



IT'S ALREADY **HOT!**

When we're breaking heat records outside, do you know where you can find great activities for all ages with air conditioning?

Your local Fort Vancouver Regional library!

A few summer break offerings include "Kids & Tweens Build It" and "Kids Create" in Stevenson, "Kids & Tweens Creative Crafts: DIY Squishies," "Teen Escape Room" and "Adult Fiber Art Social Circle" in White Salmon, and "Family Storytime" and "Teen Sewing 101" in Goldendale.

FVRL offers accommodations for physical access, communications, or other needs when requests are made at least 15 days in advance.

Check out the [FVRL website](#), our [Happenings](#) page and the [KSDDAB calendar](#) for more 2026 summer events.

KSDDAB COMMUNITY



Supporting Skamania County Community Health in providing developmental disability services to Klickitat and Skamania County residents

Lydia Delay: A Beacon of Kindness, Determination and Dedication



This summer, our spotlight is on Lydia Delay. A dedicated employee, a passionate volunteer and a earnest athlete, Lydia is a shining star in our community. We are thrilled to share her story with you.

Harvest Market and shoppers got lucky when Lydia, assisted by People for People, was hired in 2018. Walt Ronish, who provides ongoing employment support, pointed out how her willingness to go above and beyond shows as she interacts with customers, especially those with injuries or disabilities. Lydia goes out of her way to assist them, ensuring they have a comfortable and enjoyable shopping experience.

Her role as a courtesy clerk is more than just a job; it's how she helps others be successful, too. Lydia's social ethic extends beyond her workplace. A weekly volunteer at the Whitson library, she assists children and librarians alike. There, she helps foster a love for reading, connecting with children and patiently helping them navigate the library. a reflection of her empathetic nature. On top of all that, Lydia served on our board (KSDDAB), bringing a much-needed perspective that only a self-advocate can provide.

In addition to her work and volunteering, Lydia is a dedicated Oregon Special Olympics athlete. Competing since 2019 in the shot put, long jump, and softball throw, her hard work and perseverance paid off when she earned a Gold Medal in the softball throw for 2026. She's also an avid Tuesday afternoon bowler, and she actively participates in Club E ("Having Fun and Making Friends!"). Lydia's mom, Carol Delay, started Club E 9 years ago to provide (again, much needed!) local, regular social activities for people with intellectual disabilities. There is no charge to take part in Club E events, which are held regularly at the Elks Club in White Salmon. Families will also find a supportive environment there.

In close, Lydia's individual and professional achievements are a testament to her character and her unwavering spirit, as well as to the ripple effects of support. She reminds us of the profound impact one individual can have on their community when doors are open instead of closed--doors that she holds open for others, too.

Join the KSDDAB Board

No special expertise required -- just a desire to find ways to ensure that people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families can easily and locally access resources, services, and support. Board members must reside or work in Skamania or Klickitat County.

Ask for a Board Application today!



KLICKITAT-SKAMANIA DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

Visitors are always welcome to attend Board meetings! Meetings are held every other month (February, April, June, August, October, December) on the first Wednesday, from 3:30 pm until 5:00 pm. Participate using Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2152417075> or come join us in person.

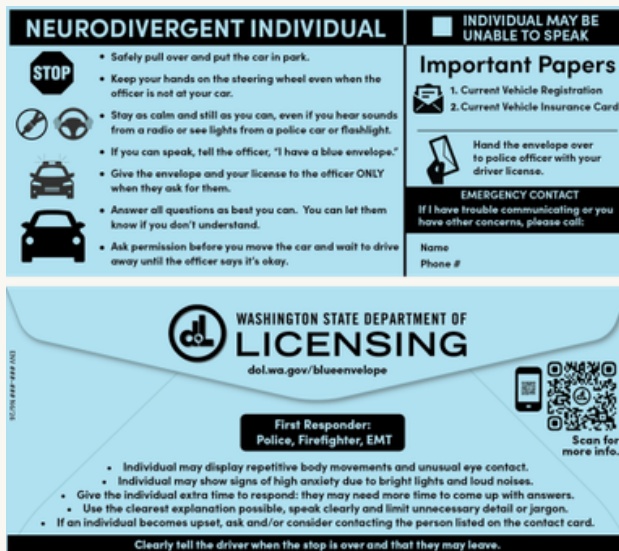
Meetings alternate between Skamania and Klickitat County locations.

