

LIBRARY BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

We've been on a mission to serve you better by improving parts of the building that have fallen into disrepair or that were identified by the community as areas that need updating.

WHAT'S AHEAD

- Renovated Children's Library
- Renovated Courtyard
- Assorted upgrades, including lighting, paint, furniture, and carpet in select areas
- Improvements to building exterior, including accessibility and safety upgrades

It is not too late to be part of this page in Library history. Donations of any size are enthusiastically welcomed. Please visit CamasPL.org/donate



We ♥ our Volunteers

More information at volunteer.cityofcamas.us

Register for a library card at camaslibrary.org



CAMAS PUBLIC LIBRARY

EVENT GUIDE & NEWS



APRIL
2025

Photo from Pencils & Pints program at A Beer at a Time (January 2025)

M - W | 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
TH - SAT | 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
SUN | CLOSED

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ALL AGES

ROOTS OF A MOVEMENT: DENIS HAYES, CAMAS, AND EARTH DAY – SECOND STORY GALLERY EXHIBIT

Friday, April 4 – Monday, April 28
This special exhibit in the Second Story Gallery, presented in collaboration with the *Camas Earth Day Society*, will explore the origins of Earth Day and the pivotal role played by Camas native Denis Hayes in launching the environmental movement that continues to shape the world today.

FIRST FRIDAY RECEPTION
Friday, April 4 | 5–8 p.m.



AN EVENING WITH DENIS HAYES

Wednesday, April 9 | 6 p.m.
Join us for a special live-streamed interview with Denis Hayes, the Camas native and visionary leader behind the first Earth Day. This conversation, conducted over Zoom and presented as a live in-person event at the Library, will explore the origins of Earth Day, its global impact, and the vital role of local environmental efforts in Camas, WA.

BOARD GAME CLUB

Saturday, April 12 | 2 p.m.
Come for an afternoon of fun and board games! Play games from the Library's collection, or bring your own to share.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Friday, April 18 | 5 p.m.
Join us for Bingo at the Library! Winners receive their choice of Reading Dragons cards.

CHESS CLUB

Saturday, April 19 | 2 p.m.
Come enjoy yourself and hone your skills. If you own a chess set, please bring it.

POETRY STREET PNW: A POETRY OPEN MIC WHERE EVERY VOICE IS HEARD

Wednesday, March 23 | 6:15 p.m.
Read aloud your original or favorite work, and listen to monthly featured poets.

ALL AGES BOOK SWAP

Thursday, April 24 | 3 p.m.

Trade your used books for others! Take home as many items as you bring.



CHILDREN

LITTLE DRAGONS

Last day is Wednesday April 30, 2025
Little Dragons is a reading program for infants and preschoolers. When you've completed the tracker, you get a book!

READING DRAGONS

Last Day is Saturday, May 10, 2025
Reading Dragons is a program for school-aged kids where they can earn dragon trading cards just by reading.

2025 BOOKMARK CONTEST

Tuesday, April 1 – Wednesday, April 30
Calling all creative kids & teens! Celebrate books, reading, and art by participating in our Bookmark Contest! Our theme this year is *Explore the Library's Treasures*.



PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Tuesdays & Fridays | 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Songs, stories, music, movement, and more! For children ages 3–5.

TODDLER STORYTIME

Wednesdays | 9:30, 10:30, & 11:30 a.m.
Songs, stories, music, movement, and more! For children 18 months to 3 years.

BABY STORYTIME

Thursdays | 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Songs, stories, music, movement, and more! For infants to 18 months.

MELODY MAKERS

Thursday, April 3 | 3:30 p.m.
Perfect Harmony Academy of Music will lead this writing workshop for kids 8–12 years old.

FAMILY STORYTIME

Saturday, April 5 | 10:30 a.m.
Family Storytime is a special, once a month program that has all of the things you love about storytimes and more!

FLOWER SUNCATCHERS

Tuesday, April 15 | 3:30 p.m.

Celebrate spring and sunshine by making flower-shaped suncatchers with tissue paper and contact paper!



MAKING WAVES

Wednesday, April 16 | 2:30 p.m.
Waves are all around us and take many different forms, from ripples in water to sound waves, light waves, and radio waves. Using everyday items, we make a wave machine to let us see waves in action!



KIDS' KITCHEN

Wednesday, April 16 | 5:30 p.m.
Kids' Kitchen is a virtual cooking club just for kids! For April's recipe, we will be making pancakes from scratch for dinner. This recipe uses the stovetop.

LEGO CLUB

Thursday, March 20 | 4 p.m.
Join us for free play with the Library's LEGO collection!

TALES WITH TAILS

Monday, April 21 | 4 p.m.
Improve your reading skills by reading to a therapy dog! These 15-minute sessions will give you the opportunity to boost your confidence and practice your skills.

PRESCHOOL MAGIC FLASHLIGHT

Monday, April 28 | 10:30 a.m.
Let's create a 2D paper flashlight out of construction paper and sheet protectors!



