



I Heard a Bird Sing
Oliver Herford

I heard a bird sing
In the dark of December.
A magical thing
And sweet to remember.

"We are nearer to Spring
Than we were in September,"
I heard a bird sing
In the dark of December.

Holiday Hours

- Dec. 18: 3pm - 8pm
- Dec. 23: 10am - 4pm
- Dec. 24 & 25: Library closed
- Dec. 26: 10am - 4pm
- Dec. 31: 10am - 4pm
- Jan. 1: Library closed

What's New?



Adult Programs



Youth Programs



Friends of the Library

Welcome JORDAN!



Stop by and say hello to our
new Children's Services
Librarian, Jordan!

Jordan & Erin are
excited to bring you more great
children's programs in the new year!

Jordan's favorite...

Read-aloud book: Don't Push the Button, by Bill Cotter

Storytime song: "Zoom, Zoom, Zoom, We're Going to the Moon"

Children's author: Beatrix Potter. Not only an author, but also a conservationist, naturalist, and scientist! Her works are a perfect reminder that great storytelling doesn't always need all the bells and whistles to captivate children.

Kids' movie: Presently, The Grinch (2018). My 3-year-old will let me know when I can have a new one.

Juvenile book: Matilda, by Roald Dahl. I love how Dahl gives his heroes power. I constantly remind myself of the power of imagination, empowerment, resilience, kindness, and determination!

"Encouraging early literacy is tiny moments that have a huge developmental impact. Children tend to learn best through joy... and that is my favorite kind of learning!"

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friends of the Liberty Lake Municipal Library Awarded 2025 Eastern Humanities Washington Award for Philanthropic Organization

Liberty Lake, WA – The Friends of the Liberty Lake Municipal Library (The Friends) has been selected as a recipient of the esteemed 2025 Eastern Humanities Washington Award in the *Philanthropic Organization* category. The award honors just ten organizations across Eastern Washington for significant contributions to public humanities and includes a \$1000 cash grant.

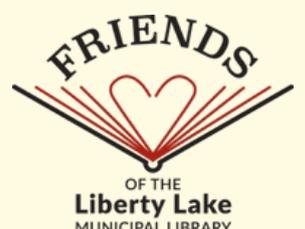
The award celebrates The Friends' ongoing commitment to fostering literacy, culture, and lifelong learning by enriching the public's access to the humanities via inclusive programming at the Liberty Lake Municipal Library, including symphony tickets and museum passes, STEM education and poetry slams, holiday crafts and sensory exploration, and more.

Robin Bekkedahl, President of The Friends, provided the following statement when accepting the honor:

“At a time when our differences seem to divide us so quickly, the humanities connect us by inspiring empathy, critical thinking, reflection, and understanding. That’s why The Friends of the Liberty Lake Municipal Library are so deeply honored to be recognized by Humanities Washington. This award affirms what The Friends already knew – that our library is more than a building. It’s a place of belonging, of inquiry, of connection where curiosity and possibilities are endless.”

According to Humanities Washington, award winners exhibit:

- Outstanding contributions to the public humanities and bring new stories to light, connect their communities, and encourage us all to think, reflect, and learn.
- Work that enlarges the meaning of the humanities in their communities and reflect Humanities Washington’s values of belonging, connection, critical thinking, respect, and stewardship.



The Friends' nomination identified their work that:

- Advocates for diverse perspectives.
- Empowers the community to think independently and critically about the world.
- Champions intellectual curiosity and open dialogue.
- Encourages lifelong learning and civic engagement.
- Exercises careful stewardship of resources.
- Ensures long-term sustainability.
- Responds to the community's evolving needs.
- Creates welcoming spaces, both within the library and throughout the community.
- Makes the library accessible and inclusive for all.
- Helps every resident feel connected to the library as a vital community resource.
- Upholds the principles of free expression and intellectual freedom without censorship.

