



*Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;
 Lengthen night and shorten day;
 Every leaf speaks bliss to me
 Fluttering from the autumn tree.
 I shall smile when wreaths of snow
 Blossom where the rose should grow;
 I shall sing when night's decay
 Ushers in a drearier day.
 –Emily Brontë, "Fall, leaves, fall"*

Library Happenings

- Oct. 1: Switch to InlandShare Library Group. Library open!
- Oct. 30: Halloween Party
- Oct. 31: Happy Halloween! Library closes at 5pm.

What's New?

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Adult Programs

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Youth Programs

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Friends of the Library



is part of the

InlandShare Library Group

and we share print and digital resources with these libraries:

- Clarkia District Library
- Coeur d'Alene Public Library
- Kellogg Public Library
- Liberty Lake Municipal Library
- Mullan Library
- Osburn Public Library
- Pend Oreille County Library District – Calispel Valley, Ione, Metalines, Newport
- Plummer Public Library
- Priest Lake Public Library
- Silver Hills Library
- Wallace High School
- Wallace Public Library
- West Bonner Library District – Blanchard, Priest River



Liberty Lake is growing, and so is the conversation about our public library. This FAQ answers common questions about current services, future growth, and the upcoming advisory vote, giving residents a chance to share feedback with City Council.

What is an advisory vote?

An advisory vote is when the public is asked to share their opinion on an issue, but the result is not legally binding. It's like giving feedback—government officials don't have to follow the vote, but it helps them understand what people think before making decisions.

Learn more here: <https://mrsc.org/explore-topics/elections/propositions/ballot-measures>

Where is the proposed site for the new library?

A 4-acre parcel at Town Square Park that hosts the Liberty Lake Farmers Market.

I thought the library was moving to Legacy Church, what happened?

City Council chose not to move forward with the project at Legacy Church. They found the building to be too small for the future library. The church is now being developed as the new City Hall.

What is the cost?

Cost estimates currently range from \$12.9 million - 15.6 million. A design has not been selected yet by City Council.

How would the city pay for a new library?

Funding is still to be determined. Options may include grants, donations, municipal bonds, and/or other general fund revenue.

What does the new library look like?

We are still in the planning phase, and no designs have been approved yet. The City has developed three conceptual layouts to help start the conversation. You can view them on the City's website here: libertylake-wa.civilspace.io/en (under "Library Design & Construction" in the Master Facilities Presentation, slides 11-19).

Do we need a new library? The current library seems fine to me.

We're glad you enjoy the library! Our librarians work hard to make the most of the space we have. Ultimately, it's up to the citizens and City Council to decide if a new library is needed. Here are some of the challenges we face in our current building:

Library Programming and Meeting Space

Storytime is offered four days a week, and our meeting room is consistently over capacity during these and other events. The library also runs the only free public meeting room in Liberty Lake, but with just one meeting room and one study room available, demand far exceeds what we can provide.

Limited Technology Access

In 2024, more than 3,200 people used the library's public computers—a 70% increase from the year before. Yet we have only four computers available, with no room to add more. Power access is also limited: the building was constructed before the digital age, with very few outlets and a concrete floor that prevents adding new ones. This makes it challenging for patrons to charge devices, work, or study comfortably. To keep up with community needs, the library must provide better access to computers, printing, Wi-Fi, and charging stations.

Dedicated Teen Space

Right now, the teen area is the only open space available for patrons who need to work or study. We'd love to create a dedicated space just for teens—a place where we can host teen-specific programs and where they can safely hang out after school or on weekends.

Does anyone use the library anymore?

Absolutely! In 2024, the library welcomed over 69,000 visitors. More than 9,800 children joined free programs like storytime, arts & crafts, STEM, and teen activities. Today, over 8,200 community members have a Liberty Lake Library card, and together they checked out more than 119,000 books last year.

Do we need space for more books? Everyone reads e-books these days!

