

## On the Shelves

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The "new" Library Building was dedicated to the community in October 1999. The previous building (now home to the Blue House Café), flooded in 1996. The brand new building was a welcome change, with a fresh open space and lots of room for books and patrons.

Our building is still a welcoming space, appreciated by many in the community. As it reaches close to 20 years old, it's time for updates and maintenance to keep it in good shape. One major project coming up is carpet installation. New carpet will be installed the first week of May. Since moving materials and installation takes several days, the Library will be closed Monday, April 30 - Saturday, May 5. So please check out A LOT of materials before the move! That will help us out.

During the week of installation, the Book Drop will also be closed. No fines will accrue that week, so don't worry about late fees. Please call the Library prior to the closure if you have any concerns.

Ballots for the Oregon Primary Election will be mailed out at the end of April. Election Day is

Tuesday, May 15. Ballots need to be turned in to a drop site by 8 pm May 15 to count. Please keep in mind that the Library is an official ballot drop site but will be closed the first week of May.

Thank you in advance to all of the volunteers and staff that will help with our move. If interested in volunteering for this project, please contact the Library (503) 429-1818.

### Upcoming Events

#### Columbia County Reads 2018: Willy Vlautin

Friday, April 27, 7:00 pm  
Columbia County Reads 2018 features the books of Willy Vlautin (Internationally acclaimed author and resident of Scappoose, OR). Discussion of his latest book, *Don't Skip Out on Me*, followed by a Q&A and book signing.

### Ongoing Programs

**Kids Book Group**  
Friday, May 11, 4:30-5:30 pm.  
Selection for May: *My Side of the Mountain* by Jean Craighead George. For kids and families. Reading level and grade level interest of titles will vary, ranging from grades 3-6. If interested in the book group and would like to be on the contact list,

call or visit the library (503) 429-1818 or email [shannonr@vernonia-or.gov](mailto:shannonr@vernonia-or.gov).

### Knitting Group

Saturday, April 21, 10 am-Noon  
For knitters with all levels of experience. You're welcome to bring your own materials or project. If you need materials or have questions, contact Caitlin at [boylandknitworks@gmail.com](mailto:boylandknitworks@gmail.com).

### Writer's Group

Thursday, April 19, 6-7:30 pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. For writers with all levels of experience. Meetings are now back at the Library.

### Book Discussion Group

Last Monday of every month, 5:30 pm. Discussion for April 23: *The Kalahari Typing School for Men* by Alexander McCall Smith

### Storytimes

#### Baby and Toddler Time

Mondays, 10:30-11:15 am  
Songs, rhymes, books, toys, and bubbles! For ages 0-3. Older siblings welcome.

#### Preschool Storytime

Fridays, 10:30-11:15 am  
Stories, activities, and a craft.

Planned for families with preschoolers but older and younger children welcome.

### Did You Know? Jamboree Book Sale and Book Donations

The Friends of the Library host an annual Jamboree Book Sale, this year on Friday and Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> with hours TBA. We need book donations and also volunteers to make this fundraiser happen. During the summer, the Friends will be seeking gently used books. Please no outdated materials, textbooks, or magazines. The Friends are also actively seeking volunteers for the event to help bag and price books, and help set up and tear down the sale. Please contact the Library if you are interested in helping or donating.

### Library Closures

Monday, April 30 - Saturday, May 5 for new carpet installation.

### Hours & Contact Info

Mon, Wed, Fri 10 am - 5 pm  
Tues & Thurs 1 pm - 7 pm  
Sat 10 am - 4 pm  
Closed Sundays

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## Columbia County Reads Willy Vlautin

Columbia County libraries have selected the books of award-winning Scappoose author Willy Vlautin as the focus of Columbia County Reads 2018.

Columbia County Reads is a yearly collaboration between Columbia County libraries to bring reading to the forefront of public discourse. If everyone reads the same book or author at the same time, it is hoped that it will inspire discussions, connections, and a shared perspective among Columbia County residents.

Participating libraries include Clatskanie Library District, Columbia City Community Library, Rainier City Library, Scappoose Public Library, St. Helens Public Library, and Vernonia Public Library. Each library has a selection of Vlautin's books available for check out.

