

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CAMAS PUBLIC LIBRARY



MAY NEWS

THANKFUL PATRONS

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COMMUNITY AWARD

Feeling the love


What a month! It may have been sunny in Camas, but the Library was absolutely *showered* with gratitude. As the school year wrapped up and we took a break for summer from some of our regular programs, patrons took the opportunity to thank us for the ways in which we bring community together throughout the year. Nothing like an outpouring of love to make us feel humbled! From heartfelt patron messages, to positive online reviews, to a community leadership award, May was just a terrific month. And it's all thanks to our dedicated and talented staff, who do it because we have best patrons around. And thus the cycle continues. Can it get any better than this?

The answer is yes. Look for us at the Farmer's Market and Camas Days in June and July, where we'll be asking questions about how we can serve you even better. More to come!

Connie Urquhart

Connie Urquhart, Library Director




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Book clubs make impact

The following is a letter received by Ellen Miles, Programming & Outreach Coordinator and facilitator of our family book clubs.

Hi Ellen,

Beckett and I won't be able to make it to Story Explorers tonight. I know it's the last meeting, and I just wanted to let you know how much we have loved these parent-child book clubs. It has been a highlight of our month (Page Turners, and Story Explorers) for the last couple of years. Beckett has always struggled to want to read anything, and when he did it was usually the same graphic novel over and over. After a year of watching Hailey and I trek off to Page Turners each month, and then coming home and sharing our

"We love the Camas library and you."

— SHELLY DINGER,
PATRON

activities, and treats, and excitement over the new book, he was thrilled to get a book club of his own before 4th grade. It has exposed him to a variety of books that he never would have picked up on his own, and really taught him that there are so many great and funny books out there on his level.

The same can be said for Hailey. I credit Page Turners for getting her out of her "Harry Potter / Percy Jackson only" phase. She has found new favorites, and learned to power through a book even if she didn't like it, and then figuring out why she didn't like it, or vice versa. You are a fantastic facilitator of these programs, with great taste in books, and a clear skill at fostering a love of reading in these kids (not to mention occasionally fielding and redirecting rambling answers, tangents, and awkward silences. Bravo!)

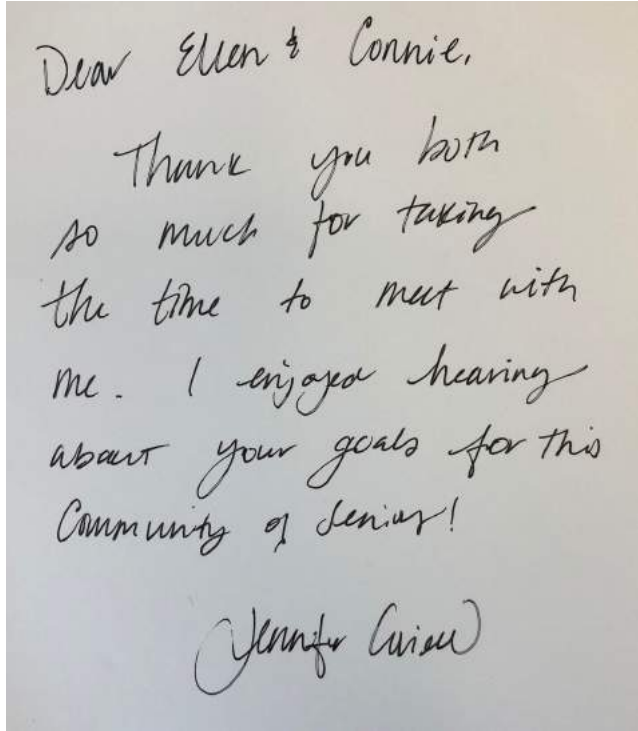
We'll be moving this summer, but have decided that if our new library doesn't have a similar program we'll do our best to start one up, or at the very least have our own little family book club. I wonder how hard it would be to convince them to let us all spend the night each September? We love Camas Library and you. Thank you again for all the thought and hard work you put into your job.

Sincerely,

Shelly Dinger


(with love from Hailey, Beckett, Audrey, and Carson)

Patrons say thank you



A card received from Fairgate Estate to Ellen Miles, Programming & Outreach Coordinator, and Connie Scott, Library Associate regarding their visit to begin expanding services to seniors.

