

MID-COLUMBIA READS



Mid-Columbia Libraries (MCL) proudly hosts its annual [Mid-Columbia Reads](#) literary festival Oct. 15 through Nov. 17, 2021 with a free book giveaway and a virtual visit with award-winning young adult and children's author [Adib Khorram](#).

Stop by your local library to choose from books for all ages, while supplies last. This year's featured titles are "[Darius the Great Is Not Okay](#)," by Adib Khorram; "[There, There](#)," by Tommy Orange; and "[You Matter](#)," by Christian Robinson. All books are also available to borrow. There are no holds or waitlists for these titles in MCL's digital collection.

On Nov. 17 at 6:30 pm, join the library via [Zoom](#) for a virtual chat with Adib Khorram! This is a bilingual event; interpretation will be provided in Spanish and Arabic. His debut "Darius the Great Is Not Okay" earned the William C. Morris Debut Award, the Asian/Pacific American Award for Young Adult Literature, and a Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor, among other accolades. The story centers on Darius Kellner, who speaks better Klingon than Farsi and knows more about Hobbit social cues than Persian ones. He's a "Fractional Persian" (half, on his mom's side), and his first-ever trip to Iran is about to change his life.

The Mid-Columbia Reads literary festival encourages communities throughout the Mid-Columbia region to engage with the same books and come together to explore and celebrate the written and spoken word. MCL strives to build community through the collective experience of reading, thinking, and discussing ideas and themes that raise important social issues while also building future readers and writers in our region.



VIRTUAL AUTHOR VISIT
ADIB KHORRAM
NOV. 17 | 6:30 PM | ZOOM

Fall Book Sale

Happy fall! Our Fall Book Sale will take place from Oct. 22 to Nov. 6, 2021. Included in the sale will be the education, fiction (hardcover), history, non-fiction, and science/nature collections. We will also sell smaller amounts of our children, paperback, and religion collections.

Masks will be required. Please bring your own bag or box. Look for more details via email and [social media](#), including the pre-sale for Friends of the Library members.

We are always in need of volunteers. Please contact Fernie Coe at (509) 322-6949 if interested in helping with the sale. We also would love donations of clean cardboard boxes.

MID-COLUMBIA LIBRARIES BOARD OF TRUSTEE OPENINGS



Mid-Columbia Libraries is accepting applications to fill two positions on its Board of Trustees. Benton County residents and Franklin County residents are welcome to apply. Residents of City of Richland are not eligible to apply.

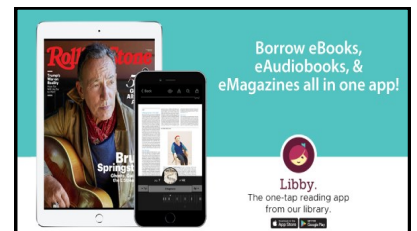
To read more about this opportunity or to download an application, visit midcolumbialibraries.org/about/board-of-trustees or call (509) 737-6344.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Celebrate National Hispanic Heritage Month, also called Latinx Heritage Month, with us from September 15 to October 15. Watch a movie marathon on [Kanopy](#), read a book from our Hispanic/Latinx author [collection](#), or learn more about local inspiring Latinos by watching the short video series "[Inspiring Latinos](#)." A project of Mid-Columbia Libraries' [Tri-Cities Latino Community Network](#), "Inspiring Latinos" tells the stories of local Latinos who are making our community a better place through their leadership, talents, generosity, and resilience.



INSPIRING
LATINOS
INSPIRADORES



Join historian John Jensen for this free lecture exploring the early years of Orson Welles, his controversial stage plays, and his unforgettable version of H.G. Wells' "The War of the Worlds," which had the country convinced of an alien invasion.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28 | 6:30 PM | ZOOM
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