

# CHECK IT OUT!

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## Summer Reading 2009

“Be Creative @ Your Library” is the theme for the 2009 Summer Reading Program for school-age children, and a library is the perfect place to be creative and discover talents you never suspected you had. Explore drawing and dance. Try writing a letter to your favorite author or illustrator! Create and solve mathematical puzzles. Want to learn to play a musical instrument? Creativity comes in all shapes and sizes. The Library has books, magazines, music, movies, computers, and more to help you explore your creativity.

Preschool children and parents/caregivers will find ways to be creative at the Library too! Explore and develop pre-reading skills with Curious George. Don’t forget the Teddy Bear Picnic in Central Park! There will be other special events just for preschoolers at all Library locations throughout the summer.

Research shows that kids who read during the summer do better in school in the fall. The

Library has the books, recorded books, magazines, and programs to keep imaginations active and brain cells revved! Programs are planned for preschool and school-age children throughout the summer including story times, craft events, live entertainment and more.

**Preschool Events** – [www.thebestlibrary.net/birth-tosix](http://www.thebestlibrary.net/birth-tosix)

- Teddy Bear Picnic – June 25, 10 am, Central Park. Enjoy musical performers Galliump. Bring your camera, favorite teddy bear, and picnic lunch. Meet Max, from books by Rosemary Wells!
- Storytimes – Weekly storytimes for every age.

**School-age Events** – <http://www.thebestlibrary.net/kids>

- Children’s Sleepover – June 13–14, 7 pm–7 am. Annual event for children age 12 and younger, featuring stories, snacks, crafts,

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## Message from Library Director Carolyn Rawles-Heiser

We live in a community of volunteers. Part of our culture here in Corvallis and Benton County involves giving back. One of the reasons our library is so successful is because of the thousands of hours contributed each year by volunteers, ranging from middle-school students to people in their 80s. Volunteers check in most of our materials, help reference librarians with various projects, assist with youth programs, and help our lightly staffed branches operate. They raise funds for the library through the Friends and the Foundation, and advise staff and city government on library operations and policies through board involvement. I am so impressed that people love our library so much that they are willing to donate thousands of hours of their own time to make our library and community a better place.

One of the reasons our volunteer program has been so successful is our first-ever Volunteer Coordinator, Courtney Rader. Courtney has worked at the library for the past couple of years, bringing many new volunteers on board and taking our program to a new level. Courtney has moved on to a new opportunity, working with international adoptees through Holt International, which is near and dear to her heart as an international adoptee herself. We wish her all the best and thank her for her service to our library.



## Summer Reading 2009 continued

and children's musical performer Rick Meyer. Must be accompanied by an adult chaperone. (Sign-ups begin June 1.)

- Thursday Special Events – 3:30 pm, repeated at 7 pm, Main Meeting Room
  - June 18: Amazing Creative Magic Show
  - June 25: “Jon the Juggler”
  - July 2: Get creative with Allied Waste and Recycling
  - July 9: Dance Program by Corvallis area youth
  - July 16: “Mudeye Puppet Workshop”
  - July 23: Rich Glauber Children's Music
  - July 30: Dragon Puppet Theater
- R.E.A.D. Dogs – July 1–29, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3:30–4:30. Kids ages 5 to 9 can earn a free paperback by reading to the dogs. Sign-up begins June 22.
- Book Clubs
  - Going into 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – June 15 & July 20, 11 am
  - Going into 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade – June 17 & July 18, 11 am
  - Going into 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades – June 11 & July 1, 4 pm

**Especially for Teens** – <http://www.thebestlibrary.org/teens>

- Monday Game Nights – July 6, 13, 20, 27, 3–5 pm
- Animanga Extravaganza – June 24 & July 29, 1–4 pm. Registration begins June 1.
- Teen All-Nighter – July 25–26, 7 pm–7 am. Registration begins July 10.

### At Branch Libraries – School-age Events

- **Alsea Library** – Thursdays at 6:30 pm
  - June 18: Amazing Creative Magic Show
  - June 25: Get creative with Allied Waste and Recycling
  - July 2: Jon the Juggler
  - July 9: Amazama Juggling Workshop
  - July 16: Rich Glauber Children's Music
  - July 23: Dragon Puppet Theater
  - July 30: Eric Herman Children's Music
- **Monroe Library** – Thursdays at 3:30 pm
  - June 18: Amazing Creative Magic Show
  - June 25: Get creative with Allied Waste and Recycling
  - July 2: Jon the Juggler
  - July 9: Amazama Juggling Workshop
  - July 16: Rich Glauber Children's Music
  - July 23: Dragon Puppet Theater
  - July 30: Eric Herman Children's Music
- **Philomath Library** – Thursdays at 1 pm
  - June 18: Amazing Creative Magic Show
  - June 25: Get creative with Allied Waste and Recycling
  - July 2: Jon the Juggler
  - July 9: Amazama Juggling Workshop
  - July 16: Rich Glauber Children's Music
  - July 23: Dragon Puppet Theater
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Ashley Farley