While e-books are popular, the majority of people still prefer print. Nationally, only 3 in 10 readers choose e-books—and Liberty Lake's checkout numbers reflect the same trend. Children's books, in particular, are mostly available only in print. As our community grows, we'll need more space to expand our collection and ensure there are enough books for both current and future readers.

How will population growth in Liberty Lake affect the library?

As Liberty Lake grows, so does the demand for library services. Over the next 15 years, the city's population is expected to nearly double—from about 14,000 residents today to more than 22,000. If the library remains the same size, the level of service we can provide will be stretched thin, effectively cutting today's service levels in half. Without additional space and resources, the library will not be able to fully meet the needs of our future community.

HALLOWEEN



PARTY

October 30 | 6-8 pm

crafts | games
face painting
trick-or-treating

all ages welcome!
wear your costume



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MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Oct. 10 | 10 AM

Take the guesswork out of Medicare Open Enrollment. Learn about what Medicare Part D and Medicare Advantage plans are, who is eligible, and options available to consumers.

SHIBA is a free, unbiased, and confidential counseling service of the Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner.

Presented By

Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA). SHIBA is a statewide network of trained volunteers who assist and advocate for consumers about Medicare and is sponsored locally by Aging & Long Term Care of Eastern Washington.

Resources

insurance.wa.gov/insurance-resources/medicare

altcew.org





ADULT CRAFT PAPER LANTERN

OCT. 9 | 6 PM

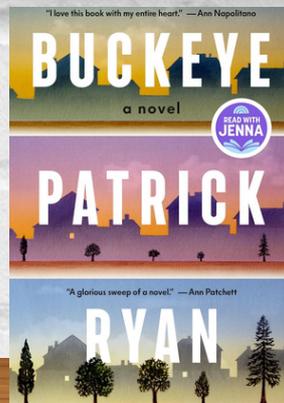
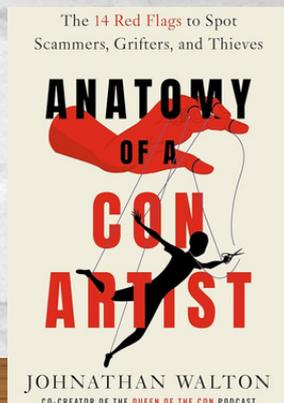
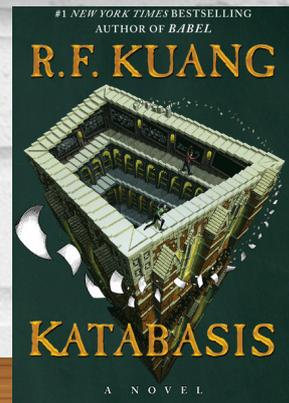
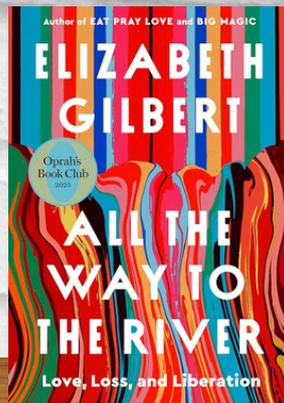
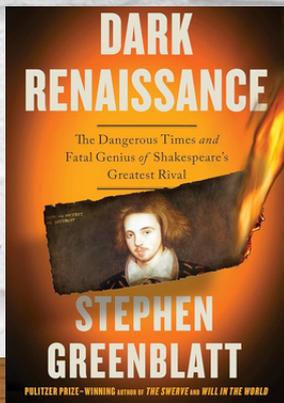
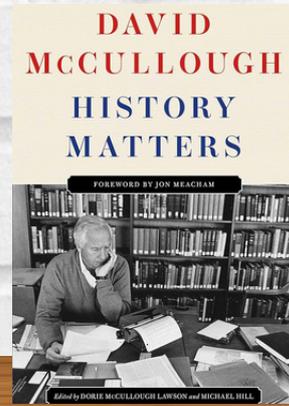
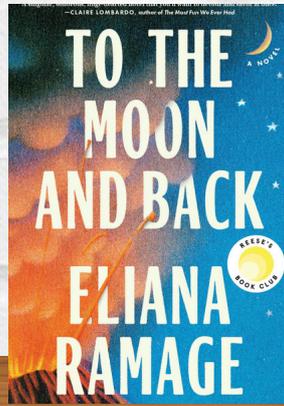
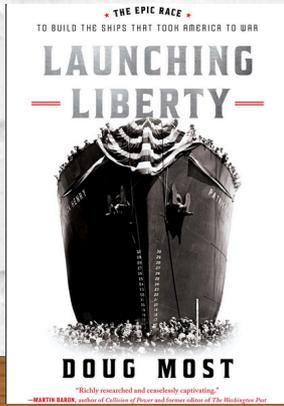
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ONE-ON-ONE TECH HELP