"Thank you so much for your assistance and support in making my exhibit at the Camas Library a success."
— JUNEKO MARTINSON, FIBER ARTIST
In an email to Debbie Chevron, Library Associate and Display Team Lead

 **Rainie Kirkevold** ▸ Camas Public Library ☑
5 mins · Camas · 🌐

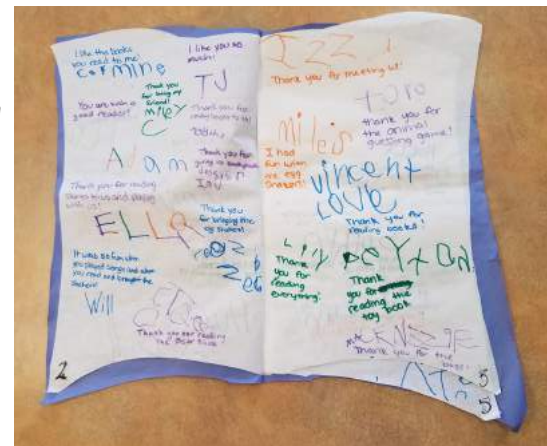
Thank you Camas Library & staff for being a central part of raising our kids!!! Kaleb started coming there for story time as a toddler, did the summer reading programs, teen reading group and many activities. He feels known and cared about at the library. Such a great place and so many memories. As he heads off to college, we had to stop in and get a senior pic at the library!!! ❤️ (Photo credit: Annette McCabe Hammond) — with Kaleb Kirkevold at 📍 Camas Public Library.



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Above: Facebook post from longtime patron Rainie Kirkevold.

Right: Thank You book from Camas Community Preschool for a year of outreach storytimes.










Visitors review Library

Camas Public Library

625 NE 4th Ave, Camas, WA

5.0 ★★★★★ 21 reviews

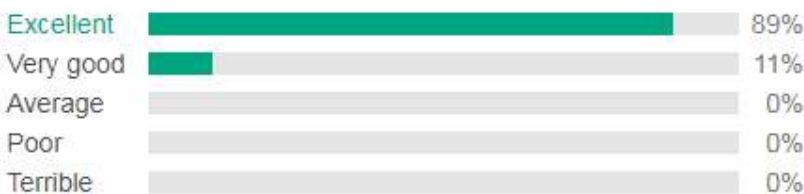
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Diana Lowe
 Local Guide · 49 reviews · 70 photos
 ★★★★★ 2 weeks ago
 Great community library! They have kids activities on a daily basis. They also have a great book sale every quarter. Great location in downtown Camas. Staff are so friendly and make you feel so welcome. They have a great selection of books and plenty of spaces to spread out and study or curl up in a comfy chair under the trees.
 Like
- 
Mililani Langendoen
 1 review
 ★★★★★ 3 weeks ago
 Great atmosphere and staff
 Like
- 
Candra Spear
 4 reviews · 2 photos
 ★★★★★ 3 months ago
 Quiet, large book variety, very friendly staff, lots of kid activities and conference rooms
 Like
- 
Stephen Jazdzewski
 Local Guide · 9 reviews · 5 photos
 ★★★★★

Above: Recent Google reviews.



Below: A summary from Trip Advisor.

Of note: Yelp is not regularly used as a review tool for this Library.

5.0  17 reviews



  Mar 4, 2018
 "Best small-town Library"

  Jan 22, 2018
 "Best staff period"

professional development

VIRTUAL

Boosting STEM Engagement Through Play, Karen Nicholson

Digital in 2018: Data, Trends & Opportunities, Christopher Knipes

Expanding and Strengthening Senior Programming, Judy Wile

Leading Change through Human-Centered Design, Connie Urquhart

Listen Up! New Audiobooks for Summer and Beyond, Danielle Reynolds

Mental Health Awareness, Christopher Knipes and Connie Urquhart

Must-Have Middle Grade, Danielle Reynolds

New Voices in Mystery Fiction, Danielle Reynolds

Planning Optimal Library Spaces, Danielle Reynolds

Visual Merchandising for Public Libraries: Practical Strategies for Applying Bookstore Insights to Library Collections, Debbie Chevron, Danielle Reynolds, Connie Urquhart, Judy Wile

Serving Older Adults and Their Care Partners at Your Library, Connie Scott

Stem vs. Steam: Science and Art in the Classroom, Karen Nicholson

Summer YA Announcements 2018, Danielle Reynolds

Under the Radar and Over the Moon, Judy Wile

IN-PERSON

Librarian as Candidate and Library as Cause, Ellen Miles



Library receives award

The Library recently received a community leadership award from the Camas School District and the Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA). In the nomination, the Library was noted for being an "outstanding partner in promoting literacy and community" and "providing joyful reading for students and teachers." Thank you, CSD and WASA!



