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Library News and Events

June 2011

One World, Many Stories

Branch Locations

Blaine	332-8146
Bookmobile	384-3150
Deming	592-2422
Everson	966-5100
Ferndale	384-3647
Island	758-7145
Lynden	354-4883
North Fork	599-2020
Pt. Roberts	945-6545
Sumas	988-2501
wcls.org	

Summer Reading
Begins June 13
In All Branches!

Kids!
One World,
Many Stories

Teens!
You Are
Here!

Adults!
NOVEL
Destinations

Trustee Meeting

The WCLS Board of Trustees will meet at 9 a.m., Monday, June 21 at Lummi Island Library, 2144 S. Nugent Rd., Lummi Island, 758-7145.

Strengthening Community Connections—An Update

By Joan Airoidi, Library Director

>A new immigrant recently moved to one of the WCLS branch communities. She had never been to her local library until she heard about "Talk Time." She now has a library card and visits regularly.

>A regular participant in another branch community's "Talk Time" became more confident in her English and as a result, has successfully transitioned to a computer class sponsored by Bellingham Technical College.

>In several branches, job search success stories have been reported. A number of patrons stop to thank staff for support in using library resources to fill out resumes and apply for jobs online.

Washington State Library's "Renew Washington" Library Services and Technology Act project was designed to address the needs of persons searching for employment related information, resources and services. During the second year of this work, WCLS continues to offer "Talk Time" which focuses on practice in English as a second language in collaboration with Whatcom Literacy Council. During the past several months there have been classes in basic computer skills in Spanish and English and family literacy nights.

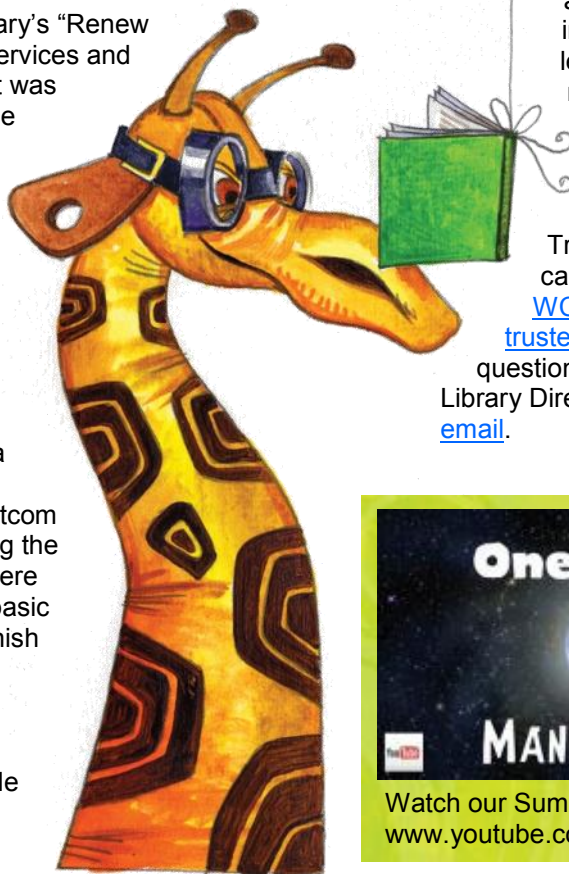
Check out the WCLS [website](http://www.wcls.org) for the schedule of upcoming events. Links to employment

related resources are available on the website's [Job Shop and LifeSkills](#) page.

Strengthening community connections engages residents and builds on local resources so that all can benefit—all ages, all abilities, all income levels-- all served equally through your local public library; the best place to begin.

Vacancy on the Library Board

WCLS communities value their libraries, as documented in story and statistics. A five-member Board of Trustees, appointed by the Whatcom County Council, sets policy, oversees the budget, and is involved in strategic planning and library advocacy. If you are interested in serving and leading the library as a member of the board in these challenging and exceptionally rewarding times, consider becoming a Trustee. More information can be found at WCLS.org/library-board-of-trustees. If you have questions, contact Joan Airoidi, Library Director at 384-3150 or by [email](#).



One World



MANY STORIES

Watch our Summer Reading video at www.youtube.com/user/wclslibraries.



More information about these events and other WCLS services available at wcls.org.

