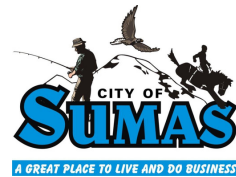


# City of Sumas Newsletter



Here's what's happening in Sumas over the next few months.

## Fall Maintenance!

- City Park Splash Pad
  - The Splash Pad will be closing for the season October 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope everyone had a great summer!
- Community Gardens
  - Both garden locations will be prepped by the City for the winter beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>. Please be sure to complete your Fall harvests and collect all gardening supplies by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Anything left behind will be disposed of properly, and the ground rototilled up.
- Tree Trimming
  - Once the leaves change this Fall, the City will be trimming trees back from power lines and public sidewalks if they have not already been trimmed by property owners. Per Sumas Municipal Code, all property owners are responsible for trimming their own trees/shrubs. Please see code 8.32.030 for more information.

## Energy Assistance Programs

The City of Sumas offers three Energy Assistance Programs.

Please visit:  
[www.cityofsumas.com/utility-rates-and-fees/](http://www.cityofsumas.com/utility-rates-and-fees/), and click into the Energy Assistance Programs section to review the descriptions and criteria for each program to determine if your household may qualify and benefit from any of the available programs.

- Electric Base Fee Waiver
- Senior Electric Discount
- Donation Recipient

### Qualifying Income Criteria

(Annual household income, see additional details at [www.cityofsumas.com](http://www.cityofsumas.com)):

- Single Person: \$60,700
- Two-Person: \$69,400
- Three-Person: \$78,050

If your household is eligible, complete the application form found on the website, attach the verification documents, and submit the application and documents to the Utility Billing Clerk.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

September 22nd @ 7pm  
October 13th @ 7pm  
October 27th @ 7pm  
November 10th @ 7pm

### CITY HALL CLOSURES

Veteran's Day:  
November 11, 2025

**\*Utility Disconnections for unpaid October Utility bills will occur on November 12, 2025 due to the holiday closure.**

**\*\*Visit**

**[www.cityofsumas.com](http://www.cityofsumas.com) for the 2025 Delinquent Account Schedule**

### FREE CHIPPER SERVICE

- September 19th  
10am - 12pm
- September 20th  
9am - 11am
- October 17th  
10am - 12pm
- October 18th  
9am - 11am

**\*October 18<sup>th</sup> is the last Chipper service until next Spring, 2026.**



## STREET SWEEPER

The Street Sweeper is scheduled on the last Friday of each month.

Especially with leaves falling this time of year, on the last Friday of each month, please move parked vehicles out of the City's rights-of-way and off the streets, so that the street sweeper can access all areas.



## YARD MAINTENANCE

Please maintain lawns and weeds per Sumas Municipal Code 8.32. Clean up and dispose of yard waste properly. Dumping lawn clippings and plant debris in drainage areas, alleys, etc. is prohibited.



**Trunk-or-Treat** - October 31<sup>st</sup> @ 5pm on Third Street.

See Loca Mocha Sumas for more details.

**FOSL Fall Bingo Night** - November 10<sup>th</sup> from 7pm-8:30pm  
@ the Sumas Community Center, 461 Second St, Sumas.

Brought to you by the Friends of the Sumas Library.

**Save the Date - Friendsgiving!** - November 12<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm.  
@ the Sumas Museum, 114 Second St, Sumas.

Please join the Sumas Historical Society and Museum for pumpkin pie and a visit! The Historical Society also invites you to be on the lookout for new signs around town featuring "Pictures from the Past"!



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

### Did you know?

The Sumas Library provides **tech help every Saturday from 3 P.M. – 4 P.M.** by appointment. Help available in English or Spanish. Call the library or stop by during open hours to schedule your 30-minute one-on-one appointment.

Thank you, Whatcom County voters! The [library levy measure](#) on the Aug. 5 ballot was approved by a majority of voters and funding for the library services that our community depends upon is secure for the foreseeable future. Thank you for understanding the value of libraries. We wouldn't be here without your support, and we remain steadfast in our commitment to steward taxpayer resources wisely to provide the best library services possible.



Thank you to the Sumas community for your support of **Movie in the Park** events this summer hosted by the Friends of the Sumas Library (FOSL)). Funds raised at these events allowed FOSL to provide a **free end-of-summer reading celebration carnival** to the community. Attendees were able to play a variety of games and enjoy cotton candy. FOSL has many future events planned, including **BINGO night** in November. Keep an eye on the [FOSL webpage](#) or on the [WCLS events calendar](#) to learn more about this and future events. If you are interested in **volunteering locally**, now is a great time to get involved with Friends of the Sumas Library. FOSL is in the process of **updating the by-laws and electing new officers** for the board. Take a look at [the proposed by-laws](#), and join us on **Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** to vote on them and elect our new officers. Contact FOSL if you have questions about the by-laws or are interested in learning more about board positions. FOSL can be reached at [info@friendsofthesumaslibrary.org](mailto:info@friendsofthesumaslibrary.org).



