

# CHECK IT OUT!



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## Message from Library Director Carolyn Rawles-Heiser

In recent issues, I have talked about the fact that the Library will have to reduce services because of expected shortfalls in City of Corvallis funding. We now know what those cuts will be. We will cut about \$330,000 from our budget. We will also increase fines and fees to improve our fund balance.

The Library Board and staff looked at many options to save money. We will indefinitely defer some equipment purchases. We are planning to downsize our bookmobile to a smaller, more flexible and fuel-efficient vehicle, and plan to sell our old Bookmobile. We reorganized our management staff, saving several thousand. We are not refilling the interlibrary loan (ILL) position, which is vacant due to retirement.

Beyond that, we looked at reducing staffing and thus offering fewer hours at the Corvallis Library, and cutting the materials budget. Branch hours will not be cut, as they are funded by the Benton County Library Service District. Overall we will lose 3.25 full-time-equivalent employees, two of them regular staff who retired and the rest casual part-time employees. We chose to reduce our least-busy hours, Friday nights 6–9 pm and Monday–Thursday 8–9 pm. We looked at closing an entire day, as that provides savings in utilities and janitorial services. We chose Sunday because it has the fewest hours of operation, thus impacting our overall number of hours open the least; it was the last day of service added; and while busy per hour, has fewer visitors and checkouts than other days. We realize that closing on Sunday will be difficult for many of our patrons, and I am truly sorry it is necessary.

We will also cut materials purchases for

next year by about 5%, or about \$47,000. We will eliminate our leased books program, which provides additional copies of best sellers, as it is time-consuming to manage and does not save an



appreciable amount over purchasing. We will buy fewer books, electronic databases, magazine subscriptions, CDs, and DVDs.

Interlibrary loan (ILL) will be dispersed among several staff who need to fit the task in among other jobs, so we plan to limit ILLs to five at a time and to charge \$3 per item received.

We will also increase fines from 5 to 10 cents per item per day, nonresident library cards to \$90 annually, and meeting room fees. Fines and fees can never be a large part of our budget (they are about 3%), but we are doing what we can to raise more revenue.

Unfortunately, the fiscal picture does not look positive in the foreseeable future. The Library, along with other city departments, will most likely need to reduce services even more in future years, unless additional funding is secured.

I am so sorry this is necessary. For more information, frequently asked questions are available at any service desk and on our Web site, [www.thebestlibrary.net](http://www.thebestlibrary.net).

### **Library Service Changes and Fee Increases** (effective July 1, 2010)

#### **Corvallis Library Hours:**

Monday–Thursday: 10 am–8 pm; Friday–Saturday: 10 am–6 pm;  
Sunday: CLOSED; branch hours unchanged

#### **Fines and Fees:**

- Adult overdue materials: 10 cents per day per item, \$5 maximum per item
- Youth overdue materials: 10 cents per day per item, \$1 maximum per item
- Nonresident card: \$90/year
- Interlibrary loans: \$3 per received item, 5 items maximum
- Meeting rooms: \$20/hour for large room (\$60 minimum), \$15/hour for small rooms

Revised storytime schedules available in Youth Services.

# The World of Ideas at the Library

The Library, LBCC Benton Center, and Benton County Historical Museum present a collection of history, culture, and ideas on Tuesdays, 12:10–1:00 pm, June 29 - August 3, in the Library's Main Meeting Room. The series is funded by a donation from John Croy of Edward Jones. The lectures are free. Bring a friend and your lunch, and enjoy!

**June 29**—*Trees: An Arboreal Tour of Oregon and Beyond*, with Nancy Appling. Horticulturist Nancy Appling presents an interactive program illustrating the importance of trees to Pacific Northwest Native Americans and the culture of Oregon.

**July 6**—*Abraham Lincoln and the American West*, with Richard Etulain. Drawing on his recently completed book on Lincoln and the American West, Richard Etulain touches on slavery, Western politics, Lincoln and Indians, Lincoln and the Civil War in the West, and his interesting connections with Oregon.

**July 13**—*Plowman Poet: The Life and Songs of Robert Burns*, with Jeni Foster. With guitar accompaniment, Jeni Foster sings songs written by Burns, a fascinating literary personality. Audience participation is encouraged with sing-along choruses.

**July 20**—*Raza Sin Fronteras: Mexican American Cultural History*, with Jim Garcia. Jim Garcia performs corridos (ballads), reviews artwork, and recites poetry to capture the voices of the Mexican American community and illuminate the uniqueness of Mexican American cultural and intellectual heritage.

