



## FOLL 2020 Membership Update

2020 has been a year like no other. It may feel as though we have missed out on so many activities like our Annual Used Book Sale, the booth at the Farmers Market, and our new Friends Bookstore in the brand new library! But the Friends of the Ledding Library have stayed busy supporting the library and its patrons. We are happy to celebrate our activities in 2020 and we look forward to seeing our members in person very soon.

### Plant Sale

A bright spot in our fundraising endeavors were the "Pop-up" Plant Sales. Although the Annual Plant Sale, as



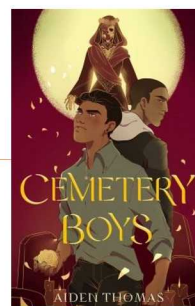
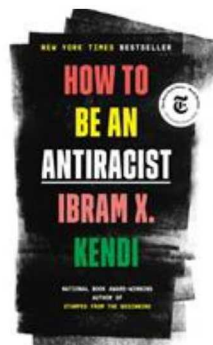
planned at Milwaukie Floral, had to be canceled, our Friends who toil year round to grow and care for the plants came up with a great alternative: self-serve driveway sales of the plants they had been growing from home! They left plants out on their driveways and allowed passersby to shop and leave money in a jar. We ended up making over \$2,100!



Thanks to Tina Beuttel, Leena Mitchel, Janet Putnam, and Kim Olson for their hard work.

"We're so grateful for the programming money provided by our Friends of the Ledding Library. Despite the pandemic, we had a successful, distanced Adult Summer Reading Program with prizes paid for by our Friends. In this year of #BLM and our City's commitment to educating itself about the legacy of slavery and racism in America, we've been especially grateful for the money for adult materials reflecting BIPOC communities. We're especially focused on books by authors of color and/or in the sexual/gender minority. It is vitally important that library users see themselves in our collection. The money we receive from our Friends subsidizes the budget provided by the City, and addresses the rising costs of materials. We thank you!"


Laura Francillon, Adult Reference Librarian



# Children's Programs

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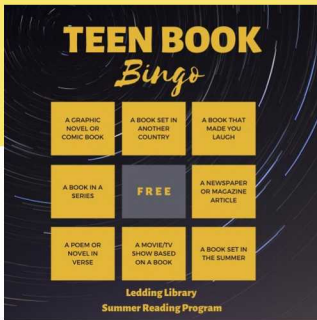
Summer Reading



Check out your local LINCC library's Summer Reading program! All ages are welcome to participate online at any of the Libraries in Clackamas County. Earn prizes for reading or listening to books even while staying at home. Visit [www.lincc.org](http://www.lincc.org) to find your library, and sign up today!

## Summer Reading

FOLL paid for 2,298 giveaway books for summer reading participants. Typically, the library gives one free book to every child and teen who signs up for summer reading, whether at the library or off site. This summer, the library gave free books (purchased by FOLL) to the kids/teens who came to the free sack lunch and grab & go craft bags in the park next to the library on Thursdays, as well as the kids/teens who completed their reading logs and turned them in for prizes. The library also gave books to kids at the 6 Milwaukie free summer lunch sites and in the N. Clackamas Schools summer CARE program, with additional support from the Ready to Read Grant.



FOLL also paid for gift certificates for the teen summer reading program. This year that was limited to the teens who entered monthly online challenges. 4 different teens each won \$25 gift cards from the Friends for submitting entries.

## Craft Bags Supplies

The children's library found the Grab & Go Craft Bags to be the most successful form of programming in COVID times and are now making 160 craft bags per week. Last summer, the library gave away 100 bags per week at the weekly free sack lunch/free book in the park events. This fall, they have been making 80 story time bags for younger kids on Tuesdays, and 80 bags for school-age kids on Saturdays. They made 150 for Halloween and again in December for a winter solstice snowman card. The supplies needed to make these bags are adding up, so the children's library needs the Friends' support to continue at the current level.

*Just in case there was any doubt over there inside the library, your craft bags were very popular with many kids and many parents! Thank you and we are looking forward to your great ideas in January 2021!*

Stephanie, Library Patron



## Kids Book Bundles

During the 2-1/2 weeks that the lobby was open and patrons could grab books in the Community Room, the children's library created **267** bundles of children's books for check out. (In normal times, they make approximately 100 bundles per month.)

# More Children's Programs!

FOLL paid for many other youth-related programs in 2020. Before the library closed for COVID, the Friends paid for:

- a monthly LEGO club
- a baby sing & sign program
- a preschool stretch-dance-play program
- 2 Spanish story times



After the COVID shutdown, the Friends funds paid for:

- an online My Gym Happy Valley class for kids at home
- 4 LEGO Club videos that kids could view for 2 weeks each month
- Summer Performances

Two of our summer performers offered video versions of their shows, paid for by the Friends. In July, Presto the Magician offered his magic tips & tricks video on the library's website & Facebook page for 1 week.

In August, comedian and juggler "The Zaniac" shared his performance with the library for 2 weeks.



