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Award-winning Books for Kids and Teens

You may be familiar with the Newbery Medal (chapter book) and Caldecott Medal (picture book) awards, but did you know that there are many other awards for outstanding books for kids and teens? These awards can be helpful in picking out gifts or just finding something good to read.

The Library's "Kids Books and Reading Guide" (www.corvallis.libguides.com/kids-books) offers information on award-winning books. Select the "Award Winners" tab at the top of the page to see a list of awards with links to the corresponding Web sites. Awards featured include: the Pura Belpré Medal, which honors a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose works best portray the Latino cultural experience; the Oregon Reader's Choice Award, voted on by Oregon youth in grades 4–12; and the Coretta Scott King Book Award, given to African-American authors and illustrators for outstanding inspirational and educational contributions.

The Association for Library Service to Children's Book and Media Awards (<http://tinyurl.com/6mam5k>) lists more awards, including the

Theodor Seuss Geisel Medal, which honors the authors and illustrators of the most-distinguished beginning reader books.

If you're looking for outstanding teen materials, the Young Adult Library Service Association's Book Awards and Booklists (www.ala.org/yalsa/booklists) is a good place to start. YALSA honors the best books for teens annually, with six literacy awards and several booklists. The Michael L. Printz Award is an award for a book that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature. The Alex Awards are given annually to 10 books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults. Great Graphic Novels for Teens is a list of recommended graphic novels and illustrated nonfiction for ages 12 to 18.

Need more help? Don't forget to ask your librarian! Stop by the Youth Services Reference Desk the next time you're in the Library, or call us at 541-766-6794.

Message from Library Director Carolyn Rawles-Heiser

One thing I am proud of about our library system is how hard our staff work to be as efficient as possible. Library and other Corvallis city staff, particularly our building maintenance staff, are on a regular quest to find more efficient ways of delivering library services and operating a large public building. Over the past few years, improvements in our heating/ventilating/air conditioning system (HVAC), in our boilers, and in our lighting have resulted in tens of thousands of dollars in energy savings.

On the library operations side, we are always looking for ways to reduce handling of materials and get them in the hands of our users faster. A couple of years ago, we redesigned our circulation workroom to improve materials flow, began self-pickup of holds, and increased the numbers and capabilities of our self-check machines to

make it easier for you to get in and get your materials quickly.

Self-check now accounts for over 75 percent of our checkouts. We are now replacing our aging Bookmobile with a smaller, more-efficient Sprinter van Bookmobile with nearly the same capacity but much-better fuel mileage and lower overall operating costs. I encourage you to give us ideas about how we can be even more efficient—and effective—in providing the library service you deserve. Suggestion boxes are available, and staff carefully consider each one.



Nurturing Our Mental Health 2011 Lecture Series

The spring lunchtime lecture series, on Tuesdays at 12:10 pm in the Main Meeting Room, is cosponsored by LBCC Benton Center and the Library. Bring your lunch and a friend!

April 5—Virgil Wilson, NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health): *Mental Illness Challenges and Successes*. NAMI is a nonprofit, self-help, support and advocacy organization working to educate on many facets of very mild to severe brain disorders. A panel of speakers will share first-hand accounts of dealing with challenges and successes related to mental illness.

April 12—Dr. James Phelps, Good Samaritan Hospital: *Mood and Anxiety Disorders*. An overview of some of the more complex, sometimes treatment-resistant versions of depression and anxiety, including the many variations of “bipolar disorder” (over-diagnosed? under-diagnosed?), and their treatment, non-medication and medication-based approaches.

April 19—Hilary Harrison, Benton County Mental Health, Family Support Network: *Children’s Mental Health: Putting Family at the Center*. Peer support groups for

children and parents are vitally important for those affected by mental-health issues. We also must be alert to the needs of young adults in transition. The population between 14 and 25 is a unique culture and requires appropriate support and advocacy. There are valuable resources available here in our community.

