

CHECK IT OUT!

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▶ Message from the Library Director

I remember that feeling of excitement I had as a child when I found just the right book at the library. It's one of the reasons I became a librarian. What could be better than working in a place where I can find what I want to read?

Of course, what I want to read is frequently what about 1,000 other people in Corvallis and Benton County also want to read at the same time! Sometimes it seems waiting lists have been so long that I forgot I ever put the book on hold when my turn finally comes!

Enter a new service at the library - the Lucky Day Collection. Using funds from Friends of the Library, we are buying copies of best seller items that cannot be placed on hold. They are shelved in the lobby and if it's your lucky day, you might just find the hottest new item right there on the shelf available for checkout! This collection is designed to encourage everyone to actually come in to the library and browse.

Response to the collection has been very positive. Users have been excited to find best sellers actually available on the spot.

There are a few caveats. We do limit users to two Lucky Day books at a time, so nobody can come in and clean out the shelves. If you have the same title on hold, checking out the Lucky Day copy will also cancel your hold. If your hold has already come in, please make sure and take the copy off the hold shelf and not the Lucky Day shelf, or the holds list will become a mess. We are purchasing more copies for the holds list as well, to help keep those waiting lists manageable. And in case you are wondering, staff can't access the collection except on breaks, when we are open, to keep the system fair to all browsers.



▶ Sean Gaskell *Presents* West African Kora

Sean Gaskell will give a performance on the Kora, an ancient 21-stringed harp from West Africa, in the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library's Main Meeting Room on Saturday, July 25th at 2:00 PM.

He will feature traditional songs that are the heart and soul of the Kora's musical repertoire in addition to some of his own personal compositions.

The Kora is native to the Mande people who live within the countries of Gambia, Senegal, Mali, Guinea, and Guinea Bissau. The music is traditionally played by oral and musical historians known as Griots (Gree-ohs). The Kora is a melodic and seemingly peaceful instrument, which is somewhat contrary to its musical repertoire. Many songs tell ancient stories of war and hardship, while others praise people of high political status and those who helped expand the Mande Empire. While the Kora is only 300 years old, some commonly played songs can be traced back 800 years to the Mande empires' founding. Sean Gaskell has studied extensively under the instruction of Malamini Jobarteh and Moriba Kuyateh of Brikama, The Gambia, and Kane Mathis of Brooklyn, NY. He has been featured at numerous festivals in the U.S., Gambia, and Senegal. *Co-Sponsored by the Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center*



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www.cbcpubliclibrary.net

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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

July 3rd & 4th
Independence Day

Library Foundation Corner

by Betty McCauley, Board Member

The bronze sculpture by Gary Lee Price called “Story Time”, of two children reading books, stands amid plants at the front entry to the Library. It was a gift from their children in honor of Jeanne and Robert Larson. It was delightfully appropriate, because Jeanne was the Library’s children’s head librarian in 1950 to 1951. Later she served as the Library Director three times, the last time from 1963 to 1967, which included the tumultuous years of promoting and building the first addition to the original building, designed by the noted architect, Pietro Belluschi. Jeanne had a great respect for his architecture. She worked closely with the Library Board and the architect, Lewis Crutcher, who had been endorsed by Mr. Belluschi as able to design an addition that would harmonize with his original Tudor Gothic style. City voters had turned down previous designs for a modern addition. This time the Library Board had the support of the city and the Gazette Times publisher, Bob Ingalls, so the building was started.

Jeanne was enthusiastic, as I remembered her. I was with the Friends of the Library then, and we had numerous

events, such as neighborhood coffees and a big all county book and craft fair to promote the new addition.

