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Library Rearrangement Project

by Library Director Carolyn Rawles-Heiser

The Library is about to embark on the final phase of our multi-year rearrangement project. This project, begun in 2002, has had as its primary goals making better use of our space to extend the lifespan of our building and improving patron convenience. To keep our costs down, we have spread the project over several years. Our next phase will be in February. Exact dates and times will be announced closer to the date.

Libraries are normally “programmed” to last about 20 years without an addition. Our 1992 addition was 18 years ago, and our collection and services have grown much faster than originally anticipated. In the first phase of the rearrangement project, we moved our upstairs stacks closer together, moved adult fiction upstairs, removed a wall on the first floor, rearranged the youth section, and created the Popular Library for new and audiovisual items. In the second phase, we began work on making our lobby more patron-friendly by removing the large check-out desk, putting holds out for people to pick up themselves, and adding more self-check stations. This final phase will enable us to fine-tune our arrangement. After living with the current arrangement for a few years, we have analyzed what works well and what needs to be tweaked a bit. This phase will primarily affect the first floor.

We plan to move the Teen Area to the rear of the building, where the children’s picture books are now, and move the picture books to the front of the youth area near the program room (yes, it is where they were originally!). This location makes more sense because of its proximity to the program room and the family restrooms. Audiovisual materials (CDs, books on CD, DVDs, etc.) and the anti-theft DVD dispensers will move to the area to the west

and south of where the Teen Area will be. Books on hold will be on the west wall (the wall along the rear arcade entrance) and new books will be on the wall along the stairway. Spanish for adult and youth will move to where the music CDs are now. This rearrangement will enable us to make the lobby a more comfortable, welcoming place with seating, self-checkout machines, and space to show off special collections. We are also going to move some of our back issues of magazines out of the anteroom to the Belluschi Room and add comfortable seating to create a more welcoming entrance into our historical portion. Improved signage and lighting will also be installed.

Because this final phase will involve much of the first floor, we will need to compress our services into the Belluschi Room for the week or so that the stack and collection moving will occur. Patrons will enter through the old front doors of the Library near the fountain, and we will have holds to pick up and popular materials available. We realize this is an inconvenience, and we appreciate your patience as we finish up this multi-year project. By doing it the way we have, we have been able to postpone any kind of addition for a number of years, saving millions of dollars. Funding for this project has come from several bequests left to the Library, savings we have accumulated, the Library Foundation (including a donation from Nobel Prize winner Carl Wieman), and the Friends of the Library. We truly appreciate all the support we have received from our community, and hope you like the result!



Gearing Up for Gardening 2010

During the cold, dark days of winter, it's hard to believe that spring will ever arrive, but each year there is a series of programs at the Library to make believers out of all of us! Gearing Up for Gardening is jointly sponsored by Benton County Extension Master Gardeners™, the Library, and Linn-Benton Community College. The free programs are on Tuesdays, 12:10-1:00 pm, January 5-February 23 in the Library's Main Meeting Room, 645 NW Monroe Avenue. This year the programs may be video recorded and available on local public access television. Contact the Master Gardeners at (541) 766-6750.

Jan. 5—*Veggies: Start to Finish*. From seed starting to harvest: Selecting the best vegetables for the Valley. Josh Kirchenbaum, Territorial Seed Company

Jan. 12—*Propagation: Divide and Conquer*. Multiplying your perennials. Harry Lagerstedt, The Peach Place

Jan. 19—*Berrylicious*. Incorporating favorite berry plants into your landscape. Bernadine Strik, OSU Department of Horticulture

Jan. 26—*Food for the Soil*. How to improve your soil by composting. James Cassidy, OSU Department of Crop and Soil Science

Feb. 2—*Plant & Rake without the Ache*. Proper gardening ergonomics. Carrol Esterhuizen, PT, Corvallis Sport & Spine Physical Therapy

Feb. 9—*Low Maintenance Landscaping: How low can you go?* Minimum effort for maximum results. David Sandrock, Sandrock Sustainable Landscapes for the Pacific Northwest

Feb. 16—*ABC's of IPM (Integrated Pest Management)*. Holistic control of bugs, slugs and garden invaders. Gail Langelotto, OSU Urban & Community Horticulture Specialist

Feb. 23—*Planning your Planters*. Creating edible & colorful container gardens. Stephanie White, Ferguson's Fragrant Nursery, St. Paul

Staff Profile

Carol Klamkin, Management Assistant



Carol Klamkin

After her 12½ years of working at the Library, it's time to profile Carol Klamkin, the usual author of profiles for *Check It Out*. You can usually find Carol in her office in Library Administration, where she supervises a small and extremely busy staff. When asked what she enjoys most about her job, Carol replied that she loves when the office is really busy and there is lots going on with the public. She is extremely proud of her staff and the enormous amount of work they accomplish, and acknowledges the challenges she and staff face with increased business throughout the Library.

