From Friends’ President

Friends of the Library continues to be the major contributor to the Library’s Summer Reading programs for children, teens, and adults. In the Friends annual budget $14,000 has been allotted for Summer Reading and to provide equipment and supplies for a variety of activities from story times for toddlers to “Timeout for Ted Talks” for adults. An additional $3,000 is set aside for monthly cultural programs in the Rogers Meeting Room.

Friends income derives from selling donated books at twice-a-year sales in the library meeting room, selling books online through Amazon.com, selling from a book truck at the library entrance, as well as membership fees and donations. Last fall’s book sale raised over $5,400.

All Friends efforts are made possible by volunteers. For example, more than 50 volunteers are needed to put on our twice-a-year used book sales. A team of nine works weekly schlepping, sorting, listing, and shipping our online sales and preparing for the twice-a-year sales. One volunteer keeps the book truck in the lobby filled with inviting books for sale. Six board members meet monthly to keep the organization on track.

We thank our volunteers and invite other members of our community to join them. See volunteer opportunities in this newsletter. And please take advantage of the coming book sale and all the programs our Library has to offer.

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Used Book Sale

The Friends Spring Book Sale will take place Monday, April 15, through Saturday, April 20 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 15, 9:30 AM - 8 PM
- Tuesday April 16, 9:30 AM - 8 PM
- Wednesday, April 17, 9:30 AM - 8 PM
- Thursday, April 18, 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM
- Friday, April 19, 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM
- Saturday, April 20, 9:30 AM – 5:30 PM

Books, CDs, DVDs, LPs are all priced to sell. There are lots of children’s books and K-12 curriculum materials in the sale this time.

Membership has its privileges! On Wednesday, April 17, 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.

Your Chance to Help

There are several steps to bringing the book sale to the FG community. Donations are received, scanned, sorted and boxed. The week before the sale, tables
and bookcases are set up and loaded with books for sale. Books are sold. Leftovers are sent away so we can begin collecting books for the next sale. Your help is much needed and appreciated to make all this happen.

- **On Thursday, April 11, we will start setting up** the sale. We need help to set up tables and book shelves, and to begin placing books on display. Please lend a hand any time between 10 AM and 8:00 PM. Fine-tuning continues through Saturday, April 13 during regular library hours.

- Many volunteers are needed to serve as **cashiers during the sale, April 15-20**. 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.

- **Clean-up starts at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, April 22.** We need 8-10 volunteers to put leftover books into giant bins provided by Discover Books. The company takes them all away so that we start with new books next time. As tables and book shelves are emptied, they are put away.

  Each volunteer can take home their choice of two books 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

### 46th Annual Meeting

All Friends members are encouraged to attend the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Forest Grove Library. It will be held at 5:30 PM, on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 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 2019-20 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. Your ideas and contributions are essential for the continued viability of the Friends. If you are interested in learning more, contact Mike Smith at 503 530-9353 or at m2zsmith@msn.com

### Garden Project

The Forest Grove Library Foundation and City of Forest Grove are now renovating the landscaped area on the south side of the Library. The new garden will be a memorial for Dick Ginsburg, former president of Friends of the Forest Grove Library. Dick was an immigration lawyer and activist. He founded the Forest Grove Conversations/Great Speeches series of community forums.

To create more garden space, the city’s Public Works Department removed some of the concrete sidewalk. The Parks Department spread bark dust in preparation for the winter rains. It is hoped that the design will be completed, the plants selected and procured so that the planting can begin this spring.

All the exterior work to the library has been completed. The building has been painted, the flashing replaced, and the leak in the south wall located and repaired.

The Foundation will be accepting donations for the garden’s completion: please contact the Library.
Director, Colleen Winters, (503) 992-3246, for more information.

**Don't Forget**

*** Friends Book Bags are for sale at the Circulation Desk. Just $10 gets you a beautiful way to show your support for the Friends and Library

*** Like-new books are always available for purchase from the pink book truck near the display cabinet. Prices are the same as at the semi-annual book sales. Pay at the Circulation Desk.

**Meet The Staff**

This is the fourth of a continuing series to introduce Library staff to Friends members.

Jillian Coy is our newest addition to the Forest Grove City Library team as the Teen Librarian. She comes to us from Tempe Public Library in Tempe, Arizona, where she was an Adult Programming and Reference Librarian. Her favorite adult programs to lead were competitive jigsaw puzzle tournaments and creative storytelling.

