

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CAMAS PUBLIC LIBRARY



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Library Associate Connie Scott and Library Trustee Julie Hill give patrons a tour of the new catalog during one of several open houses.

JANUARY NEWS

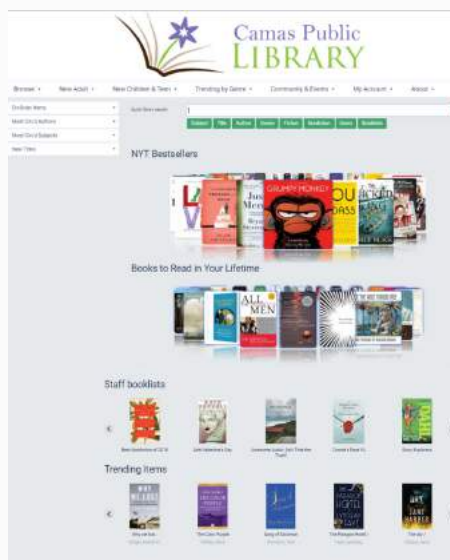
NEW CATALOG

YEAR-END METRICS


VIRTUAL REALITY

The new catalog is here!

We are thrilled to have launched our new catalog. While we debuted the integrated library system (ILS) in mid-December, we introduced additional features for a full-scale launch in January. So far, we've received positive feedback for its ease of use and many features, some of which are included below. Please, check it out for yourself, and as always, happy reading!



- Recommended booklists from staff, friends and neighbors, and sources such as the New York Times.
- Profiles of community groups to get you connected to organizations with your favorite interests
- Emailed receipts, text alerts for holds, and automatic renewals.



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By the Numbers

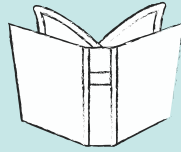
Bringing 2018 to a close with some final statistics

Metric	December 2017	December 2018	% Change
Checkouts	228,407	222,484	-2.59%
Borrowers	13,659	22,067	61.56%
Holdings	114,792	98,019	-14.61%
Visits	193,342	184,213	-4.72%
Events			
# Events Held	859	1,049	22.12%
People Attended	38,179	33,845	-11.35%
Public Computer Use			
# Unique Users	9,888	7,254	-26.64%
#Sessions	23,293	17,998	-22.73%
# Documents Printed	45,044	34,585	-23.22%
Social Media			
Instagram Followers	161	666	314%
Instagram Reach	585	1,500	156%
Facebook Followers	2,253	2,656	17.89%
Facebook Reach	66,713	30,687	-54%
Twitter Followers	2,416	2,405	--
Twitter Reach	9,145	23,200	154%

For further details, please see our quarterly reports and our forthcoming annual report.

Staff Happenings

what are you reading?



Debbie Chevron, Library Associate
Where the Crawdads Sing, Delia Owens

Laura Felter, Library Trustee
Evil Genius, Catherine Jinks
 Property of the Rebel Librarian, Allison Varnes

Suzanne Gilman, Library Associate
The Newlyweds, Nell Freudenberger
The Alzheimer's Prevention and Treatment Diet, Richard S. Isaacson

John Goaring, Circulation Services Specialist
Sahara, Clive Cussler

Shawn High, Library Trustee
Billion Dollar Whale: The Man Who Fooled Wall Street, Hollywood, and the World, Tom Wright and Bradley Hope

Christopher Knipes, Administrative Support Assistant
The Turnbulls, Taylor Caldwell
The Efficiency Expert, Edgar Rice Burroughs

Rebel Martin, Library Associate
Impeaching the President: Past, Present, and Future, Alan Hirsch
Where We Go from Here: Two Years in the Resistance, Bernie Sanders

Ellen Miles, Programming & Outreach Coordinator
Crossroads of Twilight, Robert Jordan

Karen Nicholson, Library Associate
Rich People Problems, Kevin Kwan
Ghosted, Rosie Walsh