PRESCHOOL POST OFFICE

Wednesday, April 30 | 4 p.m.
Step into the world of letters and packages in this interactive dramatic play experience! Kids will explore fun, hands-on stations as they sort, stamp, and deliver pretend mail—building early literacy and social skills along the way.



TEENS

TEEN READING CHALLENGE

January–December 2025
Calling all teen power readers! Track the books you're reading, and once you've read 50 books, come to the Library to get your picture taken and get your prize!

RAINBOW READS

Tuesday, April 1 | 4:30 p.m.

Rainbow Reads is a book club for LGBTQIA+ teens and their allies. For April, we'll be reading *Rainbow! Vol. 1* by Sunny & Gloomy.

DEAR READER

Wednesday, April 2 | 5 p.m.

Do you find yourself always lost in a story of your own making? Dear Reader is a welcoming, non-judgmental and open space to work on your creative writing!

TEEN LIBRARY COUNCIL

Tuesday, April 8 | 4:30 p.m.

Our Teen Library Council provides teens with the opportunity to make a positive difference in our community and have input in the way the Library serves teens.

TEEN BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, April 9 | 2:30 p.m.

Teen Book Club is a book discussion group for grades 7–12. For April, we'll be reading *Fable* by Adrienne Young.

PUZZLE PALOOZA

Saturday, April 19 | 10 a.m.

Gather your team of 2–4 people and race against the clock and other teams to complete the same 500-piece puzzle in just two hours. The fastest team will win a prize and bragging rights! For teens and adults only.



TEEN DIY: PAINTED POEMS

Saturday, April 19 | 3 p.m.

It's National Poetry Month! Transform existing poems into visual masterpieces by using a variety of art mediums to create artwork directly on the printed page.



TEEN FINANCIAL REALITY FAIR

Friday, April 25 | 4:30 p.m.

As a teenager, the thought of dealing with rent, taxes, utility bills, and car payments may seem like a distant future. iQ's Financial Reality Fair will place teens right in the heart of real-life financial situations, encouraging them to reflect on money management, budgeting, and other important financial responsibilities.



ADULTS

100 BOOK CHALLENGE

January–December 2025

The 100 Book Challenge is back for 2025! Track the books you're reading, and once you've read 100 books, come to the Library to get your picture taken and get your prize!

FREE TAX HELP

Mondays | 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Fridays | 1–5 p.m. (no service: February 4)
The AARP Tax-Aide program provides free income tax assistance to ALL eligible taxpayers, regardless of age or income level.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Tuesday, April 1 | 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15 | 12:30 p.m.

Enhance your language skills in a supportive and engaging environment! The group welcomes anyone looking to improve their English fluency.

VIRTUAL MINDFULNESS

Wednesdays | 10 a.m.

An invitation to practice mindfulness together. Please email Kirsten Muskat to receive your Zoom link:
kirstenmuskat@mac.com

LIBRARY ADVOCACY: HOW TO MAKE AN IMPACT

Thursday, April 3 | 6:30 p.m.

Join us for our series designed to equip library advocates with the skills and tools to make a meaningful impact. This session will focus on *Developing Your Goal*.



CLOSE KNIT

Mondays | 4:30 p.m.

Meet new crafty friends for knitting, crocheting, and other fiber arts.

PARENT & CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Monday, April 7 | 6 p.m.

A drop-in group for parents and caregivers of children offering a safe space for conversation on all things parenting. This is all-inclusive and all are welcome!

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Tuesday, April 15, 22, and 29 | 5:30 p.m.

Join our Spanish Conversation Group and enhance your language skills in a supportive and engaging environment. This group is geared to beginner Spanish speakers.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Thursday, April 17 | 6:30 p.m.

The Library Board of Trustees meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

PUZZLE PALOOZA

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Gather your team of 2–4 people and race against the clock and other teams to complete the same 500-piece puzzle in just two hours. The fastest team will win a prize and bragging rights! For teens and adults only.



A GREAT BIG BEAUTIFUL NIGHT: AN EMILY HENRY CELEBRATION

Tuesday, April 22 | 6 p.m.

Celebrate the release of Emily Henry's new book with us! Enjoy themed activities, plus enter for a chance to snag first dibs on our Lucky Day copy of *Great Big Beautiful Life*!



PENCILS & PINTS

Tuesday, April 22 | 6 p.m.

Come to A Beer at a Time and draw with others! Draw/doodle/scrabble whatever you would like while enjoying a beverage. Beer at a Time is located at 216 NE 3rd Ave. in downtown Camas.



SILENT BOOK CLUB

Thursday, April 24 | 5:30 p.m.

It's a book club without the assigned reading! Join your fellow book lovers for an hour of silent reading and then optional socializing afterwards.

FFCL QUARTERLY MEETING

Thursday, April 24 | 6 p.m.

The quarterly meeting of the Friends and Foundation of the Camas Library (FFCL).

LIBRARY SERVICES



Library Account:
CamasPL.org/libraryaccount



Library Catalog:
CamasPL.org/catalog



Mobile & Remote Printing:
Camaspl.org/princh



Online Resources & Databases:
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Study Room Reservation:
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