

# CHECK IT OUT!

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## Book Clubs for Youth

The Corvallis-Benton County Public Library is pleased to offer a broad array of book clubs for youth throughout the year. Book clubs are a fun, interactive way to encourage the joy of reading with children and teens. Every month, members of each group read the same book and then get together to discuss it and enjoy related activities.

The Youth Services staff relishes the opportunity to connect readers at all levels with books in fun, positive, and supportive book clubs! Kids just learning to read are invited to join My First Book Club, which features books from the Library's Early Reader (E-R) collection. Newly independent readers may enjoy First Chapters Book Club, which features beginning chapter books. Fourth through sixth graders will enjoy the new O.R.C.A Book Club, which features titles selected from both the Junior and Middle Divisions of the Oregon Readers' Choice Award nominees.

Also new this year is the Guys Read Book Club for boys aged 9–12, which features books appealing to boys from the Juvenile Fiction and Non-Fiction collections. The Guys Read Book Club is led by local author Bryan Bliss, who also leads the Library's weekly Teen Writers Group. The Teen Book Club is open to youth ages 12–18 years-old, and features books from the Young Adult (YA) collection. Teens participating in the Teen Animanga Club meet monthly to discuss a new manga title and watch anime.

All titles selected for our book clubs can be found in the children's and young adult area of the Library. Our staff is happy to discuss the book club options with you and can also direct you to independent reviews of selected titles. For the current book club titles and schedule, please contact us at 541-766-6794, stop by the Library, or visit us online at [www.thebestlibrary.net](http://www.thebestlibrary.net). Or see the calendar here in *Check It Out*. Happy reading!

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## Message from Library Director Carolyn Rawles-Heiser

Your Library needs your support now more than ever. The City of Corvallis is expecting a large funding shortfall next fiscal year that will affect the Library to a large extent. Cuts even larger than what we experienced this year should be expected.

What can you do to help? Besides communicating with City Councilors and the Mayor that the Library is a necessity, not an "amenity" as some have suggested, the Library can also use your financial support. At this time of the year, the Library Foundation asks our community for donations, and every year hundreds of people step up to the plate for our Library. This is the Foundation's only major fundraiser of the year. The annual campaign

raises funds for books, technology, furnishings, art, and an endowment for future needs. This year we are also beginning to raise funds to complete the Library block.

Please take a few moments to help us out this year. Your gift is tax-deductible, and can go even farther with the Foundation's participation in the Oregon Cultural Trust. I thank you, and the thousands of people who come to the Library every day thank you. Your gift does make a difference.



## Random Reviews

The popular Random Reviews series is back again at the Library, every second Wednesday of the month at 12 pm. This Friends of the Library signature program is known for its wide array of titles that are reviewed by members of the community. The September offering, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot, was reviewed by Barbara Taylor. October featured Shirley Byrne reviewing *Body and Soul* by Frank Conroy.

Light refreshments are available at each program, and attendees are welcome to bring their own brown-bag lunches. A sign-language interpreter can be provided with 48 hours' notice. Call Library Administration at 541-766-6928 to make arrangements.

**November 10:** *The Places in Between* by Rory Stewart Reviewer: Karyle Butcher.

**December 8:** *The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game* by Michael Lewis. Reviewer: Larry Roper.



**January 12:** *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed* by Jared Diamond. Reviewer: David Noakes.

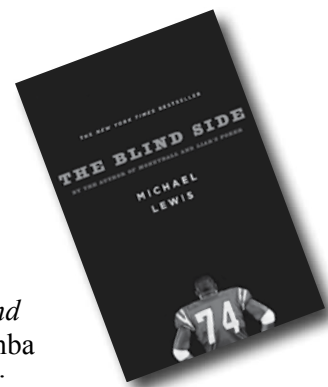
**February 9:** *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Peace* by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer. Reviewer: Steve Buccola.

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

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

**May 11:** *Matterhorn* by Karl Marlantes. Reviewer: Pete Sandrock.

**June 8:** *Surviving Paradise: One Year on a Disappearing Island* by Peter Rudiak-Gould. Reviewers: Sandy and Rory Rider.



Mary Rounds

## Staff Profile

*Mary Rounds, Community Library Specialist*

Having worked in the Alsea Community Library in various capacities since 1977, Mary Rounds could be described as the “face” of the Library. Her job covers all aspects of running a small, rural branch. She has helped the Library evolve as the demographics of the community have changed over the years from young families with children to an older population. Mary is enthusiastic about how technology has brought amazing changes to the services and information the Library provides. She also loves coordinating fun, interesting programs for her patrons and is particularly proud of the recent teen-produced film about the Library.

Mary was born in Iowa and lived in several states before landing in Alsea. She and her husband have four grown children. Mary is an accomplished artist with a passion for figure drawing. She also enjoys gardening, and showed off the community garden behind the Library with its tall sunflowers and tomato plants.



Diane Laursen

## Volunteer Profile

*Diane Laursen*

Diane Laursen was raising two toddlers and training to be a teacher when she saw a sign at the Library that volunteers were needed. Since she didn't have to be at school every day, this busy mom decided to try checking in books. Seven years later, she still comes to the Circulation workroom twice a week.

Diane comes from a family of teachers and librarians, and says that if she had it to do over again, she would get her library degree so she could work here every day. Diane loves the library because once the books are checked in and things are organized and in their proper places, they stay there! Like many of our volunteers, Diane is crafty, and creates scrapbooks whenever she can find the time.

For Diane, volunteering at the Library is the most enjoyable job in the world next to being a mom, and she says that “if you love people, and enjoy being a servant and blessing others, this is the job for you!”

