

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CAMAS PUBLIC LIBRARY




OCTOBER NEWS

CAMAS WELLNESS FESTIVAL

HAUNTED HAPPENINGS

SATURDAY SPOOKTACULAR



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LIBRARY

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Falling for Fun in October

Wow! October positively flew by, probably because we were having so much fun. We kicked off the month by co-hosting the first annual Camas Wellness Festival.

Then we turned our sights toward Halloween. The building was decked out with spooky decorations, book recommendations, and our fortune-telling friend Helen even stopped by for a spell (below).



Our second annual Haunted Happenings week began with the Saturday Spooktacular, which was a packed event and even more fun than last year. We followed that up with a Teen Make Me sugar skull craft, staff participating at Boo Bash, mini pumpkin decorating, and spider web crafts at preschool storytime.

We couldn't let fall go by without a Lovely Leaves STEAM project at Club K3, and of course the annual Firefighter Storytime. We were busy, but it was so much fun we hardly noticed. Next stop: the holidays!

Connie Urquhart

Connie Urquhart, Library Director





CAMAS WELLNESS FESTIVAL

Adolescent Mental Health Summit

More than 200 people attended 35 workshops and classes at six venues around Camas on Saturday, October 13th, for the first-ever Camas Wellness Festival. The Library joined forces with the creator, Erika Levy, to host the workshops that focused on wellness for teens and tweens. This later became known as the Adolescent Mental Health Summit.

At the Library alone mental health experts presented 11 workshops on topics including *Performance Culture and Academic Stress*, *Your Teen's Secret Life at School and Outside Your Home*, *Recognizing Anxiety and Depression*, and *Mindful Parenting*.

We estimate that 120-150 people attended the events in the Library. While organizers are pleased with this number, it is lower than the number of people who pre-registered online (300 for the entire festival), which is typical.

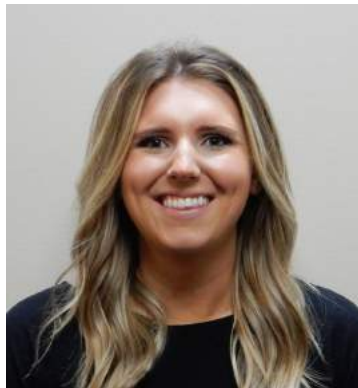
"Where I thought we were extremely successful is raising awareness," said Erika Levy. "We now have all the recordings of the sessions that need to be edited and put on the website. It will be a wonderful resource for the community."

One of the event organizers, Kimberly Berry of the Being UnNormal podcast, has been leveraging the media coverage of the Wellness Festival for more exposure about mental health issues, especially those affecting youth. She will be partnering with the Library once again, this time to bring her podcast to the Library for a live, interactive audience participation version called Being UnNormal Live! The first one is Tuesday, November 27th, and will focus on surviving the holidays. These will also be archived.



Top to bottom: Volunteers welcome attendees who had pre-registered for workshops; a panel speaks at the seminar titled Youth Suicide Prevention; the conference floor marketplace, also called the Zen Zone.

Staff Happenings



Page Megan Purkeypyle celebrated her 5th anniversary with the Library this month. **Congratulations, Megan!**

Recently while Helen Baller Elementary students toured the Library, a parent told Programming and Outreach Coordinator Ellen Miles, "I'm glad I now know more about the Library! It makes me feel more fully like a member of our community." Thanks! And thanks to Mayor Pro-tem Don Chaney for speaking to the group (below).



what are you reading?



Debbie Chevron

A Gathering of Secrets, Linda Castillo
I've Been Thinking, Maria Shriver

Christopher Knipes

The Old Man and the Sea, Ernest Hemingway
Magazines: *Entertainment Weekly* and *Portal* (Portland Art Museum)

Ellen Miles

Article: *He Won Powerball's \$314 million jackpot. It ruined his life.*
April Witt/Washington Post

John Goaring

One on One: A Buddy Steel Mystery, Michael Brandman

Rebel Martin

Black Flags, Blue Waters, Eric Jay Dolin

Karen Nicholson

The Dutch Wife, Ellen Keith
The Hate U Give, Angie Thomas

Connie Scott

The Clockmaker's Daughter, Kate Morton
The Strange Case of Dr. Couney: How a Mysterious European Showman Saved Thousands of American Babies, Dawn Raffel

Nancy Renner

The Sun Also Rises, Ernest Hemingway
The Good Son, You-Jeong Jeong

Connie Urquhart

Everything's Trash, But It's Ok, Phoebe Robinson
Dry, Neal Shusterman

Denise Warner

Chaos Mage, Stephen Aryan
The Glass Ocean, Beatriz Williams

July Wile

The Lilac Girls, Martha Hall Kelly

professional development

Canva for Beginners, 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):

Community Profiles,

- Christopher Knipes
- Ellen Miles
- Danielle Reynolds

Polaris Integrated Library System (ILS):

InterLibrary Loan,

- John Goaring
- Christopher Knipes
- Rebel Martin
- Danielle Reynolds
- Connie Urquhart

Polaris Integrated Library System (ILS):

Outreach,

- Christopher Knipes
- Ellen Miles
- Danielle Reynolds

Polaris Integrated Library System (ILS):

Simply Reports,

- John Goaring
- Christopher Knipes
- Rebel Martin
- Danielle Reynolds
- Connie Urquhart

Polaris Integrated Library System (ILS):

System Administration,

- Danielle Reynolds

Early and Middle Grade Readers



Be prepared
Brosgol, Vera,
author, Il...



The girl who
drank the moon
Barnhill, Kelly
Regan, aut...



Where the red
fern grows: the
story of two
dog...
Rawls, Wilson.