The Friends are honored to be among more past honorees including Salish School of Spokane and Spokane's Northwest Museum of Arts & Culture (The MAC). Established in 1997, the award is funded through a generous gift from the Franky Family of Yakima in honor of Heather and Herb Frank, who were dedicated supporters of the humanities during their lifetime.

About Friends of the Liberty Lake Municipal Library (FOLLML)

Founded in 2002, FOLLML is a volunteer-led nonprofit dedicated to supporting and enhancing the programs, materials and equipment of the Liberty Lake Municipal Library. Through fundraising, volunteerism and community partnerships, the Friends help the library offer programs that go beyond what the city budget provides.

About Humanities Washington

Humanities Washington is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities and Washington state's flagship nonprofit for public humanities programming. Their mission: to open minds and bridge divides by creating spaces to explore different perspectives. The Humanities Washington Award is one of their tools to celebrate organizations that make significant contributions to public understanding, civic dialogue and cultural engagement.

For more information about The Friends, please visit www.libertylakefriends.org or contact friendsllml@gmail.com

LEGO CHALLENGE

SHOWCASE YOUR CREATIVITY AT THE
LIBRARY! THIS YEAR'S THEME:
TURN OVER A NEW LEAF

DROP OFF YOUR BUILD BETWEEN
DEC. 22 & JAN. 3.

BUILDS WILL BE DISPLAYED FOR
VOTING FROM JAN. 5 - 31.

[see.submission.guidelines >>](#)



ADULT CRAFT

PAPER BAG SNOWFLAKES

DEC. 11 | 6PM

REGISTER NOW



**PARENT ACADEMY
WITH DR. O'MAHONY**

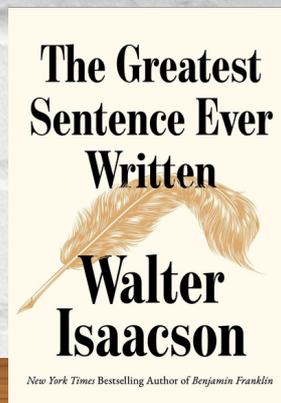
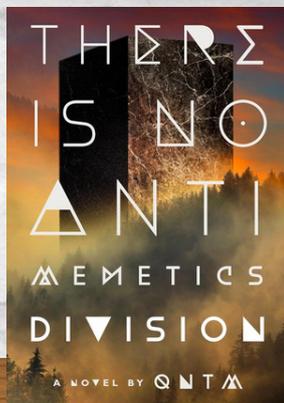
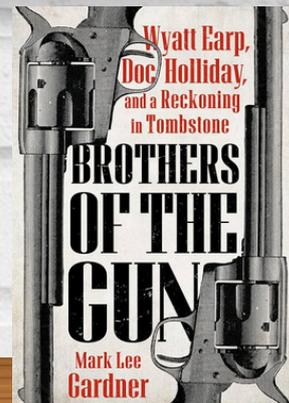
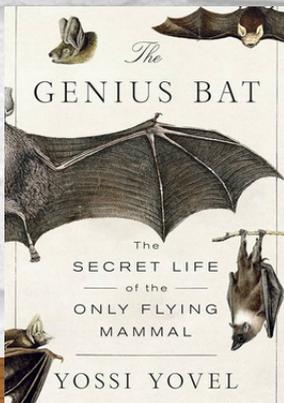
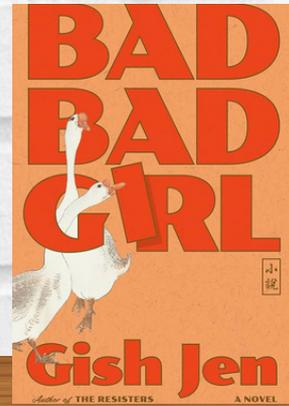
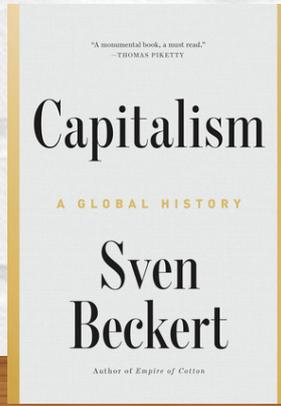
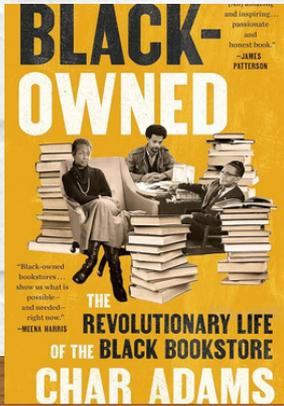


