

# CHECK IT OUT!

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## All Aboard!

On April 21, Monroe will hold a kickoff event to introduce the model for a new library and begin the capital campaign. Everyone is invited to the Monroe High School Commons Room at 7 p.m. to celebrate and learn more about this exciting project.

Monroe has outgrown its current library with usage up 50 percent in recent years, crowded shelves, and no program space. The computers are used 88 percent of the time.

A local non-profit, South Benton Community Enhancement, is sponsoring the all-volunteer South Benton Library Project, which has been working for two years laying the foundation for building the new library. It will be paid for with private, community, and government grants and donations. No new local taxes, levies, or bonds will be used. The new building will be given to the city of Monroe, which will maintain it. The Corvallis-Benton County Public Library



system will continue to provide shelving, furnishings, materials, and staff.

The building design is completed, and the land purchase will be finalized by April. The new building will double the space available for materials, have dedicated spaces for children and teens, expand reading and seating areas, and have public display space. A historically restored Monroe train depot will be incorporated in the building, providing two community meeting rooms.

The architect, Lori Stephens, will be on hand at the April 21 event for a virtual tour, and to explain unique characteristics and answer questions.

You can donate to this project by sending your tax-deductible donation to: South Benton Library Project, PO Box 591, Monroe, OR 97456. Visit the Web site at [www.Monroelibraryor.blogspot.com](http://www.Monroelibraryor.blogspot.com).

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## Message from Library Director Carolyn Rawles-Heiser

During difficult economic times, the public library is a lifeline. We provide job hunting resources, computers for creating résumés and filling out employment applications, materials for the family to enjoy, diverting and useful programs, and free entertainment. It is not surprising to me that library usage has increased a great deal since last July. In our rural areas, the increase has been even greater than in Corvallis, demonstrating the need for high-quality library services throughout Benton County.

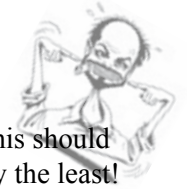
Our communities of Alsea, Corvallis, and Philomath have worked hard in recent years to upgrade our libraries, and I am pleased to see the South Benton community coming together to build a new library for the Monroe area. The South Benton Library Project is acquiring land, and an architect has designed a new building, thanks to the generosity of an



anonymous donor. Fund-raising for the construction itself will begin with a community kickoff on April 21 at 7 p.m. at Monroe High School.

On another note, our library has been helping the community for over 100 years. Come learn about our library's fascinating history on March 5 at noon, when author Tom McClintock discusses and autographs his book *The Best Gift*, which chronicles the development of public libraries in Corvallis and Benton County.

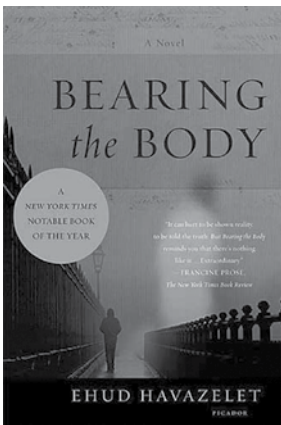
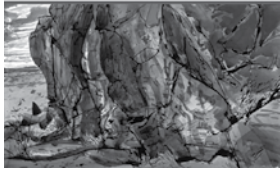
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## Free Programs at the Library this Spring



**Citadel of the Spirit**  
OREGON'S SESQUICENTENNIAL ANTHOLOGY  
A Merging of Past and Present Oregon Voices and Stories  
Edited by Matt Love



There is an exciting variety of programs happening at the Library in March and April. We start with a program celebrating the release of *Citadel of the Spirit: Oregon's Sesquicentennial Anthology*, edited by Matt Love of Nestucca Spit Press. The book consists of original essays by some of Oregon's finest writers, as well as excerpts of documents from Oregon's history. The March 13 event starts at 7 p.m., and will also include contributing authors Kathleen Dean Moore and William Robbins. In addition to readings from the book, there will be a slideshow and an Oregon trivia contest with prizes!

The annual model-train show that usually happens in November will be held March 28 and 29 this year. The show is fun for the whole family and is presented by the Oregon Electric O-Gaugers Train Club. Donations of nonperishable food for the Linn-Benton Food Share will be gladly accepted.

