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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



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CAMAS PUBLIC LIBRARY

EVENT GUIDE & NEWS



MAY 2026

Preschool Grocery Store (March 2026)

ALL AGES

READING DRAGONS COLORING CONTEST

Friday, May 1 – Saturday, May 16

Bring a Reading Dragons character to life by designing your own! Get a coloring sheet at the Library or print one at home. Winners will see their design turned into a trading card in Fall 2026.

STORIED – SECOND STORY GALLERY EXHIBITION

Friday, May 1 – Saturday, May 30

Storied is a group art show inspired by literature and storytelling. Featuring the works of local artists, the exhibition is influenced by books, folktales, language, myths, and poems. We invite viewers to explore their diverse interpretations through a range of artistic mediums.

RECEPTION: Friday, May 1 | 5–8 p.m.

ARTIST TALK: Wednesday, May 13 | 6 p.m.

FFCL BOOK SALE

Thursday, May 7 | 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Friday, May 8 | 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 9 | 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, May 10 | 12–4 p.m. (\$5 Bag Sale)

Thousands of gently used books at bargain prices!

SPANISH STORYTIME

Saturday, May 9 | 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 23 | 10:30 a.m.

A bilingual Storytime! Children and their families are invited to celebrate stories, songs, and fun in both Spanish and English.

¡Una hora de cuentos bilingüe!

Los niños y sus familias están invitados a celebrar historias, canciones y diversión tanto en español como en inglés.

GET NATURE SMART!

Monday, May 11 | 3 p.m.

Get ready for warmer weather with our Nature-Smart collection. Visit the Courtyard to try items that inspire outdoor play and enjoying nature.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Friday, May 15 | 5 p.m.

Join us for Bingo at the Library! Winners receive their choice of a Reading Dragons prize.

CHESS CLUB

Saturday, May 16 | 2 p.m.

Everyone is welcome at Chess Club! Come enjoy yourself and hone your skills. If you own a chess set, please bring it.

TINY ART KIT PICK-UP*

Tuesday, May 26 – June 13

Register to receive a mini art kit and create your masterpiece. When completed, return it to the Library to be part of the art show!

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

Wednesday, May 27 | 6:15 p.m.

Read aloud your original or favorite work, and listen to monthly featured poets.

ONE BOOK, ONE COAST AUTHOR TALK WITH GEORGE TAKEI (VIRTUAL)*

Sunday, May 31 | 2 p.m.

Watch a special virtual conversation featuring George Takei for our *One Book, One Coast program*. The conversation will explore Takei's bestselling graphic memoir *They Called Us Enemy*, which recounts his childhood experience in U.S. Japanese American incarceration camps during World War II and the lasting impact it had on his life and activism.

KIDS

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.

FAMILY STORYTIME

Saturday, May 2 | 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! There will be a 30-minute storytime followed by a craft.

RUNAWAY CHICKEN CRAFT

Monday, May 4 | 4:30 p.m.

Create and decorate your very own racing chicken!

NATURE JOURNALING

Thursday, May 7 | 4 p.m.

Nature journaling is a creative and mindful way to connect with the outdoors. Join us for an afternoon of walking through our Courtyard and getting started with our very own nature journals.

KIDS ART CLUB*

Wednesday, May 13 | 4 p.m.

Kids Art Club is a monthly event where we learn about an artist and create a new project each month! This month's featured artist is Marisol Escobar.

TALES WITH TAILS*

Monday, May 18 | 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 to the best listener around.

TUMMY TIME

Wednesday, May 20 | 3:30 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of play and socializing for babies and their caregivers.

LEGO CLUB

Thursday, May 21 | 4 p.m.

Join us for free play with the Library's LEGO collection!

PRESCHOOL DANCING CATERPILLARS

Friday, May 22 | 3 p.m.

Let's make a dancing caterpillar with paper and straws!

PRESCHOOL FLOWER SHOP

Thursday, May 28 | 3 p.m.

Step into our pretend flower shop! Preschoolers can sort colorful flowers, take customer orders, and arrange beautiful bouquets in this hands-on dramatic play experience. Perfect for building social skills, creativity, and early math concepts.

**Requires Registration*

POP-UP MINI GOLF

Saturday, May 30 | 3 p.m.

Putt your way through a mini golf course designed and built by our Teen Library Council.

