Novelist + Library Catalog = A Perfect Pair!

by Lindy Brown, Reference Librarian

Reading Recommendations, Series Information and Read Alike Suggestions - All Within the Catalog

Like peanut butter and jelly, mashed potatoes and gravy, or chips and salsa, the Library’s catalog has paired up with Novelist Plus, creating an epic combination for book lovers!

Our catalog has integrated with the fantastic resource, Novelist Plus, a full-feature database that is the leading electronic readers’ advisory resource. Novelist Plus includes tailored book information for all ages and genres - fiction and nonfiction - including book discussion guides, author information, thematic book lists and book-oriented articles. With this integration into the catalog, you can now view in a book’s catalog record:

- Reader ratings and reviews from GoodReads
- Books in a series
- Recommendations and read alike suggestions for similar books, series and authors

Message from Library Director Carolyn Rawles-Heiser

The Library’s funding comes from three major sources: the City of Corvallis General Fund, the Benton County Library Service District, and the City of Corvallis Local Option Levy, passed by voters in 2011. I am often asked to explain the differences.

The Local Option Levy expires in June 2014 unless renewed by voters. About $1 million of Library services is included: Monday hours and staff; $340,000 for books and materials; cataloging and processing staff; the Early Literacy Coordinator; the Volunteer Coordinator; and equipment, software, and supplies. If the Levy is not renewed, those services will be cut.

The Benton County Library Service District, passed by voters in 1994, is a permanent tax rate which covers about $2.5 million of our budget. All Benton County taxpayers pay this, except for North Albany within the Albany city limits. It covers Extension Services (branches, bookmobile, and outreach) and a significant part of Corvallis Library operations, including hours (staffing), books and materials, equipment, etc. It now brings in more than the City of Corvallis General Fund for Library support and can only be used for Library services. According to Measure 47/50, the tax rate cannot be changed, although the Service District could theoretically propose a local option levy.

The City of Corvallis General Fund provides the balance of our budget. It covers Corvallis operations only, including hours; books and other materials; supplies, software and equipment; janitorial, building maintenance and utilities; and internal service charges to other City departments. The General Fund also pays for Police, Fire, Parks and Recreation, and parts of Community Development and Public Works. This part of the Library’s budget has been cut in recent years, necessitating hours and staffing cuts, and almost $280,000 less for books and other Library materials.

The Library is fortunate to have our wonderful Friends of the Library and Library Foundation, but these organizations are not organized for nor capable of replacing tax support. Their purposes are to provide for the “extras” in programming, equipment, and other special expenses over and above tax support. Their success is also a testament to the high level of support for our Library, and for that, I am eternally grateful. Thank you!
Library Foundation Corner

by Betty McCauley, Honorary Foundation Board Member

Hal Brauner has been such an important member of the Library Foundation Board that he was invited right back after his last term ended. With our present City and County budget problems, the Foundation needs his experience and expertise. We are very happy he agreed to return to the Board.

This is Hal’s 50th year in public service, first as a government employee or as a volunteer before and after retiring. He has worked in state, county, and city positions in Salem and in Corvallis. We know him as an elected City Councilor. He volunteered with the Salem School Board, the Benton County School Credit Union and the Corvallis schools. His main focus has been finances and he is primarily concerned with “how you spend and account for and raise funds.”

Hal first came to the Foundation Board ten years ago. He’s seen many changes as the City is less able to designate tax dollars to the Library. Foundation activities have always been important, but increasingly so now. He pointed out the Foundation’s encouragement and support of the Philomath Community Library first, then Alsea, and finally Monroe in building their city libraries, all part of the Benton County Library system. He also applauds the Foundation’s successful project to Complete the Block.

Taking into account the budgetary problems of the City and County, Hal said of the Foundation, “We need to start building reserves. They can be seed money for the future.” I think we are all grateful to welcome Hal back as a willing and capable member of the Foundation Board. He is not only wise and skilled in financial matters, but he has a passion and vision for the library in the future. Thank you, Hal!

Friends of the Library

By David Low, President

Say the word ‘library’ and most people will immediately flash to words or images associated with a building containing lots of books. Other associations also likely come to mind, especially if you are of a certain age. What likely isn’t top-of-mind is having the library experience without physically going to the library.

Now, perhaps you are thinking, “Of course, I can access the Library web site via the Internet from my home.” True enough, but technology has moved beyond Internet access from a fixed location.

