

CHECK IT OUT!

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Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

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Message from Library Director Carolyn Rawles

Our library system incorporates the best of two worlds—the efficiency of a larger system and the local touch of community libraries.

Each Library has its own flavor and personality. The historic Corvallis Library is an anchor of downtown Corvallis, bringing thousands downtown daily to attend meetings, use computers, find materials, and attend programs. Our youth programs are extremely successful, with over 80 attendees at some recent Story Time programs! Free adult programs such as the Friends of the Library's monthly Random Reviews bring adult book lovers to the Library.

Philomath reflects its heritage as a city of volunteers and a center of the wood products industry. It has been a model for Alsea and Monroe of a small

community coming together to build a Library. Philomath's youth programming is so successful that nearby City Hall welcomes Library programs when the Library runs out of room. Philomath opened nearly 20 years ago, and a conversation is beginning now about the need to expand.

Alsea is a model of self-sufficiency, with a local nonprofit managing the facility since there is no Alsea city government. A community vegetable garden and beautiful flower garden reflect Alsea's close-to-the-land heritage. The Library will soon offer food preservation equipment for checkout thanks to funding from Friends of the Library. Cultural enrichment is also an important part of their service, with youth art classes and theater productions centered at the Library.

Monroe, our newest facility, recently was honored as the country's "best adaptive reuse," with inclusion of the town's freight depot as part of the Library. Monroe's heritage is part of the building, from benches of local wood to 1930's graffiti. There is even an historic houseplant—an over 100-year-old cactus from the depot! Homey touches such as a fireplace and two patios make the Library truly a community living room—one with a spot for stuffed animals to have a slumber party!



The Corvallis-Benton County Public Library FOUNDATION

The Library, Foundation, and Friends are rolling out new logos with a coordinated look, using fresh shades of blue, green, and brown. Take a look at the new Library logo at cbcpubliclibrary.net.

At our recent Foundation meeting the board re-elected Steve Stephenson, President; Jacque Schreck, Vice President; Paul Dickey, Treasurer; and Sandy Ridlington, Secretary. We also welcomed Mary Anne Sellers and Laura Edmondston to the Board, bringing new talents and experience with them.

Mary Anne's mother and mother-in-law were both librarians, and her daughter was a great library user. In their

by Betty McCauley, Honorary Foundation Board Member

memories Mary Anne is particularly glad to serve on the Foundation. She grew up in New Jersey, and has lived in several places, "But I felt like I was coming home when we came to Corvallis," she said. She taught Kindergarten at Lincoln School and found good books to read to her class in Corvallis Public Library. "It has something for everybody," she said. "Programs for the very young and young adults and books for Spanish speaking families." She noted the responsiveness of the staff, even to children underexposed to books at home.

Laura grew up in Corvallis, attending Crescent Valley High School. She graduated from the University of Oregon and earned her library degree in Louisiana. She became a librarian for the Louisiana House of Representatives. She

loved her work until Hurricane Katrina convinced her that she'd prefer being back in Corvallis. Since 2006 Laura has worked with Brass Media where she does research with high school youth services. Laura is passionate about libraries, wanting to convince the public that technology is not making libraries obsolete. "A library is a sacred place," she says. I believe our patrons would agree with her.





Corvallis-Benton County PUBLIC LIBRARY

645 NW Monroe Ave
Corvallis OR 97330
541.766.6926
www.cbcpubliblibrary.net

HOURS

Mon – Thu 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Fri – Sat 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Sunday 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Alsea Community Library

19192 Alsea Hwy • Alsea OR 97324
541.487.5061

HOURS

Mon, Wed, Sat 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Tue, Thu 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Monroe Community Library

380 N 5th St • Monroe OR 97456
541.847.5174

HOURS

Mon 1:30 pm – 4:30 PM
Tue, Thu 10:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Wed 3:00 pm – 8:00 PM
Sat 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Philomath Community Library

1050 Applegate St • Philomath OR 97370
541.929.3016

HOURS

Mon, Tue 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Wed – Sat 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

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Library Closed

November 11 – Veterans Day
November 27 & 28 – Thanksgiving
December 25 – Christmas
January 1 – New Years

Friends of the Library Corner

by Stefani McRae-Dickey, Co-President

The Friends have been active this past summer with two new book sales, the Sizzling Summer Sale in June, and the Monroe Summer Book Sale in August. The extreme weather we had early last December necessitated canceling both the Holiday sale in Corvallis and the Winter sale in Monroe. The two summer sales helped to reduce our inventory and to fill our coffers. In addition to the summer sales, the regular Fall Festival Sale, which was extended to both Saturday and Sunday this year, was very successful, raising more than \$3000 for the Library. Thank you, patrons and volunteers.

