

CHECK IT OUT!

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Summer Reading 2010

“Make a Splash READ!” is the theme of the 2010 Summer Reading Program for school-age children, and the Library is the perfect place to dive into a good book. Float off with some folktale. Explore the depths of your creativity.

Research shows that kids who read during the summer do better in school in the fall. Kids age 5–12 will earn a free book and more after reading or listening to 10 books. The Corvallis-Benton County Public Library has so many books, books on CD, magazines, and databases that it will make your head swim! Keep your mind active and your brain cells revved.

For our preschool readers age 5 and younger, the Library will host “Curious? Read!” with Curious George. Programs are planned for preschool and school-age children. Not all programs will be suitable for all ages. Enjoy crafts, storytimes, live entertainment, movies, and more at your Library. Signup begins June 1. Please phone 541-766-6794 to register for events and for any other program questions.

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Summer Reading is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Corvallis Public Library Schedule

Preschool Events

www.thebestlibrary.net/birthtosix

Teddy Bear Picnic—June 30, 10 am, for all preschoolers. Enjoy Greta Pedersen’s presentation of “A Splish-Splashing Singalong.” Meet Llama Llama from *Llama Llama Red Pajama* and other books by Anna Dewdney

Storytimes—Daily storytimes for every age. Check the Web site for details.

Children’s Sleepover—June 19–20, 7 pm–7 am. Enjoy the Library’s annual event for children age 12 and younger, featuring stories, movies, crafts, refreshments, and Penny’s Puppet Productions of “Myrna the Mermaid & the Golden Key.” Limit of 100 children and their parents/guardians. Signup begins June 1.

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Message from Library Director Carolyn Rawles-Heiser

Some major changes will be in store for library users in the next few months because of an expected shortfall in the City of Corvallis’ budget, which provides about two thirds of the Library’s total budget. The shortfall also affects other city departments such as Fire, Police, Community Development, Public Works Transit, and Parks and Recreation. As this is written, final decisions have not been made by the Corvallis Budget Commission, but it is certain that the Library’s budget for next fiscal year will be reduced. At this time the exact amount to be reduced is not known, but it is likely to be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Library staff and the Library Board have identified areas to be reduced, looking first at indefinitely postponing one time expenses such as some equipment replacement. Beyond that, there are not a lot of places the Library

can cut without directly affecting public service, as a large part of our budget is the overhead of operating a building and a department, such as utilities, janitorial, and administrative service charges to other departments for services such as payroll processing, sustainability, and computer services. That means that cuts must be made to hours, library materials, and programs. We will also be looking at raising fines and fees for overdue materials, and instituting fees and limits on interlibrary loans.

I am sorry that we must take these steps. I know our staff will do our best to continue to serve you, our valued and wonderful patrons.



Summer Reading 2010 continued

Activities for School-age Children

www.thebestlibrary.net/kids

La fiesta de su biblioteca—June 19, July 24, Aug. 21, 11 am–noon

Children's Movie based on a great book!

—June 30, July 21, Aug. 25, 3:30 pm

Chintimini Chamber Music presents "Paul Bunyan"—June 23, 10 am & 3:30 pm

Steve Taylor, Magician & Ventriloquist

"**Make a Splash-Read Show!**"—June 23, 7 pm

Building Fun with Lego—July 7, 3:30 & 7 pm

Tears of Joy Theatre presents "Stellaluna"—July 14, 3:30 & 7 pm

Mad Science presents "What Do You Know about H2O?"—July 28, 3:30 & 7 pm

Eric Herman's Musical Splashdown!—Aug. 4, 3:30 & 7 pm

Building Fun with Lego—Aug. 11, 3:30 & 7 pm

Curt Nelson, Illusionist presents "Set Sail!"—Aug. 18, 3:30 & 7 pm

The R.E.A.D. DOGS!—Tues, Weds., & Thurs. in July, 11 am–noon

Summer Reading Award Ceremony—Aug. 28, 11 am

Book clubs for every skill level—Check the Web site for details



Activities for Teens

www.thebestlibrary.net/teens

Teen All-nighter—July 31–Aug. 1, 7 pm–7 am. Limit 50 teens. Registration opens July 12.

Animanga Extravaganza—July 12, Aug. 16, 2–5 pm. Limit 30 teens. Registration opens June 21.

