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Summer Reading Program

Summer Reading starts June 2nd! It lasts until August 15th, and features a new weekly Crafternoons Kids' Crafts program every Wednesday at 1pm. Come in and get a reading log to get started right away! We will once again have adults, teens, and kids categories. Every time you turn in a log, you get a little prize and entered into the end-of-summer major prize drawing! Every time you attend a program, or come to Crafternoons you get a little prize and entry for the drawing. We have booked the Dragon Theater for June 12th at 1pm, and the Museum of Natural and Cultural History for July 18th at 1pm.

What's Happening?

June Calendar:

6/2 Summer Reading Starts!

6/10 Library Board 5:30 pm (Library)

6/12 Dragon Theater presents Arcade Universe 1pm (Elliott Park!)

6/19 Novel Readers 2:00 pm Born of Fire and Rain by M. L. Herring (Library)

Thursdays at 1pm Crafternoons Kids' Crafts (Library)

Fridays at 10:00 am Preschool Storytime

New Books at the Library

Science For Seniors: Hands-On Learning Activities by Gloria Hoffner

Black Girl IRL: Life Between the Mess and the Magic by Gail Hamilton Azodo

Space For Birds: Patterns and Parallels of Beauty and Flight by Dr. Roberta Bondar

Wicked Portland : the Wild and Lusty

Underworld of a Frontier Seaport Town by Finn J.D. John

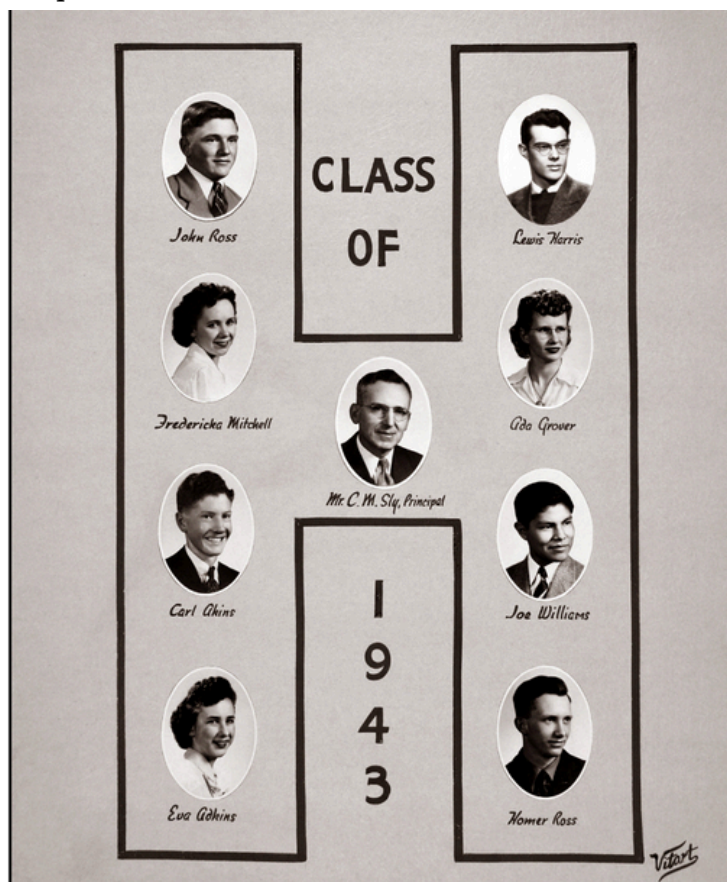
Inaugural Addresses of the Presidents of the United States. Volume 1, George Washington (1789) to William McKinley (1901)

Faces of Combat, PTSD and TBI : One Journalist's Crusade to Improve Treatment

For Our Veterans by Eric Newhouse

Distilled in Washington : a History by Becky Garrison ; foreword by Charles Finkel.

What the Greeks Did For Us by Tony Spawforth.



Weston High School Graduating
Class of 1943
Hold That Tiger





Table Top Games and Jigsaw Puzzles



Well the teens have been back in the Library. Some older High School students came in to use a chess set, but Weston Public Library doesn't own one. They were disappointed, and so were we, to be honest. We *should* have a chess set, it's come up twice in the past six months, so we will get one as soon as we find a set we like (wooden, heavy, and full of gravitas). The Library does have a nice beginning to a table top game collection, and we brought them out. We have The Oregon Trail Board Game, Perudo, Mars 2020, and Abalone. The teens picked Mars 2020, and we all played a round. There was a come-from-behind surprise victory by the Representative of the Class of 2025, and many twists and turns in the game play. We had a question of how to proceed, and made a house rule about it. We had a minor disagreement, and resorted to the rule book.


"That's why there's a rule book," declared the Representative of the Class of 2027.

"You're a rules lawyer," rejoined The Library.

This was such a fun game, we made '27's mom wait to pick him up while we finished the round. It took about half an hour to play, from initial set-up to the landing on Mars. It was, in fact, so fun that we are considering buying three more games: Catan, Carcassone, and Love Letters. To be quite fair, Catan and Carassone are very similar, but they are entertaining and easily learned. Love Letters is a quick card game. Add these to Perudo, a dice game, Abalone, a marble strategy game, and two classic board games, and we will have a nice round collection for check out.*

Also available for borrowing, some nice jigsaw puzzles! Most of them are handsome 1000 piece art puzzles. Do you have someone at home who enjoys a puzzle? They are able to borrow Library puzzles. We aren't set up very well to do puzzles in the Library, since we need our table a bit more often than a puzzle allows, and there really isn't floor space for a separate puzzle table. Many libraries do offer puzzles to do onsite as passive programming, and they could be a part of a game night. Such games nights consist of choices of table top board games, puzzles, trivia games, and even more standard games like Bridge, and chess. There are theme snacks and beverages, music plays. Sometimes, short role-playing games like Trapped in a Cabin With Lord Byron, Library Cats, or Horrible Geese are offered. They are so short and simple, that the whole game can be played in a single evening. They are called "One Shot" games, and they are a lovely way to engage in group storytelling.

These are materials you might not expect in a library, but they are not only becoming more common, they are helping our communities become stronger. We all bond over games and puzzles.**



*The Library has donated Poetry For Neanderthals, a silly card game about guessing words that also involves an inflatable club. It's funny, if a bit vulgar. Like Neanderthals and poets alike.

**Not The Library, though. The Library is a sore loser and a terrible winner.

