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In February, American libraries observe Black History Month.

Are You're Smarter Than a 5th Grader? Can you prove it? We have the popular game—hosted by Jeff Foxworthy—available on DVD for play by individuals or teams. Game requires DVD remote control.

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Check out an issue from our new *First Things* magazine subscription. Theologians and philosophers still ponder the big questions of life. Essays explore religion, ethics, politics and popular culture.

On-line @ www.firstthings.com

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The DVD documentary *Say Amen, Somebody* chronicles the life of gospel singer Willie Mae Ford Smith. From her days in a small rural church to standing-room only church choir conventions, this documentary is a rousing tribute to American Black Gospel music. 100 minutes.

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What Law Library services does the WSH Library provide? We don't. We are not a law library. But we can and will provide you with print text from the Revised Code of Washington, (RCW) the WSH Policy manual, the Patients Handbook, and cited cases that are available on-line.

Limit—5 requests a week.

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President and First Lady Obama have announced the launch of www.stopbullying.gov. Ask us to send you more information from this site to help children, teens and adults to cope with bullying behavior.

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The February skies are alive with the sound of...honking. Yes. Californians have their swallows of Capistrano. Locals have those wonderful Canada geese who have arrived for their annual mating season. Curious? Learn more by reading our whimsical children's picture book *Honk, Honk, Goose! Canada Geese Start a Family*.

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BP magazine provides “hope and harmony for people with Bipolar.” SZ magazine promises readers “inspiration and information.” Each issue includes personal testimonies about successful recovery. Every issue also provides national news about research, trends and policies. BP and SZ are available on-line, too.

SZ @ www.szmagazine.com

BP @ www.bphope.com

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Buddy Bolden is credited as the father of jazz. He also spent most of his adult life in a Louisiana state psychiatric hospital. Learn more about Bolden and jazz by watching our *Ken Burns' Jazz* series (VHS).

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I, Too, Sing America: Three Centuries of African American Poetry is no ordinary collection of poetry. Each featured poet is introduced to the reader in context to their life and times. Poems and text are accompanied by the original artwork by Stephen Alcorn, rendered in colored pencil.

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Curious about the history of Western State Hospital?

The hospital was founded on the site of U. S. Fort Steilacoom in 1871.

Want to learn more?

Write or call ext 2593 for a copy of the WSH Museum information packet and discover some surprising facts.

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Read the movie! Paramount recently released their film adaptation of Ned Vizzini's semi-autobiographical novel *It's Kind of a Funny Story*.

The Library owns the book the film is based on.

Vizzini is a successful “teen lit” writer who was briefly hospitalized for depression in 2004. His novel is based on his experience.

Bio

Before he became president, Barack Obama was a best-selling author.

Dreams of My Father is his autobiography that describes his life growing up in Hawaii and Indonesia. Then he went on a soul-searching odyssey to Africa to meet his father's family. His second book *The Audacity of Hope* outlines Obama's philosophy of leadership. Both are available for loan.

“Books were my pass to personal freedom. I learned to read at age three, and soon discovered there was a whole world to conquer that went beyond our farm in Mississippi.”

Oprah Winfrey