

# DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CAMAS PUBLIC LIBRARY

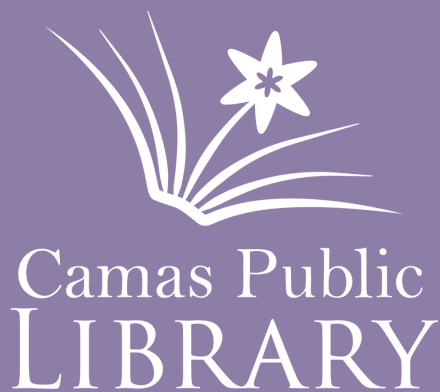


## FEBRUARY NEWS

FEELING THE BOOK LOVE

VIRTUAL REALITY UPDATE

SNOWMEN KITS



A DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF CAMAS

## Winter blues? Nah....

Children's author Claudia Mills made a guest appearance at February's Story Explorers meeting. The group, having just read the book *7 x 9=Trouble!* by Mills, chatted with the author via Skype and were thrilled to ask her questions about the book and her writing process.

**It's great to be a reader in Camas.** We now have seven book clubs for people of all ages, five storytimes, and kids can practice their reading skills by reading aloud to our canine volunteer, Cooper.

In March, we will debut our own Lucky Day collection, which allows patrons immediate access to bestsellers and other popular materials without waiting in line. In fact, these books have no hold queue, and simply get placed back on a special shelf when returned. If it is your proverbial "Lucky Day", then you can grab that item you've been waiting for on the spot.



Olive's shirt reads, I storytime

And finally, we are about to embark on a fundraising effort to renovate our fiercely-loved Storytime Room. Expect to hear more soon, as we seek your help in turning it into a full-fledged Early Learning Center. It will have more seating for adults during storytime, and more self-directed toys and activities while storytime is not in session. We can't wait!

Connie Urquhart

Connie Urquhart, Library Director







# A NEW REALITY

## Virtual exploration activity nabs fascination of multi-generations

Last month we told you we were preparing for our new virtual reality grant from the Washington State Library. In just a few short weeks, we have had patrons of all ages signing up to visit worlds they might have only dreamed about. The sessions are five times a week and you can register for them on our website. We have the use of the headsets until May. If they prove to be popular and we can find enough volunteers to continue helping guide the 'virtual travelers', we may purchase some headsets for the Camas Library's permanent collection. Clark County Today featured a story on our program posted to their website on March 4th, with the headline **Camas Library seeking volunteers for virtual reality program**. Check it out!



*Patrons of all ages give the Oculus Rift and Go a try. You can sign up to experience virtual reality by visiting our online calendar at [camaslibrary.org](http://camaslibrary.org).*



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## what are you reading?

**Debbie Chevron, Library Associate**

*The Suspect*, Fiona Barton  
*Nine Perfect Strangers*,  
 Liane Moriarty

**Laura Felter, Library Trustee**

*The Secret Garden*,  
 Francis Hodgson Burnett  
*The Race to Save the Romanovs*,  
 Helen Rappaport

**Suzanne Gilman, Library Trustee**

*The Rope Walk*, Carrie Brown  
*Dear Mrs. Bird*, AJ Pearce

**Shawn High, Library Trustee**

*Under the Banner of Heaven: a Story  
 of Violent Faith*, Jon Krakauer

**Julie Hill, Library Trustee**

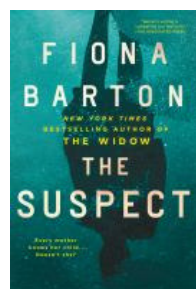
*Calm the F\*ck Down*, Sarah Knight  
*A Fatal Grace*, Louise Penny

**Christopher Knipes,  
Administrative Support Assistant**

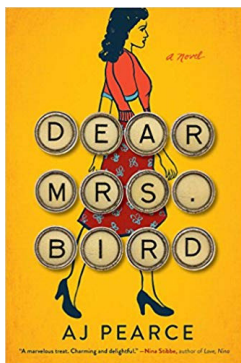
*The Turnbells*, Taylor Caldwell  
*National Geographic History*,  
 January/February 2019

**Rebel Martin, Library Associate**

*Earning the Rockies: How Geography  
 Shapes America's Role in the World*,  
 Robert D. Kaplan



**The Suspect,  
Fiona Barton**



**Dear  
Mrs. Bird,  
AJ Pearce**



**Sweet  
Little Lies,  
Caz Frear**

**Ellen Miles, Programming &  
Outreach Coordinator**

*The Knife of Dreams*, Robert Jordan

**Gina Nasser, Library Page**

*Ready Player One*, Ernest Cline  
*Early Riser*, Jasper Fforde

**Karen Nicholson,  
Library Associate**

*Where the Crawdads Sing*,  
 Delia Owens

**Nancy Renner, Library Page**

*Kovels' Antiques and Collectibles  
 Price Guide 2019*, Terry and Kim  
 Kovel  
*Sweet Little Lies*, Caz Frear

**Danielle Reynolds, Technology &  
Collections Manager**

*The Girl Who Smiled Beads*,  
 Clemantine Wamariya  
*Fire & Blood*, George R.R. Martin

**Connie Scott, Library Associate**

*Frozen Charlotte*, Alex Bell  
*Golden Tresses of the Dead: A Flavia  
 de Luce Novel*, Alan Bradley

**Jennifer Smith, Library Trustee**

*Pachinko*, Min Jim Lee  
*Beautiful Boy*, David Scheff

**Elliot Stapleton, Library Associate**

*Palaces for the People: How Social  
 Infrastructure Can Help Fight  
 Inequality, Polarization, and the  
 Decline of Civic Life*, Eric Klinenberg