Sons of the Larsons have been generous in giving other pieces of art in their parents’ memory. The fat blue clay sculpture of the “Mary’s Peak Bear” by Linda Brewer, stands on a pedestal of “maps” of Mary’s Peak trails. Also, in the lobby under the skylight, hangs “Siuslaw Sun Showers”, a mobile of hundreds of shimmering pieces of glass, hand made by artist Michelle Gutlove. They tremble and sparkle by the time of day and can be seen from below or from the second floor. The top pieces, Gutlove explained, were green as the tree tops and became multi-colored lower, as on the forest floor plants. She had hiked the Siuslaw herself, rain or shine, as an University of Oregon student, so her glass art is reminiscent of Oregon. I think Jeanne Larson would have liked that. The Foundation is pleased with the way memorials continue to bring loved ones with us and enrich the library.



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Friends of the Library Corner

by Stefani McRae-Dickey, Co-President

Did you know the Friends are actively raising money for the library with book sales year round? We stock and maintain book sales at each of our libraries, Corvallis, Philomath, Monroe, and Alsea. Books are available for 50-cents or less on these bookshelves. Stop by the book sale area at your library. Chances are you’ll find a book to intrigue you for a very nominal price.

We also have an online presence with Benton Books, which can be found at Amazon, at Friends of Corvallis-Benton Library or by clicking on www.Amazon.com/shops/friendsofcorvallisbentonlibrary. We have a 5-star rating and list 85 pages of titles you can easily order online.

Since our online sales started in January of 2005, Benton Books has become one of our best sources of income, second to the Big Book Sale. In 2014 our net online-based income was \$22,542.48 for 1,458 books sold for an average of \$20.05 per book. The number of books sold increased by 163, or

13% over 2013 and gross sales increased by \$5,013.25 or 22%.

The dedication of volunteers Ann Brodie, Linda Jewett, Valeen King, Judy Ladd, Carol Prueitt, Nancy Schary, and Susan Shumway, under the leadership of Lois Malango, has resulted in a 5-star rating on Amazon. Most buyers comment on the speed of the shipment, care in packaging and great condition of the books they received.

Book sales and Friends memberships contributed to this year’s donation of \$89,000 to the library. We fund programs and purchases not covered in the library’s annual budget. Without the committed volunteers who work throughout the year, we would not be able to provide this support for our libraries. Thank you to the volunteers and everyone who attended the Sizzling Summer Reading Sale in June!



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Youth ACTIVITIES

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 – 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 at 7:00 PM
- ◆ **¡Los CUENTOS!** (all ages)
(Family bilingual storytime)
Second Saturday of each month
11:00 AM
- ◆ **Man with the Yellow Hat**
(Birth – 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** (all ages)
Tuesdays at 10:30 AM

▶ Let's Fly Storytime

Storytime for Early Literacy.
Ages 0-5 years



July 1 10:00 AM Philomath
July 28 10:30 AM Monroe

▶ Children's Book Swap

Bring your gently used children's fiction and nonfiction books to trade. See you there!

July 29 1:30 - 3:30 PM
Main Meeting Room

▶ Science Saturday

Let's Fly! Special storytime and activities.

July 25 10:00 AM
Main Meeting Room

▶ R.E.A.D Dogs

(Ages 4 & above)

Read to a Dog in the Afternoon!
20 minute sessions. Walk-ins welcome!



Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
August 4 - 27 1:30 - 3:00 PM
Brookes Reading Room

▶ Family Movie Afternoon

Cool off at the Library with a family movie!

August 5	The Incredibles	3:00 PM
August 12	TMNT	3:00 PM
August 19	The Boxtrolls	3:00 PM
August 26	Tinkerbell	3:00 PM

Main Meeting Room

▶ Wildlife Safari

Come learn about native and exotic animals.



July 9 1:00 PM Monroe
July 9 3:00 PM Philomath
July 9 5:30 PM Alesa

▶ ANIMANGA EXTRAVAGANZA

July 1 3:30 - 5:30 PM



Watch anime and enjoy Japanese snacks with fans!
Youth Activity Room

▶ Teen Days

Games and crafts. Snacks & supplies provided.