DEC. 3 | 6PM

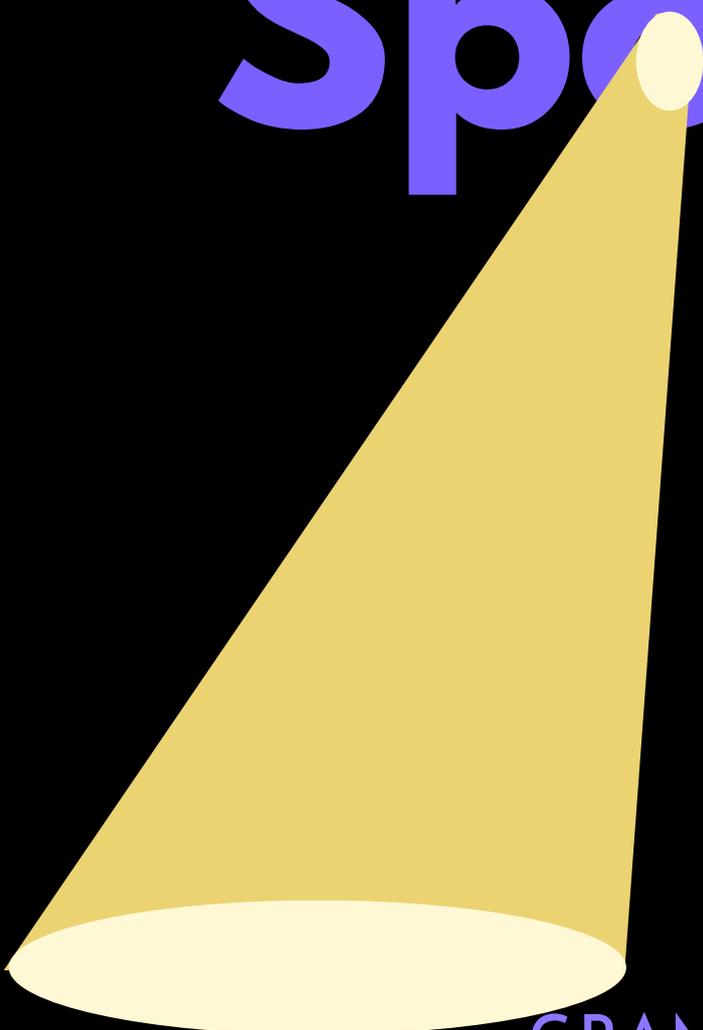
DETAILS



NEW ADULT BOOKS



Database Spotlight



MANGO
LANGUAGES

GRAMMAR **lessons**
vocabulary
TRANSLATOR

★ POPULAR LANGUAGES INCLUDE:
SPANISH, FRENCH, ENGLISH,
JAPANESE, GERMAN, ITALIAN,
MANDARIN, KOREAN, & RUSSIAN

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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~~