Events at Your Public Library

Blaine and Point Roberts

332-8146 • 610 3rd Street, Blaine, WA 98230

June 2011

Blaine

332-8146
610 3rd Street
Blaine, WA 98230

BOOK DISCUSSION

Grab some reading time and join our Wednesday Morning Book Discussion. Meets monthly. *Newcomers welcome.*

JUNE 8, 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Seeking new members!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 6:30 P.M.

CAMP HOSTING

at Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park

Ted and Elisabeth Angell talk about their experiences as volunteer camp hosts at the Florida homestead of this Pulitzer winning author of *The Yearling*. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Blaine Library.*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 7 P.M.

Kids & Family!

SUMMER PLAY-DATE AT THE LIBRARY

Families of toddlers can continue to gather at this fun, informal social time in the meeting room.

**TUESDAYS, 10:30 TO 11 A.M.
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6**

BILINGUAL STORYTIME & PIZZA PARTY

An evening of stories and fun for our Spanish speaking families with new and beginning readers. *Free! Sponsored by the Friends of the Blaine Library.*

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 6 P.M.

DAN THE MAGIC MAN

A Summer Reading kick-off program of comedy and magic for kids of all ages! *Sponsored by the Friends of the Blaine Library.*

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 1 P.M.

FAMILY WII & GAME NIGHT

Families have a turn at playing Wii and other game favorites. *For children under 12 with a parent.*

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 6 TO 8 P.M.

ART WITH ALMA!

Come be inspired and create works of art. This **absolutely free** class with Alma is a fun Monthly program for school age kids.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 18
1:30 TO 2:30 P.M.**

PET SHOW!

Bring Your pet on a leash, in a cage, or in a water tank. Registration required. Please visit the library to sign up.

Space is limited. Participants are asked to arrive at 12:30 p.m. for pictures. With Tami Kramme. *For kids of all ages.*

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22
1 P.M.**

"KNIGHTS ON THE RIM"

A Jr. Chess Club

Learn chess strategies from others. For children and teens 6 to 18, any skill level. Beginning instruction is available.

**TUESDAYS
6:30 TO 8 P.M.**

Teens Only!

TEEN WII & GAME NIGHT

Middle and high school students play game favorites! Refreshments! *Free.*

**THURSDAY, JUNE 2
6 P.M.**

CLUB ANIME @ BLAINE

If you like anime, come watch with your friends. *Snacks provided.*

TUESDAY JUNE 14, 3:15 P.M.

TEEN WRITERS CLUB

Ongoing sharing of creative writings. Open to kids 13 to 18 years.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15
3:30 TO 4:30 P.M.**

Point Roberts

945-6545
1487 Gulf Road
Pt. Roberts, WA 98281

KNIT NIGHT

Bring your knitting, crocheting, or other portable hand work to share a casual evening with old and new friends at the Point Roberts Library while doing something you love. *Free.*

**TUESDAYS
6 TO 8 P.M.**



PAPER PLANES & OTHER FLYING OBJECTS

Make a paper plane, a rimspinner, a plattership, or a cupnick, and see how far they'll fly! With Catherine Sarette. *For kids of all ages.*

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 3 P.M.

PT. ROBERTS FRIENDS

The Point Roberts Friends plan activities that support the Library. Join in!

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 1 P.M.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

A half-hour of stories and more for three to seven year olds at Pt. Roberts Library.

**SATURDAYS, 10:30 A.M.
THROUGH JULY 30**

COOKIE WALK

The Friends of the Point Roberts Public Library invite you to buy an empty bag for \$6 and walk away after you've filled it with your choice of homemade cookies made by great local bakers.

For information call the library.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2:30 P.M.
Point Roberts Community Center**



More information about these events and other WCLS services available at wcls.org.

Events at Your Public Library

Deming, and North Fork

June 2011

Deming

592-2422

5044 Mt. Baker Highway
Deming, WA 98244

HIGH SCHOOL ART SHOW

Stop in to the Community Meeting Room at the Deming Library to enjoy the artwork of the students of Mt. Baker High School. Outstanding work from our local young artists!

THROUGH JUNE 26

FOREST OF WORDS

Teen Poetry Event

Teens from around Whatcom County will gather to read their original poems from the first annual teen poetry anthology entitled *Forest of Words* published by Whatcom County Library System. Join in for an evening of exciting new voices. Refreshments will be served.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 7 P.M.

