

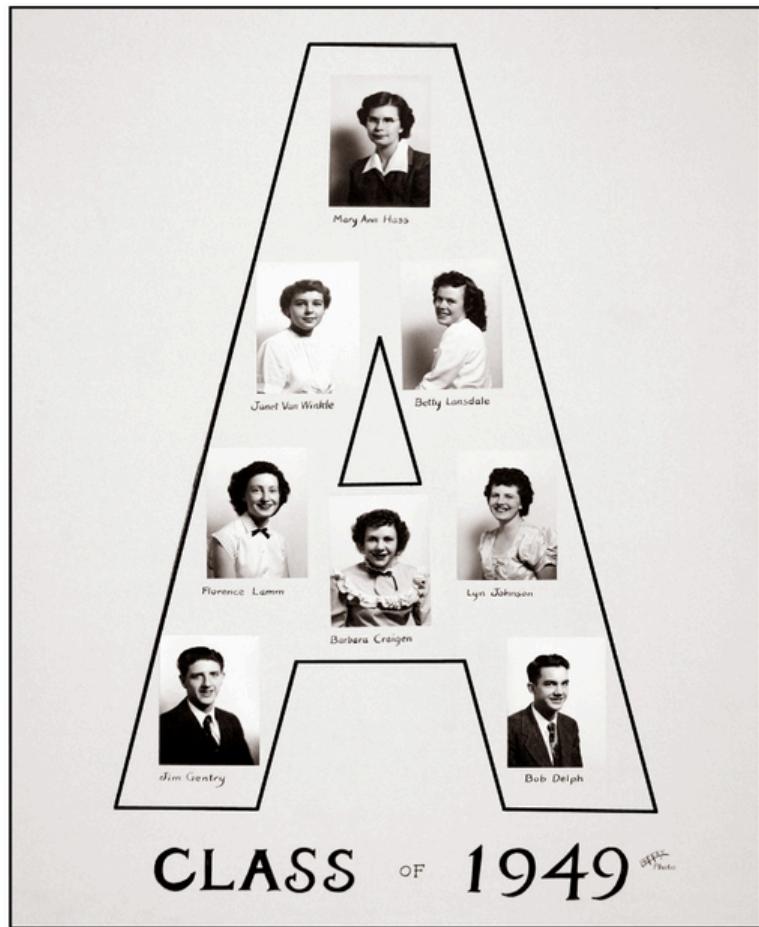
Weston Library Page

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Monica Reads

Monica visits us on the second Friday of every month to give us a special story time. She brings games, and puppets, and extra books to read themed stories. She comes from the Take Off! preschool learning outreach program hosted by our Umatilla County Special Library District. We love to have her come and read with us, and she is always excited to be here!



Weston High School Graduating
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What's Happening?

December Calendar:

- 12/9 A Visit From Santa Claus (Library)**
- 12/12 Monica Reads Storytime 10:30 am (Library)**
- 12/18 Novel Readers 2:30 pm Comfort & Joy by Kristin Hannah (Library)**
- 12/24 & 12/25 Closed in observance of Christmas**
- 12/31 & 1/1 Closed in observance of New Year**
- Every day from 3:30 pm-4:00 pm After School Library Club**
- Wednesdays at 3:30 pm Crafternoons**
- Fridays at 10:30 am Preschool Storytime**

Children's Christmas Books at the Library

- Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Sleigh* by Mo Willems
- A Very Mercy Christmas* by Kate DiCamillo
- Barnyard Christmas* by Joe Rhatigan
- Green is For Christmas* by Drew Daywalt
- The Merry Christmas Mittens* by Sarah Janco

Adult Christmas Books at the Library

- Hiss & Tell* by Rita Mae Brown
- Flight* by Lynn Steger Strong
- The Christmas Spirit* by Debbie Macomber
- Home Sweet Christmas* by Susan Mallery
- Crimes and Cover* by Amanda Flower
- Twisted Tea Christmas* by Laura Childs
- In a Holidaze* by Christina Lauren



Craft

The Library runs a craft program every Wednesday at 3:30 pm. It is a program for everyone of every age. We offer such crafting opportunities as paper roll tube castles, needle felting, multi-layer and multi-media watercolor paintings of Highland cattle in birch woods, hand-sewn hexagons, egg crate doll house wood stoves, pajaki*, air dry clay watercolor palettes, giant paper flowers, jointed book art paperdolls, cinnamon dough, and so on and on and on. We call this craft program “Crafternoons” and have a jolly time making little bits and bobs, mainly from discarded materials. We even post the results online! And at the Book Sale!

Why do we do this programming that only tenuously attaches to reading, the thing libraries are known for? We do it because it is vital to stretch the mind of readers in different ways in order to allow in more information. That's a rather fanciful way to put it, but it is a part of some teaching disciplines to include handwork in the learning day. Using your hands to create while your mind wanders is a valuable way to relax those hardworking neurons. It also helps us to connect to those people who make our clothing, our tableware, even our heating and cooling systems. When we construct a little wood stove out of an egg carton for a doll house, we consider all the ramifications of heating the little house. When we make a Polish house decoration, we think about our Polish neighbors and the sources of their customs. When we make a forest animal using only wool and barbed needles, we become aware not only of the forms and features of the animal, but also the challenges and advantages of working with wool, one of our most ancient and prevalent fibers. See there, our minds have grown.

Learning to make things in a group of people also learning to make those things builds a sense of community. We take a journey together, from beginners to slightly less ignorant beginners. With practice, we can even become amateurs together! Some of us will have a talent for the craft, some of us will have a decided lack of ability. Some of us will get better at the work quickly, some of us will not get better at all. We all try, though, and we all try as a community.

The Library is a place to find books. We will always have books. Most librarians are just as enamored of books and reading as we appear to be in the movies. But Libraries are about more than getting the next novel on your list, they are about compiling the information you need to be in the best place in your life. You can be more than just well-read, you can also be capable, handy, a problem-solver. You can repair lamps and pants and door hinges. You can make sweaters and paintings and boxes. You can create your own calligraphy, build your own bird feeders, bind your own books. The Library is a source of information, including information on how to do all of those things. Sometimes, they even facilitate lessons. Crafting is a good library offering, helping our community to become stronger.

*They are made of wheat straws and tissue paper and yarn. We made them of paper straws from Dollar Tree.