**CALL US TO MAKE
AN APPOINTMENT**

NEW ADULT BOOKS



TEEN TUESDAYS

3:30-4:30pm

Oct. 7: mini junk journal
Oct. 14: pumpkin terrarium
Oct. 21: resin dominoes
Oct. 28: domino games
Nov. 4: no-bake cookies
Nov. 11: *library closed*

Nov. 18: board games
Nov. 25: buttons
Dec. 2: block printing
Dec. 9: hot cocoa
Dec. 16: granny square crochet
Dec. 23 & 30: *no programs*
Enjoy your winter break!

NERF NIGHTS

It's an after-hours battle for
control of the library!
Registration required.

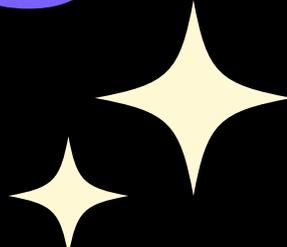
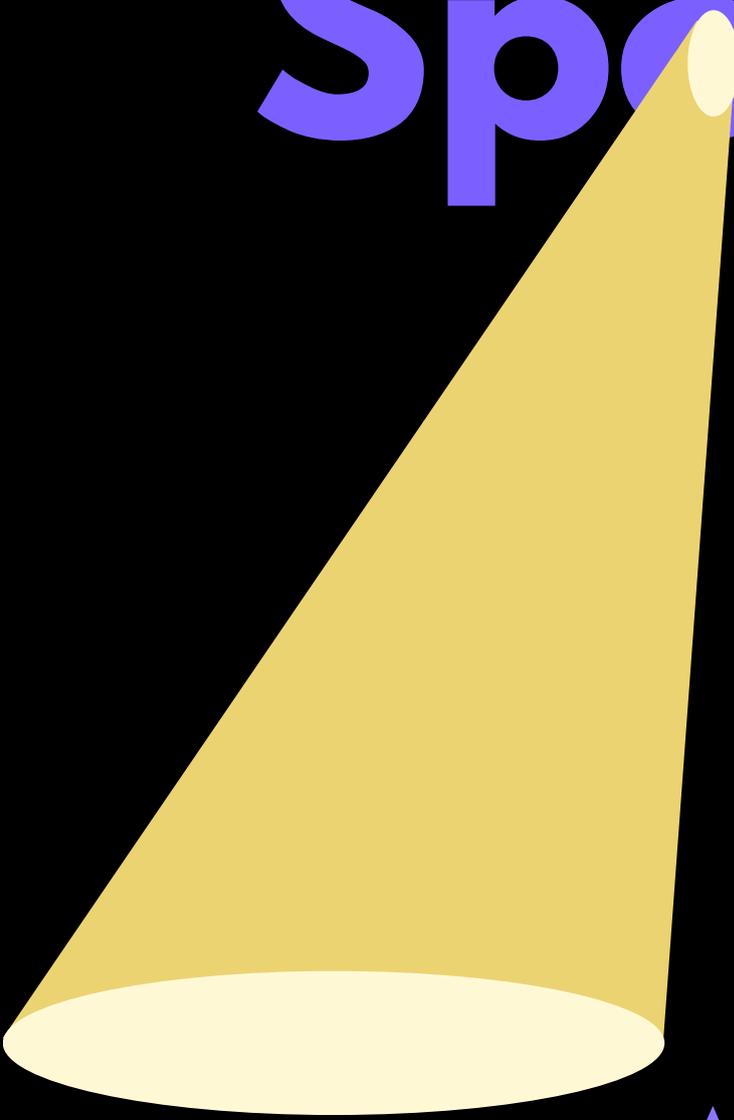
Oct. 10: capture the flag
Nov. 14: freeze tag/protect the prez
Dec. 12: capture the flag

