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Soon eBooks will be available from our Library2Go Web site at <http://library2go.lib.overdrive.com>. From the comfort of home, card holders will be able to browse the collection, check out, and download eBooks as well as audio books and videos anytime, anywhere. This service is supported by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the Oregon State Library.

Library2Go's opening collection will feature 5,000 eBook titles, including classics like *Moby Dick* and *War and Peace*, popular fiction like *I, Alex Cross*, and a wide variety of nonfiction titles such as *Knock 'Em Dead 2010*, *10 Days to a Sharper Memory*, and *Zumba*.

eBooks can be read on a PC or Mac using free reader software called Adobe Digital Editions. eBooks can also be transferred to popular e-reading devices like the Sony Reader and the Barnes & Noble nook. Many eBooks feature reflowable text, which allows a user to resize the text and alter the display to fit any screen size.



The Sony Reader and the nook are designed to look and feel like a book and are great for users on the go. The devices feature EINK technology, a screen that reads like paper so it's easy on the reader's eyes.

To check out eBooks, audiobooks, and video, users will need a valid library card, computer, and Internet connection. Once downloaded, digital media can be enjoyed on a computer and transferred to popular devices such as MP3 players, iPods, smartphones, and more. At the end of the lending period, titles automatically expire and are returned to the collection. Users may return eBooks early.

The new collection is expected to be available sometime this spring. Please check our Web site at <http://thebestlibrary.net> for updates, or call the Adult Services reference desk at 541-766-6793 for more information.

Message from Library Director Carolyn Rawles-Heiser

Our Library is a department of the City of Corvallis, and over half our budget comes from the General Fund. We are anticipating a shortfall, which will mean service cuts. This is because we are seeing expenses rise faster than revenues. Property tax revenues are essentially flat, and there has been almost no new development to add to the tax base. Franchise fees on utilities are declining because of increased conservation (they are based on usage), and fewer people are using land lines for phone service (you may recall that the "cell phone tax" lost at the polls). For several years we have been mitigating that by using our fund balances, which is money that builds up if you do not spend your whole budget or if revenues are higher than budgeted. However, projections are that by the end of this fiscal year, the overall ending fund balance will only be about \$2.3 million city-wide and that, starting next year, it will be

negative. We cannot, by law, pass a budget that is negative.

This spring, staff and the Library Board will identify possible savings and potential revenue increases, such as increasing fines. The City's Budget Commission will outline a process and target numbers for the departments to work toward. Staff and the Board will then determine where to reduce services and recommend reductions to the Budget Commission. Most of our budget, and the part over which we have some control, is personnel and the materials budget. This means reductions in hours, programs, and materials available. We welcome ideas from you on where to reduce.



Make Noise at the Library— A Celebration of Our Friends!

On April 17 at 7 pm, members of the Friends of the Library are invited to a fun after-hours event at the Library. There will be entertainment by the Zimbabwean Marimba Ensemble. Giant puppet characters will be reading stories. Light refreshments and beverages will be available.

Non-members can join the Friends at the door—individuals \$10 and families \$20.

Nurturing Our Mental Health Lecture Series

Mental health issues affect most of us either individually or with loved ones. In this series, local professionals will introduce topics of interest, provide important information, and share resources for helping those in need. Topics include: awareness, hope, and encouragement; child through adult mental illness issues; family and peer problem solving; depression; bipolar; programs and resources available in our community; and support groups.

Programs are held in the Library's Main Meeting Room on Tuesdays at 12:10 PM. The Library and LBCC Benton Center cosponsor this series.

March 30—*Mental Illness Challenges and Successes* with a panel from NAMI, National Alliance on Mental Illness

April 6—*Bipolar: Is it Over-diagnosed or Under-diagnosed?* with Dr. James Phelps, Corvallis Samaritan Mental Health

April 13—*Understanding the Whole person: Looking at our Strengths* with Dr. Michele Ribeiro, OSU

April 20—*The Blues... Or Depression?* with Counselor Lynn Marie Bain, Linn Benton Community College

April 27—*Creating a Culture of Wellness* with Meghan Caughey, M.A., M.F.A., Peer Wellness Coordinator, Benton County Health Department

Staff Profile

Cindy Mahrt, Library Specialist III



Cindy Mahrt

In 1993, when Cindy Mahrt was last profiled, she worked in the Circulation Division and was responsible for managing the books on hold. For the past 10 years she has been in charge of the interlibrary loan program (ILL for short) through the Adult Services Division. She finds patrons' requested materials from libraries all over the U.S. and Canada. She also loans materials from our collection to just as many libraries. The volume is increasing, but Cindy likes the challenge of finding requested materials.

Cindy enjoys her job but is thinking about retirement. She has many outside interests. She has great fun training her Rottweiler, Gitta, to do musical freestyle routines. A two- or three-minute routine can require as many as 80 commands! Cindy also knits, quilts, gardens, practices yoga, and enjoys spending time with her husband and four granddaughters.

Volunteer Profile

Leif Fritzell



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Is your DVD scratched? Does your CD skip? If your audiovisual material doesn't work correctly, it will probably pass through the hands of volunteer Leif Fritzell. Leif makes sure AV items that have seen better days are restored to good shape or replaced. He checks CDs and DVDs for defects, and investigates patron complaints about damaged materials.

When he's not exercising his keen eye for detail at the Library, you might find Leif in the woods hunting for mushrooms, or hanging out with his wife and friends. In addition to being a likeable guy, Leif speaks German and Estonian and brews his own beer.

Leif started volunteering at the Library last summer. He says he had some spare time he wanted to contribute to his community and it "is nothing huge, but it makes me feel good." He likes the welcoming atmosphere and the supportive people, and describes the Library as a positive place to be. It's gratifying to be one link in the long chain of people working to make the Library great.

