The following items summarize our upcoming program offerings for younger library patrons:

**OBOB Writers Club**

The OBOB Writers Club has a great lineup for the winter. The OBOB Club gatherings to read, write, and discuss one book per month for both 3-5 and 6-8 grade divisions. Here are the details of upcoming OBOB meetups:

**3rd-5th Grade**

Wednesday January 30, 3:30pm until 4:30pm. **Book Scavenger** by Jennifer Chambliss Bertman

Wednesday February 27, 3:30pm until 4:30pm. **Real Friends** by Shannon Hale

Wednesday March 20, 3:30pm until 4:30pm. **Ugly** by Robert Hoge

Wednesday April 24, 3:30pm until 4:30pm. **The Infinity Year of Avalon James** by Dana Middleton

**6th-8th Grade**

Wednesday January 30, 4:30pm until 5:30pm. **I Will Always Write Back** by Caitlin Alifirenka & Martin Ganda.

Wednesday February 27, 4:30pm until 5:30pm. **The Sword of Summer** by Rick Riordan

Wednesday March 20, 4:30pm until 5:30pm. **The Luck Uglies** by Paul Durham

Wednesday April 24, 4:30pm until 5:30pm. **Avenging the Owl** by Melissa Hart

**Book Babies story times**

Babies 0-12 months are invited to hear stories, enjoy finger plays, and share songs and rhymes with Early Childhood Specialist, Ms. Em, every Tuesday at 10:00am in the program room in the library.
Mayor’s Corner
By Teri Lenahan

Happy New Year!
I hope you and your families have had a wonderful beginning to 2019. The New Year is a brand new start in our lives. It is a great time to make changes and to set goals. What do you want to accomplish? What changes are you ready to make in your life?

Our heartwarming, community events such as the Chili Cook-off and The Jingle were well attended this past year and an awesome reminder that community matters to all of us. North Plains remains an ideal place to live, to have a home and to raise a family. We remain passionate about working together with all of you to make our town the best ever.

As the members of Council and I look ahead to the New Year, one thing will remain constant; we will continue to listen to you and engage with you on everything that affects our community. There are so many great things happening in our community, and we are looking forward to another year of moving North Plains forward in every respect. The Council and I will be setting our city goals in the coming weeks and we always welcome your input. Our success depends on engagement with you.

My warmest wishes to you and your families for a happy, healthy and successful New Year! Let’s make this the best year ever.

Best regards,
Teri

Story times
Children ages 0-6 are invited to participate every Wednesday at 11:30am in the children’s section of the library. Here is a run-down on some of our upcoming story time themes for the next few months:
Wednesday, December 26 – No story time, planning for 2019!
Wednesday, January 2 – New Year, New Books.
Wednesday, January 9 – Pets with Mr. Will.
Wednesday, January 16 – Pigs with Mr. Will.
Home Depot kids wooden models workshop – February 9 from 1pm
Please join us for a fun modeling workshop with the crew from the Home Depot. We will be building at the Jessie Mays Community Center from 1pm until 2pm. This is a family event allowing parents and their kids to get together to build some cool wooden project models the Home Depot way. For this event we will be helping the kids build sail boats and a mini tool chest!

ANNOUNCEMENTS: ADULT SERVICES
Here is a rundown on the adult focused news and programs that occurred recently or are scheduled to occur next month. All are welcome at our programs.

Mind Your Yoga
Our skilled Yoga volunteer Meena will continue to guide patrons on the path to better health and flexibility. Due to the constraints of booking Jessie Mays, Mind Your Yoga sometimes meets at the North Plains Senior Center. The yoga sessions run from 6:30pm until 7:30pm on the listed dates.

In addition to the regular Tuesday evening sessions, Meena will be running Yoga sessions most Monday mornings at the Jessie Mays Center from 9:30am. Please check the city calendar for all the details.

January 2019 Yoga Classes
Week 1 : No class
Week 2 : January 8, Jessie Mays Community Center
Week 3 : January 15, Jessie Mays Community Center
Week 4 : January 22, Jessie Mays Community Center
Week 4 : January 29, North Plains Senior Center

Culinary Literacy - Making Sushi with Chef Maki.
The latest presentation in the North Plains Public Library’s Culinary Literacy Series is entitled Japanese Culinary Literacy, Making Sushi with Chef Maki.
Not only will Sushi Chef Maki demonstrate how to make a sushi roll but will teach how to create beautiful artistic sushi, as well. Attendees will be treated to sampling of the sushi as well as a delicious Tofu Miso Soup made by library volunteer, Emi Graham. Please join us Saturday, January 12th, 2018 at 1:00-3:00 pm for this Culinary Literacy event! This library event will be at the North Plains Senior Center, 31450 NW Commercial St, North Plains, OR 97133.
Admission is free but a reservation is required for this event. Please call the North Plains Public Library to reserve your spot: (503) 647-5051.

