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Friends of the Forest Grove Library

Spring 2018 Newsletter

From the President

Since 1973, Friends of the Forest Grove Library has existed to support the Library's goals and services.

The Friends Board of Directors recently updated the organization's Strategic Plan. You can see the revised plan on Friends' website: <https://fglibraryfriends.org/about/>

The most important change was reordering goal priorities, putting first our support of cultural and other programs that happen in the Library. Friends of the Library funds programs such as Summer Reading rather than managing or staffing them. The Library staff does an excellent job using our funds. Our book sales efforts (see below) are the way we raise funds.

You can help. Please see the articles below about volunteer opportunities with Friends of the Library. You can also shop at the used book sale. Come to those cultural programs that catch your fancy. And please let me know if you have any questions about or any suggestions for the Friends of the Forest Grove Library.

Please come to Friends' Annual Meeting, Wednesday, April 11 at 5:30 PM in the Rogers Meeting Room at the Library. Friends' activities and accomplishments of the fiscal year will be reviewed and light refreshments provided.

–Mike Smith 503 357-3532, m2zsmith@msn.com

Used Book Sale

The Friends Spring Book Sale will take place **Monday, April 16, through Saturday, April 21** in the Rogers Room of the Forest Grove City Library, 2114 Pacific Avenue in Forest Grove.

Sale Hours are coordinated with library open hours:

- Monday, April 16, 9:30 AM - 8 PM
- Tuesday April 17, 9:30 AM - 8 PM
- Wednesday, April 18, 9:30 AM - 8 PM
- Thursday, April 19, 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM
- Friday, April 20, 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM
- Saturday, April 21, 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM

Books, CDs, DVDs, are all priced to sell.

Membership has its privileges! On Wednesday, April 18, current members get a 50% discount on all that they purchase. New members can join and current members can renew at the door of the sale. Memberships begin at \$10 for individuals and are good for twelve months.

Bag days! On Friday and Saturday, all shoppers may fill standard shopping bags with books and other materials and pay just \$5 per bag.

We Can Use Your Help!

As usual, it is your help that makes our book sale a success! More than 50 people helped with our last sale. We will soon begin scheduling volunteers for our spring sale so please answer our call.

On Thursday, April 12, we will start setting up the

sale. Strength and perseverance are needed to set up tables, book shelves, and to move 250 or so boxes of books into the Rogers Room to begin placing books on the tables. Please lend a hand any time between 10 AM and 5:30 PM. Fine-tuning continues through Saturday, April 14 during regular library hours.

Many volunteers are also needed to staff the sales desk during the sale, April 16-21. Two volunteers will be on duty for two-hour shifts throughout the day. They will total the cost of each purchase and collect the money. An experienced volunteer will always be on hand to assist as needed. This is a great way to share in the joy of seeing books find new homes with new readers.

The big clean-up starts at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, April 23. We need 8-10 volunteers to put leftover books into giant bins provided by Discover Books. The company takes them away and pays the Friends for them. As tables and book shelves are emptied, we put them away and say adios to another successful book sale. *Many hands make light work!*

Each volunteer can take home two books of their choice for each shift they work. You'll have fun and your library, community, and bookshelf will benefit. Spread the word and tell your friends that they do not need to be members of Friends to volunteer!

If you prefer to schedule your favorite time before we start calling, you can call Mike Smith at 503 530-9353 or email him at m2zsmith@msn.com

45th Annual Meeting

All Friends are encouraged to attend the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Forest Grove Library. It will be held at 5:30 PM, on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, in the Rogers Room of the Library.

The past year will be reviewed and officers will be elected for the coming year.

Nominations for officers for 2018-19 are: President - Mike Smith; Vice President - Susan Schubothe; Treasurer - Ralph Vasey; Secretary - Katie Allnutt.

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

Light refreshments will be served and we hope to see you there.

There are vacancies on the Board. If you are interested in learning more, contact Mike Smith at 503 530-9353 or at m2zsmith@msn.com.

Coming Soon



The Friends of the Library are currently selecting a book bag to purchase and sell to the public. They will be available for sale and reasonably priced. We'll let you know when they're ready.

Cultural Programs

We hope you will be able to attend one of the remaining cultural programs for Spring 2018. The programs take place at 6:30 PM in the Rogers Room at the Library. Friends of the Library sponsors these programs. They are free and open to the public.

Tuesday, March 13 Bossa Nova and Samba guitar with Ronnie Robins

Join guitar master Ronnie Robins for an evening of soulful, Brazilian-style music. Soak up the sounds with us.



Tuesday, April 3 Grant's Getaways:

Oregon Adventures with Kids Join local resident Grant McOmie as he talks about kid-friendly adventures around the state. Well-known from his TV show, books, and his KGW Newschannel 8 segments, Grant is an engaging speaker who shares his enthusiasm for the great outdoors of Oregon.

Tuesday, May 15 Shipwreck Archaeology

Join Chris Dewey of the Maritime Archaeological Society as he shares recent investigations and discoveries into lost ships of the Oregon Coast.