Above: Camas School District Facebook Post about award.

Right: ESD 112 Facebook post from the ceremony.



looking ahead

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

SATURDAYS, JUNE 9, 16 AND 30
Family Yoga, 11am



SATURDAY, JUNE 9
LGBT Film Festival, 11 am-3pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 16-AUGUST 11
Summer Reading Program begins!
Sign up online or in-person

SATURDAY, JUNE 16
Mo Phillips (kids' performer), 2pm & 4pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 19
Teen Make Me, 3pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 21
Summer Movie: Coco, 2pm

FRIDAY, JUNE 22
Library Sleepover for K-2, 7pm-7am



SATURDAY, JUNE 23
Bestselling Author Rene Denfeld, 1pm

MONDAY, JUNE 25
Creature Feature for Kids, 2pm & 4pm

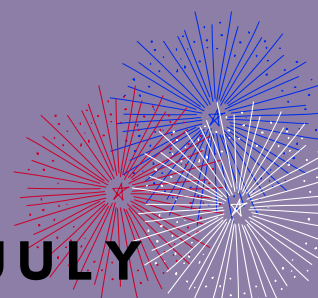
TUESDAY, JUNE 26
Henna and Bollywood for Teens, 2pm

THURSDAY, JUNE 28
Summer Movie: Trolls, 2pm

SATURDAY, JUNE 30
Celtic Muse Harpists, 2-4pm

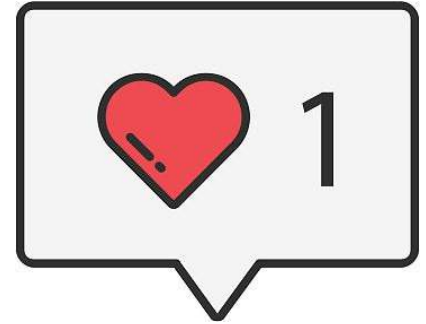
The Library will be closed

4TH OF JULY



social media #shoutouts

MENTIONABLE MENTIONS FROM OUR
ONLINE COMMUNITY



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I love the little courtyard garden in the Camas Library. We are so lucky to have such a great library with all the events and options that are so much more than just books. Go stop by and see what they have going on and what you could enrich your life with there.

#publiclibrary #library #courtyard
#gardensofinstagram #hostas #pnwisbest
#leftcoast #nwlife #camaswa
#downtowncamas #plantsofinstagram



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Big day!!
#librarycardofficial
kfoulstone So cute!!! She looks so proud!



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#futurestudybuddies #toddlertime
#roninsaito @thekambones @ashleykamren



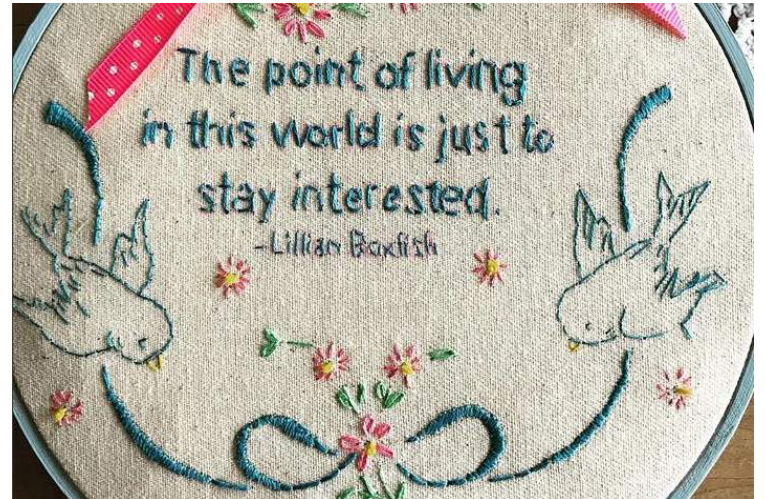
Jordan Gormley @HeshSquad · May 15

You're looking at the newest member of the @CamasLibrary 📖📚

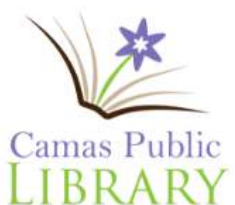


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photos from recent events



Clockwise from top left: Club K3; Preschool Storytime Craft; Book 2 Art patron creation; Ellen Miles doing storytime outreach at Tree Hill Learning Center; LEGO Club; Craft-o-Rama.



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