**Artist Trading Card Workshop**

The North Plains Public Library will host a free art workshop for adults led by Hillsboro craft artist Marie Buckley. Artist Trading Cards (also known as ATCs) are miniature works of art about the size of a baseball card. This is a fun way to create, connect and swap art with other artists. Marie has made personal collage journals for the past few years and subsequently started making Artist Trading Cards. "I love the fun and friendships that develop through ATCs!" she says.

The workshop will take place on Wednesday, February 13 from 6pm until 8pm at the Jessie Mays Community Center. It would be helpful, but not necessary, for participants to bring scissors, special paper, buttons, ribbons and other materials you may want to use. Registration is required, and the workshop is limited to 20 people. Call the library at 503 647-5051 to sign up.

**A Note From Councilor Simmons**

Dear Community,

As my term comes to an end, I wanted to let you know that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your City Councilor these last four years. Thank you to the Community, Mayor, City Manager, All the City Staff, Planning Commissioners and my fellow Councilors. Wishing you all a happy, healthy and prosperous 2019!

Sherrie Simmons – City Councilor 2015-2018

**Senior Center News**

MAKE A DIFFERENCE and have fun doing it! Meals on Wheels People and the North Plains Senior Center will host its 11th annual Crab Feed. The proceeds will support the North Plains Senior Center and Meals on Wheels People Food program in North Plains.

About the Event

The Crab Feed will be held on Saturday, January 19th 2019, we will have 3 different seating times starting at 3:00 4:30 & 6:00p.m. The event will be held at the Jessie Mays Community Center in North Plains, attendees will enjoy traditional Crab or steak dinner or a Surf & Turf dinner, beer and wine will be available for purchase, there will be live entertainment and fun raffle prizes. This is a chance for the community to gather and support the North Plains Senior Center & Meals on Wheels People. The Senior Center is a 501 c 3, our EIN # is 237448039.

**MUSIC MONDAY:** DT & Country will be playing at the Senior Center on Monday, Jan, 14 at 11:00 am-1:30 pm

**EXERCISE CLASS:** Every Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9:30 – 10:30 AM, down stairs at the Senior Center, this class is FREE and open to anyone.

**Circuit Training Bootcamp:** Monday thru Friday 5am - 6am Just show up $5.00 for drop in or $25.00 a month

**Bingo at the Senior Center on the first Wed evening of each month starting at 6PM**

**January Calendar**

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Acting With Mo!

Acting With Mo! is back the first Monday in March 2019, and then for the next 10 weeks (taking off Spring break week) from 3 to 4:30 at Jessie Mays Community Hall.

Maureen and Julia are back to teach acting to children ages 8-12 who live in North Plains. A new play has been written, roles for 10 children, called "Mustache". Two cans of food per adult will be collected the last day of the classes which will be the play performance. The canned food will benefit the North Plains Food Pantry.

If interested, show up with your child on March 4th at 3 pm at the Jessie Mays Community Hall for auditions.

This is a City sponsored event and is free to all children who reside in North Plains.

Woodstove Exchange Program

In Washington County, Oregon, one-third of households rely on burning wood stoves as an essential heat source. Many of them use older and uncertified wood stoves, which produce a high level of fine particle pollution which would lead to poor health outcomes for our citizens and that is especially dangerous for young children and people with existing respiratory conditions.

Since implementing the wood stove exchange program in August 2016, over 300 old wood stoves have been replaced, preventing the emission of over 150 tons of particulate pollution, harmful gases, volatile organic compounds and hazardous air pollutants.

The Washington County Wood Stove Exchange Program offers rebates and grants to residents who replace their old wood stoves with new and cleaner burning devices.

If you use an old wood stove for heat, with tiered rebates ($1500, $2500, $3500) depending on income, you may be able to trade it in for a new, more efficient and cleaner heating device. And depending on income, some households may be eligible for a full cost replacement (up to $5000). Apply today at www.WoodStoveExchange.com!

Fire Department News

Tips to Carry You Safely into 2019

With the New Year and resolutions on everyone’s mind, now is the time to think about some personal and home safety steps that can help carry you and your family safely into and through 2019, as well as save you time and money by avoiding winter-related damage to your home or business.

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue firefighters always see an increase in outdoor-related injuries around the first of the year. Keep these things in mind to minimize your risk of personal injury:

- Increased slip and fall injuries are of particular concern this time of year.
- Be extra careful on icy surfaces around your home – use kitty litter or sand to increase traction.
- Make sure to dress appropriately for outdoor activity; dress in layers with hats, gloves, and waterproof boots.
- Be aware of the wind chill factor, which can often lower the temperature by several degrees.
- Avoid traveling when the weather service has issued storm advisories.
- If you must travel, make sure someone knows where you are going, what time you expect to arrive, and the route you plan to take.
- Pack extra water, food, blankets, and clothing in case of an unexpected emergency or delay.

