the picture book collection: board books, magazines, new books. Those can be moved to another part of the Children's Library.



3

Here's a free corner in the Children's Room to which we hope to move shelving from the Storytime Room. That will take care of some of those books. For others, we will utilize the shelving made empty when we move board books, magazines, and new books. We will also weed out books that have grown soiled with age, or have been loved too hard by enthusiastic preschoolers!



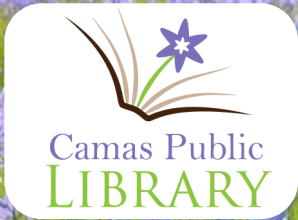
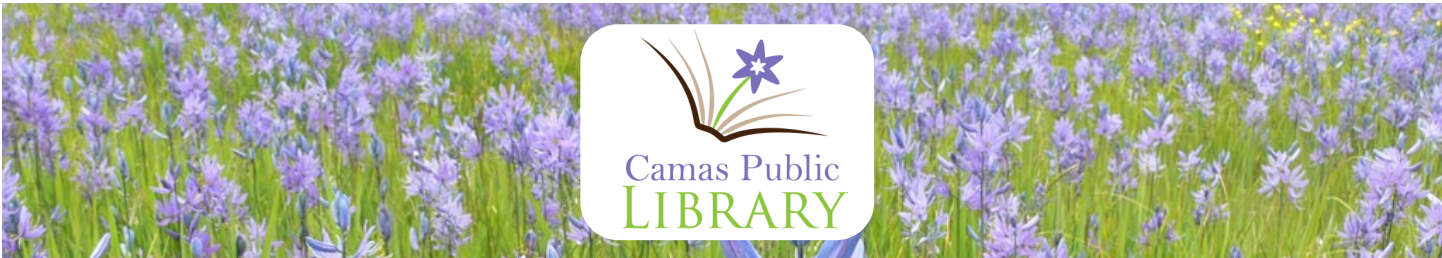
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Here's the Storytime Room as it looks today. After moving all picture books out of this room, they will be accessible any time the Library is open. Additionally, we have long-term goals to take the shelving out completely and replace it with bench seating around the perimeter of the room, as you see under the window. More room for parents to sit, leaving more room for kids to sit on the floor (or dance around wildly—whatever's appropriate!) during storytime.



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Happy Earth Day!

In celebration of Earth Day, the Library teamed up with Camas patron Geri Rubano and Alicia King of *Just a Girl in Camas* to screen the *Sundance Film Festival* documentary *Straws*. In addition to the screening, attendees received free shopping bags from Safeway and New Seasons; reusable straws from Koffie Straws, and paper straws donated by Geri Rubano and our own Library Associate Karen Nicholson were also distributed. Waste Connections also gave a brief presentation on recycling. Roughly 100 people came out to learn more about the devastating effect that plastic straws have on our oceans. Great things can happen when we team up with our extraordinary community members!

All photos courtesy of Geri Rubano.



STAFF DEVELOPMENT



Virtual Training

Emotional Intelligence Promotes Well Being, Judy Wile

Escape This!: Creating Escape Rooms for Your Library, Judy Wile



How to Improve Your Library's Website (Red Rakk Digital Marketing Agency), Danielle Reynolds

Stem vs. Steam: Science and Art in the Classroom, Debbie Chevron



In-Person



All Aboard for Storytime: Kindergarten Readiness, Karen Nicholson

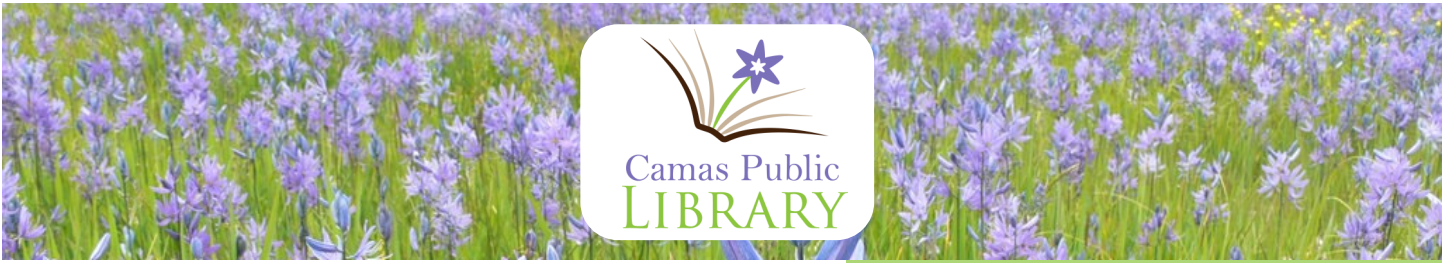
Aspen Institute: Re-envisioning Your Library Through Community Engagement, Danielle Reynolds and Ellen Miles