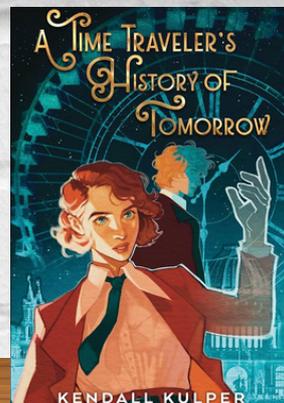
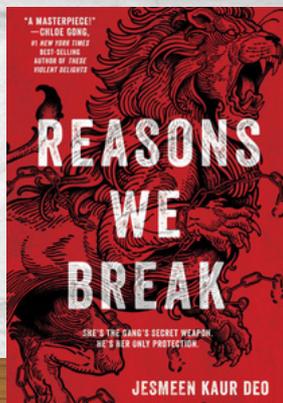
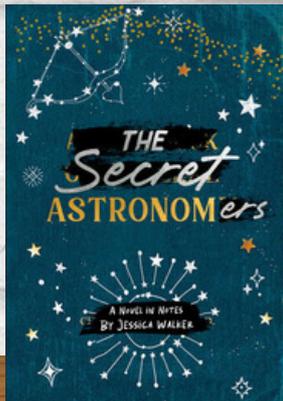
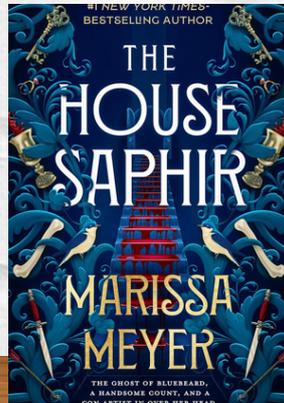
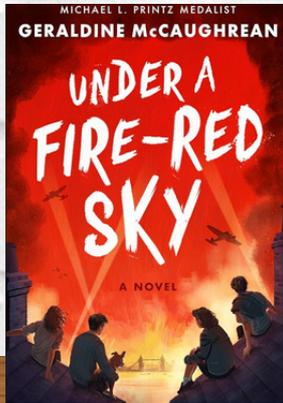
Dec. 12: capture the flag

More
Info



Liberty Lake
Municipal Library

NEW YA BOOKS





DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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

LEGO CLUB

FRI. DEC. 12 (4-5PM)

AGES 6-12

BUILD FOR AN HOUR WITH YOUR FRIENDS
USING LEGOS PROVIDED BY THE LIBRARY!
NO REGISTRATION NEEDED.

ICE CREAM CONE TREES

WED. DEC. 17 OR

FRI. DEC. 19 (4-5PM)

REGISTER FOR EITHER DATE AND COME
DECORATE YOUR OWN ICE CREAM CONE
CHRISTMAS TREE USING CANDY.

WINTER CRAFTS

SAT. DEC. 13 (10AM-12PM)

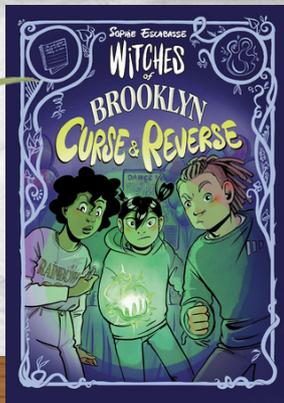
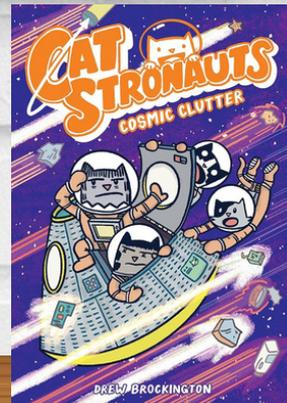
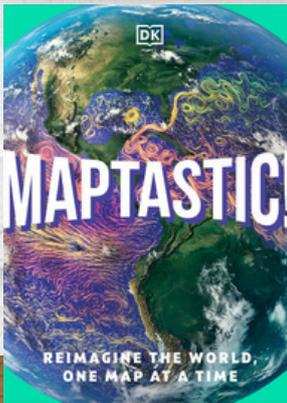
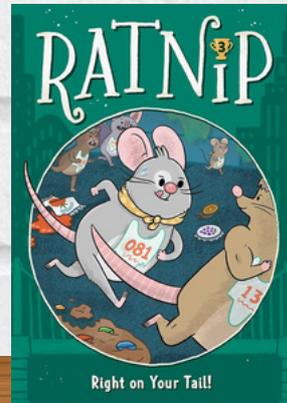
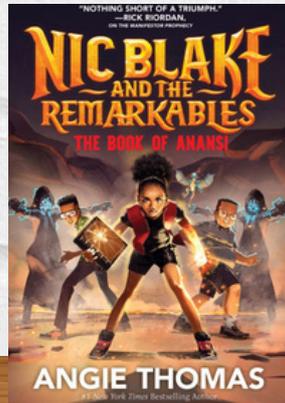
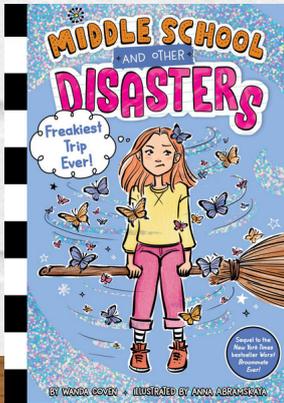
ALL AGES

