

# DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CAMAS PUBLIC LIBRARY



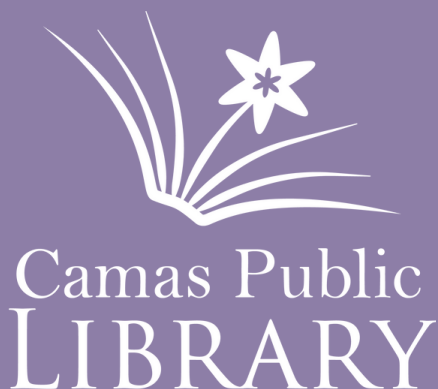
*The Friends and Foundation of the Camas Library Board. Clockwise from top left: Shile Wen, Vice President; James Callan, President; Rachel Peters, Board Member; Francher Donaldson, Board Member; Laura Bray, Secretary; Dana Batol, Treasurer.*

## NOVEMBER NEWS

LOOKING FORWARD

GAMER LEAGUE

LIVE PODCAST



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## Bright future awaits in 2019

We are less than one month away from 2019, and--even though it's winter--we should be wearing shades, the future's so bright.

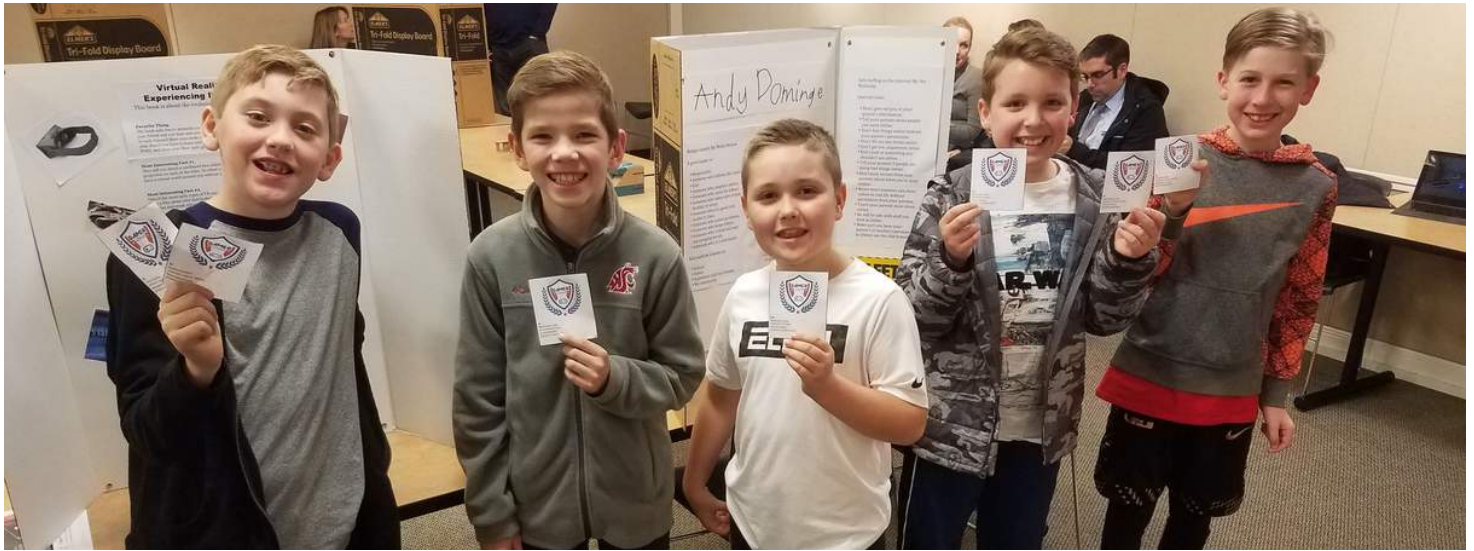
A year of planning, hard work, and change is wrapping up in December, but November had us taking a moment to breathe and look at how far we've come.

1. On December 13, we will switch over from a shared catalog with Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries to our own solo catalog. It's got features we know you'll love, plus the statistics will help us tailor our collection expressly for the Camas community.
2. Our Friends and Foundation of the Camas Library (FFCL, pictured above), has a new board and is moving ahead with some fantastic ideas. Want to get VIP, early-bird entrance to our book sales? They'll be revealing how to do that very soon.
3. Preview alert! We're implementing a new online calendar and room reservation system that will provide even more of that ease and convenience that busy patrons crave. Stay tuned!