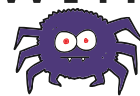
The one and only
ivan
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author, a...

HAUNTED Happenings

WE FILLED OCTOBER TO THE BRIM WITH WICKED FUN



Activities included:

Haunted Happenings Week

1. Saturday Spooktacular (see next page)
2. Teen Make Me
3. Boo Bash
4. Mini Pumpkin Decorating

Other Halloween festivities

1. Storytime costumes and crafts
2. Staff costumes and potluck
3. Self-directed activities
4. Spooky book recommendations and displays



For the month of October Find all 13 cats hiding in the library

The Bewitching CAT HUNT

Fill out the form and return it to the service desk for a chance to win a prize.



Saturday Spooktacular

More than 300 people joined us for our Saturday Spooktacular, which kicked off Haunted Happenings week. The evening boasted something for everyone, with our Scary Story Writing Contest winners reading their scary stories; crafts for the kiddos; our first-ever Boo Bingo; self-directed Cat Hunt and I Spy games; and of course, as many trips through the Haunted Library as people dared. Here are some photo highlights of the evening.



Clockwise from top left: Scary Story Writing Contest winners read their stories to a packed house; Boo Bingo in mood lighting; inside the Haunted Library; Library staff in costume; Josie, one of our Youth Advisory Council volunteers and the Haunted Library hostess.



looking ahead

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10
Exploring Frankenstein
2pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14
Gratitude Workshop for Kids ages 6-12
3pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17
Cultural Film Series: *Neither Wolf Nor Dog*
11am

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19
Gamer League Share Night
6pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27
Teen Make Me
4-5:30pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27
Being UnNormal Live!
6pm Doors open
6:30pm Recording begins

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28
Great Decisions
1:30pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28
CLUB K3
3pm

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28
Friends and Foundation of the Camas Library
5:45pm

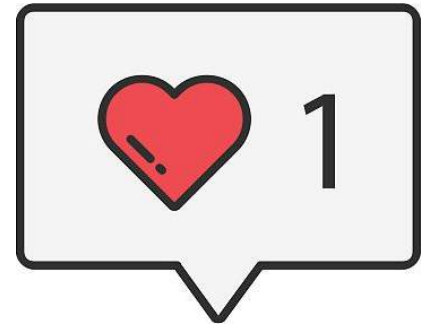
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29
Book 2 Art Club for Adults
6:30pm

Closing at 5pm on Wednesday, November 21.
Closed Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23.



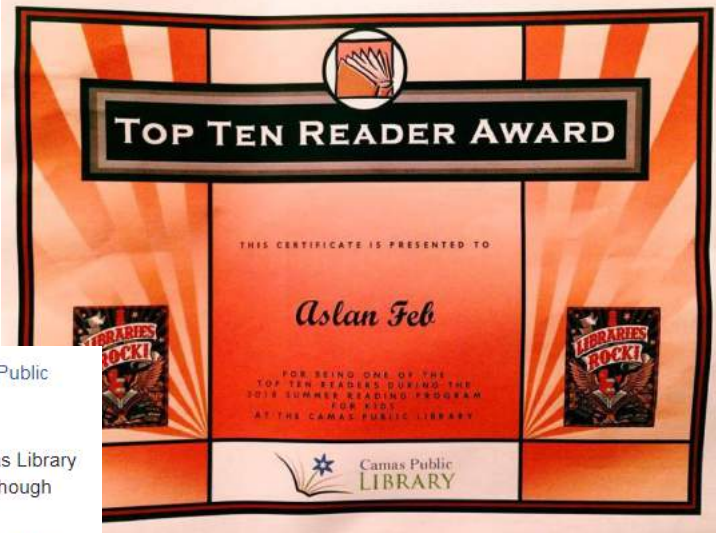
social media #shoutouts

MENTIONABLE MENTIONS FROM OUR
ONLINE COMMUNITY



floweringmeg Library day is always the best. P.S. set your peepers on that beauty of a tree behind Maverick. Those leaves are so beautiful and really pop in person. Le sigh, I love fall.

Charity Feb is with Camas Public Library at Prune Hill Elementary. Wednesday at 7:03 AM · Camas · 🌐
Aslan did this. Thank you, @camaspubliclibrary! Thank you, Aslan's teachers at #prunehillelementary. ❤️ #summerreadingprogram #phepenguins #desertblossomsson



Heidi Eckman added 2 new photos — 📷 attending Saturday Spooktacular at Camas Public Library. October 21 at 6:50 AM · Camas · 🌐
I truly believe life is a gift due to the amazing people who are in it. Last night, we went to Camas Library to listen to Isabella read her scary story 🍷👻 to a large room full of excited children. Even though Isabella was a little nervous, she did great!

When we received the call that she had won the writing contest, I didn't make the connection that the lady presenting the award was the same sweet lady that used to read to Isabella at story time before she started preschool. We would go each week and meet friends there. I think it helped Isabella find her love for books and learning.

I am so thankful for these moments and Mrs. Debbie from the Camas Library!



mollyjvoyles A little Baby Story time... AND leaf exploration! #littleasherdude #oneisfun #sweetcheeks #library #fallbaby

Anna Swinhart It was so fun! Kids didn't want to stop creating their masterpieces. Thanks, Camas library staff, for all your wonderful ideas and projects you provide for our community and especially kids program which are always amazing! ❤️

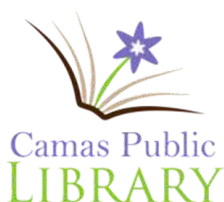
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photos from recent events



Clockwise from top left: Firefighter Storytime; The Library's beehive, thriving in beautiful autumn color; Club K3's Lovely Leaves project; Page Turners family book club.



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