April 26—Ryan Melton, Early Assessment and Support Team (EAST): *Identification, Prevention & Early Intervention of Mental Illness in Youth*. EAST has demonstrated that it is possible to improve, and prevent the course of, severe mental illness through early detection and intervention. EAST provides education, outreach, family support, treatment, and vocational/educational counseling. This session will cover rationale, identification, and treatment for early mental-illness symptoms.

May 3—Lynn Bain, Counselor, Linn Benton Community College: *When Life Hurts*. When emotional pain outweighs coping skills, a person can feel overwhelmed, hopeless, and helpless. It’s important to learn the warning signs, risk factors, and how to get help for someone with suicidal ideation.



Tammy Rider

Staff Profile

Tammy Rider, Library Specialist III

Tammy Rider has been an important member of the Technical Services Division for 22 years. She is responsible for ordering and receiving all the books and other materials for the collection that are chosen by 17 selectors—about 30,000 books and 20,000 AV items annually. Ordering and invoicing is now done on a computer, but 22 years ago when the volume was a lot less and selection was done by only two people, she used a typewriter to fill out orders and cards for the card catalog! Tammy touches every item that is purchased for the Library (except magazines and newspapers) as she unpacks hundreds of boxes every year. Her work is hidden from the public, but Tammy is proud that her division’s focus on teamwork and customer service results in 98 percent of all new materials reaching the Library’s shelves within three to four weeks.

Tammy is Corvallis born and raised. She met her Canadian husband while traveling in Europe, and they continue to enjoy travel-

ing to Canada to visit family. Recently they toured several western national parks with their grown daughters. Tammy walks to work daily and logged over 900 miles last year! She is also a big reader and listens to audio books.

Volunteer Program

Usually this space spotlights one of our many Library volunteers; but, this time around we want to tell you about some transitioning occurring with our volunteer program. In December 2010, Volunteer Coordinator Clare Bennett left us to accept a new position. We would like to thank Clare for helping us continue a very successful volunteer program at the Library.

And continue it will! With Clare’s departure, the duties of the volunteer coordinator have been temporarily divided up among several management staff. During this period of transition, volunteer applications may still be picked up and returned to the Library or downloaded from the Library’s Web site www.thebestlibrary.net. We will continue to recruit, interview, and welcome new volunteers into the Library family.

Friends of the Library

by David Low, President

Together, the Friends and the Library Foundation do good work for the benefit of our community.

For this edition, I decided to mention our sister nonprofit that also supports our fabulous public library system. I'm referring, of course, to the Library Foundation. Know it? The Friends hope so, and we hope you consider the Foundation in your giving plans.

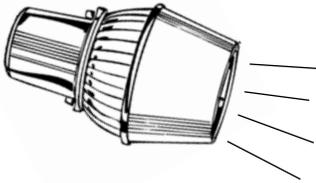
Sound odd? After all, the Friends' mission is to raise money to assist the Library, and we do that through your membership contributions and patronage at our book sales. Why would we want to encourage you to give to the Foundation?

As it turns out, it's not odd at all. In fact, it is a very complementary thing to do, since both organizations' raison d'être is to *Keep Our Library Great*. Although we can be proud of a library system and main facil-

ity that has garnered impressive public and taxpayer support over the years, there are many enhancements that occur only due to the generosity of donors.

The Friends typically enable seasonal events such as the Summer Reading Program. We also provide for the popular monthly Random Reviews and host periodic recognition of staff. The Foundation, meanwhile, manages donations for longer-term giving programs and endowments. The Victor Brookes Reading Room in the children's area is a prime example of the Foundation's work.

Together, the Friends and the Library Foundation do good work for the benefit of our community. We invite you to give generously and to consider joining us in our endeavors.



Spotlight: *Biography in Context*

What do Mark Zuckerberg, the Dalai Lama, and Michelle Obama have in common? All are included in the Library's online database, *Biography in Context*, formerly Biography Resource Center.

