

# CITY OF SUMAS NEWSLETTER

Issue 1 – 2024



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

February 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm

### CITY HALL CLOSURES

Presidents Day: Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### SUMAS CITY HALL


433 Cherry Street  
P.O. Box 9  
Sumas, WA 98295

Phone: 360.988.5711  
Non-Emergency Police Dispatch:  
360.676.6911

## News and Information for 2024

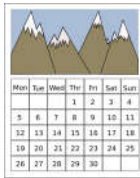
Stay in the loop with what's happening in Sumas this year!

There are multiple options to stay up-to-date on Sumas news and information.

- The City website: [www.cityofsumas.com](http://www.cityofsumas.com)
- City Newsletters (on the website): [www.cityofsumas.com/sumas-newsletters-2/](http://www.cityofsumas.com/sumas-newsletters-2/)
- City of Sumas Facebook page: [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)
-  VOYENTALERT! Notification Service

VoyentALERT! is used by the City to keep you informed during emergencies as well as day-to-day notifications. The service is FREE, easy to use and anonymous. You can register at: [register.voyent-alert.us](http://register.voyent-alert.us)

## SUMAS COMMUNITY CALENDARS (BIRTHDAY CALENDARS)



The 2024 Community Calendars have arrived and are available at City Hall!

Stop by City Hall to purchase yours for \$5.

## WHAT'S NEW AT THE SUMAS MUSEUM?

The Sumas Museum received a grant from Whatcom County!

This is exciting news! The museum will be launching a couple of new features in the future, so stay tuned! One feature will be a self-guided walking tour! And then the Museum will also begin offering "History Talks".

If you have a request for a topic and/or speaker for a "History Talk", please contact the museum with your request at 360-319-4283 or [info@sumashistory.org](mailto:info@sumashistory.org)



## 2024 DOG LICENSE RENEWALS

Issued Dog licenses are now due for renewal.



First-time tags can be issued at any time. Stop by City Hall to license your dog. Registering can help reunite your found dog with you!

Spayed/Neutered = \$15 per dog  
Non Spayed/Neutered = \$25 per dog



Sumas Library  
461 2<sup>nd</sup> Street / 360-988-2501  
wcls.org  
Branch Hours

Monday 10 A.M – 6 P.M.  
Wednesday 10 A.M – 6 P.M.  
Saturday 10 A.M – 5 P.M.

Library Express Hours  
Daily 6 A.M – 11 P.M

**Do you know...**

with your library card you can access Mango Languages, a digital platform with over 70 languages to choose from – including a variety of Native American languages, Biblical Hebrew, and pirate! For more information, talk to a staff person at any branch or visit [www.wcls.org/mango-languages/](http://www.wcls.org/mango-languages/)

**UPCOMING LIBRARY CLOSURES** Monday, January 1 (New Year's Day); Monday, January 15 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day); Monday, February 19 (Presidents Day)

**A Memorable Year**

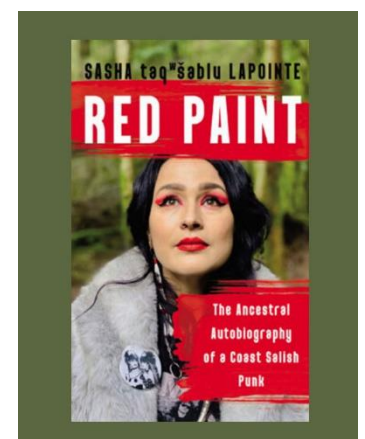
Library staff are thankful for all the patrons who have visited us in the past year since we re-opened in February 2023. We have been so blessed with memories of many conversations and events we've been able to share with our community. To celebrate all of you, Sumas Library Patron Appreciation Week kicks-off Monday, February 12. Throughout the week we will have hot cocoa, tea and apple cider as well as tasty treats to snack on. We'd love to hear your memories of the past year as well. If you haven't yet made it to the library, we encourage you to stop by and find out how we can help you.



The annual A Forest of Words opportunity for teens to have their poetry published is here! Teens in grades 6 – 12 are invited to submit up to two pieces of poetry by March 15. Selected poets will have their work published in the annual anthology and will have the opportunity to read their poetry

aloud at the celebration held May 10 at Ferndale Library. For further details, rules, and submission form, stop by the library or visit [www.wcls.org/a-forest-of-words/#rules](http://www.wcls.org/a-forest-of-words/#rules).

Whatcom Reads is a county-wide program every March that encourages everyone to read and discuss the same book. Events on the themes discussed in the book occur through February and March at various locations throughout Whatcom County, culminating in book discussions with the author as well as an evening event at Mt. Baker Theater. The 2024 selection is Red Paint: The Ancestral Autobiography of a Coast Salish Punk by Sasha taqʷšəblu LaPointe. Participate in hands-on events such as cedar weaving, song writing, and mixed media art and enjoy discussions about Native American values, language, and social issues and books by Native American authors. For event, author and book details visit [www.whatcomreads.org/](http://www.whatcomreads.org/).



# Upcoming Programs at Sumas Library

For a complete listing of events at all branches visit [wcls.org/events](http://wcls.org/events)



**SUMAS STORYTIME:** For ages 2-6. An open program that includes stories, rhymes, and songs with opportunities for movement and interactive participation. Mondays, January 22 – May 13. 10:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

**CHESS!:** An open program for chess players of all abilities to play one another! Wednesdays, 3:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

**SUMAS BOOK GROUP:** Meetings alternate monthly between open discussion of members' recent favorites one month and discussing the book club pick the next month. For January, it's Member's Choice open discussion. For February, group members will read Beloved by Tony Morrison. Monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. 10 A.M. – 11 A.M.

**FRIENDS OF THE SUMAS LIBRARY (FOSL) MEETING:** Want to help support the library beyond checking items and attending events? Join the Friends of the Sumas Library, a 501(c)3 nonprofit dedicated to supporting the Sumas Library. Teen volunteers encouraged to attend! When we work together, we can do great things for our community. Monthly on 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, February - May. 6:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

**ME, MYSELF AND I – SELF CARE FOR KIDS:** Join us for a program grounded in self-awareness, self-expression, and self-care. Celebrate who you are with mindfulness practices, temporary tattoos, self-portraits, yoga poses and much more. You can be anything and everything by just being yourself. Who do you want to be? For grades K – 5. Saturday, February 3, 10:30A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

**SUMAS LIBRARY PATRON APPRECIATION WEEK:** We want to celebrate you! Join us for hot cocoa, tea and cider as well as tasty treats! Stop in any time Monday, February 12, Wednesday February 14, or Saturday, February 17 during regular open hours.

**CEDAR WEAVING:** Learn about cedar weaving from Lummi artists Lee Plaster and Toshi Simmonds. In this class, you will weave a headband. Participants should wear clothing they are comfortable getting stained. **Space is limited; registration is required.** Register online or call the Sumas Library 360-988-2501. Saturday, February 24, 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.