Teen Game Nights—June 28, July 19 & 26, Aug. 2 & 9, 5 pm

Teen Book Club—June 24, July 22, Aug. 26, 3:30-4:30 pm

Philomath Community Library Schedule—1050 Applegate, 541-929-3016

Bedtime Storytime—Tuesdays, 7 pm

Preschool Storytime—Wednesdays, 10 am

Jumping Toy Playshop—June 29 & 30, July 1, 1:30-2:30 pm

Trees Around Us—July 8, 1:30-2:30 pm

Tell Me A Story!—July 15, 1:30–2:30 pm

Copper Tooling Mural—July 22, 1:30–2:30 pm; July 23, 5–7 pm

Face Painting—Aug. 5, 1:30-4:30 pm

For details about events at the **Monroe** and **Alsea** community libraries, go to the events calendar at www.thebestlibrary.net or call Monroe, 541-847-5174, or Alsea, 541-487-5061.

Staff Profile

Facilities Maintenance Workgroup



Pictured, L-R: Bob Fenner, Gary Lebeau, Tim Wear; not pictured: Ryan Freeman and Fernando Mendoza.

The Facilities Maintenance workgroup in the City's Public Works Department handles all our maintenance needs, either directly or by contracting with service providers. Specifically that is Supervisor Bob Fenner, Leadworker Tim Wear, Maintenance Specialists Gary Lebeau and Ryan Freeman, and temporary worker Fernando Mendoza. They do general repairs, painting, remodeling, maintenance on heating and cooling equipment, and landscape maintenance; coordinate our contracted janitorial service; and a million other things. Bob does long-range maintenance planning and contract management; Tim has a background in residential construction; Gary specializes in painting and remodeling; and Ryan is a licensed electrician. This fantastic team keeps our heavily used building safe and in good shape. They are especially proud of the improvements made in the last few years to decrease our energy use.

To be continued...



Karen Myer

Volunteer Profile

Karen Myer

Volunteer Karen Myer is, in the words of a staff member, "Fabulous. Willing to check in, shelve holds, empty bins--she is Johnny on-the-Spot twice a week!" Her white-gloved hands take books from stack to scanner to shelving cart with the ease of long practice. Checking in books requires focus, accuracy, and speed, and Karen credits her success in part to "tunnel vision," the ability to block out the hustle and bustle of the workroom while she works her way through a big stack of books.

Karen started volunteering here in 2006, after she retired, because she wanted to give back to her community and feel useful. For an avid reader and former library clerk in coastal Toledo, Oregon, the Library was a perfect fit. She likes the variety of things to do, and since she "goes at it hammer and tongs" when she's here, she likes that the shifts are just two hours long. In addition to volunteering, the musical Karen plays piano and studies other instruments.

Friends Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 9

1:30–3:00 pm

Main Library Meeting Room

This is the last *Check It Out* before the Friends Annual Meeting on June 9. Please consider this your special invitation to attend. The meeting time is 1:30–3:00 pm, and the place is the Main Library meeting room. We hope you belong to the Friends, but even if you don't, you'll be impressed by all we do. The Board is proud to review our accomplishments during 2009–2010.

A significant step taken this year is our application and approval to become a participating cultural nonprofit with the Oregon Cultural Trust. If you don't know about the Trust, it is a unique organization established by the State Legislature to promote the arts and cultural opportunities within "the Beaver State."

As a donating Friends member, you are entitled to match your contribution with a gift to the Trust to earn a 100 percent Oregon tax credit up to generous maximums for your Trust contribution. This doubles your support of culture at no additional cost. You effec-

tively get reimbursed by paying that much less in state tax. Through the Benton County Cultural Coalition, county cultural nonprofits benefit from the Trust each year. Additionally, at the state level the Trust has funded several library projects.

Thank you for your interest and support this past year. We enjoy volunteering for the benefit of our amazing library district. We welcome any and all contributions you make, whether through time, money, or both.

Free USDA Lunch Program

Corvallis Public Library

June 14–September 3,

Monday–Friday 12:15–1:00 pm

The Corvallis School District

invites all children 18 and younger for

Free Meals

Meals must be eaten on site, and parents

can purchase a meal for \$3.00

From the second-floor Librarians' blog
thebestlibrary.net/wordpress/blog



From the Blog

"Why does the library have only one copy of (insert super-popular book title here)?!" This is a very common question/complaint we get from our Library patrons.

Here's an example of what I'm talking about. You hear about a new book, search the Library's catalog, and see that apparently we only have one (1!) copy of the book, when there are fifty-two (52!) holds on it. ARGH!

But don't fear, Library users. We are more on top of things than our online system shows. Though the public view of the system shows only 1 copy of that book, we actually have 10 additional copies on order.