**Kaysie Taylor, Library Page**

*My Sister, the Serial Killer*,  
 Oyinkan Braithwaite

**Connie Urquhart, Library Director**

*Vox*, Christina Dalcher  
*Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors, and the  
 Drug Company that Addicted  
 America*, Beth Macy

**Denise Warner, Library Associate**

*Dark Sacred Night*, Michael Connelly

**Judy Wile, Library Associate**

*Long Road to Mercy*, David Baldacci  
*The Other Brooklyn*,  
 Jacqueline Woodson

**Jessie Wimer, Library Trustee**

*The Hate U Give*, Angie Thomas

## staff happenings



Miss Karen,

Thank you for your  
 positive influence in our  
 lives! ♥ Keith, Brooke, Kayla, & Krew



**Jennifer Orr** thanked  
 us on Facebook for  
 hosting our all-ages  
**Crochet Club**. (Feb. 7)

PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT

*Library Giving Day Campaign Kickoff Webinar*,  
 Ellen Miles

*Meet Lynda: An Introduction to Lynda.com*,  
 Karen Nicholson

*Reinventing Yourself*, Christopher Knipes





# TEEN LOCK-IN

All-night fun and old movies



## looking ahead

A sampling of Library events in the coming month. For a full listing and descriptions of our programs, visit [camaslibrary.org](http://camaslibrary.org).

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13  
Stitching in the Stacks (12-up)  
3:30-5pm

WEDNESDAYS, MARCH 20 and 27  
US History Series: What Every American Needs to Know  
12pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20  
Club K3: What Can You Do with a Tube?  
3pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20  
Local Women's History with Mary Rose  
6pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 23  
Cultural Film Series: Whale Rider  
11am

MONDAY, MARCH 25  
Be the Change: Strengthening Democracy through Civil Discussion  
6:30pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 30  
Local Young Adult Author Signing: Tee Griffen  
1pm

-throughout the month-  
AARP TAX HELP  
Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12-4  
Drop-in only

VIRTUAL REALITY SESSIONS  
Afternoons  
By appointment through our online calendar





# social media #shoutouts

## SNOWMAN EDITION

As we headed into the February 9 snowstorm, Library Trustee Shawn High had a fantastic idea: why not give out snowman kits for families to make snowmen together? Thanks to the generosity of our Camas Library Friends and Foundation, we were able to do just that. We began with 25 kits, which included: a hat, pieces of coal for eyes and buttons, and a carrot for the nose. The kits went so quickly, we made a mad dash for the store to buy more supplies. In the end, we gave out 50 kits. Here are some of the photos and reactions from the community.



**Krista Carper Lana**  
February 8 at 3:20 PM ·

Camas Public Library has these cute bags filled with everything (but snow) you'll need to build a snowman!! So cute!! Waiting for the snow, but that should be soon!!! Thank you Camas Public Library!!! ❄️👶



**Samantha Jackle** What a cute idea and a great way to help encourage families to get out and enjoy the snow together. 🤗

Like · Reply · Message · 3w



**Camas Public Library** Thanks.

Like · Reply · 3w



**Ronica Bagent** We definitely appreciated the snowman kit! And BTW the use of brickettes were genius! 🤩🤩 #mycamas #camaslibrary



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**Krista Combs** I didn't know where to submit our photo, but thank you so much for the snowman kit! We loved it!



**Jennifer Orr** How fun is this? 🍷

Love · Reply · Message · 3w



**Carol Silva** What fun! 🍷

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carleyjobag Adorable. 😊  
jmwold75 @katy\_rodriguez this would be fun for your kids!  
banjocats 🤔  
mcdonnellism We made a huge snowman with your kit last night, thank you so much!  
camaspubliclibrary @mcdonnellism We are glad you had fun with it!

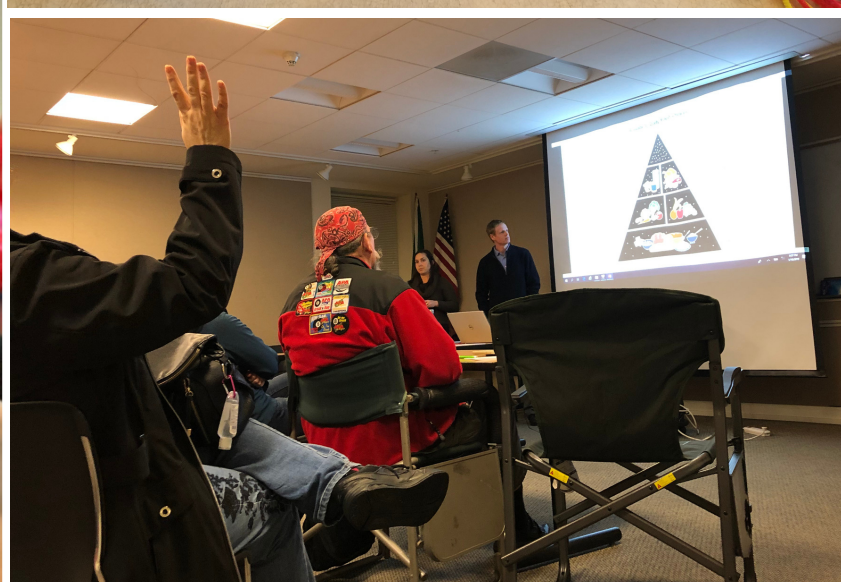


# ★starry ends★

photos from recent events



Photo courtesy of Heather Vo via Instagram



Clockwise from top left: Teen Make Me!, Club K3 "All About Birds", Kick the Sugar Habit, February's Preschool Storytime Craft, Craft-o-Rama, LEAP into Science (Learning about Balance).