Art of the Story

Experience the multicultural phenomenon of Storyteller/Performer Habiba Addo with "The Beautiful Lessons in our Fantastic Messes".

Addo incorporates singing, stories, and movement with origins in West Africa for a spellbinding experience. An Art of the Story event.



Tuesday May 1st at 6:30 pm in the Rogers Room.

TEDTalks

TED Talks are a monthly coffee community engagement program on the last Saturday morning of the month from 10:30-11:30 am running through May. Each program features a 15-20 minute TED Talk broadcast on a topic of social/cultural interest followed by a facilitated discussion of the points raised in the broadcast. Coffee and treats will be provided by BJ's courtesy of the Friends.



Saturday, March 24: "Poverty isn't a lack of character: it's a lack of cash" with Rutger Bregman

The Conversation Project

Join us for lively and thoughtful discussions about issues currently affecting our state, region, community - affordable housing and racial and ethnic diversity.

These events, which are part of the Conversation Project program sponsored by the Oregon Humanities, are lead by skilled facilitators from wide backgrounds, each of whom brings a wealth of practical skills and real world experience to the presentations:

Monday, March 12: "A Place to Call Home: Exploring Housing in Oregon" with Cristina Palacios

Monday, March 30: "What's in a Label? Thinking about Diversity and Racial Categories" with Anna Su

6 p.m. in the Rogers Room

What Happens To The Books You Donate?

Books and other materials donated to the Forest Grove City Library are first reviewed by Library Staff to see if they should be added to the Library's inventory.

For those that are not selected, and for books de-selected from the Library collection by staff, Friends of the Library volunteers research used book prices online to pick out those titles that are valued at \$7 or more. Most of them will be put on sale at Amazon.com under Friends' dealership name, "forestgrovelibraryfriends." Friends have more than 2,000 books on sale through Amazon and these online sales will net more than \$6,000 for the Library during the Friends fiscal year.

Books in good condition that are not selected for online sales are sorted by Friends volunteers for the twice-a-year book sales and for ongoing sales in the library. The twice-a-year sales are Friends' primary income source and have been making about \$12,000 a year. The ongoing in-library sales is a Friends project that began in 2015. Look for the small magenta book truck near the display case in the Library entrance.

Books left over from the twice-a-year sales are picked up by a private company, Discovery Books. They sell books online. Our volunteers help their driver fill large bins with the left over books. The driver takes them away and Friends are paid by the pound. Clean up is easier than with our previous vendor who wanted the books boxed. We also get paid a little more and promptly

Making money for the Library is essential to the Friends' strategic priorities. In addition, the book sales help keep these books in our own community.

On-Going Book Sale

When you visit the Library, look for a magenta book truck near the entrance. It holds books that you can purchase to help support your Library.

Friends volunteers select these books from donations. They are in great condition and are priced the same as at the semi-annual book sales. Prices are written on stickers inside the front covers and you can pay at the Check-out Desk.

An Easy Way To Help

Friends of the Forest Grove Library now benefits from the AmazonSmile program.

When Amazon customers log on through the smile.amazon.com site, 0.5% of the sales price of many of the items they purchase (not just books) will be donated by the Amazon Foundation to Friends of the Forest Grove Library. No additional cost is incurred by either the purchaser or the Friends of the Library. None of the purchaser's privileges at Amazon (Amazon Prime benefits, for example) are affected when buying through AmazonSmile.

Go directly to our site via
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-6089869>

This is an easy way to help your Friends of the Library and your Forest Grove City Library at no cost to you! Make it a habit to log on to Amazon through smile.amazon.com.

Do You Have Any Time?

If you would like to become more involved with the Friends, we welcome you and your ideas. There is plenty to be done and the jobs can be one time or ongoing.



Please contact Mike Smith [m2zsmith@msn.com 503-530-9353] if you are interested in helping with any of the following jobs:

Newsletter editor (twice a year) - Help with editing, layout, preparing for mail. Content is mostly provided by others.

Processing book donations for book sales (1-2 hours a week for each job except as noted):

Moving books – Donated books need to be moved from the library's Technical Services workroom to the mezzanine where Friends used book operations take place. Boxes of sorted books need to be moved back to the closet on the first floor. There is a dumbwaiter to move boxes and books between floors.

Scanning - Checking the value of each donated book on Amazon.com. Those worth \$7 or more are set aside for possible inclusion in the Friends online book store - a bit like a treasure hunt!



Sorting - Those worth less than \$7 are sorted into categories used at the book sale. A place for everything and everything in its place.

Listing - Books with market prices over \$7, and that are in good condition, need to be entered into the Amazon database. A selling price, condition note and delivery method must be determined by the volunteer and entered online. Bibliophiles may find this process interesting one or two hours a week.

Recycling - Some donated hardcover books are too broken, moldy or obscure to be sold and need to be taken to the recycler. These accumulate in our library mezzanine work area and need to be cleared away about once a month.

Shipping books – Monday through Friday every week, about an hour average per day – Amazon notifies us when books we have listed are sold. It's our job to wrap and mail the books promptly. Two or more people could divide this job if they worked closely together.

