

# On The Shelves

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Summer Reading is just around the corner! Children, birth age - 14, can sign-up (or be signed-up) anytime during library open hours, June 15 - July 31. Registration will also be at the Summer Meals Program on Friday, June 19, and the Open Air Market on Saturday, June 27. The theme for Summer Reading 2015 is "Every Hero Has a Story."

What is Summer Reading? It is a fun opportunity for kids to maintain or improve their reading skills over the summer. Children who sign-up receive free Oregon State Fair and Oregon Zoo Tickets (limited number of zoo tickets available), and other incentives. Every hour of reading equals one prize drawing entry for weekly drawings. Children who return time logs between July 27 and August 15 can choose a free book and are eligible to enter the grand prize drawing.

**Summer Reading also means performers and events, all free!**

**A few highlights:**

**Thursday, June 25, 6 - 7 pm:** Historic Heroes - The Weeds of Vernonia with Tobie Finzel

**Wednesday, July 1, 6-7 pm:** Border Collies International - performing dog team at Hawkins Park

**Tuesday, July 7, 10:30 am:** Stages Youth Academy - kid's theater group presenting one act plays and musicals

**Thursday, July 23, 3 - 4 pm:** Museum of Natural and Cultural History presents "Be a Hero for Your Environment," sustainable practices used by Oregon Native Americans with a display of artifacts

**Wednesday, August 12, 6 - 7 pm:** Jugglemania!

A full list of Summer Reading programs will be available at the library, on the city website, and in the next issue of the Voice. The library will also be partnering with the Summer Meals Program to offer a snack Monday - Friday at 3 pm, June 15 - August 31. Kids are welcome to come by for

a snack and play games or do a craft or coloring sheet.

Thank you to the many volunteers who help make Summer Reading possible. And thank you to our sponsors: Friends of the Vernonia Library, Vernonia Lions Club, Bridge Street Mini Mart, La Cabaña, Black Iron Grill, R & S Market, Vernonia's Voice, All Together Now, Oregon State Library Ready to Read Grant, Oregon Zoo, Oregon State Fair, and the Oregon College Savings Plan.

## Upcoming Programs

### Writers' Group

Thursday, May 21, 6:00 pm  
Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, 6 - 7:30 pm.  
Opportunity for writers with all levels of experience to get together, write, and get feedback.

### Preschool Storytime\*

Fridays, 10:30 - 11:15 am  
\*Last Preschool Storytime before the summer break will be Friday, June 12. Preschool Storytime will resume in September.

### Baby and Toddler Time

Mondays, 10:30 - 11:00 am

### Book Discussion Group

Last Monday of every month, 5:30 pm  
Selection for May 25: *Curious Incident of a Dog in the Night* by Mark Haddon

## New Titles for Writers, funded by the Oregon Reads Grant

### Adults

- How Fiction Works* by James Wood
- How the Light Gets In: Writing as a Spiritual Practice* by Pat Schneider
- Writing Alone and with Others* by Pat Schneider
- On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft* by Stephen King
- Crafting Novels & Short Stories* by the Editors of *Writer's Digest*
- The Elements of Style* by William Strunk Jr.
- A Poetry Handbook* by Mary Oliver

*The Crafty Poet: A Portable Workshop* by Diane Lockward

*2015 Writer's Market* by Robert Lee Brewer  
*2015 Novel & Short Story Writer's Market* by Rachel Randall

*2015 Children's Writer's & Illustrator's Market* by Chuck Sambuchino

*MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers, 7<sup>th</sup> Edition*

### Children and Young Adults

*Spilling Ink: A Young Writer's Handbook* by Ellen Potter

*Unjournaling: Daily Writing Exercises* by Cheryl Miller Thurston

## Did You Know?

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## Holiday Closures

Closed Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day (Book Group will still meet at the library at 5:30 pm)

## Hours & Contact Info

Mon, Wed, Fri 10 am - 5 pm

Tues & Thurs 1 pm - 7pm

Sat 10 am - 4 pm

Closed Sundays

Phone: (503) 429-1818

E-mail: [library@vernonia-or.gov](mailto:library@vernonia-or.gov)

**Friends of the Vernonia Public Library**

Membership Dues:

Family:	\$10.00	Individual:	\$5.00
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**Vernonia City Council Meetings and Closures**

**City Council Meetings are scheduled for 7 PM:**  
Monday, June 1, 2015  
Monday, June 15, 2015

**City Closures are scheduled for:**  
Monday, May 25, 2015  
*Memorial Day*

*Dates and times subject to change due to conflicts of schedules*

**Police Blotter**  
**April 24 - May 17, 2015**

REPORTS TAKEN

- April 24, 2015 Report of Criminal Mischief in the 700 Block of Madison Ave.
- April 25, 2015 Burglary reported in the 1100 Block of Maple St.
- May 1, 2015 Vehicle Crash near Bridge St. and North Mist Dr.
- May 8, 2015 Report taken of Unlawful Use of a Weapon in the 400 Block of North St.


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