



The West Linn & Wilsonville Public Libraries Present



# THE WEST LINN WILSONVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## At West Linn Public Library in May!

**LEGO Club** (ages 4-12) on Saturday, May 4th from 12:00-1:30pm.

Learn new building techniques on Saturdays with LEGO Master Builder Blair Archer.

**World Record Ozobot Track** (grades K-5) on Wednesday, May 8th at 1:00 or 2:00.

No School Day.

Learn to code a robot! We'll teach you how to make your robot follow a line, dance, and light up. Then together we'll make a super long track and set the robots loose.

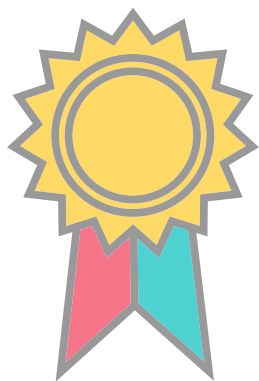
**Pop-Up Makerspace** (grades K-5) on Wednesday, May 22nd from 1:00-3:00pm.

Drop in to try out some of the West Linn Public Library's engaging hands-on technology and our most popular STEM activities.

**Tales to Tails!** Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:30-5:00pm. Reservations are necessary!

Kids, want to practice reading? Come and read to one of our registered therapy dogs! Please stop by the Youth Services Desk or call 503.742.8623 to make your reservation in advance.

### Did You Know?



We have decided to start an annual tradition of closing out the school year with our own children's book awards:

**The Kimberley and Steven Awards!** These are books that may not have been acknowledged by award committees, but in our opinion are worthy of both praise and recognition. It may be the beguiling story, the luminescent illustrations, or the potential to apply the perfect piece of information to a lesson that make us want to call attention to these extraordinary titles.

## At Wilsonville Public Library in May!

**Science Zone** (grades 3-5) on Wednesday, May 8th from 1:30 – 2:30pm. No School Day.

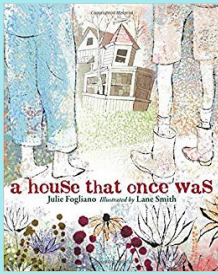
Try our "Egg Drop Challenge" and see the laws of science at work.

**LEGO Night** (grades K-5) on Wednesday, May 22nd from 6:30 – 7:30pm.

Construct, create, and imagine with a huge supply of LEGOs.

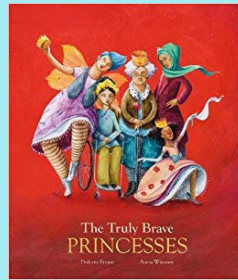
# The 2019 Kimberley and Steven Awards

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## **A House That Once Was** by Julie Fogliano

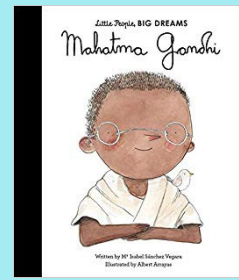
Lilting, insightful verse evokes the wonder and curiosity of exploring an empty house from a child's point of view. It is a quietly powerful book, with words and pictures that are both award-worthy.



## **The Truly Brave Princesses** by Dolores Brown

Vibrantly illustrated, this inclusive, contemporary tale feels like a classic.

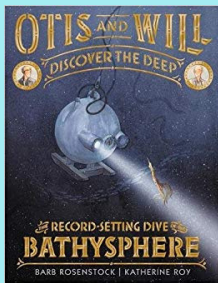
Brown reminds us that real princesses don't always wear crowns, and invites the reader to look beyond race, age, background, and ability to recognize them all around us.



## **Mahatma Gandhi** by Isabel Sanchez Vegara

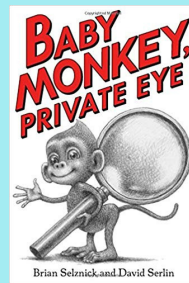
The charming picture book biography series **Little People, Big Dreams** now welcomes a few men. Gandhi, Muhammad Ali, Stephen Hawking, and David Bowie join Dolly Parton and Wilma Rudolph as new titles this spring.

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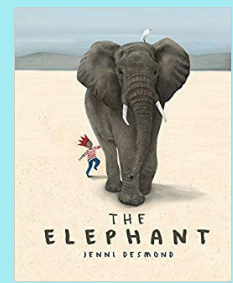
## **Otis and Will Discover the Deep** by Barb Rosenstock

A narrative nonfiction text that proves the deep ocean is as interesting as it is mysterious. Roy's ingenious illustrations capture the essence of this historic adventure. Readers will also be captivated by the interesting cover, informative end papers, end notes, and title page.



## **Baby Monkey, Private Eye** by Brian Selznick

Bryan Selznick pushed the boundaries of the early reader format with this 191 page book. The funny mysteries with a monkey detective features vocabulary and repetition just right for new readers. Unfortunately, the Geisel Award for early readers is only for books of 96 pages or less.



## **The Elephant** by Jenni Desmond

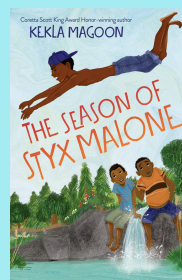
Another celebration by Desmond encompassing two different species of these amazing, endangered animals. The calming illustrations highlight important facts while the text simply explains information such as anatomy, diet, habitat, and behavior.

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## **Sweep: The Story of a Girl and Her Monster** by Jonathan Auxier

This bittersweet story of love and loss shares what it truly means to be family. A historical fantasy with subtle tributes to literature throughout, this whimsical yet poignant tale showcases strong characters with heart and hope.



## **The Season of Styx Malone** by Kekla Magoon

Two brothers meet a new kid who's older and full of ideas for mischievous and money-making schemes. Funny, with great characters and interesting insights about families and friendships. This was a Coretta Scott King Honor book, but not the Newbery we thought it might deserve.



## **Small Spaces** by Katherine Arden

Spooky stories don't typically win awards, but this one was exceptionally good. It features strong characters, thought-provoking themes, an eerie bus ride, and some truly creepy scarecrows.