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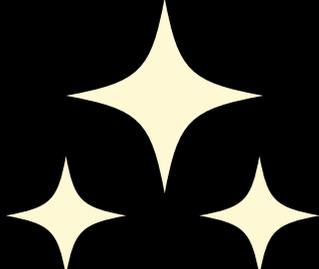


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Database Spotlight



WORLD BOOK
ENCYCLOPEDIA



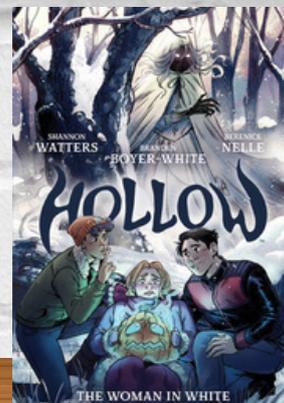
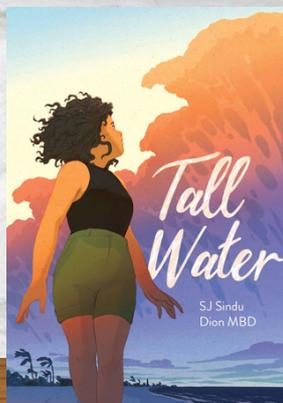
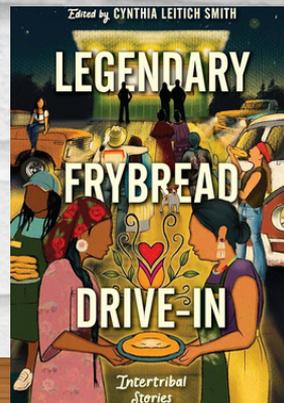
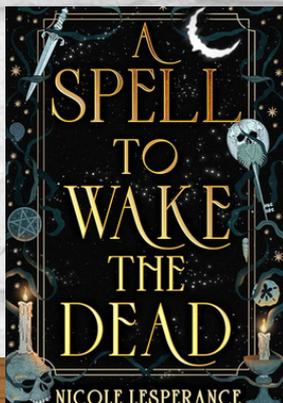
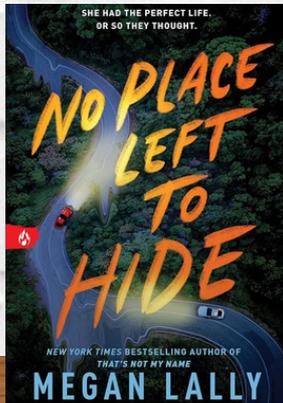
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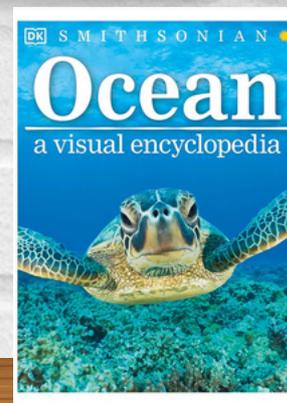