We run regular reports to find out which titles need additional copies ordered to maintain our holds-to-copies ratio for

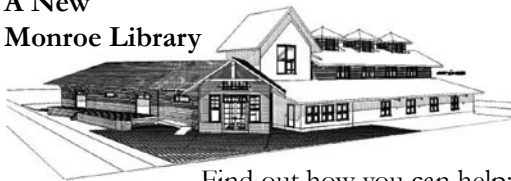
books. We order additional copies as needed, and when these books arrive, they are prioritized for getting processed and added to the system, filling all those requests (in order).

Unfortunately, our online system does not display the additional copies on order, so it can look quite discouraging if you're number 52 in the holds queue.

I hope this helps explain a little bit about what we do here and reassures all of you readers on hold for those books with long waiting lists.

Originally posted by Lisa, a second-floor librarian, on January 26, 2010. Read more and subscribe to blog posts at <http://thebestlibrary.net/wordpress/blog>. You can also find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cbcpl, or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/corvallislib.

A New Monroe Library



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May 31—Library CLOSED for Memorial Day Holiday

May 1—El día de los niños/El día de los libros or Children’s Day/Book Day. A full day of activities celebrating bilingual literacy. Fun for the whole family.

May 11—Author Reading: Corvallis author Mark Armour presents his latest book, *Joe Cronin: A Life in Baseball*, published by University of Nebraska Press. 7 pm, Main Meeting Room.

June 29–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.

- June 29—An Arboreal Tour of Oregon and Beyond, with Nancy Appling

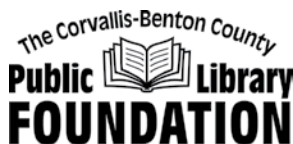
Random Review—second Wednesday at 12 noon, Main Meeting Room.

- May 12—*Savages and Scoundrels: The Untold Story of America’s Road to Empire Through Indian Territory* by Paul VanDevellder. Reviewed by John Byrne.
- June 9—*Sea of Poppies* by Amitav Ghosh. Reviewed by Nancy Rosenberger.

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.

- May 19—*Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley
- June 16—*The Road from Coorain* by Jill Ker Conway

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. Special thanks to the Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation for funding this newsletter.



Library Foundation

by Betty McCauley

Many of life’s accomplishments are short-term. Think of successfully navigating a holiday trip, completing a difficult class, or even finishing a good book. Satisfying. But sometimes we would like to leave a lasting legacy of our life. We are proud of our public Library and want to support it, thus contributing to a better, more-literate world. If you feel this way, consider options available for charitable giving.

The simplest way is to include the Library Foundation in your will. Friends will join you with memorial gifts, knowing what you have valued. Other options for planned giving in-

clude ways a donor can leave money or assets to a nonprofit at his or her death. It is known as deferred giving. Our director, Carolyn Rawles-Heiser, recommends that you consult an attorney to help you set up a plan adapted to your needs and desires. The Foundation Endowment receives gifts from wills and planned giving. Money is a permanent legacy, with earnings to be used for the Library well into the future. The principal remains in the Endowment. You will enrich lives of Library users through planned giving. A hearty thanks to all who consider such gifts.

2010 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
Main Library Hours Monday—Friday 10 am to 9 pm Saturday 10 am to 6 pm Sunday 12 pm to 6 pm						All Day Children's Day / Book Day = El día de los niños ³
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	3:30 pm READ Dogs 4 pm Teen Animanga Book Club ³ 7 pm Bedtime Storytime	10 am Toddler Storytime 10:30 am Preschool Story- time—Monroe 6 pm Teen Writing Group ³ 7 pm League of Women Voters 7 pm Bedtime Story- time—Philomath	10 am Infant Storytime 10 am Preschool Story- time—Philomath 7:30 pm Library Board Meeting	10 am Preschool Storytime	10 am Wobbler Storytime	11 am Growing Families Together Parenting Program ³ 11 am READ Dogs
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	5 pm Teen Game Night 7 pm Bedtime Storytime	10 am Toddler Storytime 10:30 am Preschool Story- time—Monroe 7 pm Bedtime Story- time—Philomath 7 pm Joe Cronin: A Life in Baseball	10 am Infant Storytime 10 am Preschool Story- time—Philomath 12 pm Random Review 5 pm Teen Library Night—Monroe	10 am Preschool Storytime 3 pm Building Blocks for Diversity 4 pm Middle School Book Club ³ 5 pm Teen Library Night—Philomath	10 am Wobbler Storytime	11 am Span/Engl Story- time—La fiesta de su biblioteca
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2010 JUNE

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