A Los Angeles native, Carol was raised around books and a family of readers. Asked if there is one thing she can't live without, she replies "BOOKS." She arrived in Corvallis about 28 years ago. After stints in the City Finance department, getting a degree in healthcare administration, and a brief turn as a nursing-home administrator, Carol was drawn to the Library as a good fit for her skills and interests. Carol shares her life with her husband and their daughter, who is a senior at the University of Oregon.

Volunteer Profile

Cindy Van Handel

When she's not checking in books, Library volunteer Cindy Van Handel is writing her own. A published author of essays, poetry, and short stories, Cindy is currently at work on her fourth novel. Cindy started out as an Adopt-A-Shelf and Check-In volunteer four years ago. Next month she'll start assisting with the volunteer program, keeping track of volunteer hours and keeping records up to date.

A technical editor by day, Cindy volunteers because it's nice to get out and have social interaction between bouts of working in front of a computer screen. She likes meeting all the Library staff and patrons, and finds the work challenging and fun.

Cindy advises people who have never volunteered before not to be intimidated; volunteering will become a positive part of your life, and there are great volunteer jobs out there for every type of person.



Cindy Van Handel

Book Sales

by Corrine Gobeli, Past Co-President

The Big Book Sale

Friday
February 26
5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Saturday
February 27
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday
February 28
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Benton County
Fairgrounds

Happy New Year, Library patrons! The Friends of the Library are looking forward to another year of supporting Library services, facilities, and equipment beyond budgeted items. We can only do this with your help.

We depend upon you—to attend our biggest fundraising event of the year: The BIG Book Sale at the Benton County Fairgrounds on 53rd Street, on Friday, February 26 (5 p.m.–9 p.m.); Saturday, February 27 (10 a.m.–5 p.m.); and Sunday, February 28 (11 a.m.–4 p.m.). There will be more books than ever. We've even had to rent extra storage space this year to accommodate all the books. As in past years, you'll find an assortment of fabulous, affordable books, sorted into many categories including hard back and paperback fiction (suspense, classics, sci-fi, and more), cook books, gardening, history, reference books, children's books, CDs, DVDs, VCR tapes, and more.

Your purchases at last year's sale (along with your membership in the Friends) helped pay for the Summer Reading Program, the high-tech overhead projector in the main meeting room, graphic design for the new Li-

brary arts brochure, replacement furniture for Philomath, Storytime audio equipment, game equipment for Alsea Branch, programming support for youth and young adult book clubs, and library staff training.

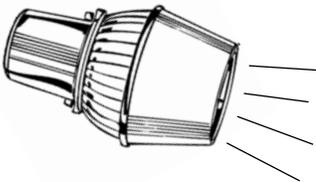
A sale of this magnitude requires many Friends volunteers. If you'd like to make sure you are called, please drop a note with your name, telephone number, and e-mail into the small box on the Friends' bulletin board, which is located on the wall on the left-hand side of the front entryway.

Of course, you can buy books throughout the year by visiting the Friends' 50 cent shelves—at the main library as well as Alsea, Monroe, and Philomath. Thanks to all who donate books to make these books available to the public!

Upcoming Random Reviews

Jan. 13, noon—*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Reviewer: Margaret Anderson

Feb. 10, noon—*My Antonia* by Willa Cather. Reviewer: Penny Fulton Brassfield



Spotlight: *Consumer Reports* Online

Thinking about purchasing electronic equipment? Before you run out to the store or add something to an online cart, be sure to check *Consumer Reports*, one of the most trusted sites for product reviews and consumer information. Don't want to pay for a subscription to the online version? Happily, because you have a Corvallis-Benton County Public Library card, you don't have to!

We have had access to the print and online version of the magazine for years, but now we also have access to their Web site. The *Consumer Reports* Web site has all the reviews from the magazine, but it also has extra content including user reviews, blogs, and video. You can even customize ratings and shop for products directly from the *Consumer Reports* site. For example, you can focus your dishwasher research by choosing the category, brand, and price range that most interests you. Once you

decide on a particular model, you can then click through to see prices from multiple retailers and even place an order.

To get free access, be sure to log into the site from the Library's Web site, <http://www.thebestlibrary.net>. Click on the Databases link located on the red bar across the top of the page, or from the left-hand navigation bar on our home page. From there, either click on the A-Z list of Databases or on our Consumer Information link. Our subscription to *Consumer Reports* can be accessed in the Library or from your home computer. If you go directly to consumerreports.org without going through our site, you will not get free access to all of the content.

For more information about *Consumer Reports* online or any other Library service, contact the Adult Reference desk at 541-766-6793.