Nancy Renner, Library Page
The Strange Case Of Dr. Couney: How a Mysterious European Showman Saved Thousands of American Babies, Dawn Raffel
The Race To Save The Romanovs: The Truth Behind the Secret Plans to Rescue the Russian Imperial Family, Helen Rappaport

Danielle Reynolds, Technology & Collections Manager
The Year of the Flood, Margaret Atwood
Killers of the Flower Moon: the Osage murders and the birth of the FBI, David Grann

Jennifer Smith, Library Trustee
The Count of Monte Cristo, Alexandre Dumas
Lord of the Flies, William Golding

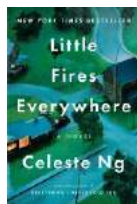
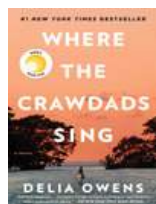
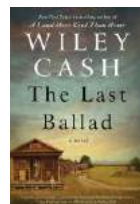
Elliot Stapleton, Library Associate
Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City, Matthew Desmond

Connie Urquhart, Library Director
Dare to Lead: Brave Work. Tough Conversations. Whole Hearts., Brené Brown

Denise Warner, Library Associate
The Last Ballad, Wiley Cash
These Truths: A History of the United States, Jill Lepore

Judy Wile, Library Associate
Once Upon a River, Diane Setterfield

Jessie Wimer, Library Trustee
Into the Water, Paula Hawkins
Little Fires Everywhere, Celeste Ng



professional development

Chair Yoga in the Library, Judy Wile



Oculus 360 Training, Danielle Reynolds

S.T.E.M. for Little Sprouts, Karen Nicholson

Understanding Teens, Judy Wile



January's teen **Make Me!** program

Washington State Public Library Directors Winter Meeting, Connie Urquhart

VIRTUAL REALITY

Taking a trip to the library could mean traveling anywhere

The Camas Public Library is participating in a research project titled *VR in Libraries*. This project, led by the Washington State Library and the University of Washington's iSchool, focuses on emphasizing the educational value of virtual reality.

As part of this project, Camas has two mobile *Oculus Go* headsets and one PC-run *Oculus Rift*. The devices have more than 20 virtual experiences available for public use beginning February 25th. At this time, the loan through the State Library runs until the end of May, though we are hoping to be able to extend it for longer if possible.

How do I try out the VR headsets?

You can reserve days/times throughout the week by heading to our Sign-Up Genius page linked here, or via our website.

What types of experiences do you have for the headsets?

- Oogie [Nature]
- Bear Island [Nature]
- Through the Ages [History]
- Guided Meditation [Wellness]
- Google Earth [Geography]
- Invasion [Animated film]
- Mission:ISS [Science]
- The People's House [Government]
- First Contact [Intro]
- Dreamdeck [Intro]
- The Body VR [Science]



Above: Library Page Nancy Renner gives virtual reality a go from a seated position.

Right: Library Associate Denise Warner tries the virtual reality headset while in motion.



looking ahead

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

WEDNESDAYS | FEBRUARY 6, 20, and 27
US History Series: What Every American Needs to Know
12pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9
Let it Not Happen Again: Lessons of the Japanese American Exclusion
3pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15
OREO Cookie Challenge for Teens
4pm

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20
Club K3
3pm

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21
FRIENDS & FOUNDATION of the CAMAS LIBRARY BOARD MEETING (public invited)
6pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23
Vegan Meetup for Adults
11:30am

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23
All Ages Book Swap
3-5pm

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25
LEAP Into Science Preschool Workshop
10:30am

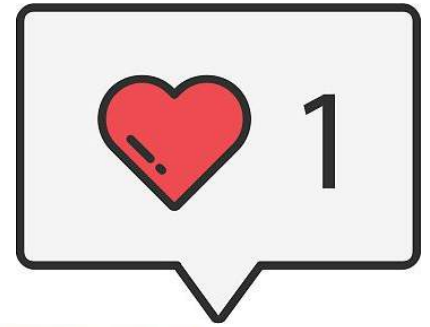
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25
Clark College Info Session
6pm