**July 27**—*Language and Legends of Flowers*, with Twilo Scofield. Flowers, herbs, and trees are woven into the fabric of the religion, mythology, and folklore of every culture. Historian and folklorist Twilo Scofield presents the language, legends, mythology, and folklore of plants through songs and stories.

**August 3**—*Trickster at the Crossroads of the World*, with Curtis Yehnert. Curt Yehnert analyzes trickster tales told around the world about traversing physical and social barriers, blurring distinctions between right and wrong, male and female, the living and the dead.

Questions about or requests for special needs and accommodations should be directed to the Disability Coordinator at LBCC, 541-917-4690, or via Oregon Telecommunications Relay TTD at 1-800-735-2900 or 1-800-735-1232. Contact should be made 72 hours or more in advance of the event.

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## Staff Profile

### Facilities Maintenance Workgroup—Part 2



Pictured, L-R: Tim, Ryan, Bob, Fernando, and Gary.

Last issue we introduced the Facilities Maintenance workgroup—Supervisor Bob Fenner, Leadworker Tim Wear, Maintenance Specialists Ryan Freeman and Gary Lebeau, and temporary worker Fernando Mendoza. Though they aren't officially Library staff (they're part of Public Works), they definitely *feel* like our own and are considered integral to the success of the Library. They each agree that their relationship with the Library is a bit different from the other City departments they work in. Besides the "good relationship and great food," our building is a focal point for the community, with three unique layers of architecture that require special attention.

Outside of work, these guys lead busy lives. Bob is originally from southern Oregon and enjoys anything outdoors, including hunting, camping, gardening, and running with his three dogs. Tim, originally from Illinois, is a silversmith and painter who enjoys kayaking, golf, and his young granddaughters. Originally from St. Louis, Gary likes bike riding and is a gun club enthusiast. Ryan is a Corvallis native who coaches his son's baseball team and enjoys family time.



Kenneth Olsen

## Volunteer Profile

### Kenneth and Rachel Olsen, and Caoilinn Haggerty

When Kenneth Olsen started volunteering at the Library with his daughter Rachel and her friend Caoilinn Haggerty last month, they ran into some technical difficulties. They wanted to scan books together, but we have only one scanning machine. Ken did a little research and discovered a way to build a do-it-yourself scanner with a camera, a sheet of glass, and a cardboard box. The method he came up with is gentler on our old documents than the regular scanner, since books and magazines don't have to be completely flattened before being photographed. Now they can work together to convert historical records and old local-interest documents from paper to digital form.

Ken's work at Hewlett-Packard (which encourages employees to volunteer in the community) also involves providing creative solutions to help engineers gather and analyze information using computers. In his spare time, he does model railroading and has created a working diorama of the nearby Hull-Oakes lumber company, which he takes to shows and shares on the Web.

## Our mission statement

The Friends of the Library is an all-volunteer organization committed to supporting the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, including the branches in Alsea, Monroe, Philomath, and the Bookmobile. We provide support for Library services, facilities, and equipment beyond budgeted items and promote the use of the Library as a community resource center.

We held our annual meeting on June 9 and reported on results over the past year. This is a good opportunity to summarize some of the tangible results of our mission.

Furnishing the Corvallis Library's Main Meeting Room is one way we fulfill our mission of enhancing the Library as a community resource center. Making this room usable by a wide range of groups, by supplying comfortable yet portable chairs, tables, and good electronic equipment, has made the meeting room a popular choice among city and county groups, local organizations, and individual authors.

The Friends sponsor Random Reviews, a program that matches outstanding books with local experts who discuss books at noon on the second Wednesday of the month, September through June in the Main Meeting Room. Flowers, coffee, tea, and cookies are provided, and everyone is invited to join in the literary fun. Equipment provided by the

Friends allows these programs to be recorded and available for downloading or listening at the Library's Web site, [www.thebestlibrary.net](http://www.thebestlibrary.net), by going to the Friends link, then Random Reviews.

The Friends co-sponsor events in the Main Meeting Room so that authors and literary groups may use the room free of charge to hold events open to the public. Events sponsored last year were as wide-ranging as The SHE Project, with Lauren Ohlgren; to Matt Love reading from his new book, *Super Sunday in Newport*; to Writers on the River public meetings and readings by their authors. For more information, contact the Administration office at the Library 541-766-6928.

Please join the Friends today, and help us continue supporting exciting cultural programs and making upgrades to our Library's community meeting place. Membership is as little as \$10 for an individual, \$25 for a family, and \$100 for a business.