*Connie Urquhart*

Connie Urquhart, Library Director



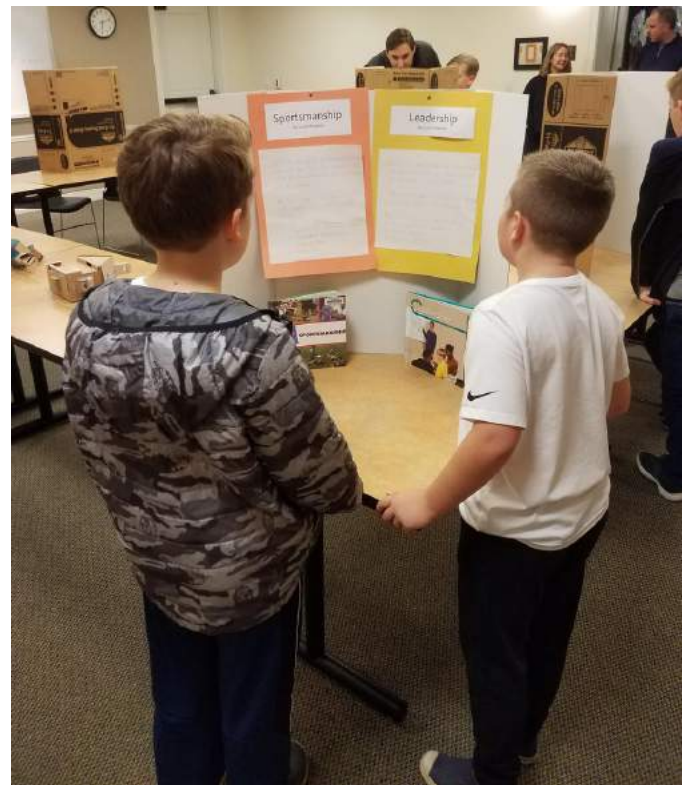


# GAMER LEAGUE

## How an esports club combined gaming with reading in a successful Library partnership

Gamer League, a local youth esports group based in Camas, recently partnered with the Library to organize "Reading for Games." This is a program where video gamers 12 and under read from a curated list of non-fiction books, made informational posters, and at Share Night on November 19th, the 11 participants reported on what they learned. Participants also earned in-game credits for each book read, and received \$5 Nintendo gift cards as well.

The reading challenge is just one of several ways the Gamer League's creator, Camas resident Eric Preisz, is trying to make the group more holistic. Just like in other team sports, participants learn the value of teamwork, sportsmanship, and responsibility. The group has taken field trips to the University of Washington and the Nintendo headquarters; they take breaks to play dodgeball; and they earn badges for different achievements. The reading reports on Share Night earned them one of these badges.



*For more information on the Camas esports club:*

### **Camas resident creates Gamer League to give kids esports foundation**

*The Columbian, November 30, 2018*

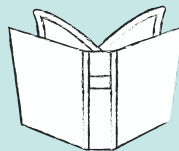
*Top to bottom: Gamer League participants show off the badges they earned by reading; club members checking out each others' book reports; taking a break for some gaming.*

# Staff Happenings



Kudos to storytime staff Ellen Miles, Karen Nicholson, and Debbie Chevron. We recently received this photo from the parent of a longtime storytime participant. After each storytime, Alice (the child) stuck her name tag from her day at the Library on her bedroom door. As you can see, she has quite the collection! Alice is now in school and no longer attends storytime, but she keeps the name tags as a fond memory. Thanks for making such a positive impact on Alice, storytime staff!

## what are you reading?



**Debbie Chevron, Library Associate**  
*Before and Again*, Barbara Delinsky  
*Lilac Girls*, Martha Hall Kelly

**Laura Felter, Library Trustee**  
*Belman & Black*, Diane Setterfield

**John Goaring, Circulation Services Specialist**  
*The Corporation: An Epic Story of the Cuban American Underworld*, T.J. English

**Shawn High, Library Trustee**  
*Collapse*, Jarod Diamond  
*Hit and Run: The Jimi Hendrix Story*, Jerry Hopkins

**Julie Hill, Library Trustee**  
*Idaho*, Emily Ruskovich  
*Educated*, Tara Westover

**Christopher Knipes, Administrative Support Assistant**  
*Relentless*, Dean Koontz  
*National Wildlife*, Dec/Jan 2019

**Rebel Martin, Library Associate**  
*Rules for Radicals*, Saul Alinsky  
*America, Your Roots are Showing*, Megan Smolenyak

**Ellen Miles, Programming & Outreach Coordinator**  
*A Crown of Swords*, Robert Jordan

**Karen Nicholson, Library Associate**  
*Crazy Rich Asians*, Kevin Kwan  
*Lethal White*, Robert Galbraith

**Nancy Renner, Library Page**  
*Fear and Trembling*, Amelie Nothomb  
*The Race to Save the Romanovs: The Truth Behind the Secret Plans to Rescue Russia's Imperial Family*, Helen Rappaport

**Danielle Reynolds, Technology & Collections Manager**  
*Harry's Trees*, Jon Cohen  
*How to Stop Time*, Matt Haig

**Connie Scott, Library Associate**  
*The House with Chicken Legs*, Sophie Anderson

**Jennifer Smith, Library Trustee**  
*What Remains: A Memoir of Fate, Friendship and Love*, Carole Radziwill  
*Gilead*, Marilynne Robinson