July 7 & 21 1:00 - 3:00 PM
August 4 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Youth Activity Room

▶ Teen Movie Day



Avenger Series, PG 13



Corvallis
July 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 1:00 - 3:30 PM
August 6, 13 & 20 1:00 - 3:30 PM

Philomath
July 7, 14 & 21 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Monroe
July 11, 18 & 25 12:00 - 2:00 PM
August 1 & 8 12:00 - 2:00 PM

▶ Monroe Teen Comic Book Workshop

Learn the art with Brad Clark.

July 1 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Monroe Community Library

▶ Teen Nerf Games

Let the games begin! Nerf toys provided.

July 15 5:00 PM - Philomath | **July 22 5:00 PM - Monroe**

▶ Teen Summer Book Club



Read and discuss *I am Princess X* by Cherie Priest



August 11 1:00 PM Corvallis
August 12 1:00 PM Philomath
August 12 4:00 PM Monroe

Adult PROGRAMS

▶ Book Club

The Corvallis-Benton County Public Library Book Club is open to everyone!

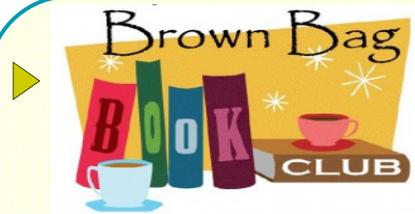
Telegraph Avenue by Michael Chabon
July 15 7:00 PM
2nd Floor Conference Room C

Oil and Honey by Bill McKibben
August 19 7:00 PM
Woman's Club Board Room

▶ Graphic Novel Club

Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant: A Memoir
July 7 6:30 PM

Powers, Volume 1: Who Killed Retro Girl?
August 4 6:30 PM
New Morning Bakery
219 SW 2nd Street, Corvallis



This Brown Bag Book Club is led by retired librarian, Steven Sowell.

Please feel free to bring your lunch!

Call 541.929.3016 for more information.

Plainsong, by Kent Haruf
July 15 12:00 Noon

TBA
August 19 12:00 Noon

Philomath Community Library

▶ Library Board Meeting

Monthly meeting of the Library Advisory Board. Public welcome.

July 15 - 6:30 PM & August 5 - 7:30 PM
Woman's Club Board Room

▶ Letter Writing

Social & Stationery Exchange! Bring your own stationery or use our supplies.

July 26 & August 23 2:00 PM
Main Meeting Room

▶ Art Tours at the Library

Led by Library Foundation Board member, Freda Vars.

July 7 & August 4 10:00 AM
Meet in the Lobby

Read » Create » Celebrate!



Summer at your Library for Adults!

June 1, 2015 – August 31, 2015
All Benton County Public Library Locations

Adults, don't miss Summer at your Library from June 1st - August 31st!

Do you want to win prizes for all of the awesome things you do this summer? Adults 18 and older may fill out entry forms for completing activities to win prizes all summer long. Eligible activities include: reading or listening to a book, using a

library resource to create something, visiting a park, and many others.

Grand prizes, such as an iPod, a Kobo, annual passes to Oregon recreational spots, and much more, will be awarded at the end of the summer. Alsea, Monroe, and Philomath locations will also award small weekly prizes.

For more details visit:

<http://cbcpl.net/summeratyourlibrary/>



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

All 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

▶ Volunteer Spotlight

by Cathi Roberts, Volunteer Coordinator



“Learn – Play – Share” is Ken Olsen’s philosophy for volunteering – and for life in general.

Like the excellent “techie” that he is, Ken turned up for a chat with me at the library carrying his HP notebook computer. As we talked about his various volunteer activities and interests, he illustrated them with snapshots and visits to various websites, including his own at www.makersbox.us, where “Learn-Play-Share!” headlines every page.

For more than two years, Ken has been Youth Services’ go-to guy for tech-related programming. On Tuesday

evenings during the school year (1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month in Philomath; 2nd and 4th in Corvallis), Ken volunteers with the Teen Makers group, engaging in crafts and tech activities that teach electronics, design and other skills. Ken was recruited for this role by Robin Fosdick, a former Youth Librarian, when he participated in the Maker Festival she organized in March of 2013.

