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November 2017



The Library celebrated November with gratitude for each other, from our coworkers to our fellow human beings. We challenged patrons to do something kind for someone else every day in November, and offered a checklist of suggested tasks to help them meet this goal. Items on the list varied from thanking their garbage collector to donating coats and gloves (both shown below). At the end of the month, patrons could return their checklists to be entered into a drawing for movie tickets. A name will be announced December 9th.

We received incredible support from the community for this campaign. There were countless shares, retweets, likes, favorites, and good ol' words of encouragement for what will likely become an annual tradition.

Kindness is contagious!



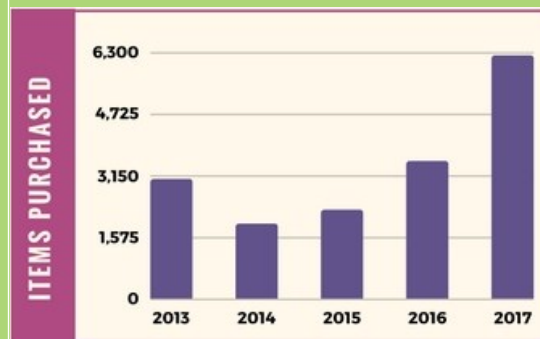
BY THE NUMBERS

2017 Collection

We stop buying items for the collection at the end of each November, so that the Finance Department can reconcile the books before the new year. As a result, we have numbers regarding how many items we purchased for the collection in 2017 now. This excludes items that were gifted to us, or that were purchased to share as part of a consortium, as ebooks and downloadable audiobooks are through the Washington Anytime Library.



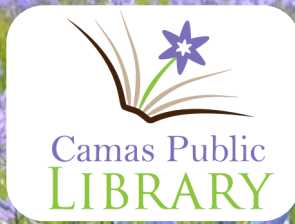
The International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) recommends that libraries both purchase and discard .25 items per capita per year. For our population, that amounts to roughly 5,750. Here is a breakdown of how many items we have purchased per year for the last five years. We will have discard statistics at the end of 2017.



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CONTENT DELIVERY

Though we may be finished purchasing items for 2017, we will continue adding donated materials, and weeding unused or soiled books throughout the month of December. We are also working with the State Library on some exciting developments for our digital offerings, including wait times for ebooks and e-audiobooks. Finally, the debut of our Chromebooks-for-checkout is scheduled for March. They will be available for loan exclusively within the Library.

On November 30th, the Library hosted a decorating party for staff and volunteer groups (Trustees, Friends & Foundation, and Youth Advisory Council). Uta Zuendel led an activity making Swedish ornaments, resulting in the most beautiful tree this Library has ever seen. Thanks to all who participated. It was a delightful evening!



STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Webinars

- *Getting Started with Social Media for Your Library*, Karen Nicholson
- *How to Become a 21st Century Librarian*, Debbie Chevron
- *It's Social Media, Not a Commercial Message*, Christopher Knipes, Karen Nicholson
- *Not Just Bingo: Library Services and Programs for Older Adults*, Judy Wile
- *Social Media Analytics: What to Measure and Why*, Connie Urquhart

In-Person

- *Washington Library Association annual conference 2017*, Ellen Miles

Wonderful Words

Kudos to Library Associate Judy Wile, who recently received a card to thank her for her work on Craft-o-Rama. It read:

"Dear Judy, In the season of giving Thanks - I just wanted to tell you "Thank you" for our Craft-o-Rama program. If it wasn't for you we'd be deprived of such a fun and interesting get together every month. I mostly appreciate your taking the time and thought to initiate it, for a rare chance for adults to express themselves through art. I am enjoying learning new skills in fabrication and design, and practicing old ones with color, brushes and glue. The class has also increased my confidence in working with all the materials, and in being more adventurous with home projects. You have helped my sluggish imagination find new life and new ways to express itself. This opening has brought in a lot of creative problem solving in all parts of my life. I just have gotten so much enjoyment from it, and feel enriched by it, and by you. Thank you Judy." -Elaine Huber

Photos from November's Craft-o-Rama.

