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Dear Reader,

YOU can help us transform the Children's Library storytime room into a fun, interactive **Early Literacy and Learning Space** by [voting online once a day](#) through September 5, during Walton Beverage's Local Pepsi Refresh project.

Imagine hands-on, [literacy-based learning toys](#) that support the [Six Skills for Early Literacy](#), comfortable seating for both parents and children, and of course, books, available rain or shine, free of charge, in an enclosed room where toddlers can be themselves, without disturbing others. Got it? Then vote!



Bellingham Public Library is competing against 34 other community projects. The winner is determined by public vote, so we're encouraging supporters to vote every day (as allowed) through September 5. Spread the word!

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Squeeze in Time for Reading This Summer

Bellingham Public Library's Summer Reading Programs for kids, teens, and adults continue through August 31, so there's plenty of time to read (or listen to audiobooks) this summer.

Summer Reading Superstar yard signs are popping up all over Bellingham, as children reach their 15-hour reading goals. Summer Reading finishers are invited to a Recognition Ceremony on Wednesday, August 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the Library Lawn. Kids, shake hands with the Mayor and Reader Raccoon, and use your free book coupon to "shop" at the Friends of the Bellingham Public Library Children's Book Sale from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Adults may shop for children's books, too--bargains abound--all proceeds benefit the Friends of the Bellingham Public Library.



The Teen Summer Extravaganza continues, with Teen Fine Forgiveness, the [Summer Reading Challenge](#) (weekly prizes plus 3 Grand Prizes), and [super-sized Teen Anime and Teen Game Nights](#). Adults can win prizes, too with Novel Destinations. [Take a look at reviews](#) that fellow Bellinghamsters have posted, or write your own! Happy Reading!

Introducing New Holds Pickup Locations: BTC and WWU Connections

Students, staff, faculty, and neighborhood residents are now able to pick up public library holds at two new locations on local campuses, thanks to agreements between Bellingham Public Library, Bellingham Technical College (BTC), and Western Washington University (WWU).

Modeled on Bellingham Public Library's successful WCC Connection, the BTC Connection and WWU Connection allows public library cardholders to place holds on any item in the public library catalog and select BTC or WWU as a pickup location. Public library staff deliver holds to BTC and WWU weekly, and pick up any returns to bring back to the Central Library. Returned items are be back-dated at check-in to the last pickup date, so patrons do not incur unnecessary fines. [more](#)

August Used Book Sale



Friends of the
Bellingham Public Library

In addition to the Children's Book Sale on August 10, the Friends of the Bellingham Public Library will hold their regular August Book Sale, which runs:

- Wednesday, 8/24/11 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, 8/25/11 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, 8/26/11 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. - Half Price Sale
- Saturday, 8/27/11 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - \$4 Bag Sale

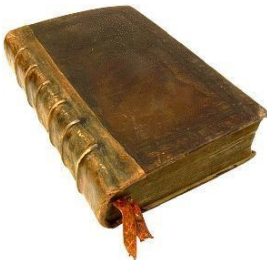
Grab a bargain and help the Friends help the Library!

Holiday and Other Library Closures

The Bellingham Public Library, including the Central Library, Barkley Branch, Fairhaven Branch and all Library Connections, will be closed on Monday, September 5 for Labor Day.

The library's Whatcom Community College Connection will be closed Friday, August 26 to Monday, September 19 for the Quarter Break. The Bellingham Technical College will be closed Wednesday, August 31 to Monday, September 19. Public library materials may still be returned to college book drops. Holds will be routed to the Central Library for pickup during the closure.

Treasured Tomes Event



The Friends of the Bellingham Public Library are hosting an "Antiques Roadshow"-style event for books on Saturday, September 10 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Central Library Lecture Room. Sign-up begins at noon, at the library. Those submitting books for review by local experts will donate \$5.00 to the Friends per book. Time to sort through your attic and find out if that dusty book is worth a fortune!