MAKE SOME WINTER CRAFTS WITH US
AT THE LIBRARY. NO REGISTRATION
NEEDED.

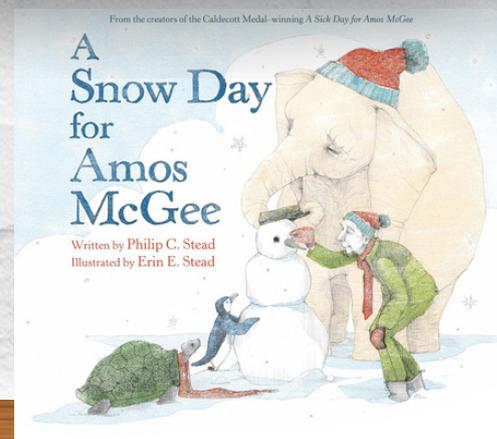
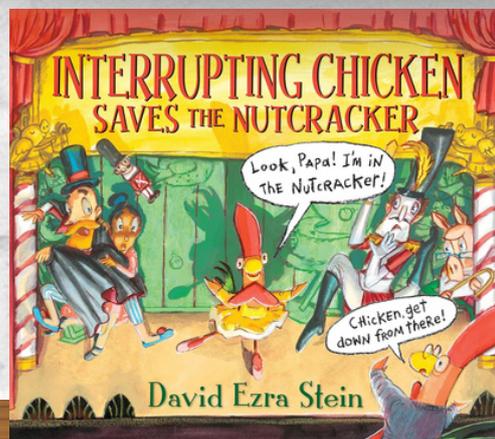
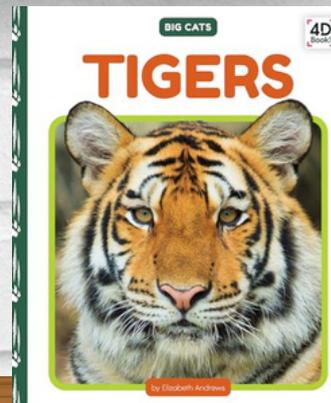
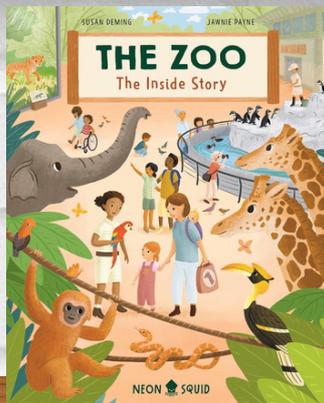
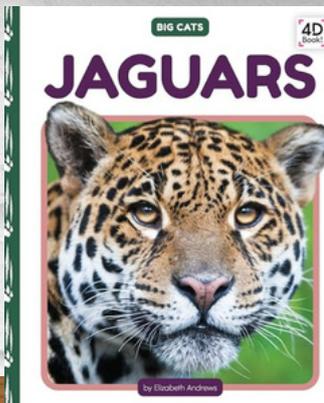
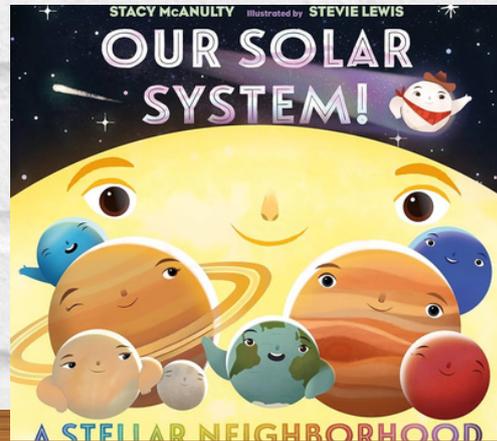
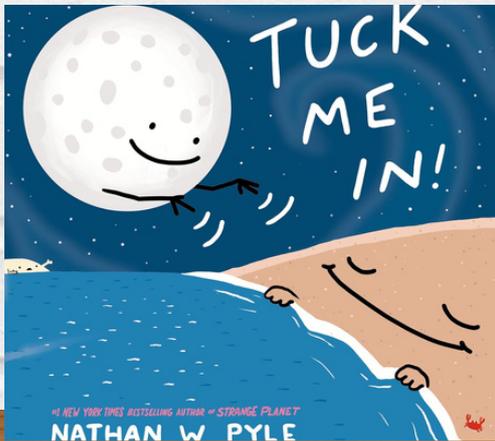
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NEW JUVENILE BOOKS