KNIT NIGHT

Bring your knitting; crocheting or other portable hand work to share a casual evening with old and new friends while doing something you love. *Free, everyone welcome.* Want to know more? Check out our blog!
<http://yamravelers.blogspot.com/>

**WEDNESDAYS
6:30 TO 8 P.M.**



DEMING WRITER'S GROUP

All adult writers are welcome to bring work to share with the group. No need to RSVP, just join us for some camaraderie. Meets monthly on the third Tuesday.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 7 TO 8:45 P.M.

DEMING BOOK CLUB

The Deming Book Club meets monthly. All are welcome to join in this book discussion of *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 25
10 A.M.**

FRIENDS BOARD MEETING

The Friends plan activities that support the library and Deming has a fantastic group of Friends! *Visitors welcome!*

**TUESDAY, JUNE 28
7:00 P.M.**

CHALK ART & ROOT BEER FLOATS!

Kick off Summer Reading with art and treats. Create chalk art outside in the sun or inside if it rains. *For kids of all ages.*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 11,
10:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.**

North Fork

599-2020

7506 Kendall Road
Maple Falls, WA 98266

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Stories and more for 3 to 5 year olds.

**TUESDAYS, 10:30 A.M.
THROUGH JULY 26**

PAPER PLANES & OTHER FLYING OBJECTS

Make a paper plane, a rimspinner, a plattership, or a cupnick, and see how far they'll fly! With Catherine Sarette *For kids of all ages.*

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 3:30 P.M.

KNIT NIGHT AND MORE

Bring your knitting, needlework or other crafting to the North Fork Community Library for an evening of sharing and good company while you work.

THURSDAYS, 6:30 TO 8 P.M.

FRIENDS OF NORTH FORK COMMUNITY LIBRARY

If you are interested in attending a meeting or getting involved in with the Friends of the North Fork Community Library, please call the library at 599-2020 for information on the meeting location and volunteer opportunities



More information about these events and other WCLS services available at wcls.org.



Events at Your Public Library

Everson and Sumas

June 2011

Everson

966-5100

104 Kirsch Drive
Everson, WA 98247

Everson Library Hours

Monday, Tuesday: 10-8
Wednesday: 10-6
Thursday: 10-8
Friday, Saturday: 10-6

EVERSON FRIENDS MEETING

All are welcome to join this friendly group that provides much appreciated support for our library and community.

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 6:30 P.M.

GLOBAL TALES & INTERNATIONAL MUSIC

A Summer Reading kick-off program! Entertainer Tom McCormack shares global tales, ethnic music, and cultural objects from around the world. Learn how every book you read this summer can help Heifer International buy a goat for a needy family! Sponsored by the Friends of the Everson Library.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 10:30 A.M.

EVERSON BOOK CLUB

Will be discussing classics this summer starting with *Persuasion* by Jane Austen. Meet at Little Caesars across the street from the library. All are welcome! Coordinated by the Everson Library. Call 966-5100 for information.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 6:30 P.M.

SNAKES!

See two Ball Python snakes and a Malaysian Box Turtle. Hear all about these amazing creatures with Nancy Scott. For kids of all ages.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22
10:30 A.M.**



DESIGN AND PRINT YOUR OWN T-SHIRT

Learn the basics of screen printing on t-shirts at this free two day workshop for adults and teens 15 years and older. Ten spaces available, sign up at the library (966-5100). A \$5 registration fee covers the cost of the ink. All other materials will be provided thanks to our generous Friends of the Everson Library. This is a two day event: *Please sign up only if you can attend both sessions.*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 18 AND
SATURDAY, JUNE 25
3 TO 5 P.M.**

EVERSON TEEN BOOK CLUB

Get in on the first meeting of the new Teen Book Club at Everson Library. Join in a discussion of *Impulse* by Ellen Hopkins, a riveting book about three teens who unsuccessfully try suicide. The group will also consider the best time for future meetings and choose the next book.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 24
3:30 TO 4:30 P.M.**

PAPER PLANES & OTHER FLYING OBJECTS

Make a paper plane, a rimspinner, a plattership, or a cupnick, and see how far they'll fly! With Catherine Sarette. For kids of all ages.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29
10:30 A.M.**

KEPT IN STITCHES

Join this good natured group for an evening of knitting, laughter, crocheting, needlework, and more.

