




July 2021

Summer Reading Program

June 1—July 31



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5	6	7	8 B&GC #1 3pm-4:30pm	9	10
12	13 Stuffed Animal Sleepover!	14	15 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting 6pm	16 	17 Whale Museum Presentation 11am
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Whale Museum Zoom Presentation: Southern Resident Killer Whales— July 17th, 11am via Zoom. Registration required. Live closed captioning will be provided.

During this engaging and interactive program, learn about the biology, ecology, social structure, behaviors, endangered status, threats, and conservation measures surrounding our local orcas as well as about the federal recovery plan meant to help protect them. This is an all-ages program open not just to Upper Skagit Library patrons, but patrons of any of the other Skagit County libraries as well. Once you register you will receive an email with the Zoom link needed to attend as well as instructions and templates for creating your own Orca puppet and Orca bookmark!

Concrete Youth Activity Day — Thursday, July 22nd, from 3-5pm Concrete Youth Activity Day's theme this year is "Concrete Safari!" Families will drive their car to several safari locations and participate in distanced activities while they use binoculars provided by the library to search for (stuffed) animals. Sponsored and organized by the Concrete Resource Coalition, families will receive goodie bags filled with neat treasures and information from many local organizations.

Rebecca Murray Author Event— July 23rd, 11am. Stay tuned to see if this is an online or in person event! Join us for a special storytime with local author Rebecca Murray as she reads from her book "The Bird and the Hippo" and tells us the amazing story of how and why she wrote it!

Upper Skagit Library x Humanities Washington Present This Is The End: How Movies Prepared Us For The Apocalypse with Robert Horton— July 24th, 11am via Zoom. Registration required. Live closed captioning will be provided. Great city streets emptied of people; a population panicked; misinformation in the air. If some of our experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic seemed familiar, it might be because the movies already imagined them. Whether the cause is environmental factors (The Day After Tomorrow, Snowpiercer, Contagion), nuclear disaster (On the Beach), or unexplained doomsday (Midnight Sky, Children of Men), film has explored what it looks

like when the "Big One" hits—and how we might react. In this talk illustrated with clips, Robert Horton looks at the eerie imagery of apocalyptic movies, and how these films foreshadowed our responses during the pandemic: the extremes of divisiveness and community-building, the loneliness of isolation, and the tantalizing possibility of starting over again—but maybe doing it better this time.

Upper Skagit Library x Humanities Washington Present After The Blast: Mount St. Helens 40 Years Later with Eric Wagner — July 30th, 11am via Zoom. Registration required. Live closed captioning will be provided.

On May 18, 1980, the world watched in awe as Mount St. Helens erupted, killing 57 people and causing hundreds of square miles of destruction. Everyone thought it would take ages for life to return to the mountain, but scientists who visited soon after were stunned to find plants sprouting up through the ash and animals skittering around downed trees. Ecologists have since spent decades studying life's resilience in the face of seemingly total devastation. Through their work, the eruption of Mount St. Helens has become known as the greatest natural experiment in Pacific Northwest history. In his talk, Eric Wagner takes you on a journey through the blast zone. He explores not just the surprising ways plants and animals survived the eruption, but also the complex roles that people have played, all while showing how fascinating Mount St. Helens still is 40 years after the blast.

Upper Skagit Library x Humanities Washington Present Humanity in Print: Literature and Human Rights with Richard Middleton-Kaplan— July 31st, 11am via Zoom. Registration required.

Live closed captioning will be provided. We don't extend human rights to people we don't see as fully human. So how do we develop empathy for those we view as alien or inhuman? One way is through literature, which takes us inside the lives and actions of others. By instilling empathy, and by giving voice to cries for justice, literature forms the foundation for human rights. Professor Richard Middleton-Kaplan shares stories about human rights activists he has encountered throughout his academic career. What these activists endured was shocking, yet they found meaning and beauty in

literature, and so can we. In this talk, audiences will discuss literary works that illuminate how to respond to those around us who have suffered human rights violations, and those who have committed incomprehensible acts. These works can even help us to make sense of the wrongs that we ourselves have endured.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover — July 13th, open hours. Our stuffed animal friends are having a sleepover at the library! Bring your friend to the library and check them in for a night of fun! Our stuffed animal friends will participate in fun activities like storytime, movie watching, chess matches, LEGO building, hide-and-seek, and more. We'll take pictures of their adventures and you'll get copies printed out and posted on social media! The next day, come pick them up and hear all about the fun!

Boys and Girls Club Outreach (B&GC Members Only) — July 8th, 3pm-4:30pm: Introduction to the Library and Library Services

July 20th, 3pm-5pm: Comic Creation Workshop

Board of Trustees Meeting — Thurs. July 15th, 6pm: Open to the public, held at the Upper Skagit Library building. If unvaccinated, wear a mask. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided. Social distancing encouraged. Visit our Board of Trustees section of our website for links, agendas, and more BoT information.

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