Vlautin will make author appearances at four Columbia County libraries in April:

- Scappoose Public Library, Wednesday, April 25, 7 pm
- St. Helens Public Library, Thursday, April 26, 7 pm
- Vernonia Public Library, Friday, April 27, 7 pm
- Clatskanie Library District, Saturday, April 28, 7 pm, at the Clatskanie Cultural Center, 75 S. Nehalem Street, Clatskanie

Columbia County Reads participants are encouraged to attend a neighboring library's author event if their local library is not a host library. The St. Helens Public

Library Book Club is partnering with Columbia County Reads for their April book theme. Book Club members should read any of Vlautin's books and attend the Thursday, April 26 author appearance in lieu of the regular Book Club meeting.

Vlautin was born and raised in Reno, Nevada before he eventually moved to Oregon. As a teenager he started playing guitar and writing songs. A Paul Kelly song, based on Raymond Carver's short story *So Much Water So Close to Home*, inspired Vlautin to start writing stories.

Vlautin has published five novels. His first book, *The Motel Life*, was a New York Times Editor's choice and notable book. It was also made into a major motion picture starring Dakota Fanning. *Lean on Pete* was published in 2010 and was the winner of the Ken Kesey Award for Fiction, short-listed for the IMPAC award, and was recently made into a major motion picture starring Steve Buscemi and Chloe Sevigny. The film was screened at the 2018 Portland International Film Festival. *The Free* is Vlautin's fourth novel and winner of the Oregon People's Choice Award.

Vlautin also founded the band Richmond Fontaine in 1994, which achieved critical acclaim in the United States and across Europe. Vlautin's new band, The Delines, debuted in 2014 and sold out venues on their first UK and Irish tour.

## Artists Wanted!

The Vernonia Jamboree Committee is beginning the process to select artwork for use on 2018 Vernonia Friendship Jamboree & Logging Show promotional materials. The art will be used on event t-shirts, as well as printed materials, and on the internet to promote the event. This is a brand new program and the committee hopes it becomes a beloved tradition.

Artwork needs to be submitted by Tuesday, May 15, 2018 to be considered. All the received artwork will be on public display on both the Jamboree/Logging Show, and the Vernonia Hands on Art Facebook pages. The winning artwork will be announced at the Jr. Salmon Auction on May 24, 2018. The Vernonia Hands on Art

## P.E.O. Spring Tea is April 28

According to the calendar, spring is here again, and P.E.O. is planning another tea party. The date is April 28 starting at 1:00 pm at the Cabin in Vernonia (Scout Cabin). There will be a light lunch served - fancy sandwiches, fruit, and irresistible desserts - and tea, of course, as well as coffee and punch. Entertainment will once again be provided by a theater troupe from Forest Grove.

P.E.O. is a very large organization and has been going strong for nearly 150 years, always with the mission of helping women receive higher education. There are 180 chapters in Oregon alone. The Vernonia Chapter, organized in 1945, is a small cog in that huge wheel, but manages to keep that pledge of assisting women through scholarships. The tea party is a really nice (and FUN) way for the community to help with that effort.

Admission to the party is the same as last year: \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children 12 and under. Tickets are now

Board of Directors and Jamboree Committee will select the winner.

If you need an application or have any questions, please feel free to contact contest chair, Bill Langmaid, at (971) 998-3705, or via email at [bill@rangelights.com](mailto:bill@rangelights.com). If you are interested in being involved with either Hands on Art or Jamboree, Bill can direct you to those two groups.

Artwork has to be appropriate for a t-shirt that will be worn in public, and the committee will be looking for submissions that capture the spirit of the Vernonia Friendship Jamboree & Logging Show. The commercial appeal of the artwork may be a contributing factor in a successful submission.

available in the Video Department at R&S Market. Raffle tickets will soon be available, too, for three large baskets: a pamperme collection of cosmetics and other toiletries, a basket of items for the gardener, and a special basket for the younger guest. Tickets may be purchased for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and may be placed in the receptacle for the basket(s) of your choice.

Recently, an event was held in Vernonia that was well-attended and a smash success: A Father-Daughter dance. Little girls of all ages dressed up in their pretty dresses and spent what must have been a grand time with their dads or grandfathers. So, a message to those girls: here's your chance to wear those outfits again and bring Mom this time!

Actually, there is no "dress code," come fancy or casual as you wish, but we love to see the pretty and creative hats many wear! Don't have a hat? You can select one from the "vintage" collection to borrow for the afternoon.