Biography in Context, a next-generation online portal, is built on a foundation of more than 500,000 biographies gathered from more than 170 award-winning reference sources. It is loaded with well-researched biographies on people in science, business, politics, government, history, entertainment, sports, the arts, and literature. You can get narrative biographies, thumbnail biographies, magazine articles, Web sites...and now the content is integrated with in-demand video, audio, and podcasts.

Curious about a childhood hero like Albert Schweitzer, Sally Ride, or Joe DiMaggio? Want to know more about Mozart, U2's Bono, or Tom Clancy? Looking for information on Marie Curie, Serena Williams, or Meriwether Lewis for your child's school assignment? Need background information on *The Help* author Kathryn Stockett for your next book club discussion? (You'll find a link to an interview with Stockett on NPR—and can be listening to her responses with a few clicks.) This rich

source of biographical information is available anytime, from wherever you are.

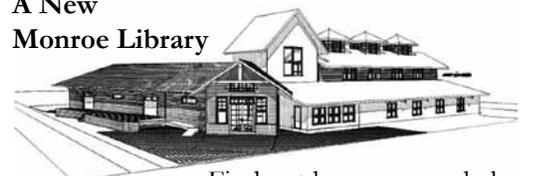
Using *Biography in Context* is easy; you can search with the person's name or choose from numerous search paths, which include occupation, nationality, birth place, gender, and death.

To use the *Biography in Context*, go to the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library's Web site at www.thebestlibrary.net. Click on "Research," then, under "Research by topic," click "Biography." (If you're outside the Library, you will be prompted to enter your Library card number.) You will see the icon for *Biography in Context*. Authoritative biographical information is at your fingertips.

For further information about the *Biography in Context* or any other Library resource, call the Library's Reference Desk at 541-766-6793 or e-mail us at askalibrarian@ci.corvallis.or.us.



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March 25 & 26—Model Train Show, Main Meeting Room. Model railway show, 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.

April 8 & 9—Mid-Willamette Woodworkers Guild exhibit, Main Meeting Room. Pieces created by Guild members.

April 23—Growing Families Together Creativity Fair, 11 am, Main Meeting Room. Learn why the arts are so important for your child. Come and get creative with your kids!

April 29—“Once In the Time of Trolls” a Norwegian Folk Tale, 4 pm, Main Meeting Room. A performance by the Children’s Youth Theater.

April 30—El día de los niños/ El día de los libros (Children’s Day/Book Day) Activities for children and families, including a visit by Clifford the Big Red Dog, emphasize the importance of literacy for every child regardless of linguistic and cultural background.

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

March 9: *When Everything Changed: The Amazing Journey of American Women from 1960 to the Present* by Gail Collins. Reviewed by Jo Anne Trow.

April 13: *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. Reviewed by Charlotte Headrick.

Library Book Club—7:00 pm, Library Board Room. Books are provided by the Library four weeks prior to the meeting.

Call 541-766-6793 for details.

March 16: *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein

April 20: *The Places in Between* by Rory Stewart

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Library Foundation

by Betty McCauley

Often, driving by the Library, I feel a great pride in our beautiful building. Every brick speaks of the many people in the community who have made it possible. I think of Maryanne Staton on the Library Board when the first addition was built, Freda Vars leading the campaign for the second addition, and Jacques Schreck, our champion on the City Budget Commission...just three examples of the leadership we have needed to build and keep our Library operating and vibrant.

But they couldn’t do it without the hundreds of you all out there with your contri-

butions and work. Every brick and book and program has depended on your support. Note the impressive list of donors on the wall in the entry. With budgets as tight as they are now, we are more grateful than ever for the patrons who are the building blocks of our Library.

The Library Foundation carefully uses your contributions as you designate—for books or equipment or building the endowment. They invest it wisely. It takes a lot of us to build and keep a library. And there are a lot of us who use it every day. That’s why I am so proud.

MARCH

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
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