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January 1—Library CLOSED for New Year Holiday

January 18—Library CLOSED for Martin Luther King Jr Holiday

February 15—Library CLOSED for Presidents Day Holiday

February, specific dates to be announced. Corvallis Library CLOSED except for minimal service and previously scheduled programs. See article on front page.

Random Review—second Wednesday at 12 noon, Main Meeting Room.

- January 13—*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows
- February 10—*My Antonia* by Willa Cather

Gearing Up for Gardening lecture series—Tuesdays, 12:10 pm. See article on page 2 for details.

Library Book Club, meets every third Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Library Board Room. Books are provided by the Library and are available four weeks prior to the monthly meeting.

- January 20—*My Life in France* by Julia Child
- February 17—*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

League of Women Voters—Meetings are in the Main Meeting Room and open to the public.

- January 13, 7 pm,—Topic: Elections
- February 9, 7 pm—Film showing: *Iron-Jawed Angels*
- February 27, 10 am—Legislative Town Hall

Growing Families Together parenting education event, January 23, 11 am. Contact the Youth Services Division at 541-766-6794 for details.

Native Flutes with John Sarantos, January 30, 3 pm.

Learn about the history of native flutes, the lore, and their cultural importance. John will show and play flutes made of various materials from many countries.

William Stafford Birthday Celebration, January 31, 1 pm. Celebration of William Stafford, Oregon's former poet laureate and author of over 60 books, will begin with a writing workshop influenced by Stafford's poetry. Featured readers and audience reading will follow.

CHECK IT OUT! brings information about the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library to patrons, Friends of the Library, and Foundation donors on a bimonthly basis. Copies are available at the Main Library, branches, and outreach locations. Refer questions and input regarding *CHECK IT OUT!* to Carol Klamkin (766-6708). Our World Wide Web address is www.thebestlibrary.net. Special thanks to the Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation for funding this newsletter.



Library Foundation

by Betty McCauley

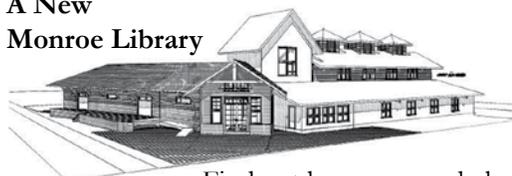
A new year—a new decade—and the Monroe Library community has a jump on their new year's resolutions. They are serious about building their new library. A big banner on

the side of the old train depot to be restored as the library's meeting room indicates how close to their goal they are.

With a challenge grant from a generous donor, funding from the Wichita Falls Area Community

Foundation, and the Oregon Community Foundation, as well as local donations, they are on the way. Your Library Foundation supported them with the purchase of a credit card machine to allow card donations. The Foundation also paid for the qualifying survey necessary for them to apply for a Community Development Block Grant. It is complicated to build a library, but Monroe is enthusiastic about it, even in step with the times in recycling the train depot. Your donations are helping them build their dream library. Thank you.

A New Monroe Library



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<http://monroelibraryor.blogspot.com/>

JANUARY

Your Library: Bringing People & Information Together • Thanks to the Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation for funding this newsletter.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Main Library Hours					HOLIDAY— ALL LIBRARIES CLOSED	1
					Monday—Friday	10 am to 9 pm
					Saturday	10 am to 6 pm
					Sunday	12 pm to 6 pm
3	4 pm Teen Animanga Book Club ³ 7 pm Bedtime Storytime	10 am Toddler Storytime 10:30 am Preschool Storytime--Monroe 12:10 pm Gearing Up for Gardening Lecture Series 7 pm Bedtime Storytime—Philomath	10 am Infant Storytime 10 am Preschool Storytime—Philomath 10:30 am Storytime Plus 7:30 pm Library Board Meeting	10 am Preschool Storytime 10:30 am Storytime Plus 3:30 pm READING EDUCATION ASSISTANCE DOGS ³	10 am Wobbler Storytime	11 am READING EDUCATION ASSISTANCE DOGS ³
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10	5 pm Teen Game Night ³ 7 pm Bedtime Storytime	10 am Toddler Storytime 10:30 am Preschool Storytime—Monroe 12:10 pm Gearing Up for Gardening Lecture Series 7 pm Bedtime Storytime—Philomath	10 am Infant Storytime 10 am Preschool Storytime—Philomath 12 pm Random Review 3:30 pm Reading Education Assistance Dogs ³ 5 pm Teen Library Night—Monroe ² 7 pm League of Women Voters Program	10 am Preschool Storytime 2:30 pm Building Blocks for Diversity 4 pm Middle School Book Club ³ 5 pm Teen Library Night—Philomath ²	10 am Wobbler Storytime	11 am Span/Engl Storytime—La fiesta de su biblioteca ³
11	11	12	13	14	15	16
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