## WHATCOMICS

### TEEN ART ANTHOLOGY

**PUBLISH YOUR ART • DEADLINE OCTOBER 31**

**WHATCOMICS 2025 – TEEN ARTISTS GET PUBLISHED!** Whatcom County teens are invited to submit their 2-D art to be considered for publication in Whatcomics 2025, our teen art book. We encourage all artistic styles including drawing, painting, collage, comics and doodles. Because of copyright issues, no fan art, AI-generated art, or art based on other artists' work is allowed. Accepted artists receive a copy of the book to keep. We'll host a special celebration at the Lynden Library in January.

[More information, eligibility requirements, and online submissions available online.](#)



# LIBRARY EVENTS

## SUMAS LIBRARY • SEPTEMBER

### Upcoming Events

#### Friends of the Sumas Library Meeting

Help support the library with this friendly volunteer group. Teen volunteers encouraged to attend.

Wednesday, September 3, 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

#### What We're Reading Book Club

Share the books and movies you've enjoyed.

*Online - Register to receive the Zoom link.*

Wed., Sept. 3, 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

#### Community Movie Night: A Minecraft Movie

The Friends of the Sumas Library hosts a free movie showing at Sycamore Park. Concessions will be available for purchase beginning at 7:30 p.m. The movie will start after sunset.

Friday, September 5, 7:30 PM-11:00 PM

#### Sumas Book Club

A traditional book club — everybody reads and discusses the same book. Check with library staff for this month's selection.

Saturday, September 20, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

### Recurring Events

#### Lunch Break Book Club

Take a break in your day and join us for our weekly, low-commitment, theme-based book club. Bring lunch if you'd like. Coffee and tea provided.

**September theme: classics**

Mondays and Wednesdays, 1:00 PM-1:30 PM

#### Crafting Community

Drop in with your favorite arts and crafts and spend time creating alongside other crafters.

Mondays, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM

#### Game Day

A weekly, drop-in program and play chess, checkers, board games or cards with others.

Wednesdays, 3:30 PM-4:30 PM

#### Tech Help Hour

One-on-one assistance in English or Spanish.

Saturdays (by appointment), 3:00 PM-4:00 PM

### Teens (grades 6-12)

#### Whatcomics 2025: Teen Artists

Submit your art to be considered for publication in our teen art book.

[wcls.org/whatcomics](http://wcls.org/whatcomics)

September 1-October 31

### Tweens (grades 5-8)

#### Graphic Novel Book Group

Whether you are new to the genre or an avid reader, you are welcome to explore the amazing world of graphic novels with us! We will meet weekly on Mondays to discuss a portion of a graphic novel that we will read over the course of a month. Join us weekly or whenever you can make it. Light snacks provided.

Mondays starting September 15

4:00 PM-4:30 PM

### Early Years

#### Storytime

For ages 2-6, 30 minutes. An open program that includes stories, rhymes, and songs with opportunities for movement and interactive participation.

Mondays starting Sept. 15

10:30 AM-11:00 AM



**SUMAS LIBRARY, 461 2<sup>nd</sup> STREET**  
**VISIT [WCLS.ORG/EVENTS](http://WCLS.ORG/EVENTS) FOR MORE INFORMATION**



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Saturday, October 18, 10:00 AM-11:00 AM

#### Drawing from Memory: Creating a Memory Map

Find inspiration in a creative exercise that taps into specific memories and develops them into a visual representation. This program is for anyone, regardless of your drawing and writing ability. *Space is limited; registration is required.*

Saturday, October 18, 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

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September 1-October 31

#### Teen Corps - Mask Making

Help us with library programs while having fun.

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Saturday, October 4, 10:15 AM-11:45 AM

#### Tweens (grades 5-8)

#### Graphic Novel Book Group

Whether you are new to the genre or an avid reader, explore graphic novels with us!

Mondays, 4:00 PM-4:30 PM

#### Kids (grades K-5)

#### Mask Making

Calling all masters of disguise. We'll have supplies to make the mask of your dreams.

Saturday, October 4, 10:30 AM-11:30 AM

#### Early Years (ages 2-6)

#### Storytime

An open program that includes stories, rhymes, and songs with opportunities for movement.

Mondays, 10:30 AM-11:00 AM

#### Community Helpers Storytime

Mondays, Oct. 13, 20 and 27

10:30 AM-11:00 AM



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7:00pm - 8:30pm



Brought to you  
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the whole family!

Free to play with  
amazing prizes  
donated by local  
businesses.

Sumas Community Center, 461 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Sumas