Contact [Heather Trollier](#) for an agenda and more information.

Creating a more inclusive world means recognizing and valuing the full diversity of our communities. It means making sure all people have opportunities to be heard, included, and supported.
-The Arc, Washington State

RECOGNITION!

Washington's new [Blue Envelope Program](#) helps neurodivergent drivers and police officers or first responders understand each other better during traffic stops. It's voluntary, anonymous and free. Just ask at your local [driver licensing office](#) or [vehicle licensing office](#). You don't need to provide any personal or diagnostic information. Then, keep your vehicle registration and a copy of your insurance card in the envelope. If you are pulled over or involved in an accident, this alerts the first responders that a different communication approach may be helpful.



IN OTHER NEWS....

Patient portals, online scheduling and check-in, and electronic records were supposed to make accessing healthcare easier, but that's often not true for the I/DD community. By May 2026, healthcare websites and "apps" had to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act; that is, be designed to be [more accessible to people with disabilities](#). However, the Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights gave providers an additional year, extending the deadline to May 2027 for large practices, and May 2028 for smaller offices. In the meantime, keep passing on ideas to your provider on how to make their mobile applications and technology work for you!

Visit the [KSDDAB Website](#) & Follow us on [FACEBOOK](#)

HAPPENINGS

JULY IS DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH: “The world works better with us”

- Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00: **SkaCo Fiber Arts Collective**. All ages; basic beginning guidance or bring your own project. CASS, 198 W 2nd St., Stevenson.
- Tuesdays, 3:00-4:30: **Bowling \$1/game (2 games max)**, sponsored by Arc of Mid-Columbia, and free shoe rental from **Orchard Lanes** in Hood River.
- Tuesdays through August 25, 3:30-5:30: **Teen Hangout**. Stevenson Library.
- Wednesdays, 4:30-6:00: **Family Crafting Corner**. Especially for ages 0-5 and their caregivers. CASS, 198 SW 2nd St (next to Subway), Stevenson.
- Wednesdays 3:30-5:00 or Thursdays, 5:30-7:00: **Support and Discussion Group for Autistic Adults** (18+). Online.
- Saturdays June 20, July 18, Aug. 15 & Sept. 19, 1:00-2:00: **Supported Teen and Young Adult Club**. Online.
- Tuesday, June 23, 12:00-1:00: **How to apply for SSI/SSDI Benefits for Adults**. Webinar with live Q&A. ASL and Zoom closed captioning will be provided.
- Friday, June 26, 10:30-11:30: **Science Heroes: Digging it!**. Goldendale Library, Camplan Room.
- Tuesdays, every other week: **SW Washington Coalition for Disability Services** Open to individuals and groups that focus on the I/DD and neurodivergent community. For information contact hbartholomew@stephensplace.org.
- Saturday, July 18, 6:00-11:00: **Goldendale Pride Festival**. Music, food, kids' arts and crafts, bouncy house and auction. 21+ after 9pm with cash bar. Klickitat County Courthouse parking lot.
- Friday, August 14, 9:00-11:00: **Sunflower Hour**, a sensory-friendly fair experience, at the Skamania County Fair. Free admission and no registration required.
- Saturday, August 22, 2:00-3:00: **Documentary Filmmaking**, presented online by AE Neurodivergent Creators Club. Click on the link for more great summer offerings.

MORE EVENTS AND FURTHER DETAILS AT KSDDAB.ORG

Klickitat-Skamania Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board

Our mission: To support Skamania County Community Health in providing high quality, comprehensive and effective developmental disability services to Klickitat and Skamania County residents in an efficient and respectful manner.

With the support from both the Klickitat and Skamania Board of Commissioners, the Developmental Disabilities services for both counties were joined to form one department in 2021. The Klickitat-Skamania DD Advisory Board was formed soon thereafter.