**Kaysie Taylor, Library Page**  
*Bird Box*, Josh Malerman

**Connie Urquhart, Library Director**  
*Calypso*, David Sedaris

**Denise Warner, Library Associate**  
*She Would be King*, Wayétu Moore  
*Warlight*, Michael Ondaatje

**Judy Wile, Library Associate**  
*Lethal White*, Robert Galbraith

**Jessie Wimer, Library Trustee**  
*Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine*, Gail Honeyman

# professional development

**Employment Law for Supervisors**, Ellen Miles

**Messy Science: Using Art to Promote Scientific Reasoning**, Karen Nicholson



**LEAN Process Improvement for Acquisitions Management**, Debbie Chevron  
Christopher Knipes  
Rebel Martin  
Danielle Reynolds  
Connie Scott  
Denise Warner

**Polaris Integrated Library System (ILS): Acquisitions**, John Goaring  
Christopher Knipes  
Rebel Martin  
Danielle Reynolds  
Denise Warner

**Polaris Integrated Library System (ILS): Final Exercises**, Debbie Chevron  
John Goaring  
Christopher Knipes  
Rebel Martin  
Ellen Miles  
Karen Nicholson  
Connie Scott  
Connie Urquhart  
Denise Warner  
Judy Wile

# Library and Being UnNormal debut series of live podcasts

Back in October, the Library served as host to the Camas Wellness Festival. One of the speakers at the festival was Kimberly Berry, host of the *Being UnNormal* podcast, and mental health advocate. Wanting to capitalize on the momentum of the festival and continue a partnership with the Library, Berry met with staff and the idea for a live recording of her show was born.

The concept is simple: Berry would bring her popular online podcast to a live audience, providing an opportunity for a live Q&A, and record it, thereby making it available online. This would be done in a quarterly format with revolving, topical themes.

The first show, *Surviving the Holidays*, debuted on November 27, with 17 people in the audience. Emphasis was placed on the importance of self-care, and doing what's best for you during what can be an emotionally volatile time.

*Below: Being UnNormal podcast host Kimberly Berry interviews Therapist / Clinical Social Worker Kara Radecki during the recording of her podcast, in front of a live audience.*



For more information:

## 'Being UnNormal' mental health podcast to go live at Camas library

*The Columbian, November 25, 2018*

## looking ahead

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

\*Sign-up required

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7  
First Friday Artist Reception  
4-6pm (special time)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8  
Diamond Painting\*  
10am

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14  
Cookie Decorating for Kids\*  
(wait list only)  
4pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15  
Art of the Memoir Workshop\*  
2-4pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18  
Teen Make Me  
4-5:30pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18  
Friends & Foundation of the Camas Library  
5:30pm

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31  
Noon Year's Eve Countdown to New Year's  
11:30am

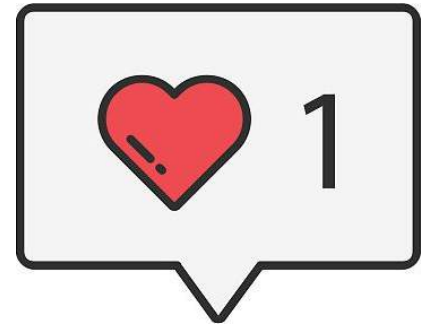
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27 and  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28  
Winter Break Movies  
2pm

*Closing at 5pm on December 24 and December 31.  
Closed December 25 and January 1.*



# social media #shoutouts

MENTIONABLE MENTIONS FROM OUR  
ONLINE COMMUNITY



**Camas Public Library** shared an event.  
Written by Stephanie Nicholson | November 5 at 8:16 PM

Join the Vancouver Hand-spinners as they demonstrate their craft, turning fiber into fabric. Great for all ages.

**SAT, NOV 17**  
**Fiber To Fabric**  
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Brooke Weeks Sarah Weeks check out the cool stuff going on at here!  
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Lori Harper-Seaton Must go to this

Richard Frédéric Frager added 5 new photos — at Camas Public Library.  
October 20 · Camas, WA

How great is the Camas, Washington public library? Just awesome BEYOND awesome.

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Magritte  
THE MAGIC OF M.C. ESCHER  
A HISTORY IN ART  
Kobayashi

**Instagram loves our doors.**

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angi\_fay #fall #winteriscoming #babyboy #pnw

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danielletto3 The holidays are a wonderful reminder that we have so much to be grateful for. Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! @cloudsinbloom grateful for your amazing talent  
#happythanksgiving #family #mytribe #camaslibrary #cloudsinbloomphotography

Downtown Camas Association is at Camas Public Library.  
November 5 at 4:16 PM Camas, WA

Love this!

Be the person you needed when you were younger.

Sign up or check out Friends & Foundation



# ★ starry ends ★

photos from recent events



Clockwise from top left: Library Associate Debbie Chevron attending Dorothy Fox Elementary Reading Night; Book 2 Art Club, led by Library Associate Judy Wile (center, back to camera); November's Teen Make Me project; Page Turners book club; Fiber to Fabric hands-on demonstrations; Crotchet Club is truly all ages and multi-generational; Programming & Outreach Coordinator Ellen Miles shows kids the wonder of the flex-tangle during Club K3.



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