Book Sales Manager (twice a year)- Coordinate and instruct volunteers in advertising, staffing, setting-up, selling, and clean-up of the sales (see book sale article, above). Related activities begin two months before each sale. This job can be divided between two managers (for spring and fall sales, for instance). Current managers can provide lots of hand-holding for new ones.

Social Media Coordinator – Friends has a website: <https://fglibraryfriends.org> It needs more frequent updates, graphic content, 'donate' and Amazon Smile buttons. We have no Facebook presence let alone Twitter and so on. We need help!

Meet The Staff

This is the second of a continuing series to introduce Library staff.

Hi, my name is Ashley McDonald. I have been working for Forest Grove City Library for 3 years. Before starting at Forest Grove I worked at Cornelius

Public Library for 10 years. I attended Pacific University for my BA in History and Marylhurst University for my Masters in Education.



When I am not working, I am very involved with the Washington County 4-H program, particularly with Small Animals and Photography. I have been involved in 4-H for most of my life and really enjoy seeing the kids in my rabbit club learning new things and succeeding. In my family Halloween and Christmas are a big deal, so it is not uncommon for me to be seen in costume or some kind of festive attire. My other hobbies include reading, taking photographs and spending time with family and friends.

From the Director

Dear Friends,

Last spring when I wrote this column, I wrote about the inevitability and the importance of managing change. This was in light of the many changes to our library staff that had taken place in the prior year.

This spring, I decided I would focus on change as well. It just keeps coming.....

In the good news department, in January the library added four and ½ additional open hours. We are now open a half hour earlier every day (9:30) and a half hour later Thursday – Saturday (5:30).

Also in the good news department, in 2017 circulation (check outs) increased by 5.5 percent from 2016. Circulation for all items, including e-books, was 319,271. The largest increase was in e-books. In recent years, for most Washington County libraries, circulation has either decreased or been flat.

And after the remarkable decision to close the Douglas County Library System, the City of Roseburg

has reopened its library as a city library and is hiring a library director!

We continue to see changes in the way people use this library. We have fewer people in the library browsing the collection. Many more browse the collection and place holds from home. We have fewer patrons using our public internet stations. As a result, we are planning to eliminate some of those terminals in the near future.

One area that hasn't changed is the numbers of hold requests with approximately 112,700 in 2017. Wifi use also remains high with 17,000 sessions in 2017. Patrons also still come to our children, teen and adult programs and request that we do more of each. We will soon be conducting a survey to solicit input on our services and programs.

Here are some other changes and updates:

- Casey Landau, Youth Services Librarian, has left to pursue other interests. Casey started an Afternoon Art Club which continues to be very popular. We wish Casey all the best in her next venture.
- Eva Calcagno, Manager of the Washington County Library Services (WCCLS) retired in February. Eva had been with the Cooperative for 28 years, 20 as manager. Her departure will leave a very significant gap in the administration of the many services and functions WCCLS provides. Eva has been a major voice and advocate in Oregon libraries. We wish her a very happy and healthy retirement.
- Starting March 1st, the Young Adult area of the library will be reserved for Teen Time. The area will be available after school for teen activities and programs.
- The library celebrated the 39th annual B.E.A.R. month in January. Again this year, retired Youth Services Librarian and founder of B.E.A.R. month, Ann Dondero, lead the Teddy Bear Parades. At a special B.E.A.R. month program, the award-winning Oregon Shadow Theater again performed their



amazing puppetry on the popular folk tale "Anansi the Spider." This program was sponsored by the Friends.

- On Saturday, Jan 27th, the library hosted a Star Wars Celebration where 252 members from the Forest Grove community came out to celebrate Star Wars. There were 16 different crafts/activity stations, including one created and staffed by the Teen Library Council. Volunteers included members of the National Honor Society. Star Wars Oregon joined us providing a plethora of photo opportunities. This program was also sponsored by the Friends.
- Due to the success of the free English classes, a second class has been added. Classes are now available on Wednesday from 2-4 and on Friday from 1-3. They are provided by Goodwill Industries in Forest Grove and are held in the Rogers Room.

Thank you, again, for your support and patronage of the Forest Grove City Library. Thank you, also, for your support of and membership in our fabulous Friends of the Library.

Hope to see you in the library, at the Book Sale, or an upcoming program.

Colleen

Membership

Your Friends membership must be renewed annually. When you renew, your membership is good for the following 12 months. The address label on this newsletter will tell you the month and year when your membership expires. You can renew at the book sale or at the check-out desk at the library or you can fill out the renewal form included in this newsletter and mail it with your check to Friends of the Forest Grove Library, 2114 Pacific Avenue, Forest Grove, OR 97116.



FRIENDS OF THE FOREST GROVE LIBRARY Membership Form

Make check payable to: The Friends of the Forest Grove Library Date _____
 2114 Pacific Avenue (Membership is for 12 consecutive months)
 Forest Grove OR 97116

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

e-mail address _____ Send newsletter via email

Please check _____ Individual \$10 _____ Contributing \$35
 a category: _____ Family \$20 _____ Sustaining \$100

Check here if you would like to volunteer for the Book Sale _____ Cultural programs _____ Special events _____