If you’re not familiar with the terms “maker” and “makerspace,” you’re not alone, but the Maker movement is growing rapidly, and many people believe it is destined to be an important part of programming for many libraries. Briefly defined, a makerspace is a community center that provides technology, equipment, and hands-on opportunities for the public, offering access to software and tools that most people don’t have at home. A maker can design an object, fabricate its parts, and assemble a finished product, working alongside others as they bring their own ideas from concept to completion. The free exchange of ideas and resources is a central tenet of makerspaces.

So-called 3-D printers are a big reason for the growth of the movement, but they’re only part of the picture. (You can find out more about other cool

tech learning tools the library has, such as Arduino and Raspberry Pi, on Ken’s website.)

Ken is a local boy, a graduate of Crescent Valley H.S., who spent 12 years in the Navy serving as a machinist on nuclear-powered submarines. When he re-surfaced, he returned to Corvallis and has racked up “nearly 20 years, now!” with Hewlett-Packard as a software technician. He and his wife Polly have four daughters, and the youngest has techie leanings, like Dad. Helping young women advance in technical fields is important to Ken, and he also volunteers for “ChickTech,” a nationwide movement to seek parity for women in the high-tech industry.

Ken is glad that HP encourages its employees to devote four hours a month volunteering in their communities. That was one motivation to start volunteering for the library, but his lifelong passion for learning had a lot to do with it as well. And acquiring new information and cool new skills is so much more fun for those who know how to “Learn, Play, and Share.”



Stretch,
Dance,
Play!



Join Growing Arts movement educator, Iris Nason, for an engaging, creative dance experience.

Early Literacy Program - 0-5 years

July 16 10:00 - 11:00 AM
Main Meeting Room

(takes the place of Toddler storytime this day)

SCIENCE GROSSOLOGY

Presented by Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum!
The (impolite) science of the human body features the science of yucky and fascinating body functions.

Geared for school-aged kids. For more information, contact Youth Services at 541-766-6794.

July 8 1:30 - 2:30 PM

Main Meeting Room



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Summer Reading 2015 Schedule

Summer Superheroes

(Drop-in) Become a superhero! Find your superhero name, super power, and create your own super cape. Show off your skills in our superhero training camp!

- July 1 - 1:30 - 3:30 PM - Corvallis
- July 2 - 1:00 - 3:00 PM - Philomath

Heroes for the Planet

(Drop-in) Craft with recyclables, meet local community heroes who work every day to take care of our planet. Learn how to expand your planet protection super powers!

- July 13 - 2:00 - 4:00 PM - Alesia
- July 14 - 1:00 - 3:00 PM - Monroe
- July 15 - 1:30 - 3:30 PM - Corvallis
- July 16 - 1:00 - 3:00 PM - Philomath

Craft Your Own Hero Story

(Drop-in) Design your own characters, setting and story using art and craft supplies and your imagination!

- July 20 - 2:00 - 4:00 PM - Alesia
- July 21 - 1:00 - 3:00 PM - Monroe
- July 22 - 1:30 - 3:30 PM - Corvallis
- July 23 - 1:00 - 3:00 PM - Philomath



Summer Reading Finale Party

It's a party for heroes, and you're invited! Join your local community heroes to celebrate all the reading, learning, and creating you've done over the summer.

- July 27 - 2:00 - 3:00 PM - Alesia
- July 28 - 1:00 - 2:00 PM - Monroe
- July 30 - 1:00 - 2:00 PM - Philomath



Summer Reading Kids' Pool Party

Make a splash at the Summer Reading Kids' Pool Party at Otter Beach at [Osborn Aquatic Center](#)! Free admission. For all summer reading participants ages 12 & under and their families.

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

- August 1 5:00 - 7:00 PM
 Osborn Aquatic Center