For more information call the library.

**TUESDAYS
6:30 TO 8 P.M.**

Sumas

988-2501

451 2nd Street
Sumas, WA 98295

Sumas Library Hours

Monday: 12 to 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 12 to 7:30 p.m.
Saturday: 12 to 4 p.m.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Stories and more for 3-5 year olds.

**MONDAYS, JUNE 6 TO JULY 25
11 A.M. (No storytime July 4)**



KNIT NIGHT

Grab your needlework bag and head to Sumas Library. Enjoy good conversation while working together on needlecrafts.

**MONDAYS
6 TO 7:30 P.M.**

GAMES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Games to make and games to play from all over the world. With Tammy LaPlante. For school-age kids.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 3:30 P.M.

SUMAS COMMUNITY DAYS BOOK SALE

It's an annual tradition: the Friends book sale at Sumas Community Days! Lots of great books and magazines for all ages.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 25
11:30 A.M. TO 2 P.M.
Sumas City Park.**



More information about these events and other WCLS services available at wcls.org.

* The WCLS Hard Times project received a grant from the Office of the Secretary of State, Washington State Library as a part of Renew Washington Project which is funded by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Adult Events!

QUILT SHOW AND RAFFLE

Friends of the Ferndale Library will hold a quilt show with raffle to benefit the New Ferndale Library Project. The quilts will be on display in the Ferndale Library's temporary facility at Pioneer Pavilion through July 30. Tickets are \$2 each. The raffle drawing will take place **July 30, 2011 at 4 p.m.** at the Pioneer Pavilion. Need not be present to win. For more info and to find out where raffle tickets can be purchased contact the library.

WRITER'S GROUP

Join the new writer's group at Ferndale Public Library. Come for an evening of sharing, writing prompts, and positive feedback. Contact Marla Morrow at 384-0050 for more information.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 7 P.M.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Ferndale has some fabulous Friends! The Friends sponsor events and reading programs at the WCLS Ferndale Library. Next Monthly meeting:

**MONDAY, JUNE 13
7 TO 8:45 P.M.**

FRIENDS BOOK CLUB

The Ferndale Friends Book Club will meet to discuss *Cutting For Stone* by Abraham Verghese. The novel moves the reader from Ethiopia to New York City and back again in an unforgettable story of love and betrayal, medicine and ordinary miracles, and two brothers whose fates are forever intertwined. The title for July 25 will be *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson. Everyone welcome.

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 7 P.M.

Kid Events!

CULTURAL DAY & SUMMER READING CLUB KICK-OFF

Help us kick off Summer Reading 2011 from 1 to 3 p.m! Enjoy music, dancing, fashion, & pictures from around the world. Sign up for Summer Reading Club and get your summer book bag! Children's performing artist Tom McCormick will tell Global Tales with ethnic music, songs and dance from 3 to 4 p.m. Listen to stories, sing songs, learn a dance and experience objects from around the world.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 11
1 TO 4:30 P.M.**

FAMILY STORYTIME

Stories and more for 2 to 7 year olds.

**MONDAYS, 10:30 A.M.
JUNE 20 THROUGH JULY 18**

LEGO SHOW 'N TELL

Love building with Legos? Bring in your creation and tell us all about it. Door prizes! People's Choice Awards! *For kids of all ages.*

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 3 P.M.

Teen Events!

New-Last Minute May Event!

TEEN DRUM CIRCLE

Drumming and milkshakes. Learn new rhythms from two masters. Percussion instruments including pots and pans provided. You are welcome to bring your own drum! *For middle and high school students.* Sign up required! Please contact Dianne Smith at

dianne.smith@wcls.org or call 384-3647.

TUESDAY, MAY 31, 6 TO 7 P.M.

TEEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Teen Advisory Committee wants YOU. What volunteer and fundraising projects do you want to organize and lead? Help support your library and Friends of the Ferndale Library group! Snacks provided. Questions? Call or email Dianne - 360-384-3647, dianne.smith@wcls.org. *For middle and high school students.*

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15
4 TO 5:30 P.M.**

TEEN OVERNIGHT

Are you a teen? Are you a teen that loves Harry Potter? If you said yes to both, then this Teen Overnight is for you! Come join us at Fernwatts (aka the Ferndale Library) for food, fun, games, books, trivia, and a movie or two all night long! Come in costume and win a prize! This event requires parent permission and sign up! Space is limited!

**9 P.M. FRIDAY, JUNE 24 THROUGH
6 A.M. SATURDAY, JUNE 25.**

TEEN GRAPHIC NOVEL CLUB

If you like graphic novels - this is the book club for you! We will be talking about Sgt. Frog, watching the anime, and having pizza! *For middle and high school students.* Questions? Please call Dianne Smith 360-384-3647 or email at dianne.smith@wcls.org

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 4 TO 5:30 P.M.



More information about these events and other WCLS services available at wcls.org.



Events at Lynden Public Library

354-4883 • 216 4th Street, Lynden, WA 98264

June 2011

ART EXHIBIT

Art by Whatcom County artists will be featured on display at the Lynden Public Library. Meet the artists at a reception in their honor. Light refreshments will be served. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Lynden Library.*

EXHIBIT: MAY 28 TO JUNE 3

RECEPTION: JUNE 1, 5 TO 7 P.M.

Adult Events!

IDEAS WORTH DISCUSSING

Meets to discuss *Krakatau* by Jim Shepard and *Weekend* by Fay Sheldon.

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 1 P.M.

E-BOOK READER DROP-IN CLASS

Drop in and Kyla will help you check out and download FREE library e-books for your e-reader! With the exception of the Kindle, most devices are compatible. If you have a laptop you are encouraged to bring it. However if you only bring your laptop or reader you can still learn a lot.

WEDNESDAYS, 1:30 TO 3:30 P.M.

RESUME/JOB SEARCHING DROP-IN WORKSHOP

Drop-in to learn how to use our online tool "Job and Career Accelerator" to create a resume and search for jobs. Questions? Call the reference desk.

TUESDAYS, 11 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

WHATCOM TEA ENTHUSIASTS

Do you love tea? Come on out to the Whatcom Tea Enthusiasts meeting to learn more about this fragrant beverage! All tea meets are free and kid friendly with changing topics and kinds of teas every June. Questions? Please contact Sarah Foster at the library.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 5:30 P.M.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends sponsor events and reading programs. *Everyone welcome.*

**THURSDAY, JUNE 23
1 P.M.**

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Join Friends of the Lynden Library for our annual Ice Cream Social. We will again welcome Dale Steele and the Clearbrook Dixie Band which has grown to 7 members. Mark your calendar!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

SUNDAES SERVED 6 TO 8 P.M.

MUSIC 6:30 TO 8:30 P.M.

Kid Events!

TODDLER PLAY AND LEARN

Stories, songs, and learning activities for birth through three. Drop in when you can.

WED, 10:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

JUNE 22 THROUGH AUGUST 10

STORIES AND ART

Stories followed by hands-on art for children in the style of great picture book illustrators. For 3-5 year olds, with Tina Bixby.

FRIDAYS, 10:30 A.M.

JUNE 17 THROUGH JULY 8

WELCOME GARDEN MARIONETTES

A Summer Reading kick-off program. See the magic of handcrafted puppets on strings in this presentation of Peter and the Wolf! For kids of all ages. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lynden Library.

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

10:30 A.M.

GAMES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Games to make and games to play from all over the world. With Tammy LaPlante. *For school age kids.*

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

10:30 A.M.

ANIMAL ANTICS PUPPET SHOW

Laugh at the funny animal adventures in this puppet show of folktales from Asia, Latin America and Africa. With Tina Bixby. *For kids of all ages.*

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 10:30 A.M.

Teens!