Our Library has moved with the times and is now as close as your smartphone or tablet. During the past couple of years, the Friends of the Library have made it financially possible for you to conduct Library business from wherever you are on your portable device of choice by using the CBCPL mobile app. According to Librarian Lindy Brown, you can do the following:

- Explore the Library catalog using ‘smart prefix search’ technology
- See if the Library has a book you found elsewhere by scanning its ISBN barcode
- Check your personal account for holds, due dates, and more
- Chat with a librarian – text or call
- Find out what events are happening and check the Library calendar for things to do that meet your interests
- Get Library hours and locations
- Access your Library2Go account for e-books and audiobooks;
- Stay connected with the library via Facebook and Twitter

Like this convenience? From your mobile device, download the iOS app in iTunes, the Android version in Google Play, or for other devices go to cbcpl.boopsie.com.
Volunteer Spotlight
by Cathi Roberts, Volunteer Coordinator

On most Tuesday and Fridays mornings, before the doors are unlocked and the cheerful bustle of Storytime begins in the Youth Activity Room, you’ll find Barbara Landau volunteering in the Youth Services section of the Library. Barbara’s official volunteer job is Collection Care Assistant, but she is one of those smart, capable people who can tackle most any task and do it well. Among other activities, Barbara helps the Youth Services Librarians create attractive shelf-top displays of kid’s books on various topics. She has also signed up to help with Summer Reading events, putting her name down for all of the “R.E.A.D. Dog” programs this August. “I did that last year and loved it!” she tells me.

The children’s section is a natural choice for Barbara, who retired a few years back from a 40-year career as an educator. She began as a classroom teacher, but after earning a doctorate in education from OSU in 1987, Barbara started training other teachers. Her career in higher education originated at OSU, but later took her to various parts of the country, including upstate New York (“Brrr – too cold!”), the University of Redlands in southern California, and the University of Hawaii. Her work focused on helping teachers to be more effective in the classroom and finding solutions to difficult problems like bullying. Eventually, she wrote a book on the subject: *The Art of Classroom Management*, which is now in its second edition.

When she lived in Hawaii, Barbara volunteered at the Waikiki Aquarium. She was an interpreter for the *Edge of the Reef* display, and particularly enjoyed teaching young visitors about the resident octopus, a creature with an amazing ability to camouflage itself, taking on not only the color but also the texture of its surroundings. “We’d play Where’s Waldo? every day with the octopus,” she remembers.

In Hawaii, Barbara learned about more than just sea creatures; she also discovered hula. “I’d always been a dancer,” she says, and after taking a few classes, Barbara was hooked. When she and her husband David retired and returned to Corvallis, Barbara brought the hula with her. She now teaches hula and leads a group of dancers who are much in demand for performances around the community.

So if you see a group of hula dancers at a retirement home or at the Farmer’s Market this summer, stop and watch the fun. The small, vibrant woman with the curly hair is Barbara: dancer, educator, and Library volunteer.

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Summer Reading 2013

**CORVALLIS**

**Brad Storysong**
A lively music and storytelling event  
**July 10 | 3:30 pm**

**OMSI**
“Wild Weather Show”  
**July 17 | 3:30 pm**

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**Summer Reading for Adults**

Summertime is for reading! For every book you read this summer, fill out an entry form and submit it for entry in our weekly summer reading prize drawings. Prizes include goodies such as farmer’s market gift certificates and Friends of the Library book sale vouchers. This summer we are challenging Corvallis adults to read a combined 500 or more books, and to keep you reading, the Second Floor Librarians will create exciting reading lists of all of our summer favorites. Keep up with the action and play online or stop by the Second Floor to check out our huge staff picks display and chart the progress toward our 500 book goal!  
[corvallis.libguides.com/srforadults](http://corvallis.libguides.com/srforadults)

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**ALSEA**

**Wildlife Safari** July 11 | 6 pm

**Acting for Everyone** July 19 and July 20 | 11 am

**Mae Hitchcock Art Exploration** July 24, July 31 and August 7 | 2 pm

**Best Friends Obedience, Tricks, and other Dog Activities** July 25 | 6 pm

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**MONROE**

**Wildlife Safari** July 11 | 1 pm

**Dragon Theater Puppet Show** July 18 | 1 pm

**Best Friends Obedience, Tricks, and other Dog Activities** August 1 | 1 pm

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**PHILOMATH**

**Fairy House Building Workshop** July 3 | 1 pm

**Wildlife Safari** July 11 | 3 pm

**Hoot Book Club & Chintimini Wildlife Center** July 16 | 1 pm

**Dragon Theater Puppet Show** July 17 | 1 pm

**Best Friends Obedience, Tricks, and other Dog Activities** July 24 | 1 pm

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JULY/AUGUST 2013
Youth ACTIVITIES

Teen Make It! Arduino
Learn how to program an Arduino to do a number of interesting things with lights, motors, relays, and servos. Pre-registration required and space is limited.

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Teen Summer Reading Finale
Felt crafts, candy monsters, gaming, karaoke, make your own buttons and stickers, and of course PIZZA! Pre-registration required and space is limited. Teens ages 12-18 welcome.

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R.E.A.D. Dogs
Beginning readers ages 4+ are invited to drop in to read to a dog for 15 minutes. What a great way to practice reading and snuggle up with a dog!

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Teen Writing Group
Teens ages 12-18 interested in writing are invited to join the Teen Writing Group. Led by local Young Adult author, Bryan Bliss.