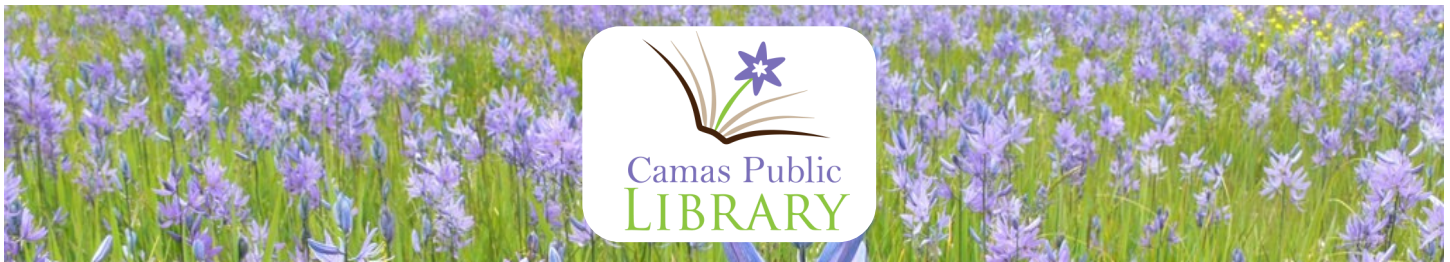


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COMMUNITY RELATIONS

IN THE MEDIA

[Library friends to host used book sale in Camas](#)

The Columbian, November 28

[Camas Library 'gently used' book sale this weekend](#)

Camas-Washougal Post Record, November 30, Kelly Moyer



SOCIAL MEDIA *shout outs*

FACEBOOK

[re: 30 Days of Kindness]

[Nan Henriksen](#) I think this is a great project [re: 30 Days of Kindness]. I have my list and my first check off for today. Who out there is doing this too? November 1

[Kris Henriksen](#) I am starting to check off items today! Thanks for the inspiration Camas Public Library!!!! November 2

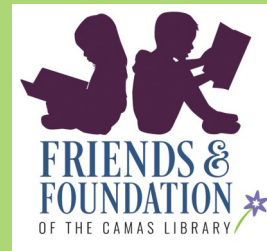
[Gail Burgess](#) I love Camas Library. The staff members are so helpful, and their programs engage, enrich, and build community. 30 Days of Kindness is yet another win for our community. November 4

TWITTER

@North_Bank_Now Annette Jackson's marvelous masks are on display at the @CamasLibrary, with a First Friday reception on Nov 3. November 2

INSTAGRAM

[laurakbray](#) Working on some illustrated quotes for the [#booktoartclub](#) meeting tonight. Quotes are from I'll Give You the Sun by [@jandy.nelson](#) [pictured right]. November 16



FRIENDS & FOUNDATION OF THE CAMAS LIBRARY

November was all about the annual appeal letter, when the Friends & Foundation mailed 945 letters to be received by our supporters to coincide with Giving Tuesday (the Tuesday after Thanksgiving). We are still receiving donations and don't have any totals yet, but we are thrilled to be able to receive online donations this year through our newly revamped website at www.camaslibraryfriends.org. Special thanks to board members Victoria Westphal and James

Callan for their work on the appeal letters and website, respectively.



SECOND STORY GALLERY



Mirror, Mirror by Annette Jackson featured contemporary masks made from beads, cutting boards, and other colorful objects. 124 people attended November's First Friday reception.