Vegan
meetup

social media #shoutouts

MENTIONABLE MENTIONS FROM OUR
ONLINE COMMUNITY



lebrierich A teen at Camas Library made this felt portrait of their pet Budgie! This felted bird is not the first portrait of this beloved bird - the teen was wearing a homemade shrinki-dink necklace tribute necklace!!!! I wish I could remember the parakeet's name - it was very specific - when I inquired they said it was "named after a podcast." I loved this rad teen and also all the conservative-seeming adults who also came to the library to felt birds who were supportive and chill about this teen and their fandom. Intolerance and unkindness get so much attention right now, and rightfully so, but I also want to say: there's so much peaceful coexistence in humanity every day. Today, like every day, teens tried out identities (in this case outspoken Budgie parent in rainbow beads), and it was NBD. Also a lady yelled out multiple times in the class, "I'm having so much fun!!" This was definitely Magic At The Libraries™ and God am I grateful I could witness it. Thank you, Bird Lover, for reminding me: love what you love publicly, it brings people together. Also make more pet portraits and go to the library! #librarylove



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OF THE RECENT

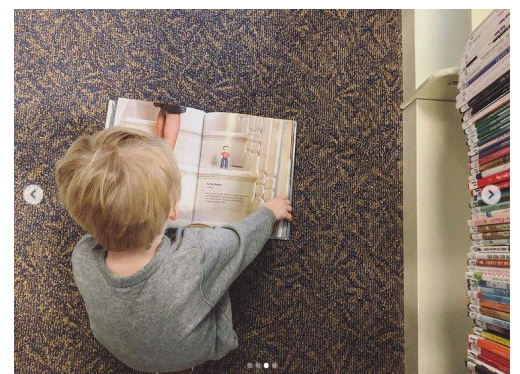
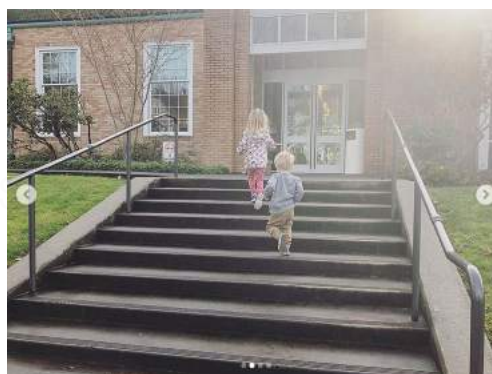
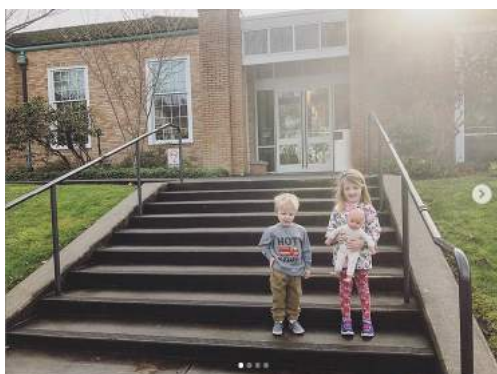
needle felted birds

WORKSHOP



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Camas Public Library

floweringmeg We mailed off our package and headed straight for the books. We needed a little pick me up!

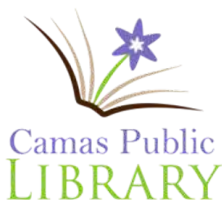


★starry ends★

photos from recent events



Clockwise from top left: *The Daring Way* self-help workshop, Club K3 (theme was balance), Book 2 Art (book was *Nothing Daunted*), Craft-o-Rama; Needle Felted Birds workshop, American History lecture, Beginning Beekeepers class, and Preschool Storytime crafts.



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