NEW PICTURE BOOKS





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

SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER 2025

Date:
January 21, 2026
Time: 5:30 - 9:00

FRIENDS OF THE LIBERTY LAKE
LIBRARY PRESENTS: "A FUN RAISER"

FAMILY TRIVIA TOURNAMENT

Teams must register by January 12th.
Each team will consist of 6 players.

- . 2 - Adults
- . 3 - Teens/Tweens
- . 1 Child Under 10 years

Register your team before January 12th with the name of your team and the names of the members on your team. There will be Prizes for the winning teams.

Shine a light on Education and gather your smartest people

Rules and Registration for your Team can be found on the Friends' Website:
www.libertylakefriends.org

All players and spectators must have a ticket to enter. Your ticket includes a Taco Bar provided by Chavelitas. Taco Bar includes: Chicken and Beef, rice, beans, cheese, lettuce, pico-de-gallo, guacamole, sour cream, onion and cilantro.



HAVELITAS
PUB GRILL & CANTINA

Adults tickets - \$18
Teens/Tweens - \$9
Kids 10 and under - \$6

Tickets and Registration can be found on the Friends Website or scan the QR code

Location:

1102 N. Liberty Lake Rd.
Liberty Lake WA 99019

**Honor The Past, Maximize The Present,
Impact The Future**
Join the Friends of the Liberty Lake Library.
Dues (\$10) for membership are paid every January.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER:

We will be holding our regularly scheduled meeting on **December 4, 2025**.
Members please join us in the voting process for next year's board members and approving the **2026** budget.
The new officers will commence their roles starting in **January 2026**.

a book sale **SUCCESS!**

Thank you to our exuberant **Lola Douthitt** for spearheading the November Book Sale. She continues to strive for excellence and always delivers a triumphant 2-day event!

Let's also recognize **Cathy Weisbeck** for her extensive hours of organization for all of the book sales. Her expertise is a special present for the entire community.

A hearty shout out goes to all of the Friends, Liberty Lake Municipal Library Staff and Liberty Lake Community for their combined efforts in achieving a very successful fundraiser.

Winner
Friends of the Liberty Lake Library has been selected to receive the 2025 Eastern Washington Humanities Award in the amount of \$1000.
Thank you Kyla Scott for writing and submitting the grant that has allowed us this honor.

FEEL FREE TO JOIN THE FUN & BECOME A MEMBER!

Contact: friendslml@gmail.com. To learn more: libertylakefriends.org.