Our Holiday Book Sale, December 6-7, is an opportunity to begin your holiday gift shopping early whilst also supporting the Library. The sale will feature our best-quality, gently-used books, CDs, and DVDs.

These gift-quality books will be offered in the Main Meeting Room at the Corvallis Library.

This year the Friends gave \$90,000 to the Library for programs, equipment, furniture, and training not covered by the Library budget.

Among the many items paid for by the Friends are Kids Summer Reading, Young Adult year-round reading programs, furniture for the Philomath children's area, and an iPad and DVD player for Alsea. Funds are also provided to purchase books for the adult, youth, and young adults book clubs. It is the work of our volunteers, and the support of our donors and patrons that make this possible.

Thank you for your support! Happy Holidays from the Friends!



TWO-DAY 2014 HOLIDAY BOOK SALE

December 6, 2014 | Noon - 4 PM *
December 7, 2014 | 11 AM - 3 PM

Corvallis Public Library
Main Meeting Room

Gently used and gift-quality books, CDs, and DVDs

All proceeds benefit programs and services of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library System, with branches in Alsea, Corvallis, Monroe, Philomath, and the Bookmobile.

** Friends of the Library Members get in at 10 AM on Saturday!
Join us at: <http://thebestlibraryfriends.org>*

► Volunteer Profiles

by Cathi Roberts, Volunteer Coordinator

This year's Summer Reading program was a huge success, and credit for that goes not only to our fabulous Youth Services librarians who organized it all, but also to an army of volunteers. About 25 different volunteers contributed time and energy helping with more than 35 events – and they all deserve our thanks. But two stand-out volunteers each logged more than 50 hours this summer, Toni Donelson and Jamie Elser, aka The Dynamic Duo.

Among other tasks, Toni and Jamie served as “roadies” for a series of traveling shows that brought themed programs with stories and crafts to the branch libraries as well as the main library in Corvallis. Picture the library's little white Prius motoring down Hwy 99 to Monroe, driven by a Youth librarian, loaded to the gunnels with craft supplies, with two very funny ladies – and sometimes a third volunteer – wedged in the back seat! Toni and Jamie each have a great sense of fun, but the two of them together are “a perfect storm” for good humor and mirth.

Toni Donelson has been volunteering since Fall of 2011, the year she retired from the Corvallis School District, where she had worked for many years as an instructional aide. Although Toni had previously had clerical and retail jobs, she decided about 20 years ago that she wanted to work with young people. “Kids are always a hoot,” she says, and she found that true even though for a lot of her career she worked with middle-schoolers, an age-group that many educators (and parents!) find challenging.

Toni and her husband Milt, a former banker, moved here while both were still working, but they chose Corvallis because they thought it would be a great place to retire. While they were shopping for communities, Toni specified that their new home must be a town “large enough to have both a movie theater and a hospital,” but not be a big city. Corvallis more than met their requirements, and now that she's retired, Toni has time to



Library Volunteers Toni Donelson (left) and Jamie Elser

participate in all kinds of community activities, from line-dancing at Timberhill to volunteering with the Library and the humane society.

When Jamie Elser described her life and various interests to me, it was exhausting just to hear about it, much less to live it! Jamie and her husband Justin have two active children, Lily, 8, and Gabe, 4. In addition to being a mom, a soccer fan, and a volunteer, Jamie is enrolled in an online program at the University of Washington, well on her way to completing a Master's degree in Library and Information Sciences. And she also has two part-time jobs.

As crazy as all this sounds, Jamie views it as a comfortable step back from her previous high-pressure job with a dental firm, which involved “way too much traveling.” But her experience in the health-care industry has led to a new career goal when she finishes her MLIS: She wants a job that will improve people's “health-care literacy.” Jamie thinks technology is out-pacing our ability to understand and evaluate what we're getting for our health-care dollar, and what treatments will lead to the best outcomes.

We're so glad that both of these busy women have chosen to volunteer at the Library, and to share their enthusiasm for life and learning with local kids. Thank you, Toni and Jamie!

