

On the Shelves

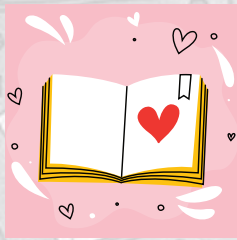
By Shannon Romtvedt

We are pleased to announce that we are now open! Our hours have changed temporarily as we gradually work toward making our building and services available. Look for more information about our services and hours in the "Did You Know" section of this article.

The theme for Summer Reading this year is "Imagine Your Story." Summer Reading is for children, birth through age 14. Families can sign up online and pick up program materials at the Library starting June 22. Receive a book bag (one per family), reading time log, and take home craft kits and activities.

Sign up link for Summer Reading is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LBGPSSJ>. Or link to the sign up page through our website or Facebook page.

Children can earn prize drawing tickets by reading and participate in a scavenger hunt for a free dessert at Islands Grill. Scavenger Hunt instructions and activity sheet will be included with the Summer Reading packet. Find the book symbol (pictured right) in the window of 10 different businesses along Bridge Street. Write down the names of the businesses on your activity sheet and turn it in to the Library for a coupon to Islands Grill (free dessert!). You will not need to enter the building of any business to complete the Library Scavenger Hunt, but shopping local is encouraged!



Thank you to Islands Grill and Jack's Hobo Bakery for sponsoring our Summer Reading program this year! We know COVID-19 closures and restrictions have been tough on our local businesses. We did not ask all of our regular sponsors this year but we appreciate all the

support you have given in previous years. Thank you to all the small businesses in our community that help fund and support activities.

Upcoming Events

Summer Reading performers have been cancelled this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. We always have a craft available in the Library to take home with you. And we will be releasing two special take home projects for kids during the summer: Rainbow Felted Geodes (project designed by LeBrie Rich PenFelt Studio) the week of June 29 and Slime Kits (designed by Isabelle Martinez and Emily Burton) the week of July 6.

Other opportunities may pop up as the summer progresses. Please watch for our events in *Vernonia's Voice*, our website, or Facebook page.

Did You Know: Three Options for Using the Library

Open Hours: We are now open to the public on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 am - 5 pm, and Saturday, 12 pm - 5 pm. No appointment is necessary. Please keep in mind that we require 6 feet of distance between patrons. Our computers are spaced at least 6 feet apart and have a 1 hour time limit.

By Appointment: For high risk individuals, seniors, and patrons who cannot make it to the Library during our normal open hours, we have appointments available on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12 pm - 5 pm. Please call or email the Library to make an appointment.

Outdoor Pick-up: Now that we have open hours and appointments, outdoor pick-up is by request only. Feel free to call or email if you prefer holds to be outdoor pick-up and we will make a note on your account.

Featured Titles at the Library:

Favorite Children's Series

With Summer Reading just around the corner, here are some favorite children's series available for check-out at the Vernonia Public Library.

I Survived Series by Lauren Tarshis. *Book 1: The Sinking of the Titanic, 1912*. Reading Level 3.9. Historical fiction series with a children's viewpoint on specific events in history.

The Land of Stories Series by Chris Colfer. *Book 1: The Wishing Spell*. Reading Level 5. Through the mysterious powers of a cherished book of stories, twins Alex and Connor leave their world behind and find themselves in a foreign land full of wonder and magic.

Treehouse Series by Andy Griffiths. *Book 1: The 13-Story Treehouse*. Reading Level 3.8. Who wouldn't want to live in a treehouse? Especially one with a bowling alley, tank full of sharks, a games room, self making beds, marshmallow machine, and more.

Wings of Fire Series by Tui T. Sutherland. *Book 1: Dragonet Prophecy*. Reading Level 5. The five "chosen" dragonets were stolen from their homes and hidden away for years, all to fulfill the prophecy. But not every dragonet wants a destiny. And when danger threatens one of their own, Clay and his friends may choose freedom over fate.

Current Hours & Contact Info

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10 am - 5 pm
Saturday: 12 pm - 5 pm
Tuesday, Thursday: 12 pm - 5 pm
(By appointment only)
Outdoor pick-up during open hours by request
Phone: (503) 429-1818
E-mail: library@vernonia-or.gov
Website: www.vernonia-or.gov/departments/library/

Oregon Group Pushes Change to Redistricting *continued from front page*

the state had seen a 20% increase in unevenly distributed population growth. Republicans controlled both the House and the Senate, Democratic Governor John Kitzhaber vetoed proposed plans, and House Democrats walked out for five-days to avoid a quorum when Republicans tried to push through a plan without the Governor's approval. Redistricting then fell to Democratic Secretary of State Bill Bradbury, whose fi-

nal plan was challenged in court, but was eventually upheld by the State Supreme Court. In 2011 the Legislature reached compromise plans for redistricting after bipartisan and acrimonious debate; those plans were approved without legal challenges.

According to Common Cause Oregon, a nonpartisan public interest group working to give people a voice in the political process, over 96% of in-

cumbent politicians were re-elected in Oregon since 2012. "The system today benefits those in power, letting politicians choose their own voters instead of the voters choosing them. We favor maps with fair districts that serve the interests of all the people and that allow fresh blood instead of protecting incumbent politicians," they say on their website where they endorse the current People Not Politicians campaign. The

campaign has also been endorsed by the League of Women Voters of Oregon, Oregon Farm Bureau Federation, Taxpayer Association of Oregon, and Oregon State Chamber of Commerce.

For more information go to www.PeopleNotPoliticians.org.



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