ICE CREAM SUNDAES

After school is out, come get something sweet at your library. *For middle and high school students.*

AFTER SCHOOL

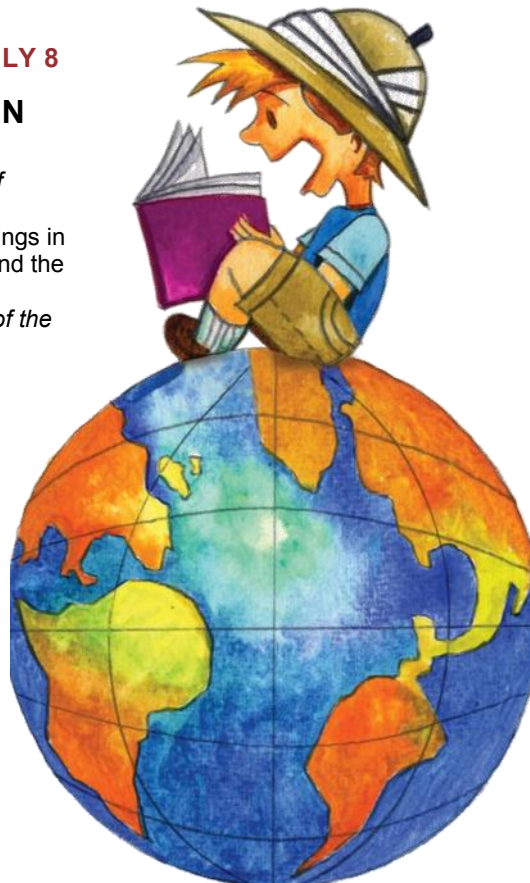
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

TEEN BOOK CLUB

Join other teens discussing good books, enjoy good snacks. *For middle and high school students.*

TUESDAY, JUNE 28

3 TO 4 P.M.



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End Notes...

Bookmobile and Lummi Island

June 2011

Bookmobile

384-3150 x264

5205 Northwest Dr.
Bellingham, WA 98226

SUDDEN VALLEY FRIENDS

Join the effort to build a library for Sudden Valley. Volunteer with the Sudden Valley Friends. Meets Monthly.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14
3 TO 5 P.M.

SUDDEN VALLEY FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING

Members and prospective members join us for a celebration of our progress toward creating a branch library in Sudden Valley to serve all of south Whatcom County. We will have a brief business meeting followed by a project update and refreshments. For more info call Mary at 306-1800.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2 P.M.
Sudden Valley Dance Barn.

Enjoy prizes and
activities for all ages with
summer reading club.
Starting June 13.



New Catalog Hints: Add a title to your FOR LATER shelf

When someone recommends a title to you but you know that you don't have time to read it now:



- Log in using either your username or library card number;
- Look up a title that you would like to read later and click on it;
- Click *Add to My Shelves* to the right of the item picture, then click *for later*.

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Summer Reading Video!

A tradition at WCLS, the annual Summer Reading Video is great fun! Thanks to the Yamamoto Family, the Deming Teens, the Deming Library Staff, and Co--Directors Catherine Sarette and Brendan Friesen. See it for yourself at www.youtube.com/user/wclslibraries.

Searchable Events and Classes Calendar

Find the perfect event or class and get reminders by email! Search by keywords, library location, or age group. Check out the new events calendar at WCLS.org/events.

Lummi Island

758-7145

2144 South Nugent Road
Lummi Island, WA 98262

MAKING SENSE OF TODAY'S FINANCIAL CRISIS

Internationally acclaimed energy and economic analyst, Nicole Foss, of *The Atomic Earth* will be speaking about finance, energy, environment, and other challenges of the century. Suggested donation \$7. Presented by FOIL, Friends of Island Library.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 7:30 P.M.
Lummi Island Grange Hall
2220 North Nugent Rd.

SUMMER PLAY-DATE AT THE LIBRARY

Children ages 3 to 7 and their families can continue to gather at this fun, informal social time this summer.

SATURDAYS, 11:30 A.M. JUNE 4
THROUGH AUG 27.

FRIENDS OF ISLAND LIBRARY (FOIL) MEETING

The Friends sponsor events and reading programs at the WCLS Lummi Island Library.

MONDAY, JUNE 13
7:30 TO 9 P.M.

PAPER PLANES & OTHER FLYING OBJECTS

Make a paper plane, a rimspinner, a plattership, or a cupnick, and see how far they'll fly! With Catherine Sarette. For kids of all ages.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2:30 P.M.

ISLAND CHESS TIME

Come learn the game or enjoy playing with others to practice your skills. For teen players and up

TUESDAYS, 5 TO 6 P.M.



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