Joe Raiola, senior editor of *MAD Magazine* will present his show *The Joy of*

*Censorship* on April 4 at 7 p.m. This should prove to be a lively evening, to say the least! His show is a satirical and outrageous look at First Amendment debates in the U.S., including the state of free speech after 9/11. Raiola will include material about *MAD Magazine's* colorful history and a slideshow featuring some of the most controversial *MAD* covers.

On Monday, April 20, at 7 p.m., the Oregon Book Awards is presenting a reading with nominated authors. It will feature Corvallis author Ehud Havazelet, nominated for his novel *Bearing the Body*, as well as Sara Ryan (*The Rules for Hearts*) and Neil Browne (*The World in Which We Occur: John Dewey, Pragmatist Ecology, and American Ecological Writing in the Twentieth Century*). After the reading, the authors will be available for conversation and book signing.

All of these events are cosponsored by the Friends of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library. We hope to see you there!



Lisa Tattersall

### Staff Profile

#### *Lisa Tattersall, Reference Librarian*

Reference Librarian Lisa Tattersall has worked in Adult Services for about six months. At the reference desk she answers and researches patrons' questions, helps with the computers, and deals with the myriad random events of each day. Biography, books in foreign languages, and language learning books are Lisa's materials selection responsibility. Recently she has also begun to coordinate some programs. Being able to help a wide variety of people find what they need amid the huge amount of information available brings her a lot of satisfaction.

Lisa is from Vancouver, BC, and came to Corvallis with her husband, who is studying at OSU. She has an undergraduate degree in German. In her off time, Lisa likes to knit, cook, read, and garden. She's also pursuing an interest in photography.



Paul Dickey

### Volunteer Profile

#### *Paul Dickey*

What does a graduate from the US Air Force Academy, an Air Force Officer and KC-135 Navigator, and a Proctor & Gamble engineer and manager do after retirement? Volunteer, of course! Paul Dickey feels that libraries play an important part in the life of the community, and he volunteers because it ensures that the Library thrives. At the Philomath Community Library, Paul checks in books, pulls and shelves books on hold, helps route books to other locations, waters the indoor plants, and helps patrons use the computers. On top of this, he is also the Treasurer of the Library Foundation and an AARP tax aide. "I enjoy problem solving, coaching, and supporting people as they deal with the taxes and other financial challenges." When he's not volunteering, Paul reads, continues to learn new skills, and works to stay younger than his chronological age. He also follows Louis Pasteur's advice, "Change favors the prepared mind."

## Friends Membership, and Cosponsored Events

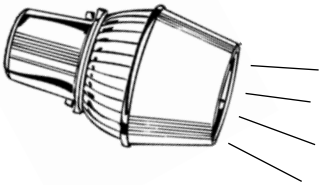
by Cheryl Maze, Friends Co-President

Perhaps you read in the *Gazette-Times* that in tough financial times, people flock to their libraries for books, magazines, DVDs, computers, and entertainment. From July to December 2008, branch libraries in Philomath, Monroe, and Alsea, along with the Bookmobile, loaned out nearly 86,000 items—an increase of more than 19 percent over the same span from 2007. A City of Corvallis survey determined that 83 percent of the population had used the Library in the past year, up from 74 percent in 2007.

The Friends of the Library have long been an important part of the process, because we raise money to enhance programs and services through book sales and membership dues. We need you to keep the Friends strong, so we can continue to supply these “extras” that make the library such a comfortable place. **Please join the Friends or renew your membership today.** Return your tax-deductible contribution by April 1, 2009, and you will be automatically entered to win one of three baskets of delightfully indulgent and practical items, or a gift certificate—all donated by numerous local merchants.

