

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CAMAS PUBLIC LIBRARY

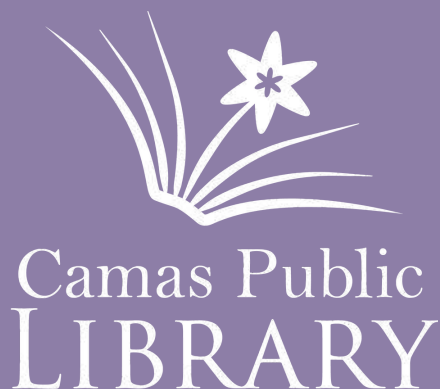


FEBRUARY NEWS

FEELING THE BOOK LOVE

VIRTUAL REALITY UPDATE

SNOWMEN KITS



A DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF CAMAS

Winter blues? Nah....

Children's author Claudia Mills made a guest appearance at February's *Story Explorers* meeting. The group, having just read the book *7 x 9=Trouble!* by Mills, chatted with the author via Skype and were thrilled to ask her questions about the book and her writing process.

It's great to be a reader in Camas. We now have seven book clubs for people of all ages, five storytimes, and kids can practice their reading skills by reading aloud to our canine volunteer, Cooper.

In March, we will debut our own Lucky Day collection, which allows patrons immediate access to bestsellers and other popular materials without waiting in line. In fact, these books have no hold queue, and simply get placed back on a special shelf when returned. If it is your proverbial "Lucky Day", then you can grab that item you've been waiting for on the spot.



Olive's shirt reads, I storytime

And finally, we are about to embark on a fundraising effort to renovate our fiercely-loved Storytime Room. Expect to hear more soon, as we seek your help in turning it into a full-fledged Early Learning Center. It will have more seating for adults during storytime, and more self-directed toys and activities while storytime is not in session. We can't wait!

Connie Urquhart

Connie Urquhart, Library Director





A NEW REALITY

Virtual exploration activity nabs fascination of multi-generations

Last month we told you we were preparing for our new virtual reality grant from the Washington State Library. In just a few short weeks, we have had patrons of all ages signing up to visit worlds they might have only dreamed about. The sessions are five times a week and you can register for them on our website. We have the use of the headsets until May. If they prove to be popular and we can find enough volunteers to continue helping guide the 'virtual travelers', we may purchase some headsets for the Camas Library's permanent collection. Clark County Today featured a story on our program posted to their website on March 4th, with the headline **Camas Library seeking volunteers for virtual reality program**. Check it out!



Patrons of all ages give the Oculus Rift and Go a try. You can sign up to experience virtual reality by visiting our online calendar at camaslibrary.org.

Photo credit: Jacob Granneman, clarkcountytoday.com

what are you reading?



Debbie Chevron, Library Associate

The Suspect, Fiona Barton
Nine Perfect Strangers,
 Liane Moriarty

Laura Felter, Library Trustee

The Secret Garden,
 Francis Hodgson Burnett
The Race to Save the Romanovs,
 Helen Rappaport

Suzanne Gilman, Library Associate

The Rope Walk, Carrie Brown
Dear Mrs. Bird, AJ Pearce

Shawn High, Library Trustee

*Under the Banner of Heaven: a Story
 of Violent Faith*, Jon Krakauer

Julie Hill, Library Trustee

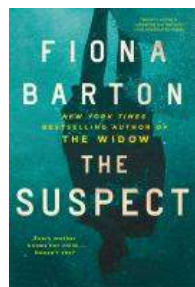
*Calm the F*ck Down*, Sarah Knight
A Fatal Grace, Louise Penny

**Christopher Knipes,
 Administrative Support Assistant**

The Turnbells, Taylor Caldwell
National Geographic History,
 January/February 2019

Rebel Martin, Library Associate

*Earning the Rockies: How Geography
 Shapes America's Role in the World*,
 Robert D. Kaplan



**The Suspect,
 Fiona Barton**



**Dear
 Mrs. Bird,
 AJ Pearce**



**Sweet
 Little Lies,
 Caz Frear**

**Ellen Miles, Programming &
 Outreach Coordinator**

The Knife of Dreams, Robert Jordan

Gina Nasser, Library Page

Ready Player One, Ernest Cline
Early Riser, Jasper Fforde

**Karen Nicholson,
 Library Associate**

Where the Crawdads Sing,
 Delia Owens

Nancy Renner, Library Page

*Kovels' Antiques and Collectibles
 Price Guide 2019*, Terry and Kim
 Kovel
Sweet Little Lies, Caz Frear

**Danielle Reynolds, Technology &
 Collections Manager**

The Girl Who Smiled Beads,
 Clemantine Wamariya
Fire & Blood, George R.R. Martin

Connie Scott, Library Associate

Frozen Charlotte, Alex Bell
*Golden Tresses of the Dead: A Flavia
 de Luce Novel*, Alan Bradley

Jennifer Smith, Library Trustee

Pachinko, Min Jim Lee
Beautiful Boy, David Scheff

Elliot Stapleton, Library Associate

*Palaces for the People: How Social
 Infrastructure Can Help Fight
 Inequality, Polarization, and the
 Decline of Civic Life*, Eric Klinenberg