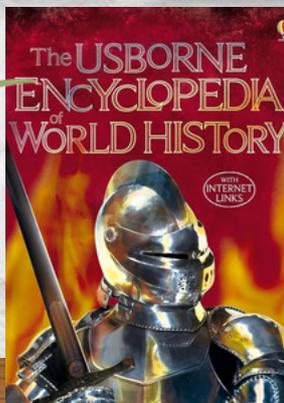
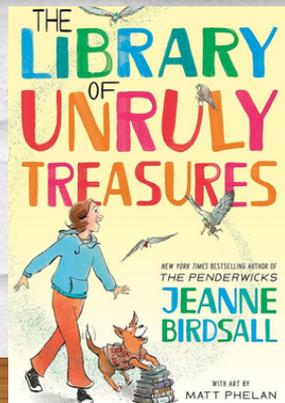
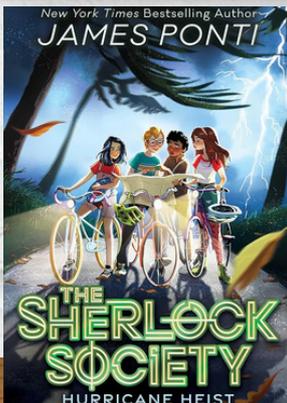
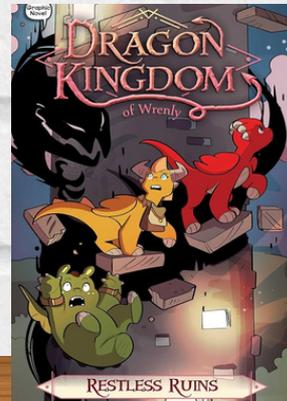
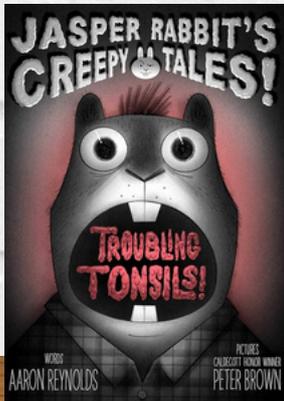
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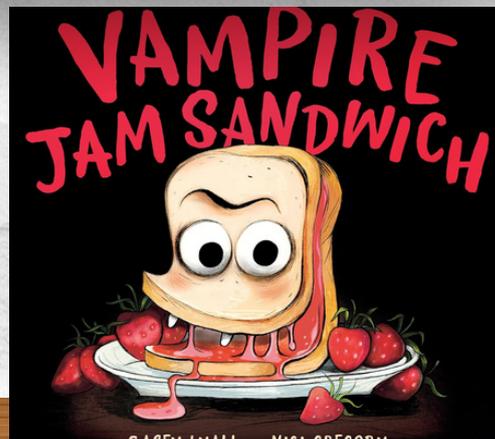
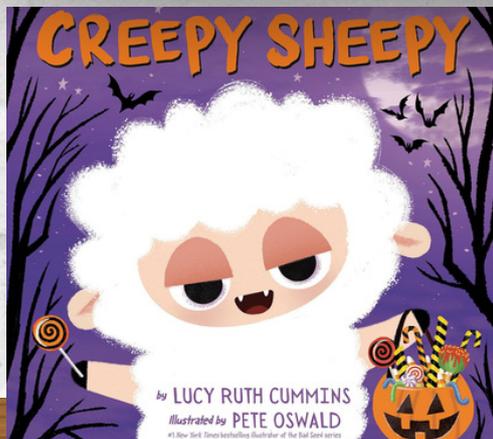
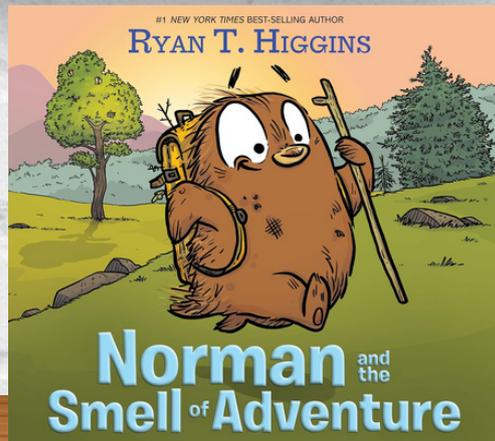
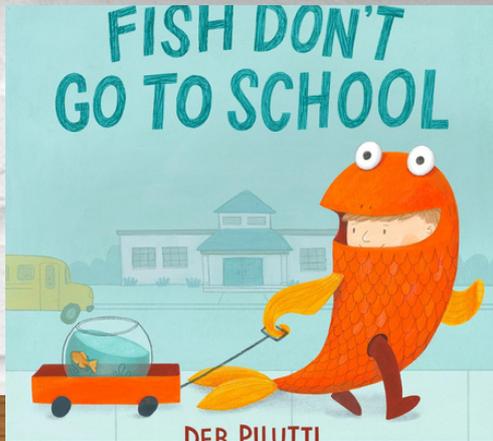
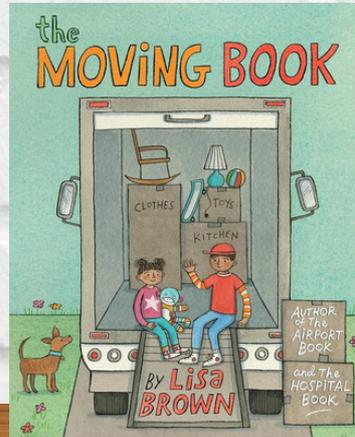
NEW YA BOOKS



