

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CAMAS PUBLIC LIBRARY




SEPTEMBER NEWS

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE
KINDERGARTEN

REPAIR CAFE

PATRON APPRECIATION BBQ



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Giving and Giving Back

November may be the month of gratitude, but we've begun early at the Library as we have many things for which to be thankful.

This month, we commemorated our first *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten* ceremony for pre-K children who had read 1,000 books. Each graduate of the program received their own book to take home. The funds to purchase these books were generously donated by the members of the Rotary Club of Camas-Washougal. Read more on page 2.

We also hosted the Repair Cafe, which consists of myriad volunteers, each with a special skill in fixing something broken. This was sponsored by Colombia Springs, without whom the event would not have been possible. See photos and read more on page 4.

Finally, we celebrated the end of summer by saying thanks to our patrons with an old-fashioned barbeque in the courtyard. Photos and details on page 5.

Connie Urquhart

Connie Urquhart, Library Director





Clockwise from top: Karen Nicholson awards both children in a family their 1,000 Books certificate; The "1,000 Booksworm" made of cupcakes; Nicholson helps sisters choose their own books to take home.

Reading 1,000 Books

Exposing babies and young children to books and reading offers tremendous benefit, from building vocabulary and emotional awareness to brain and sensory development. At its most basic level, it prepares children for a lifelong love of reading, academic success, and gives the child and caregiver special time together that the child can treasure.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten is a nationwide initiative that encourages families to read 1,000 books together before a child enters kindergarten, as a way to prepare them for school. Library Associate Karen Nicholson heard about the program through her niece, who was participating in it at her local library. Karen learned more through a training. From there, she was enthusiastic to start, but she needed funding for the books that would be the rewards for the children who reached their goals.

"I spoke at the local Rotary meeting", Karen said. "I thought they would need to confer to decide if they would fund the project. It was incredible...member after member came up to me and started handing me \$20 bills."

While the Rotarians' generous donations will not fund the program indefinitely, it did raise roughly \$450, and bought enough books for the first award ceremony, which was held in September. Children who have reached their goal have a star on their part of the bookworm in the storytime room.

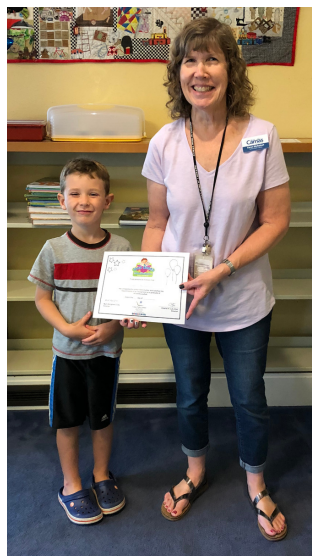
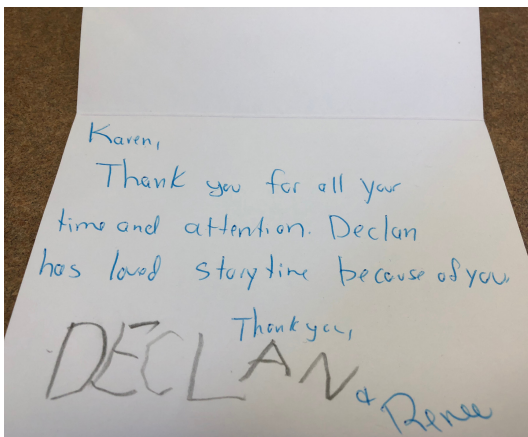


How to reach 1,000 books: any adult may read to the child. This includes coming to storytime! Re-reading the same book also counts.

Staff Happenings



Library Associate Karen Nicholson received a thank you card from patrons Declan and Rene. The two have been coming to Karen's storytimes for years, but Declan headed off to kindergarten this fall. First, he challenged himself to read *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten* -- all between June and September! He achieved his goal, with the help of his family and Karen's encouragement. Wow!



Above: Karen's thank you card. Right: Declan and Karen at the *1,000 Books Before Kindergarten* ceremony.

professional development

Leap into Science Balanced Workshop,
Karen Nicholson

Polaris Integrated Library System (ILS) intensive training,
Debbie Chevron
John Goaring
Christopher Knipes
Rebel Martin
Danielle Reynolds
Connie Urquhart
Judy Wile

Polaris System Administration and PAC Customization training,
Danielle Reynolds

LEAN process improvement for Acquisitions management,
Debbie Chevron
Christopher Knipes
Rebel Martin
Danielle Reynolds
Connie Scott
Denise Warner

Mental Health Initiative Video Series,
Ellen Miles



Plan.Do.Check.Act. model in LEAN Process Improvement

what are you reading?