TEENS

TEEN READING CHALLENGE

January–December 2026

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 claim your prize!

RAINBOW READS*

Tuesday, May 5 | 4:30 p.m.

Rainbow Reads is a book club for LGBTQIA+ teens and their allies. For May we will be reading *The (Un)Popular Vote* by Jasper Sanchez.

TEEN SONGWRITING WORKSHOP*

Wednesday, May 6 | 5 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13 | 5 p.m.

This songwriting workshop will give you the tools to bring your song ideas to life and learn more about the songwriting craft.

TEEN BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, May 13 | 2:30 p.m.

Teen Book Club is a book discussion group for grades 7–12. For May we will be reading *The Naturals* by Jennifer Lynn Barnes.

ONE BOOK, ONE COAST TEEN BOOK CLUB*

Tuesday, May 19 | 4:30 p.m.

Join libraries from California to Washington in a shared reading experience and be part of a coast-wide conversation—one book, one community, one coast. We will be reading *They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei.

NATURE WALK BOUQUET*

Wednesday, May 20 | 4:30 p.m.

Take a walk with us around the Library and collect flowers to fill up a cardboard vase!

INTERVIEW SKILLS FOR TEENS*

Friday, May 22 | 4:30 p.m.

Stand out when it's time to apply for summer jobs! Teens will learn how to answer common interview questions, make a great first impression, and build the confidence they need to walk into an interview ready to succeed.

Events are subject to change.

ADULTS

100 BOOK CHALLENGE

January–December 2026

The *100 Book Challenge* is back for 2026! Track the books you're reading, and once you've read 100 books, come to the Library to get your picture taken and claim your prize!

CLOSE KNIT

Mondays | 4:30 p.m.

Join our community of yarn lovers at *Close Knit*, the Library's welcoming fiber arts club.

MOVING A LOVED ONE INTO MEMORY CARE*

Monday, May 4 | 6:30 p.m.

Considering memory care for someone you love can feel overwhelming. This session offers practical guidance to help you feel supported, informed, and confident as you navigate this important decision.

ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Tuesday, May 5 | 12:30 p.m.

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

SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Tuesdays | 5:30 p.m.

Enhance your language skills in this supportive and engaging environment. This group is geared to beginner Spanish speakers.

VIRTUAL MINDFULNESS*

Wednesdays | 10 a.m.

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

PENGUIN TALKS: TWO TOWNS, ONE HISTORY: THE LEGACY OF THE CAMAS-WASHOUGAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY*

Monday, May 18 | 12 p.m.

Discover how one small story led to the creation of the Camas-Washougal Historical Society and reflects the rich history of our towns and Library. It's a fascinating journey full of twists you won't want to miss!

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Thursday, May 21 | 6:30 p.m.

The Library Board of Trustees meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m., with the exception of July and December. Meetings are open to the public.

AROMATHERAPY JARS*

Saturday, May 23 | 1:30 p.m.

Create your own aromatherapy jar with calming scents to reduce stress and promote relaxation.

BAD ART NIGHT*

Saturday, May 23 | 5:30 p.m.

Are you an artist? No? Well, great! For *Bad Art Night*, you don't need to be! All you need to do is create a terrible piece of art. Here at *Bad Art Night*, let go of the pressure of making something perfect; instead, let your creativity run wild and have fun!

ONE BOOK, ONE COAST ADULT BOOK CLUB*

Tuesday, May 26 | 1:30 p.m.

Join libraries from California to Washington in a shared reading experience and be part of a coast-wide conversation—one book, one community, one coast. We will be reading *They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei.

GREAT DECISIONS*

Wednesday, May 27 | 1:30 p.m.

Great Decisions is a discussion group for adults interested in exploring today's most pressing global issues.

SILENT BOOK CLUB

Thursday, May 28 | 5:30 p.m.

Silent Book Club at the Library is a relaxed, welcoming gathering for people who enjoy reading together—quietly.

PUBLISHING PREJUDICE: A TALK WITH VICKI NAKASHIMA*

Friday, May 29 | 2 p.m.

Vicki Nakashima is a featured voice in *Publishing Prejudice: The Oregonian's Racist Legacy*, an investigative project examining the historical role of media in shaping racial injustice. In her talk, Nakashima reflects on her family's experience during World War II.

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