## Staff Profile

### Ashley Farley, Community Library Specialist

Ashley Farley started working in Philomath as Community Library Specialist last November. She had previous experience working in the library at Valparaiso University, Indiana, while a student there. However, Philomath's close-knit community and enthusiastic patrons are different. Ashley knows most patrons by name and enjoys helping them find items. She works closely with teens, helping at the teen nights, building relationships, and encouraging them to feel comfortable asking for homework help.

Ashley grew up in Battle Ground, Washington, and is currently studying zoology at OSU. Her plans to become a veterinarian may change, now that she has seen how her love of reading and literature fits into library-related careers. Ashley enjoys travel, having studied in both Greece and China, but currently spends more time reading and mountain biking. She lives with Randal the chameleon and Athens the cat.



Courtney Rader

## Volunteer Coordinator

### Courtney Rader Says Goodbye

In August of 2007 my husband and I moved to Corvallis from Traverse City, MI. Moving 2,500 miles from family was difficult; however, I soon found an extended family and support system with library staff and volunteers. There was never a day when I dreaded sitting at my desk and working with staff and volunteers.

As many know, I am one of 11 adopted children, and when Holt International Children's Services in Eugene offered me a position as Adoptee Outreach Director, my heart skipped a beat and I accepted. I start at Holt on April 6; however, I will continue to check library e-mail and complete projects until the new Volunteer Coordinator is hired and trained. Although I am very sad to leave the Library, I am excited to share my passion for adoption and connect with adult adoptees domestically and internationally. It has been a privilege and an honor to meet and work with the wonderful volunteers and staff at the Library.

# Friends Membership, and Cosponsored Events

by Cheryl Maze, Friends Co-President



Connie Foulke

The FOL board is grateful for the many volunteers, book donations, and customers at our annual Big Book Sale in February. It was fun to see the excitement of the event in the *Corvallis Gazette-Times*, which ran a photo and story the Saturday of the sale. Special thanks to sale chairs, Mark Speulda and Barbara Levine, along with the sorters and warehouse volunteers who work the whole year to make this sale a big success.

FOL volunteer Connie Foulke started Random Review in 1992 and served as the committee chair until 2002. The first presentation was *A Parliament of Whores* by P.J. O'Rourke, reviewed by Dr. Bruce Williams. Connie has remained an important part of the selection committee since then, and provided valued support to the chairs that have followed. We are sad to report that Connie has recently retired from the committee, and we thank her for her many hours of dedication to Random Review and FOL. To honor her

commitment to our library, the Friends have donated an anniversary edition of *To Kill a Mockingbird* – her favorite book – to the Library in her name. Thanks, Connie!

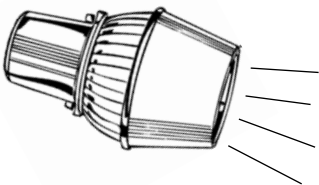
## FOL events in the Main Meeting Room

Wednesday, May 13, Noon – Random Review, *Eaves of Heaven: A Life in Three Wars* by Andrew X. Pham. Reviewed by Christopher Rumbaugh.

Thursday, May 21, 7 pm – Tracy Daugherty, author of *Hiding Man: A Biography of Donald Barthelme*.

Wednesday, June 10, Noon – Random Review, *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Stout. Reviewed by Wendy Madar.

- 1:30 pm (after Random Review): FOL Annual Membership Meeting. All members of the Friends and the public are welcome to this meeting to review the past year and plan for the future.



## Spotlight: Your Library Is Blogging!

Do you want to learn more about the Library? Get book recommendations or learn about our events? Discover new electronic resources you have access to with your library card? You can do that and more, by reading our library blogs.

You can access all of our blogs on our homepage (<http://thebestlibrary.net>), by clicking on "Blogs," under "Library Links" (on the left side of the page).

We have four blogs for your reading pleasure. The newest one, called *The Second Floor Librarians*, is put out by (you guessed it) the librarians working on the second floor of the Corvallis Library. This blog offers reading suggestions, features electronic resources, highlights events, and more.

There is also a blog specifically for parents of children up to the age of six. *Birth 2 Six @ Corvallis Benton County Public Library* provides information and resources on early literacy topics for parents, child care providers, and the general community in our area.

For teens, there's the *Teens @ Corvallis Benton County Public Library* blog, which covers what's happening in the library, featuring news, books, music, gaming, and more. Teens can also friend the Library on MySpace.