There are also steps you can take to improve the safety of your home this winter.

- Have your home heating system serviced professionally to make sure that it is clean, working properly, and ventilated to the outside.
If you are heating with wood, inspect and clean fireplaces and chimneys.

**Always** discard ashes in a metal container away from combustible materials.

Check your smoke alarms to ensure they are working properly.

Prevent carbon monoxide (CO) emergencies by installing a CO alarm in your home.

In addition to fires, TVF&R firefighters respond to other types of emergencies that can cause severe damage to homes and businesses. We recommend you take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the water shut off for your home/business if you haven’t done so already.

For the past several winters, TVF&R firefighters responded to hundreds of calls for frozen water pipes that burst and began flowing water. Businesses and homeowners suffered thousands of dollars in damage because they didn’t know how to stop the water from flowing.

During region-wide weather events, first responders must prioritize their response to life-safety incidents. Knowing how to shut off your water and calling a professional can prevent significant damage to your home. Also, insulate exposed water pipes in the garage and cover outdoor water spigots. Visit www.tvfr.com for more winter safety tips.

**Board & Commission Openings**

Interested in volunteering for your community? The Planning Commission has a vacancy.

The Planning Commission meets once a month as well, but on the 2nd Wednesday at 7 p.m. The Commission reviews standards for building in North Plains, type III-IV land use applications, and the comprehensive plan.

To fill out an application for either board, please visit our website, www.northplains.org.

**PCC Winter Music Series**

The Portland Community College Rock Creek music program continues its diverse series of short concerts/lectures in January and February in the Forum, Building 3, at the Rock Creek Campus, 17705 NW Springville Road, Portland. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m.

The concerts are presented in conjunction with the Tuesday evening Music Appreciation class and are open to the public. A donation is appreciated but no one will be turned away. The concerts are free for PCC students. Parking is $2 (permits available at parking machines). The series is sponsored by grants from the Beaverton Arts Program and the Washington County Cultural Coalition. The series continues through 2019.

**January 15 – Grammy Winning Acoustic Guitarist Doug Smith**

Doug’s playing combines folk, classical and jazz elements and has been called “a cross between Chet Atkins, Leo Kottke and Michael Hedges.” Billboard magazine has written, “inviting melodies...stunning fingerpicking.”

**January 22 – Classical vocalists Angela Niederloh and Matt Hayward**

Mezzo soprano Angela Niederloh and baritone Matt Hayward will appear in concert accompanied by pianist Janet Coleman as part of the series. A master class, taught by Ms. Niederloh and featuring PCC vocalists, will also be offered.
students, will be held the same day, also in the Forum, from 1:30 pm to 2:50 pm. The public is welcome to attend.

**February 12 – Dan Balmer Jazz Band**

Dan Balmer, performing music from his ninth CD, "Not A, The." has been has been called "the model of what a contemporary guitarist should be" by the LA Times.

For more information about the concerts, please view the music program’s website page at [https://www.pcc.edu/programs/music/rock-creek/](https://www.pcc.edu/programs/music/rock-creek/) and Facebook page at [https://www.facebook.com/rcartsenglish](https://www.facebook.com/rcartsenglish).
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, January 9, 2019 – 7:00 PM
The Planning Commission of North Plains will conduct a public hearing to review proposed changes to the Zoning and Development Code.

The Code Update includes Chapter 16.145 (Public Facility and Service Requirements).

The Code update, City File 18-211, initiated by the City, includes the following proposed revisions:
1. Requirement to provide communications infrastructure, including but not limited to conduit for communication utilities, with development.
2. Requirement to install utility facilities underground

The Planning Commission will make a recommendation on this matter to the City Council, who will review the proposal and recommendation with a public hearing on January 21, 2019, or another date certain as stated at the Planning Commission hearing.

Questions and/or comments regarding the application can be directed to City Manager Andy Varner andy.varner@northplains.org (503) 647-5555 or City Hall, 31360 NW Commercial Street, North Plains, OR 97133.

The public hearing will be conducted according to the process identified in Development Code Section 16.170. Public oral and/or written testimony is welcome at the hearing. The application and all evidence relied upon by the City to make this decision is in the public record and is available for inspection at North Plains City Hall during regular business hours for no cost. Copies can be provided at a reasonable cost. The City’s staff report will be available for review at no cost at City Hall or www.northplains.org one week prior to the hearing.

Failure to raise an issue in sufficient detail during the comment period or at the public hearing may preclude an appeal to the Land Use Board of Appeals or Appeals/Circuit Court on said issue.