Friends of the Library

by David Low, President; and Cate Caruso, Membership Director

“Being part of the solution creates a warm sense of personal satisfaction and knowledge that you are doing good.”

Our public Library provides many needed services to our Benton County communities. As a Library user, you may ask yourself how you can do something to help the Library fulfill its mission. Being part of the solution creates a warm sense of personal satisfaction and knowledge that you are doing good.

Want to do good? Join the Friends of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library. As a Friend, you deepen your support for a community treasure. You can participate with your like-minded neighbors in promoting the love of reading and learning in a sustainable and time-honored way.

What do the Friends do? At a very basic level, we provide financial support, supplementing public funding. During 2009 we dedicated \$65,000 to the Library! In addition, the Friends provide countless volunteer hours for many projects that all have a single focus: support of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.

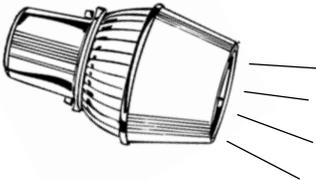
How can you join? Membership forms and information about our volunteer organization are available in the main lobby of each Library facility. Please ask at the circulation desk, and the staff will be happy to provide you with the information. Membership levels are \$10 per individual, \$20 per family, or \$100 for businesses. Many of us contribute more. Those of us who itemize on our federal taxes benefit from the Friends status as a 501(c)3 organization.

If you treasure your Library and its staff, please consider joining us today. If you are already one of our members, we thank you for your continued support!

Upcoming Random Reviews

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April 14—*Two Wheels North: Bicycling the West Coast in 1909* by Evelyn McDaniel Gibb. Reviewer: Corrine Gobeli.



Spotlight: Mango Languages

People learn other languages for many reasons. Some want to travel and communicate with locals; others want to expand their career opportunities. Some want to read literature in the original language; others want a fun way to keep their mind active.

Whatever your reasons are for learning a new language, the Library can help. We offer our patrons a subscription to an online language learning program called Mango Languages. Mango is easy to use and intuitive. You don't need to worry about learning a complicated program; Mango guides you through the lessons. Because the program is online, you can do your language learning wherever you have Internet access. Just log in with your Library card. It's entirely Web-based, so you don't need to download any special software.

There are two learning modules in Mango: Basic and Complete. Basic is designed to help you learn basic words and phrases

for a short trip overseas. Complete is aimed at people who want to go beyond vacation phrases. There are nine languages covered in this module, from Spanish and French to Japanese and Mandarin Chinese. The Basic module offers 22 languages, including Pashto, Irish, Arabic, and Hindi.

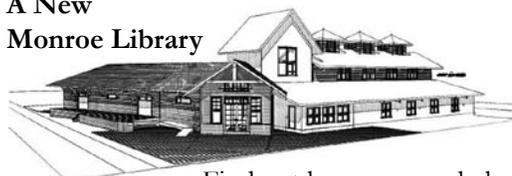
To access Mango Languages from our homepage, www.thebestlibrary.net, click on Databases, then Languages. If you create an account with Mango, you'll be able to track your progress through the lessons. Otherwise, all you need to access Mango is your Library card.

In addition to Mango Languages, the Library also offers lots of other tools to help you learn a language. Explore all your options in our online guide to language learning: <http://corvallis.libguides.com/languagelearning>.

If you have questions about using Mango, don't hesitate to contact the Library. E-mail us at askalibrarian@ci.corvallis.or.us, or call us at 541-766-6793. You can even chat with us online by clicking on the chat link at the top left of our homepage.



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April 21—Library CLOSED for staff training

April 11–17—National Library Week

March 13–14—Model railway show, during Library open hours. Presented by the Oregon O-Gaugers Train Club. Free fun for the whole family! Donations of non-perishable food gratefully accepted for the Linn Benton Food Share.

March 16—*The She Project* with author Lauren Ohlgren, 7 pm. Sponsored by AAUW.

March 19—*Cinderella* presented by Corvallis Youth Theatre, 3:30 pm. A performance for children.

March 30–April 27—Nurturing Our Mental Health lecture series, Tuesdays at 12:10 pm. See article on page 2 for details.

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

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Library Book Club, 7:30 pm in the Library Board Room. Books are provided by the Library four weeks prior to the monthly meeting. Call 541-766-6793 for details.

- March 17—*Lying Awake* by Mark Salzman
- April 22—*Outcasts United* by Warren St. John

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Library Foundation

by Betty McCauley

Freda Vars and I talked about the significance of Library changes recently. She noted, for example, that our Library keeps up to date on available technology and accommodates a public capable of using it. This has led to rearranging Library spaces, but it also extends the years until another expansion will be needed.

As a young mom with son in tow, Freda first volunteered years ago on the Friends of the Library membership committee. Over 20 years ago she was chair of the committee promoting the second expansion of the Library. She has been on the Library Board, the State Library Board, and the Foundation Board. Every Tuesday she volunteers to help the public navigate the new self-help arrangement for finding their books on hold. She told me she

helped a woman use a self-check-out machine one day. The woman told her that this book helped her stretch her dollars! Library books can do that!

With the online catalog, more patrons find books from home and put them on hold. They search databases like *Consumer Reports* before they shop, or author biographies before they review books. Librarians are always there to help, too.

Part of the Library experience is social interaction. Freda sees this when enthusiastic gardeners come to hear and share growing tips. All this is enhanced by your gifts through the Foundation. Note book plates in your books and say a silent thank you, then enjoy a good read! There is no change in that pleasure.

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

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