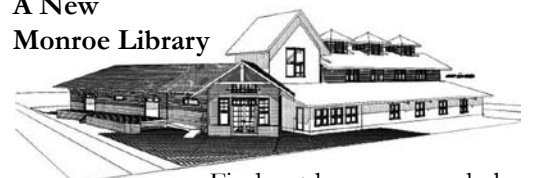
The *New Monroe Community Library* blog gives news and info about the South Benton Library Project, but also features book recommendations, events, and library news specific to the Monroe community.

If you can't get enough of the Library online, why not follow us on Twitter (@corvallislib)? You can also become a fan of the Library on Facebook.

### LIBRARY LINKS

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### May 25 – Libraries CLOSED for Memorial Day Holiday

#### Random Review – second Wednesday at 12 noon, Main Meeting Room

- May 13 – *The Eaves of Heaven: A Life in Three Wars* by Andrew X. Pham
- June 10 – *Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout

**May 21, 7 pm** – Author Tracy Daugherty, chair of the OSU English Department, talks about his new book *Hiding Man: A Biography of Donald Barthelme*. It's about “perhaps the most beloved of the writers who upset the apple cart of conventional fiction in the 1960s and '70s” (*NY Times*).

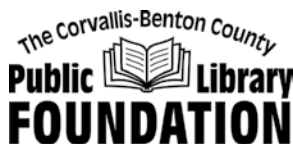
#### Friends of the Library Annual Membership Meeting – June 10, 1:30 pm, Main Meeting Room

All members of the Friends of the Library are encouraged to attend this meeting. Board members and committee chairs will report on activities of the year and future plans will be discussed. Non-members are welcome too!

#### League of Women Voters – programs cosponsored by the Library

- May 2 and June 6 – Legislative Town Hall – 10 am
- May 27 – Annual Meeting – 7 pm. Speaker Marge Easley, President of the Oregon League of Women Voters. Topic: LWVOR President's Insight Into 2009 Legislative Session

*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

We need to remember that the name of our library is the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library. Because the library serves the whole county, the Foundation also supports rural communities. Elizabeth Berry, who died in 1995, had asked that memorial gifts to her be given for children's books in the then-new Philomath Library. The Starker and Cameron families established a fund designated to pay for library needs outside the city of Corvallis. When the Alsea Library was built with community volunteer donations of time and money, the Foundation paid for needed furnishings. Currently, Monroe is ready to

kick off their funding campaign for a new library. In order for them to request federal grants, it was necessary to establish their eligibility. The Foundation paid for a needed demographic survey. We are all proud of Philomath, Alsea, and Monroe for their community library commitments. They may have smaller populations than Corvallis, but they have the same love of books and information as we all have. Your gifts to the Library Foundation affirm your support of their efforts to build local library facilities whether you live in Corvallis or in the county. Thank you all!

# 2009 MAY

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 Wobbler Storytime	10 am Legislative Town Hall
3	7 pm Bedtime Storytime	10 am Toddler Storytime 10:30 am Preschool Storytime—Monroe 4 pm Teen Animanga Book Club 7 pm Bedtime Storytime—Philomath	10 am Infant Storytime 10 am Preschool Storytime—Philomath 7 pm R.E.A.D. Dogs 7:30 pm Library Board Meeting	10 am Preschool Storytime 1 pm Kindergarten Storytime—Alsea	10 am Wobbler Storytime	9 am Mid Valley Parenting <sup>3</sup>
10	5 pm Teen Game Night 7 pm Bedtime Storytime	10 am Toddler Storytime 10:30 am Preschool Storytime—Monroe 4:30 pm Game night—Alsea 7 pm Bedtime Storytime—Philomath	10 am Infant Storytime 10 am Preschool Storytime—Philomath 12 pm Random Review 5 pm Teen Library Night—Monroe	10 am Preschool Storytime 1 pm Kindergarten Storytime—Alsea 4 pm Middle School Book Club <sup>3</sup> 5 pm Teen Library Night—Philomath	10 am Wobbler Storytime	11 am La fiesta de su biblioteca
17	3:30 pm Friends of the Library Board meeting 7 pm Bedtime Storytime	10 am Toddler Storytime 10:30 am Preschool Storytime—Monroe 3:30 pm Third Grade Book Club <sup>3</sup> 7 pm Bedtime Storytime—Philomath	10 am Infant Storytime 10 am Preschool Storytime—Philomath 7:30 pm Book Club <sup>1</sup>	10 am Preschool Storytime 1 pm Kindergarten Storytime—Alsea 4 pm Kids' Book Club <sup>3</sup> 7 pm Tracy Daugherty author reading	10 am Wobbler Storytime	
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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