NEW

Wednesday Wonders

Wednesday Wonders is a new monthly youth library program at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, exploring a different theme each month: November's theme is **gaming**! Programs may include art, books, crafts, science, and more.

- **Grades K-2 meet the first Wednesday of the month at 3:30 PM.**
- **Grades 3-5 meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 3:30 PM.**
- **Middle school students, grades 6-8, meet the third Wednesday of the month at 4 PM.**

All programs are free and sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

For more information, contact Youth Services at 541-766-6794.

Youth PROGRAMS

STORYTIMES

All Storytimes are offered weekly at 10:00 am in the Youth Activity Room at the Corvallis Library unless otherwise noted.

Infant Storytime (Birth to 12 mo) Tuesdays

Wobbler Storytime (12 – 24 mo) Wednesdays

Toddler Storytime (24 – 36 mo) Thursdays

Preschool Storytime (3 – 5 yrs) Fridays

Bedtime Storytime (all ages) Mondays 7:00 pm

¡los CUENTOS! (all ages)
(Family bilingual storytime)
Second Saturday of each month
11:00 am | Main Meeting Room

Man with the Yellow Hat (Birth to 3 yrs)
First Saturday of each month at 11:00 am

Philomath Community Library

Wiggly Wobbler Storytime
(Birth to 18 mos)
Mondays at 10:00 am

Rise and Shine Storytime (2 – 4 yrs)
Wednesdays at 10:00 am

Monroe Community Library

Little Listeners Storytime
Tuesdays at 10:30 am

▶ Family Music Fun

Family participation music and movement program for all ages, led by experienced music instructors.

November 15 11:00 AM
December 20 11:00 AM
Youth Activity Room

▶ Wednesday Wonders

Explore books, art, science, and other activities in this monthly afterschool program.

Grades K-2: **Nov 5, Dec 3 3:30 PM**
Grades 3-5 **Nov 12, Dec 10 3:30 PM**
Grades 6-8 **Nov 19, Dec 17 4:00 PM**
Youth Activity Room

▶ Philomath Teen Night

Crafts, games, X-Box 360, Wii, and snacks for middle and high school students.

November 19 5:00—7:00 PM
December 17 5:00—7:00 PM

Philomath Community Library

▶ Squishtivities

An exciting adventure in play created for parents and children using games, arts and crafts, music, and “messy” play.

Nov 12 10:30 AM	Nov 4 11 AM
Dec 10 10:30 AM	Dec 2 11 AM
Philomath	Monroe

▶ Monroe Teen Otaku Club

November 18 3:15 PM
December 16 3:15 PM
Monroe Community Library

▶ Children’s Piano Program

The Library and Corvallis-OSU Piano International present a day of piano at the Library, starting with a children’s concert of Profokiev’s *Peter and the Wolf*, with narration in English and Spanish. Concert pianist Conrad Tao will stop by that afternoon for a demonstration and master class.



November 8

11 AM: Performance of *Peter and the Wolf* by Rachel McCabe and OSU Music Students

1 PM: Meet the artist and Demonstration with Conrad Tao

2 PM: Master Class with Conrad Tao

Main Meeting Room

▶ Teen Animanga Book Club

Preview new manga, eat snacks, watch anime.

December 3 4:30 PM
Youth Activity Room

▶ Teen Makers

Arduino and Raspberry Pi

SparkFun Inventor kits provided. Feel free to bring your own laptop.

Nov 25, Dec 9, Dec 23 4 PM, Corvallis

Nov 4, Nov 18, Dec 2, Dec 16 4 PM, Philomath

▶ Monroe Movie Night

Nov 19 5 PM Maleficent ©Walt Disney Pictures
Dec 17 5 PM To be announced
Monroe Community Library

▶ Monroe Game Night

Nov 12 (including hardware jewelry-making),
Nov 26, Dec 10, 5 - 7 PM
Monroe Community Library

All youth events are free and open to the public. For more information, please call 541.766.6794 or visit our web site at www.cbcpubliclibrary.net

More →

Adult PROGRAMS

▶ Library Board Meeting

Monthly meeting of the Library Advisory Board. Public welcome.

November 5 7:30 PM
December 3 7:30 PM

Woman's Club Board Room

▶ Book Club

The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery

November 19 7:00 PM

Woman's Club Board Room

Book Club will not meet in December

▶ Friends of the Library Board Meeting

Monthly meeting of the Friends of the Library Board. Public welcome.

