

## What's Happening at the Vernonia Library

### Ukulele Jam Session

**Thursday, February 10, 6 - 8 pm**

Join for an informal jam session! Bring your own instrument and sheet music if you like. There will be a few ukuleles on site, available to play.

### Library Chess Night

**Tuesday, February 15, 6 - 7 pm**

Interested in playing chess with others or learning the game? Open to chess players of all ages and abilities.

### Writers' Group

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month, February 3 and 17, 6 - 7:30 pm**

For adult and teen writers with all levels of experience. Writing prompts, opportunity to share cur-

rent work for feedback, and information on local opportunities for writers.

### Preschool Storytime

**Fridays, 10:30 - 11:15 am**

Stories, movement activities, and a craft for children up through age 6. Each week's stories and crafts are based on a different theme. February's themes include: Groundhog's Day, Valentine's Day, Pets, and Dental Care.

### Coming up in March

#### Dr. Seuss Celebration

**(Read Across America Day)**

Come by the Library anytime during open hours **March 1 (12 - 7 pm) or**

**March 2 (10 am - 5 pm)** to complete a scavenger hunt, craft, and a few other fun activities. Earn a prize bag and a special *Cat in the Hat* themed treat! More details coming soon.

### Tribal Perspectives on Water

**Wednesday, March 9, 6:30 - 8 pm**

Presentation by Rose High Bear, Founder and Project Director of Elderberry Wisdom Farm, Salem, Oregon.

### St. Patty's Day Parade Craft

**Thursday, March 17, 4 pm**

Come by the Library before the St. Patty's Day Parade (it's back!) and make something fun to wear to the parade.

*Masks must be worn inside the Library by everyone, ages 5 and up. Masks for kids and adults are available in the lobby for anyone that needs one.*

### Library Holiday Closures

Monday, February 21  
in observance of Presidents' Day

### Hours & Contact Info

Mon, Wed, Fri 10 am - 5 pm  
Tues & Thurs 12 pm - 7 pm  
Sat 12 pm - 5 pm  
Closed Sundays  
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## Columbia County Cultural Coalition Grant Recipients 2022

The Columbia County Cultural Coalition (CCCC) is pleased to announce its non-profit grant recipients for 2022: The Clatskanie Arts Commission for the "Raymond Carver Writing Festival", The Clatskanie Farmers' Market for "Live Music at CFM", The Friends of the Clatskanie Public Library for the "Vera Bros-gol Author Visit", the Columbia Chorale of Oregon for an operating costs grant, Rainier Public Library for "Rain OR

Rhyme Poetry Contest", and the Scappoose Public Library District for "Cultural Activity Kits". The Board of the CCCC congratulates the recipients and wishes them success!

Approved by the Oregon Cultural Trust in 2006, the CCCC makes grants to promote heritage, arts, and humanities in Columbia County. If you are interested in their work or in donating to the Oregon Cultural Trust, visit their website at <https://columbiacultural.org/>.

## Gorge Networks Announces Delay

Gorge Networks, now part of Blue Mountain Networks, regrets to advise that activation of the Vernonia Fiber network has been delayed until approximately March 2022.

Their fiber network construction build in Vernonia has been completed. Unfortunately, activation and testing of the fiber network is pending connection to the backbone circuit into Vernonia ordered from an upstream fiber carrier. The backbone circuit was ordered prior to the beginning of the fiber construction in Vernonia and has been delayed due to back-ordered equipment that is required to accommodate this large data circuit.

The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic caused significant increase in broadband demand across the globe, in addition to extended lead times for materials and equipment as a result of factory closings across the world.

Gorge Networks has been notified that the equipment is expected to be received within the next few weeks and the circuit is expected to be ready in March 2022.

Gorge Networks sincerely apologizes for this delay and kindly ask for your patience as they work toward full activation of the fiber network.

Gorge Networks is confident that once activation and testing of the fiber network is complete, they will be allocating additional resources to complete all fiber drops and installations to customer homes in the most efficient and expedited manner possible.

To learn more about Gorge Networks fiber offerings in Vernonia, which includes exemplary customer service, and simple pricing with no increases, please visit <https://www.gorge.net/vernonia>.



## Red Cross Blood Drive

The Vernonia High School Honor Society sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive on January 27 at Grace Family Fellowship church and helped collect about 24 units of blood. Grace Family Fellowship is scheduling to host another blood drive on May 10. The Red Cross is facing a national blood crisis and needs donations. If you would like to help go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

## Vernonia City Council Meetings and Closures

**Please check the City's website**

**for details on upcoming**

**City Council Meetings**

**scheduled for 7:00 pm:**

Monday, February 7, 2022

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

**[www.vernonia-or.gov](http://www.vernonia-or.gov)**

**City Closures are scheduled for:**

Monday, February 21, 2022

*Presidents' Day*

*Dates and times subject to change*

The Vernonia Transfer

Station is scheduled

to be open on the

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday

January - October

**February 12 & 26**

**March 12 & 26**

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