The Zaniac

*"We are so grateful to the Friends for their year-round support of children's programs! Your generous contributions make it possible for us to provide free books and fantastic programs to families all year, even in COVID times. Thank you!"*

Jana Hoffman, Children's Librarian



The Friends are proud to support Ledding Library's subscription to Book Page. Use this free monthly publication to learn about new releases and find your next great read! Pick up a copy during business hours from the book cart at the main entrance.

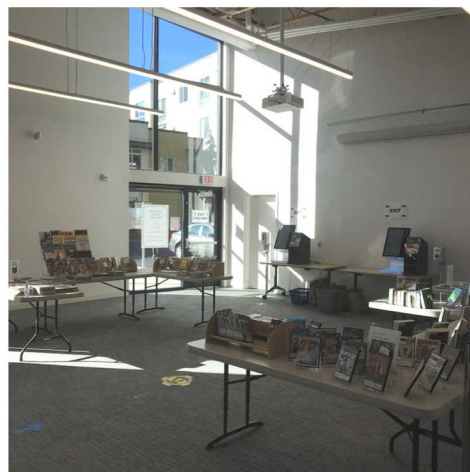
# Libraries During Quarantine

COVID-19 safety measures brought about a massive amount of change and readjustment for the library. The incredible staff adapted quickly and were able to serve patrons through limited openings and no-contact times. The incredible circulation numbers can prove it. As of November, 1.2 million items have circulated through the Clackamas County Library System!

## 2020 Circulation

Clackamas County, compared to 2019

January	102%
February	101%
March	50%
April	4%
May	8%
June	42%
July	67%
August	81%
September	78%
October	93%
November	90%



## Curbside pickups available!

Ledding Library is offering no-contact curbside holds pickups Monday-Saturday between 10am-5:30pm. No appointment is necessary. Simply call **503-786-7580** when you arrive to pick up your available holds. Face masks are required.

You may request books in advance any of the following ways:

- Place holds with a library card at [www.lincc.org](http://www.lincc.org)
- Call the library for help: **503-786-7580**

When limited openings are allowed, the library has much to offer. Select books from the collection are available to browse, along with kids bundles and Lucky Day items, all available as patrons wind their way through the Community Room for self-checkout. Grab a few extra things before you check out!

## Need books? We're ready to help!

Ready for something new to read? Looking for a stack of books to share with your kids? We are happy to pull books for you or help you place hold!

Give us a call at **503-786-7580**, Monday-Saturday, 10am-5:30pm.

New hold requests can also be made through:

- your LINCC account at [www.lincc.org](http://www.lincc.org)
- the Book Help form on our website at <https://www.milwaukieoregon.gov/library/book-help>
- or by emailing us at [ledding@milwaukieoregon.gov](mailto:ledding@milwaukieoregon.gov) or [leddingkids@milwaukieoregon.gov](mailto:leddingkids@milwaukieoregon.gov)

**We've received 173 Book help requests since July 15. That's an average of 34 per month!**

Thank you to Kim Olson, Jana Hoffman, Laura Francillon, Katie Newell, Gina Rodriguez, and Sarah House for their help compiling the information for this newsletter.

Dear Friends:

Before I say anything else, I want to acknowledge the Friends of Ledding Library for being the most supportive volunteer group I have ever had the privilege of working with. They are people that have come together for one purpose – to support our library.

And they do this in so many ways. They volunteer at the library. They do a Plant Sale every May. They hold a Book Sale every June. They work at the Sunday Market from the beginning of May through the end of October. They pick up donations of materials from all over the area, then sort, price, sell. They set up a Bookstore in the library that is welcoming with affordable purchases for everyone including books, socks from Milwaukie's Sock It To Me, and library swag of t-shirts, canvas bags, mugs, sweatshirts, all promoting the Ledding Library.

The Friends sponsor the Saturday concerts in the library. They sponsor the Cultural Forum, diverse programs from Oregon Humanities, and Movie Nights. They sponsor the Summer Reading programs, including books for kids and teens and prizes for all ages. They sponsor *Book Page*, the monthly book review publication made available to our patrons. They sponsor our Lucky Day collection, Library of Things collection, and games collection.

They do this all for the good of the community by giving back all funds raised to the library. What better way to support one's community than by giving back to it? This is what our Friends' group does. So when looking for a way to become part of the community, look no further: become a Friend of the Ledding Library.

With respect to all our Friends – Katie Newell, Library Director

Friends,

The Friends of the Ledding Library supports the library in so many ways. This year has profoundly impacted our fundraising activities. Having had no Annual Book Sale, no Farmers Market booth, and closing the new book store on March 14th, our funds to support the wide array of library programs is significantly less than in years past. We ask you to please consider making a donation to the Friends of the Ledding Library when you renew your membership this year. Your support mean so much. Thank you.

Complete and return the form below or renew your membership online at

<https://www.leddingfriends.org/become-a-friend>

Thank you for being a Friend!



### MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*I am interested in more information about volunteering to help with:*

- Annual Plant Sale
- Annual Used Book Sale
- Sunday Market Book Booth
- Graphic Design
- Book Pricing & Shelving
- Friends Bookstore

Visit our website for other possibilities:  
[www.leddingfriends.org](http://www.leddingfriends.org)

**Membership:**  New  Renewal

Annual \$10.00 (Individual or Family)

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