Community Engagement Training: Turning Outward to Lead Change, Danielle Reynolds and Connie Urquhart



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IN THE MEDIA

Camas Women Hope to Get People Talking About Plastic Straws: Free film screening set for April 23 a chance to learn about pollution
<http://www.camaspstrecord.com/news/2018/apr/19/camas-women-hope-to-get-people-talking-about-plastic-straws/>

Camas-Washougal Post Record, April 19, Kelly Moyer



Photo courtesy of The Camas-Washougal Post Record.

Around Town: Local youth display their award winning bookmarks with designs recognizing the Camas Library's 95th birthday.

<http://www.camaspstrecord.com/news/2018/apr/26/around-town-for-april-16-2018/>

Camas-Washougal Post Record, April 16



Photo courtesy of Debbie Chevron for the Post Record.



SOCIAL MEDIA shout outs

[Carol Fitzgearld](#) The little miss had a fun time today. She attended a field trip to the Camas library, where she participated in a guitar group song circle. She made many new friends and had grand time. APRIL 7

[_jontbc](#) Got out of the house on a rainy day. [#triptotheibrary](#) [#fatherandsons](#)
APRIL 14

[racheldukemarketing](#) Happy birthday to the [@camaspubliclibrary](#)! We enjoyed picking up our book holds, and picking up some new music to listen to today. APRIL 18

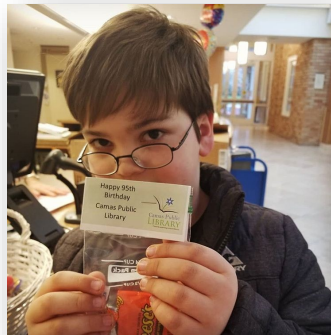


Photo courtesy of @racheldukemarketing.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

A New "Collection"

The Camas Library is getting a new addition: a 'collection' of honey bees! In the month of May, our community partner Preservation Beekeeping Council will install a beehive into the tree outside the kitchen by the Gallery and meeting rooms. The hive will be located high up in the tree, so our artistic Page Julia Watson painted some cheerful bees and Camas lilies on it to make it more easily seen from the street. The bees will help to bring balance to our ecosystem and pollinate the local plants. Once the hive is established, a live webcam from inside the hive will play from our website. We are so proud to be part of this partnership!



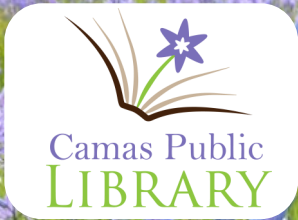
2nd annual Voluntea

Thanks to all who shared their Saturday with us at the 2nd annual Voluntea. We appreciate all our volunteers do!



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PHOTOS

FROM RECENT EVENTS



Outreach



Craft-o-Rama



Club K3



Storytime Craft



LEGO Club



Container Gardening

LOOKING AHEAD

A sampling of Library events in the coming month. For a full listing and descriptions of our programs, visit www.camaslibrary.org.

FRIDAY, MAY 4

First Friday Artist's Reception, 5-8pm

SATURDAY, MAY 5

Bee Club, 10am



THURSDAY, MAY 10

Forever Young Book Club, 6pm

Located at Starbucks @ 192nd & 34th by QFC



MONDAY, MAY 14

Second Story Gallery Society Board Meeting, 6:30pm

TUESDAY, MAY 15

Friends & Foundation Board Meeting, 5:30pm

FRIDAY, MAY 18

Game Night for Adults, 6:30-9:30pm



WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

Literary Life of Emily Bronte, 1pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

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

In observance of Memorial Day, the Library will be closed on Monday, May 28.



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