



### Upcoming Events and Calendar Dates

**Tuesday, August 30th** ~ First Day of School 1st - 8th Grade

**Wednesday, August 31st** ~ Kinder Ramp Up Full Day ~ ½ Class

**Thursday, September 1st** ~ Kinder Ramp Up Full Day ~ ½ Class

### ART NEWS FROM MS. ANNA

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Dear Vernon Families,

The end of the year comes with mixed emotions, I think for everyone. For me, the following apply. Relief, that this year, of all years has come to a close, as it has been the hardest year of my career so far. Sadness, in saying goodbye to a great group of 8th graders leaving the nest. And, anticipation, of taking the trials of this past year and striving to make the next school year better. Excitement, for summer adventures, gratitude for the amazing community that I have worked with for the past seven years. Displaying student work around the school brings me so much joy! I love standing in the hallway, hammering away as students walk by and ask what I am doing. It is magic for me when classes walk past and see their work exhibited. I love hearing them say with glee, "That is mine", as they point to their work and show their peers and teachers. This is a downside to quarter four because the artistic process takes time and it is often after multiple weeks that we complete a work of art that will be displayed. Hence, often by mid-quarter I am starting to take works off the walls to return them to the hands of the creators. So, take a moment and check out a few of the great works created by 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th grade artists and make sure to view the 8th-grade slide show. With much respect for completing a challenging year and for continuing on. ~ Ms. Anna





# Vernon Summer Reading Ideas



Reading for at least 20 minutes a day is a great way to keep your brain in top shape this summer! There are a variety of programs this summer available to support you in being an active, regular reader this summer. Here are a few programs you can try that will support you in developing this valuable habit.

## Multnomah County Library Summer Reading Programs

All Grades \* June 16 - August 31

Read for fun and prizes this summer. Babies, kids, and teens can play the Summer Reading game by starting a daily reading habit. In addition, the library will have lots of fun interactive online performances, storytelling, and arts and crafts for kids and families.

1. Starting June 16, use the gameboard you received at school, come to the library and pick up a gameboard or sign up online at Beanstack or download the mobile Beanstack App.
2. Mark one space for each day you read or listen to a book, or do any of the fun activities, between June 16 and August 31, 2022.
3. Each time you mark at least 15 days (they don't have to be in a row!), come to the library to receive a prize. If you play on paper, fill out one of the cards on your gameboard and bring it with you.
4. Once you have read 45 days total, you have completed the game! Come to the library (if you play on paper, bring your last card) on or after July 30 to receive a T-shirt and Prizes (while supplies last), and an entry in the Grand Prize drawing for your age level.
5. Claim your prizes by August 31, 2022.

For more information, visit the website at [www.multcolib.org/summer-reading](http://www.multcolib.org/summer-reading)

## Oregon Battle of the Books

Students Entering Grades 3-5 & Grades 6-8

Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) is a statewide voluntary reading motivation and comprehension program sponsored by the Oregon Association of School Libraries in conjunction with a Library Services and Technology Act grant. Students in grades 3-12, regardless of ability, are exposed to quality literature representing a variety of literary styles and viewpoints.

OBOB's mission is to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading, to broaden reading interests, to increase reading comprehension, promote academic excellence, and to promote cooperative learning and teamwork among students.

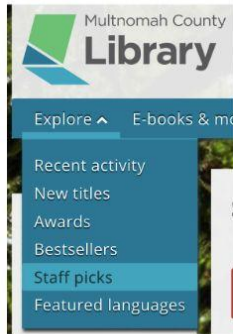
Students compete in either the Grades 3-5 or Grades 6-8 division and teams of four students each read a set of 16 books.

For additional information, annotated book lists, etc., please visit their website at [www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org](http://www.oregonbattleofthebooks.org)



### Multnomah County Library Recommended Reading Lists

Our local public libraries have compiled lists of some great summer reading suggestions for every age. To view the lists, check eBook and audiobook availability, place holds, etc., see the library website at <https://multcolib.org/staff-picks>



### Portland Public Schools Library Services Site

Even though school libraries are closed for the summer, PPS has many options for online reading, learning, and engagement. The library services site has direct links to research sites, eBooks, and a host of other resources for your family to enjoy this summer. Visit the site at:

<https://www.pps.net/library-services>

If you are having trouble accessing any of the sites linked on the library site, please [see this helpful guide](#) for how to log in to each site for which our school district provides a subscription for students.

### Your Local Public Library Locations (Please check [www.multcolib.org](http://www.multcolib.org) for opening information and hours)

**North Portland Library**  
512 N Killingsworth St.  
Portland, OR 97217

**Albina Library**  
3605 NE 15<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Portland, OR 97212

**Hollywood Library**  
4040 NE Tillamook St.  
Portland, OR 97212

**Gregory Heights**  
7921 NE Sandy Blvd.  
Portland, OR 97213