Debbie Chevron
A Noise Downstairs, Linwood Barclay

Ellen Miles
The Fires of Heaven, Robert Jordan

Karen Nicholson
War Storm, Victoria Aveyard
The Nightingale, Kristin Hannah

Connie Scott
Fracture, Megan Miranda
The Breaker, Minette Walters

Nancy Renner
The Good Mothers, Alex Perry
The Delta Wedding, Eudora Welty

Danielle Reynolds
Vox, Christina Dalcher
Talking as Fast as I Can, Lauren Graham

Connie Urquhart
You Will Know Me, Megan Abbott
Food: What the Heck Should I Eat?, Dr. Mark Hyman

Denise Warner
Scarface and the Untouchable: Al Capone, Eliot Ness, and the Battle for Chicago, Max Allan Collins
Ohio: A Novel, Stephen Markley

July Wile
City of Mirrors, Justin Cronin

Haley Zach
My Hero Academia, Kohei Horikoshi
Howl's Moving Castle, Dianna Wynne Jones

Repair Cafe a Fab Fix


More than 100 people came out to the Library's Repair Cafe last month, each with hopes of taking their broken, torn, dull, or who-knows-what's-wrong-with-it item home in working condition. The 22 volunteers worked cheerily throughout the day, and 100 items were brought back to life by the Repair Cafe's posse of skilled volunteers.

Said one attendee, "Thank you! Repair Cafe is the best. The fixers were so amazing. This program repaired a family heirloom and I am so grateful!"

Total Attendees: 120 **Items brought for repair: 133**
Number of Volunteers: 22 **Items fixed: 100**
Fix rate: 79%

Items by Category

Electronics: 20	Bikes: 3
Small appliance: 25	Sewing: 17
Tool/knife sharpening: 51	Other: 17

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Community members receive free repair help from skilled experts in everything from electronics to sewing to bicycles. For more photos, go to: <http://bit.ly/camaslibraryrepaircafe>



looking ahead

A sampling of Library events in the coming month. For a full listing and descriptions of our programs, visit www.camaslibrary.org.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5
 First Friday Artist Reception
 5-8pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11
 Author Ellie Alexander's Dessert Before Dinner Book Launch
 4pm

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16
 Friends and Foundation meeting
 5:30pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17
 Kids! Create with Artists
 6:30-8pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20
 Saturday Spooktacular

6:30pm: Scary Story Writing Contest
 Winners Read their Stories Aloud

7-9pm: Snacks
 Boo Bingo
 Haunted Library
 Crafts for Kids



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23
 Paper Sugar Skull Craft for Teens
 4pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25
 Mini Pumpkin Decorating - All Ages
 4pm

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13
 Camas Wellness Festival
 10-5pm



A wide range of informational workshops focusing on the physical and emotional wellness of adolescents. Other locations in downtown Camas will focus on informational workshops for other age groups and physical activities for all, such as dance and yoga. For more, see www.camaswellnessfestival.com.



patron appreciation



WE CELEBRATE THE END OF SUMMER
WITH AN OLD-FASHIONED BARBEQUE



Each quarter, we like to take time to show patrons our gratitude for their support. After all, we do have the nicest, friendliest patrons around! What's more, it gives us the chance to chat with people about what's going on in the community. It also provides the element of surprise--you never know what might be happening at the Library on any given day.

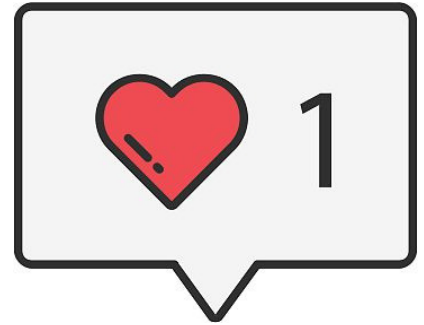
Administrative Support Assistant Christopher Knipes recently had an idea: let's bring summer to a close by grilling up some hot dogs out on the courtyard. So, he got to work reaching out to our friends at the Fire Department, who generously volunteered their time on a Saturday to work the grill.

We didn't advertise. It was simply a "we're glad you're here, have a hot dog" kind of day. By the end of the afternoon, we'd visited with more than 100 people out on the courtyard, and patrons were pleasantly surprised to have lunch at the Library. Stay tuned for the next Patron Appreciation Day - who knows what we may have in store!



social media #shoutouts

MENTIONABLE MENTIONS FROM OUR ONLINE COMMUNITY



peekpeekpeake • Follow
Camas Public Library

peekpeekpeake Doing okay as an 'only child'
😄😄
mali.mish.marlene Love this.



athenalogan • Follow
Camas Public Library

athenalogan Love this art and the beauty of this library.
bethaaayyy19 I know exzactly what library this is! I live up the road, and i literly couldnt agree more i myslef almost snapped a photo
❤️



gordomom1 • Follow
Camas Public Library



gordomom1 It's the people and stories behind the items at #repaircafeclarkcounty that fill my heart. @columbiasprings #repaircafe #whatsyourwhy #liveyourdash



Jaime Lynn ★ recommends Camas Public Library.
September 15 at 5:15 PM · 🌐

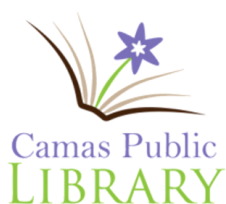
Thank you Camas Public Library and librarians especially for facilitating our use of library computers & printers. Not every household has a computer and yet it's getting harder to conduct everyday business without getting online, in fact it's a requirement for our Camas students, so thank you!

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photos from recent events



Clockwise from top left: Outreach at Parade of Homes; Forever Young Book Club; LEGO Club; Big Kids Library Sleepover.



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