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Summer Reading
A complete listing of summer events for Kids and Teens at the Corvallis, Alsea, Monroe, and Philomath libraries is available on page 3 and the Library’s web site. Summer Reading is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Family Music Fun
Family participation music and movement program for young children and their families.

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Free Lunch!
Corvallis School District invites all kids 18 and under for a FREE lunch at the Library (must be consumed on site).

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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.thebestlibrary.net.
▲ Library Board Meeting

Monthly meeting of the Library Advisory Board. Public welcome.

July 3       Meeting Cancelled
August 7     7:30 pm
Woman’s Club Board Room

▲ Book Club

The Paris Wife by Paula McLain.
July 17       7:00 pm

The White Queen by Philippa Gregory.
August 21     7:00 pm
Woman’s Club Board Room

▲ Summer Reading

Summer Reading for Adults continues through Labor Day. Challenge yourself to read this summer and for each book you read you will be able to enter your name in for weekly prize drawings! See page 3 for more details or visit the Library’s web site at: corvallis.libguides.com/srforadults.

▲ Graphic Novel Book Club

Always welcoming new members! Pick up a copy of the book to read at the Second Floor Reference Desk. See back page for more details.

Are You My Mother? by Alison Bechdel.
July 2        6:00 pm

Y, the Last Man, Book 1 by Brian K. Vaughan.
August 6      6:00 pm
Matt’s Cavalcade of Comics
2075 NW Buchanan Ave, Corvallis

▲ Second Floor Librarians Blog

Want to hear what’s happening for adults at the Library? The Second Floor Librarians blog twice a week on topics we think will be of interest to you: reading suggestions, Library events or news, and more. Go to http://thebestlibrary.net/wordpress/blog/ to read the blog and subscribe to our RSS feed.

▲ “Go, Granny D!”

The League of Women Voters presents a special evening program that has been praised by both liberals and conservatives. Starring Off-Broadway actress Barbara Bates Smith. As a 90-year-old, Granny D walked across the United States for election reform in 2000. She was praised by both John McCain and Russ Feingold for her help with passing their reform bill. The motivational story will both entertain and empower. Free and open to the public. Co-sponsored by the Library.

July 15       7:00 pm
Main Meeting Room

▲ World of Ideas Lecture Series

Come to the Library in July for the annual World of Ideas lecture series, featuring authors and experts on a variety of topics. This series is co-sponsored by Benton County Historical Society, Corvallis-Benton County Public Library and Linn-Benton Community College, Benton Center. The series is funded by a generous donation from John Croy.

July 9       TIAH EDMUNSON-MORTON, Oregon State University Archivist, will present “Bringing History to the Masses.”

July 16      CONNIE GRAVES, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Member will present “Basket Weaving in the Grand Ronde.”

July 23      SUSAN STOGSDILL, Cyrano’s Book Binding & Repairs Owner, will present “Book Care—Restoration and Repair.”

July 30      DOUG SPENCER, Friends of the Willamette Valley National Wildlife Refuge Complex President will present “Overview & Management of our National Wildlife Refuges.”

All lectures begin at 12:10 pm in the Main Meeting Room of the Corvallis Library. Free and open to the public.

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.
HEARING LOOP SYSTEM

A hearing loop has been installed in the Library’s Main Meeting Room. Our Meeting Room is used for a wide variety of programs and meetings. This loop system will help us better serve our hearing impaired patrons.

A hearing loop (also known as an induction loop or an audio loop) provides a magnetic wireless signal that is picked up by the hearing aid wearer when a hearing aid is set to the “T” (T-coil) setting. T-coils are tiny additions to hearing aids which enable the hearing aid to serve as a customized wireless loudspeaker for the wearer. Hearing loops pick up the intended signal (music or spoken word) via a microphone or audio equipment and transmit the signal wirelessly to hearing instruments and cochlear implants.

For those who may need enhanced audio, but who don’t have the special hearing aids, portable receivers are available. Receivers with headsets or earbuds are available at the Circulation Desk for use in the Meeting Room. Or, reserve one when your group schedules the Main Meeting Room.

We are happy to have this system in place as it will help us better serve our whole community. For more information, contact Library Administration at 541.766.6928.

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The new Graphic Novel Book Club (for adults 18+) meets monthly on the first Tuesday from 6:00—7:00 pm at Matt’s Comics. Comic newbies, comic aficionados, and everyone in between are welcome and no commitment required. Reference Librarian Bonnie Brzozowski will help spread her love of visual storytelling through engaging, fun conversations that should also get your literary brain stewing. Books chosen by the Graphic Novel Book Club are available for checkout from the Second Floor Reference Desk.

July 2: Are You My Mother? by Alison Bechdel
August 6: Y, The Last Man, Book 1 by Brian K. Vaughan
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Annual Model Train Show
July 19 and July 20
10 am – 5 pm
Main Meeting Room

Donations of non-perishable foods for Linn-Benton Food Share will gladly be accepted.