Nov 17, Dec 15 3:30 PM
Woman's Club Board Room

▶ Graphic Novel Club

Ex Machina, Vol 1 by Brian K. Vaughan and Tony Harris **Nov 4 6:30 PM**

The Encyclopedia of Early Earth by Isabel Greenberg **Dec 2 6:30 PM**

New Morning Bakery
219 SW 2nd Street, Corvallis

▶ Philomath Book Club

Destiny of the Republic by Candice Millard
November 19 6:30 PM

Caleb's Crossing by Geraldine Brooks
December 1 6:30 PM

Philomath Community Library

▶ League of Women Voters

All League of Women Voters presentations are open to the public and co-sponsored by the Library.

Housing in Corvallis—What are our options?
November 18, 7:00 PM
Main Meeting Room

Are you Prepared for the Next Disaster or Emergency?
December 9, 7:00 PM
Main Meeting Room

▶ Random Review

Maverick Genius: The Pioneering Odyssey of Freeman Dyson by Phillip Schewe. Reviewed by Greg Mulder. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

November 12 12:00 noon

Shocked: My Mother, Schiaparelli, and Me by Patricia Volk. Reviewed by Leslie Burns. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

December 10 12:00 noon
Main Meeting Room



All events are free and open to the public. For more information, please call 541.766.6793.

If you have a disability and need accommodations for a program, call 541.766.6928. Please allow 48 hours notice, so that we can better serve you.

Youth PROGRAMS, continued

▶ R.E.A.D. Dogs, Corvallis & Monroe

Beginning readers ages 4 and above are invited to practice their reading with a gentle dog. 20-minute sessions. Walk-ins welcome! Parental permission slip required.

November 26 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Brookes Reading Room, Corvallis Library

November 5 3:30 – 4:30 PM

December 3 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Monroe Community Library



READING EDUCATION ASSISTANCE DOGS®

A PROGRAM OF INTERMOUNTAIN THERAPY ANIMALS

A Day of Piano at the Library

Saturday, November 8

11 AM—3 PM

Main Meeting Room

11:00 AM
Peter and the Wolf
Performed by Rachelle
McCabe and
OSU Music Students

Families are invited to a Children's Concert of Peter and the Wolf by Prokofiev, with narration in English and Spanish. Performed by Rachelle McCabe, and joined by OSU Music Students, this is sure to be a musical treat for a young audience.

1:00 PM Demonstration and
2:00 PM Master Class
by Conrad Tao

Older students and adults are invited to Meet the Artist and Demonstrations at the Piano with brilliant concert artist Conrad Tao. Conrad Tao has appeared worldwide as a pianist and composer, and has been dubbed a musician of "probing intellect and open-hearted vision" by the New York Times, a "thoughtful and mature composer" by NPR, and "ferociously talented" by TimeOut New York.

At 2:00 p.m., students from Oregon State University and the community are welcome to participate in a Master Class with Conrad Tao.

For more information, call 541-766-6794.



November 18:
"Housing in Corvallis - What are
our options?"
7:00 — 9:00 PM
Main Meeting Room

PANELISTS

- Ken Gibb, Corvallis Community Development
- Jim Moorefield, Willamette Neighborhood Housing
- Sue Long, Keller Williams Realty
- John Miller, Oregon Opportunity Network

December 9:
"Are You Prepared for the Next Disaster or
Emergency?"
7:00 — 9:00 PM
Main Meeting Room

FEATURING

- Lt. Clay Stephens, Benton County Emergency Program Manager

Co-sponsored by the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

NEW HIRES

Shasta Barnes—Library Assistant, Circulation Services



Shasta grew up in Roseburg, but enjoys visiting her family in southern California. She was the volunteer coordinator at her last job, and is proud of the fact that she

revamped a partnership with the local high school and helped a student earn his missing credits in order to graduate. She loves chocolate, the book *My Most Excellent Year* by Steve Kluger, and Oliver Jeffers' *The Heart and the Bottle*. Two things you may not know about Shasta: one, she is afraid of whales; and two, she can make balloon animals. Just don't ask her to make a balloon whale!