Jillian was thrilled when the position opened in Forest Grove as she had been trying to make the move to Oregon for several months. She’s excited to be in cooler weather and always welcomes suggestions for places to see or things to do in the area.

When not at work, Jillian enjoys exercising, practicing calligraphy, and attempting to cook with her partner, Alex. She grew up in a small town in Michigan, so she loves how much Forest Grove reminds her of home. Say hi to Jillian next time you see her!

**Cultural Programs**

We had a very successful Cultural Series event in February for the 21 and over crowd when we hosted SakèOne Brewing. The audience learned about the history of Forest Grove’s own Sakè brewing company, all about art of brewing Sakè, and an opportunity to sample five varieties.

The last program this season takes place at 6:30 PM in the Rogers Room at the Library. All are free and open to the public.

**Tuesday, April 2: A Deadly Wind** with Author John Dodge

Long time investigative reporter and journalist John Dodge tells the legendary story of the epic 1962 Northwest Coast storm. John will be signing copies of his recently published book, A Deadly Wind, after the program.

**Other Programs and Events**

**Spring break STEM workshops**

March 25-29, 2019

- Ages 6-10 with parent, guardian, or adult caretaker please
- 50-minute classroom sessions
- Registration is required for all programs so enough materials can be prepared.
Monday: Fossils in the Stacks (Limit 30 participants)
Tuesday: Paper Circuit Workshop
Wednesday: “What’s the Scoop on Owl Puke”
Thursday: Polymer Worms
Friday: Engineering Challenge Day
Register by contacting nathanj@wccls.org or stopping by the service desk in the children’s section.

Día de los niños/ Día de los libros
Children’s Day/Book Day
Saturday, April 27, 2019
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Come celebrate Children’s Day at the Forest Grove City Library! Join us for crafts, food, activities, and more!

**Art of the Story**
Tuesday, April 30: 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Kelly Hoffman: Turning Points. (Adult program)
*Stories that turn for love, for better, for worse, for everything that keeps us all turning.*

**Repair PDX and their volunteers**
Saturday May 18th
Another popular Repair Fair where attendees can register to bring their small appliance (think blender, coffee maker, jewelry, bike or clothing) to the Forest Grove City Library’s for a Repair Fair! Meet new people, learn useful skills, keep alive that beloved or useful object, and keep it from the landfill, at no cost to you!

**Adult Summer Reading** is just around the corner and begins June 1st. There will be weekly prizes drawings for participants, as well as Grand Prizes at the end of summer.

Also, watch for a very special program this fall when celebrated author (and musician) Willy Vlautin comes to the Forest Grove City Library.

You can find a more detailed calendar of events at [https://calendar.wccls.org/MasterCalendar/](https://calendar.wccls.org/MasterCalendar/)  Click on Forest Grove City Library in the right sidebar to narrow events to our library. There is a lot going on.

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**From the Director**

As usual, when I write this column, I am stunned to discover that six months have passed since the last newsletter. Also stunning was the snow we had in March!

Highlights from the last six months include:
- Jillian Coy was hired as our new Teen Librarian. Please welcome Jillian and learn more about her elsewhere in this newsletter.
- Friends Board Member Dave Pauli gave out 638 bookmarks during the downtown Halloween Trick or Treat.
- In November, we hosted the wonderful Oregon Trail Trio, which is comprised of Oregon Trail Band members Mick Doherty, Gayle and Phil Neuman.
- In January, we celebrated the 40th anniversary of B.E.A.R. (Be Excited About Reading.) The Oregon Shadow Theater presented “Green Bird, A Mexican Story.” Retired Youth Services Librarian, Ann Dondero, came out of retirement to present two storytimes and led the Teddy Bear Parade.
- Approximately 40 persons attended the library’s first “Celebration of Diversity”. Families attending enjoyed sweet breads, crafts, Loteria and music.
- Thirty two people came out on a snowy Saturday afternoon for a recycling program with Cecilia Warner, Recycler Extraordinaire.
- Last month, the library staff held an all-day in-service. The morning session included a review of the Library’s Service Philosophy and discussion of the patron experience at the library. Topics included signage, customer service, communication, consistency and accessibility.
- Library staff and volunteers completed the “Listening Tour” at seven local venues. We also received more than 500 surveys. Information from this project will be used to identify service needs within the community.

Also, as usual, there are lots of good things happening here at the Forest Grove Library, and as I have said many times, we couldn’t do it without you. We appreciate all that you do in support of the library, the Friends and the Foundation.
Hope to see you in the library, at the Book Sale, or an upcoming program.

Colleen