

"More of the Best of the Valley"



Chinese New Year Celebrated in Shelton

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Enthusiasm abounded as children and adults welcomed in the Chinese New Year earlier this month at an educational program sponsored by [Written Words Bookstore](#).

The store is located in the Conti Building, 415 Howe Ave. Owner Dorothy Sim-Broder said eight children enjoyed making crafts, eating snacks, and hearing stories read by [Shapels](#) creator Evie North of Derby.

A highlight of the celebration was when the children got "inside" a dragon created by craftsman Ron Baldwin, a city resident whose grandchildren attended the program. Two girls from China described what it was like celebrating the new year when they were growing up, and the traditions and legends that were passed on from generation to generation.

The dragon, a symbol of Chinese New Year's celebrations since ancient times, "danced" inside the Conti building and through the parking lot.