Kristy Kemper Hodge — Librarian, Youth Services

Kristy likes the customer-service focus here at CBCPL, and that the staff here are so happy to do what they can for customers. She says, "This is something I really value and admire, and makes me proud to be a part of this team!" Some day, she would like to drive the length of Highway 101, along the coast. As far as favorite foods go, she likes tea, for its variety of blends and pick-me-up



qualities. She is an Oregon native who grew up in Salem, and she loves Oregon's four mild seasons, diverse climates, plenty of green trees, wide open spaces, and

public beaches. Kristy studied abroad in Serbia as part of her MLS program, working with the American Embassy library in Belgrade and learning about international library services.

Lorraine Pelkey—Community Library Specialist, Youth Services

Lorraine has lived in Oregon since the age of five, and she loves that you don't have to travel far to get to the forest, desert, or coast — "Oregon is beautiful no matter where you go," she says.

When Lorraine is not at work, she comes up with new recipes and goes for walks with her puppy, Arrow.



Her favorite book is *Alas, Babylon* and her favorite food is Chicken Piccata. She says one of her brothers makes it every year for her birthday, and the sauce is heavenly! Something you may not know about Lorraine: she was homeschooled from 5th through 12th grade.

Rachel Denué — Senior Administrative Specialist, Library Administration



Rachel describes herself as easy-going, positive, and resourceful. She was born and raised in Oregon, and loves the state for its great outdoors and how

green and clean it is. When she's not at work, she enjoys spending time with her family, riding horses, camping, and fixing things. She hopes to visit the Maldives at some point in the future, to experience a different kind of beauty and tranquility. She says not too many people know that at one point in her adolescence, she really wanted to be a racecar driver.

Brian Bucolo — Courier, Extension Services



Brian moved to Corvallis with his family when he was five. His proudest accomplishment is helping to raise his daughter, who now attends the University of Oregon. Before he joined CBCPL, he worked in a cleanroom, manufacturing inkjet printheads. When he is away from work, he likes playing and listening to music — some of his favorite artists are Steve Kimock, Frank Zappa, Wayne Shorter, and Tony Williams. You may not know that Brian has played music professionally, in a band, for seven years.

Robert Sullivan—Library Specialist, Technical Services Division

Rob loves books, so seeing all the new titles come through and get checked out is a treat, but his favorite part about his job is the people he works with. When he isn't at work, he can be found writing, and of course, reading. He is finishing up his MFA at Portland State University, where he has worked with great writers like Charles D'Ambrosio, Diana Abu-Jaber, and Leni Zumas. His favorite book is *The Stranger*, by Albert Camus. In the future, he plans to get more stories published, and maybe write a book or two. You may not know that Rob spent about 15 years singing and playing lead guitar in several punk rock bands.



Kyra Cardella — Community Library Specialist, Extension Services

Kyra appreciates all her Library coworkers who are happy to collaborate and share their knowledge, and

she likes getting to work in each of the branches on a regular basis. Her favorite foods include the delicious Italian dishes her



husband Eric makes. She also likes canoeing, biking, hiking, and exploring new places. Kyra grew up in Spokane, WA, but has lived in several states since then, most recently Montana. She appreciates Oregon for its wealth of local produce and beautiful flowers. A little-known fact about Kyra is that she is half Icelandic.



RANDOM REVIEWS 2014-2015

November 12: *Maverick Genius: The Pioneering Odyssey of Freeman Dyson* by Phillip Schewe
Reviewer: Greg Mulder

December 10: *Shocked: My Mother, Schiaparelli, and Me* by Patricia Volk
Reviewer: Leslie Burns

January 14: *Wild Ones: A Sometimes Dismaying, Weirdly Reassuring Story about Looking at People Looking at Animals in America* by Jon Mooallem
Reviewer: Elena Passarello

February 11: *Five Came Back: A Story of Hollywood and the Second World War* by Mark Harris
Reviewer: Jon Lewis

March 11: *Book of Ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin* by Jill Lepore
Reviewer: Ben Mutschler

April 8: *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck
Reviewer: Bill Robbins

May 13: *The Family: Three Journeys Into the Heart of the Twentieth Century* by David Laskin
Reviewer: Jonathan Katz

June 10: *Knocking on Heaven's Door: The Path to a Better Way of Death* by Katy Butler
Reviewer: Cliff Hall



National Novel Writing Month

Love novels? Write one!
50,000 words. 1 month.
<http://nanowrimo.org/>

Writing Sessions Every Saturday in November
CBCPL Main Meeting Room
2:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

Bring your preferred writing tools and work on your novel surrounded by other local writers as well as all of the Library's resources. Beverages and snacks for fueling up will be provided.