NEW JUVENILE BOOKS



NEW PICTURE BOOKS



October 2025

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

STORYTIMES

MOVE & GROOVE - MONDAYS AT 10:30 AM

BOOK BABIES - TUESDAYS AT 10:30 AM

TODDLER TALES - WEDNESDAYS AT 10:30 AM

PRESCHOOL TALES - THURSDAYS AT 10:30 AM

HALLOWEEN STEAM & BINGO

(AGES 6-12)

MON. OCT. 13 | 4-5 PM

Join us for fun Halloween STEAM activities & bingo! Paint a haunted birdhouse. See which candy sinks, and which one floats! Finally, enjoy a game of bingo! Registration open Sept. 29.

MAD SCIENCE & SNACKS

(AGES 6-12)

WED. OCT. 22 | 4-5 PM

Enjoy some fun science experiments, pumpkin painting, and snacks! This activity is for ages 6-12. Registration open Oct. 8.

LEGO CLUB

(AGES 6-12)

FRI. OCT. 10 | 4-5 PM

Bring your friends from school and join us for Friday Lego Club from 4-5pm! The library provides all Lego kits. This activity is geared toward children ages 6-12, but we have Duplo blocks for younger siblings.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

(FAMILY - ALL AGES)

THURS. OCT. 30 | 6-8 PM

Bring the whole family and join us for a Halloween party! All ages are welcome. There will be lots of fun games, crafts, bingo, Halloween candy, etc.! No registration needed.

Follow Us





THE FRIENDS' MISSION is to raise funds necessary to support the variety of learning activities provided at our Library. We want our Library to continue to be the heart of our community.



The **BOOK SALE** is COMING SOON!

FRI, NOV 21 | 12PM - 6PM
SAT, NOV 22 | 9AM - 3PM

It's time for all of you enthusiastic bibliomaniacs to join us at our Liberty Lake Municipal Library and browse the fabulous selection of adult and children's books, puzzles, and MORE! **All items priced for the bargain shopper in mind.**

And just think – as you are adding to your reading pleasure, you are helping the library generate funds for its wonderful programs and activities for our community.

Please pay by cash or check: FOLLML.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Liberty Lake Library is having a children's Halloween party. The Friends have been requested to assist with setup, craft making, games, and teardown. Wear your best pink or green with a splash of *wicked*.

THURS, OCT 30 | 6-7:30

Please participate and show them your magical side.

SHOP FOR SOME frightfully GREAT BUYS



Our friends at Fred Meyer have a program that donates hundreds. All you have to do is obtain a Fred Meyer Rewards Card, then go online to:

www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.



BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

Contact: **friendsllml@gmail.com** or Friends' **Facebook** page. To learn more: **libertylakefriends.org**