## Friends of the Library

by David Low, President

### *Holiday Book Sale*

*Saturday  
December 4  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

*Library Main  
Meeting Room*

*Lightly used books  
suitable for giving,  
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The Friends of the Library has exciting news on the technology front. First, with a big shout out to Extension Services Supervising Librarian Andrew Cherbas, the Friends have a new look on the Library's Web page! It's now an easy-to-use resource for all things Friends.

Go to the Library's home page and locate us on the left under "Library Links." Click on "Friends of the Library," and you're in. Everything about us from mission to fundraising to donations to membership is readily accessible. For example: Want to buy one of the Friends' books in-between seasonal sales? For two very different purchasing opportunities, look for our logo and select **Benton Books** or **Bookshelf Sales**. Benton Books is our online sales outlet for better-than-average books or collections. Browse in the comfort

of your home. Want to get out of the house? Come on down to your favorite library branch and peruse the ever-changing Bookshelf Sales selection. Whatever treasures you find, they will never cost you more than 50 cents each!

Enthralled with social media? The Friends are also now on Facebook! Access us from the Library's Friends page or connect directly through the Internet. Our Facebook page keeps things moving with frequent, topical updates. Participate. Be spontaneous and share your thoughts. Facebook is where the Friends of the Library can connect and interact from the convenience of the computer.

So, for both the Friends' Web page and Facebook page, as the name of this publication says: *Check It Out!*

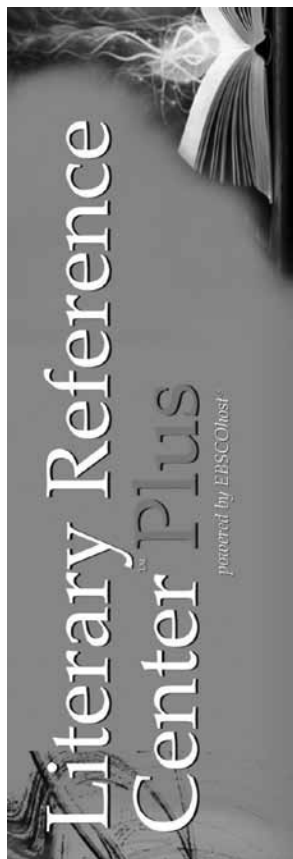
## Literary Reference Center Plus

Where can you find *Jane Eyre* and other classics' full texts online? Or the poem "Mending Wall" by Robert Frost? How about author biographies and literary criticism? Of course you can find all of these things on various sites on the Internet, but with Literary Reference Center Plus you can find it all in one place. And better yet, this amazing resource is available free from the Library.

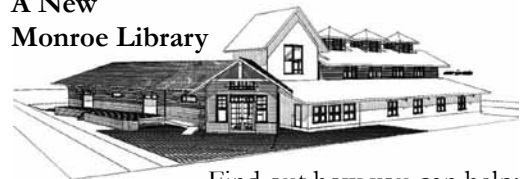
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**HOLIDAYS—Library CLOSED:** November 11, Veterans Day; November 25 & 26, Thanksgiving; December 24 & 25 Christmas; December 31 & January 1, New Year

**Train Your Brain: Maintaining and Improving Memory** lecture—November 5, 12 pm

Dr. Robert G. Winningham, Ph.D., discusses recent research related to the use it or lose it theory of memory and aging. Co-sponsored by the Benton Hospice Service.

**Random Reviews**—second Wednesday at 12 noon, Main Meeting Room. See article on page 2.

November 10—*The Places In Between* by Rory Stewart. Reviewed by Karyle Butcher.

December 8—*The Blind Side: Evolution of a Game* by Michael Lewis. Reviewed by Larry Roper.

**Renewable Energy lecture series**—Tuesdays, 12:10 pm, Main Meeting Room. Final lecture in a series on major forms of renewable energy and related societal and environmental issues. Co-sponsored by LBCC Benton Center.

November 2—Paths to More Renewable Energy, with Ted Brekken and Doug Halamay

**Family Geography Awareness Night**—November 16, 6:30 pm

Join the Library and the Corvallis Multicultural Literacy Center for the annual Family Geography Awareness Night featuring Corvallis' Sister City, Gondar, Ethiopia.

**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.

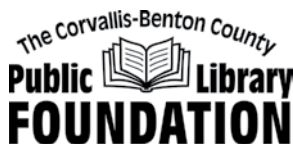
November 17—*Sarah's Key* by Tatiana De Rosnay

**Reading Education Assistance Dogs (READ)**

Beginning Readers, ages 5–9, will have an opportunity to practice their reading skills one-on-one with a R.E.A.D. dog and its handler for 15–20 minutes. No registration required. Completed parental permission slip required. Call Youth Reference Desk at 541-766-6794.

November 13: 11 am; December 2: 3:30 pm; December 11: 11 am

*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 (541-766-6708). 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

Optimists didn't really believe it would happen. Cuts in the budget of our beloved Library? We always have faith that things will get better every year. But reality hit us this fiscal year. Sad reductions happened in Library hours and in book and materials budgets. We can continue to moan, groan, and grieve. But I suggest we can invoke the spirit of this amazing Library; be creative and do our parts to mitigate the reductions. Members of the Foundation invite you to join an informal movement to make the best of things, one small (or large!) gift at a time, perhaps in memory or in honor of someone special. We can

even celebrate our own birthdays or anniversaries with a gift to the Library.

The most obvious area to support is the book budget. But consider also the new Library2Go. I checked online and noticed that all five e-book readers were checked out; maybe we need more e-book readers! A contribution toward more DVDs would be welcomed. Surprise your child and celebrate his/her birthday with a gift toward the children's collections. The acquisition librarian would be happy to tell you where the needs are greatest. Your gift through the Foundation will make you feel good, and Library patrons will appreciate it, too.



# NOVEMBER

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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