Kaysie Taylor, Library Page

My Sister, the Serial Killer,
 Oyinkan Braithwaite

Connie Urquhart, Library Director

Vox, Christina Dalcher
*Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors, and the
 Drug Company that Addicted
 America*, Beth Macy

Denise Warner, Library Associate

Dark Sacred Night, Michael Connelly

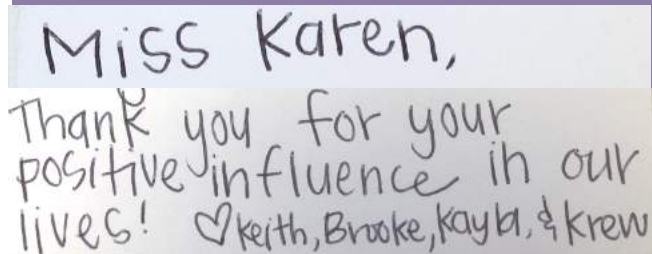
Judy Wile, Library Associate

Long Road to Mercy, David Baldacci
The Other Brooklyn,
 Jacqueline Woodson

Jessie Wimer, Library Trustee

The Hate U Give, Angie Thomas

staff happenings



Jennifer Orr thanked us on Facebook for hosting our all-ages **Crochet Club**. (Feb. 7)



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Library Giving Day Campaign Kickoff Webinar,
 Ellen Miles

Meet Lynda: An Introduction to Lynda.com,
 Karen Nicholson

Reinventing Yourself, Christopher Knipes





TEEN LOCK-IN

All-night fun and old movies



looking ahead

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13
Stitching in the Stacks (12-up)
3:30-5pm

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20
Club K3: What Can You Do with a Tube?
3pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20
Local Women's History with Mary Rose
6pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 23
Cultural Film Series: Whale Rider
11am

MONDAY, MARCH 25
Be the Change: Strengthening Democracy through Civil Discussion
6:30pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 30
Local Young Adult Author Signing: Tee Griffen
1pm

-throughout the month-

AARP TAX HELP
Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12-4
Drop-in only

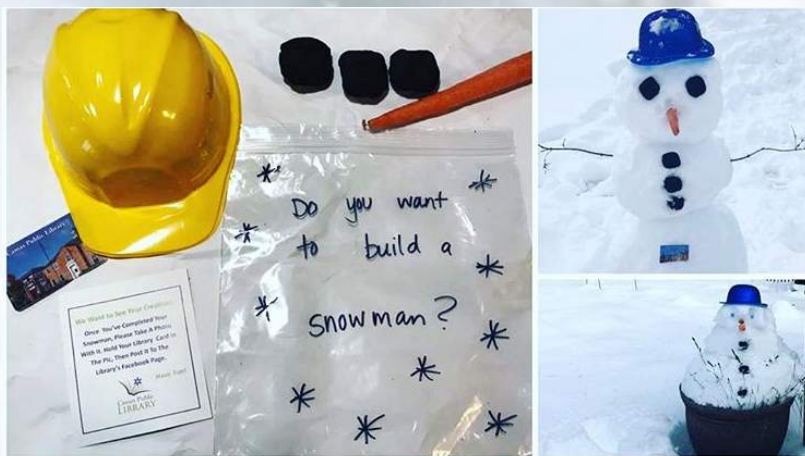
VIRTUAL REALITY SESSIONS
Afternoons
By appointment through our online calendar



social media #shoutouts SNOWMAN EDITION



As we headed into the February 9 snowstorm, Library Trustee Shawn High had a fantastic idea: why not give out snowman kits for families to make snowmen together? Thanks to the generosity of our Camas Library Friends and Foundation, we were able to do just that. We began with 25 kits, which included: a hat, pieces of coal for eyes and buttons, and a carrot for the nose. The kits went so quickly, we made a mad dash for the store to buy more supplies. In the end, we gave out 50 kits. Here are some of the photos and reactions from the community.



Krista Carper Lana
February 8 at 3:20 PM ·

Camas Public Library has these cute bags filled with everything (but snow) you'll need to build a snowman!! So cute!! Waiting for the snow, but that should be soon!!! Thank you Camas Public Library!!! ❄️👷



Samantha Jackle What a cute idea and a great way to help encourage families to get out and enjoy the snow together. 🧡

Like · Reply · Message · 3w



Camas Public Library Thanks.

Like · Reply · 3w



Ronica Bagent We definitely appreciated the snowman kit! And BTW the use of brickettes were genius! 🤩🤩 #mycamas #camaslibrary



Krista Combs I didn't know where to submit our photo, but thank you so much for the snowman kit! We loved it!



Jennifer Orr How fun is this? ❤️

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Carol Silva What fun! 🧡 1

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carleyjobag Adorable. 😊
jmwold75 @katy_rodriguez this would be fun for your kids!
banjocats 🤩
mcdonnellism We made a huge snowman with your kit last night, thank you so much!
camaspubliclibrary @mcdonnellism We are glad you had fun with it!

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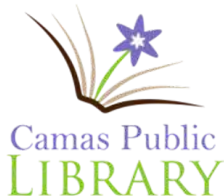
photos from recent events



Photo courtesy of Heather Vo via Instagram



Clockwise from top left: Teen Make Me!, Club K3 "All About Birds", Kick the Sugar Habit, February's Preschool Storytime Craft, Craft-o-Rama, LEAP into Science (Learning about Balance).



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