

## On the Shelves

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The Library has been bustling this summer with families coming in to sign up for Summer Reading. Children birth to 14 are eligible to participate in the program. So far we have 168 Summer Readers with the last day to sign up on Saturday, July 20.

**Summer Reading families, please remember to bring in your reading records sometime between July 29 and August 17.**

While in general we have a good number of children signing up, we rarely have more than half complete the program. This year we would like to change that with at least 75% of Summer Readers finishing. Incentives for bringing back your reading record: free Oregon Zoo ticket (first 50 children) and an ice cream from Mariolino's. Also, every hour equals a prize drawing ticket! You have to complete the program to be eligible to win prizes including: gift card to Regal Cinemas, gift card to Barnes and Noble, Kinetic Sand Set, Lego Friends set, National Geographic Geode set, Lego Movie set, Snap Circuits Jr, and more. So please turn in your reading records!

Jamboree is coming up and that means the Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale. The book sale will once again be held at the Vernonia Grange, 425 North St. Hours are Friday, August 2, 12 - 7 pm, Saturday, August 3, 9 am - 6 pm, Sunday, August 4, 10 am - 12 pm. Sunday will be a last chance bag sale. Volunteers will be cleaning up at the time but people are welcome to come and get a bag of books for \$3!

It takes a lot of time to set up and run the book sale so we need volunteers! Volunteers help set up tables, sort books, run customer service shifts during the sale, and clean up afterwards. The Friends can use both teen (Community Service hours!) and adult volunteers. If you have some availability the week of Jamboree, please contact the Library to sign up as a book sale volunteer.

### Upcoming Events

#### Turn in Summer Reading Time Logs

Anytime between July 29 and August 17. Bring back your reading log and you are eligible to enter prize drawings. Receive a free Oregon Zoo ticket (first 50 children) and earn an ice cream from Mariolino's.

### Mad Science: Fire and Ice

Tuesday, July 23, 11 am  
Interactive, fun, educational show presented by a mad scientist! Designed for elementary age children, all ages welcome.

### Friends of the Library Jamboree Book Sale

Located at the Vernonia Grange, 425 North St.  
Friday, August 2, 12 - 7 pm  
Saturday, August 3, 9 am - 6 pm  
Sunday, August 4, 10 am - 12 pm (Last Chance Bag Sale!)

\$1 Paperbacks, \$2 Hardbacks. Large selection of books, both for children and adults. Shop the sale and support the Library. All proceeds benefit Library programs and services.

### Lego Building Challenge

Tuesday, August 6, 3-4 pm  
Build an object as close as possible to an image with the bricks we have available. Work individually or with a friend or family member. For elementary age children.

### Summer Reading Party

Saturday, August 17, 2-3 pm  
Snacks, crafts, games, and door prizes. Thanks for participating in the Summer Reading program.

### Ongoing Programs

#### Summer VHS/VMS Art Club

For 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders, Homeschool and Vernonia School District Students. Upcoming meetings include:  
Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 12-2 pm, Mixing Paint Colors/ Practice Painting  
Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 3-5 pm, Tempera Painting (Silhouette)  
Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 12-2 pm, Tempera Painting (Silhouette)

#### Summer Chess Club

Every Wednesday through August 28, 3-4:30 pm  
Chess for all ages and ability levels.

#### Writer's Group

Thursday, July 18, 6-7:30 pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month. For writers with all levels of experience.

#### Book Discussion Group

Last Monday of every month, 5:30 pm. Discussion for July 29: *Wolf Willow* by Wallace Stegner

### Storytimes

#### Summer Family Storytime

Wednesday, 10:30 am, June 19 - August 28  
Snack (provided by the Summer Meals Program), followed by stories, activities, and a craft. Designed for families with children up through grade 2.

### Did You Know? Donations

The Vernonia Public Library purchases new titles for the collection out of our budget but we also regularly add donated titles. We accept DVDs, books, audiobooks, and board games for our circulating collection. While most donations stock our Jamboree book sale, Library staff sort through looking for gems to add for our patrons. If you have clean, gently used items you would be interested in donating, please bring them to the Library. Now is a good time to donate with our annual book sale coming up on Jamboree weekend.

### Featured Titles at the Library:

#### Shannon's Picks

As a parent with young children it can be difficult to find a time to read. I even struggle with this as a Librarian! My go-to book genre when I'm in a reading slump is Historical Fiction. I like to get a sense of a place, a cultural, and a time period with characters that capture my attention and a storyline that keeps me turning the pages.

While my reading list this year has been fairly short, here are a few favorite Historical Fiction titles I've come across recently in our collection.

*The Night Tiger* by Yangsze Choo: Set in 1930s colonial Malaya

*A Bend in the Stars* by Rachel Barenbaum: Set in WWI-era Russia

*The Clockmaker's Daughter* by Kate Morton: Set in England, starting in 1860s

*Where the Crawdad's Sing* by Delia Owens: Set in 1960s, North Carolina coast

### Library Closures

Friday, August 2, open 10 am - 2 pm only  
Closed Saturday, August 3 for Jamboree

### Hours & Contact Info

Mon, Wed, Fri 10 am - 5 pm

Tues & Thurs 12 pm - 7 pm

Sat 12 am - 5 pm

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