From the second-floor Librarians' blog  
[thebestlibrary.net/wordpress/blog](http://thebestlibrary.net/wordpress/blog)



## From the Blog

I do not own an iPhone, although secretly—or perhaps not so secretly—I want one. I especially like the GPS feature that maps where you are and where you are going. However, this is not what this post is about.

This post is about the available applications (apps) that allow you to download and listen to audiobooks on many mobile devices. You can now download and listen to audiobooks on your iPhone, Blackberry, Android, or Windows mobile devices, by downloading the new mobile version of Overdrive Media

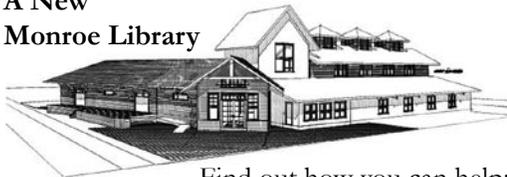
Console at Library2Go (<http://www.overdrive.com/software/omc/>). A coworker and I took a few minutes to download the app and an mp3 audiobook on her iPhone, and it worked great!

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### Beginning July 1—New hours of operation for the Corvallis Public Library

- Monday–Thursday: 10 am–8 pm
- Friday & Saturday: 10 am–6 pm
- Sunday: CLOSED

### July 5—Library CLOSED for Independence Day Holiday observance

### Make a Splash—READ!

Summer Reading activities for school-age kids are offered throughout the summer in all library locations. There are also activities geared toward teens. See the calendar for dates and times.

**Through August 3**—World of Ideas lecture series, Tuesdays at 12:10 pm. Formerly titled Summer Chautauqua, these free noon-time lectures offer a variety of interesting topics and speakers. See the article on page 2 for program titles and details.

### Library Book Club—7:30 pm, Library Board Room

Books are provided by the Library four weeks prior to the monthly meeting. Call 541-766-6793 for details.

- July 21: *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*, by Stieg Larsson
- August 18: *Shanghai Girls*, by Lisa See

*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 (541-766-6708). Our World Wide Web address is [www.thebestlibrary.net](http://www.thebestlibrary.net). Special thanks to the Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation for funding this newsletter.



## Library Foundation

by Betty McCauley

“The wet, grey Willamette Valley winter explodes with color in the spring,” wrote artist Michele R. Gutlove. She submitted the winning design for a mobile to hang under the skylight in the Library. The art piece is a gift from the Larson family, in memory of their parents, Robert and Jeanne Larson. Jeanne was our Library director in the 1960s. Gutlove, now from Massachusetts, studied architecture at the University of Oregon. Wandering in the Siuslaw Forest was a joy in her student days. She wrote, “In the most visually spectacular moments, the sun and rain dance together.

During a sun shower, golden rays magically illuminate water droplets.” Her mobile will be 9' wide by 14' long. It will have over 1,000 pieces of sculptured dichroic glass, which she crafts by hand. Titled “Siuslaw Sun Shower,” it will be “a slice of the Willamette Valley... pieces of fused glass represent the rainbow of native wildflowers below the new spring green deciduous leaves, which are capped by the deep blue-green of the soaring evergreens.”

The mobile is to be installed later this year. The Library Foundation thanks the Larson brothers for their generosity.

# 2010 JULY

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
<b>Main Library Hours</b> Monday—Friday 10 am to 9 pm Saturday 10 am to 6 pm Sunday 12 pm to 6 pm				10 am Preschool Storytime 1:30 pm Jumping Toy Playshop—Philomath		
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

<sup>1</sup>Call Adult Svcs. 541-766-6793 for info/pre-registration <sup>2</sup>Call Library indicated for info <sup>3</sup>Call Youth Svcs. 541-766-6794 for info/pre-registration  
 For the hearing impaired, a sign language interpreter can be provided with 48 hours notice. Please call 541-766-6928 to arrange.

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# AUGUST

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1	5 pm Teen Game Night <sup>3</sup> 7 pm Bedtime Storytime	10 am Toddler Storytime 10:30 am Preschool Storytime—Monroe 12:10 pm A World of Ideas Lecture Series 7 pm Bedtime Storytime—Philomath	10 am Preschool Storytime—Philomath 10 am Infant Storytime 10 am Beyond “Goodnight Moon” and Harry Potter 1 pm Eric Herman Music—Monroe 3:30 & 7 pm Special School-age Program 7:30 pm Library Board Meeting	10 am Preschool Storytime 1:30 pm Face Painting!—Philomath	6	7		
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