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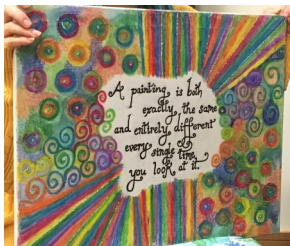




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PROGRAMMING



BOOK TO ART CLUB

This month's Book to Art club featured the novel *I'll Give You the Sun*, by Jandy Nelson. While this book was originally marketed to teens, it has developed quite a following with adults. It has also picked up some prestigious awards, including the Michael L. Printz award for Excellence in Young Adult Literature, and was an honorable mention for the Stonewall Award, that recognizes outstanding merit relating to the LGBTQ experience. The story follows twins, once inseparable and now barely speaking. They each have their side to tell in order to figure out how they got to this point. To the left are just three of the inspired art pieces members of the book club created after reading the book.



CLUB K3

November's Club K3 was all about the weather. Participants learned about thunder clouds by blowing up paper bags, then built rain gauges with help from The Home Depot. They even learned a few weather-related jokes!



LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

A vacancy currently exists on the Library Board of Trustees, to begin January 2018. If you are a Camas resident who feels passionately about the Library and serving the community, you might be a great fit for this position!

All trustees serve voluntarily, without pay, for five-year terms. Time commitment is one two-hour meeting per month, with additional voluntary opportunities for advocacy in the community.

Deadline to apply is December 21, 2017. Applicants must submit [an application](#) form via email to administration@cityofcamas.us.



The Camas Public Library is managed and controlled by the City of Camas, by and with the consent of the Library Board of Trustees (Camas Municipal Code 2.44.010). The five trustees adopt bylaws and all policies, rules and regulations for the Library. The Library Board of Trustees has exclusive control of expenditures from monies appropriated for the Library (Camas Municipal Code 2.44.040).

The Mayor, with the consent of City Council, appoints the Trustees, electors and residents of the city, to five-year terms. No trustee shall be appointed to more than two consecutive five-year terms. Vacancies on the board are advertised publicly when they become available.

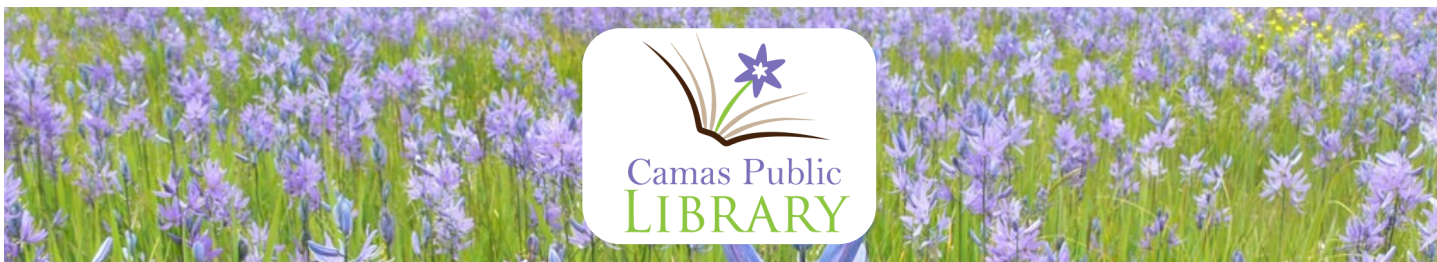


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PHOTOS

FROM RECENT EVENTS



Clockwise from top: One of our young patrons pulling herself up to see into the spy hole; Lego Club x4; Story Explorers participants show off their *Fantastic Mr. Fox* creations; Page Turners at Lacamas Lake Lodge. Can you connect jump rope to *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*?

LOOKING AHEAD

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Celtic Muse Harps, 2-4pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Healthy Aging Series: Cancer and Aging, 10:30am

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Cookie Exchange and Bingo, 6:30pm-8pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Game Night for Adults, 6:30pm-9:30pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Friends & Foundation Board Meeting, 5:30pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

***The Grinch and Other Tales*, as performed by storyteller Christopher Leebrick 2pm**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

Noon Year's Eve Party! Countdown to 2018 11:30am—Noon

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

Library Board of Trustees Meeting, 6:30pm



The Library will be closed Monday, December 25 for Christmas.



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