### Sponsored and Cosponsored Events in Library Main Meeting Room:

- Sunday, March 8, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.: Tcha Ti Man Wi Storytelling workshop and open mike
- Wednesday, March 11, noon: Random Review, *Madonnas of Leningrad*, by Debra Dean, reviewed by Marian Whitney
- Friday, March 13, 7 p.m.: *Citadel of the Spirit*, essays celebrating Oregon’s 150th birthday—Matt Love, Kathleen Dean Moore, and William Robbins
- Saturday, April 4, 7 p.m.: “Joy of Censorship,” Joe Railoa, presenter
- Wednesday, April 8, noon: Random Review, “Wendell Berry Overview,” presented by Charles Goodrich
- Wednesday, April 15, 7 p.m.: *New Hikes on the Oregon Coast*, author William L. Sullivan
- Monday, April 20, 7 p.m.: Oregon Book Awards Program, author readings by Ehud Havazelet, Neil Browne, and Sara Ryan



### Spotlight: “Oregon Is Indian Country”

From April 2 through April 26, the Library has the honor of hosting “The Land,” one of three *Oregon Is Indian Country* exhibits produced by the Oregon Historical Society and Oregon’s nine federally recognized tribes as part of a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. “The Land” will explore the rich cultural heritage of Oregon’s native tribes through oral tradition shared by tribal elders and tradition bearers. Visit the Library’s Main Meeting Room during Library open hours (when the room is not being used for another program) to view the beautiful and informative displays telling the stories of our original Oregonians.

In conjunction with the exhibit, join us on April 3 at 7 p.m. to hear stories and drumming from the Kalapuya and Coos people, offered by Esther Stutzman, an enrolled mem-

ber of our neighbors, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz.

Oregon State University is hosting “Federal Indian Policies,” and the Benton County Historical Museum in Philomath is offering “Traditions that Bind,” the other two never-before-assembled contemporary indigenous cultures exhibits from the Oregon Historical Society available for viewing during most of April.

For information about the exhibit or evening program, go to the Library’s Web site at [www.thebestlibrary.net](http://www.thebestlibrary.net) and check the events calendar, or call the Library’s Reference Desk at 766-6793.



*Klamath man overlooks giiwas (Crater Lake) Curtis Collection Photo provided by Taylor R. David, Klamath Tribes News Dept.*



*Esther Stutzman*



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## Special Happenings — Free — at the Library



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**April 29 – Library and all branches closed for staff in-service training.**

**Thomas McClintock book talk and signing.** *The Best Gift: the History of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.* Books will be available for sale at \$25 each. Proceeds benefit the Library Foundation. Light refreshments will be served.

- March 5, 12 p.m., Library Main Meeting Room

**Library Book Club** – 7 p.m., Library Board Room. Registration and books available four weeks before the meeting from the Adult Services reference desk, 766-6793.

- March 18 – *Jesus Land: A Memoir* by Julia Scheeres
- April 15 – *Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger

**Random Reviews** – second Wednesday at 12 noon

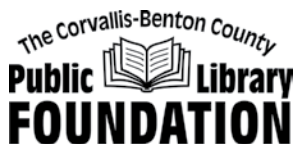
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**Monroe Library Kickoff Event** – April 21, 7 p.m., Monroe High School Commons Room. See article on front page for details.

**“Oregon Is Indian Country” Exhibit** – April 2–26, Main Meeting Room. See article on page 3.

**Mid-Willamette Woodworkers Guild Annual Exhibit** – April 23–26, during Library open hours, Main Meeting Room.

*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](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

Libraries don't just happen. They are a culmination of the dreams and efforts of countless individuals throughout the ages. When Tom McClintock agreed to write the history of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, he didn't know he would spend 10 years researching and writing his book. *The Best Gift: the History of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library* is also a true gift from him to the community. As a retired historian, Tom's research went back into antiquity, tracing the history of writing, which led to the need of storing scrolls or clay tablets in the first librar-

ies. There are fascinating stories throughout the centuries, finally coming to the beginning of our own public library. Tom doesn't stop with the first building. He goes on through all the years many of us remember, through two additions, the vote on the Library Service District, and entering the 21st Century.

Come hear Tom himself talk about the writing process at a book-signing party, noon on Wednesday, March 5, in the main meeting room. Over cookies and coffee, let Tom know how much we appreciate his gift to us, *The Best Gift*, a history of dedicated people who love to read.

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