

CHECK IT OUT!

a bi-monthly newsletter of the
Corvallis-Benton County Public Library

Nov/Dec 2012
Volume 20 No. 6

► Unleash the Power of Your Library Card Today!

by Ruth Rose Hennessey, Reference Librarian

Many Library card holders already know the ultimate in home, auto and self-improvement power available to them online by accessing the Library's subscription databases.

If you're not using your Library card number to search *Consumer Reports* for product reviews, repair your vehicle with *Automotive Repair Reference Center*, or take a practice academic or career test with *Learning Express Library*, then read on to claim your power. To access these databases visit us at www.thebestlibrary.net, click on "E-Resources" in the red center navigation bar and login with your Library card. It's easy, free and always available!

Find repair and maintenance information on most major manufacturers of domestic and imported vehicles starting as far back as 1945 with **Auto Repair Reference Center** by using your Library card power! Content includes factory drawings, photographs, technical service and recall bulletins, and wiring diagrams. All of the content in ARRC has been created by ASE certified technicians.

Use your Library card power with **Learning Express Library** to find over 770 of the most up-to-date test preparation and skill-building resources, helping students of all ages prepare



Consumer Reports

If you have questions or need assistance using one of the Library's databases, call the Adult Reference desk at 541.766.6793.

for a wide range of academic and career-oriented exams. Use tutorials to create a great résumé or select from more than 130 eBook titles. If you have an official exam to take you'll find all the self-paced study, instant scoring, and diagnostic feedback and practice tests you'll need.

No need to pay for a subscription to one of the most trusted sites for product reviews and consumer information because you can use your Library card power! The **Consumer Reports** database has all the reviews from the magazine, plus extra content including user reviews, blogs, and video. If you go directly to their site without going through the Library's, you won't get free access.

► Message from Library Director Carolyn Rawles-Heiser

This is a good time of year for me to take stock and thank all the wonderful people who help make our Library the special place it is. Corvallis and Benton County is a fantastic place to work in a library because everyone truly appreciates what a library can do for a community. Our users show us this appreciation with gifts of time and money, the occasional plates of homemade cookies, and unsolicited notes we find in our email boxes or our suggestion boxes.

Our Library could not be the place it is without the efforts of so many people who volunteer their time and talent. Hundreds of volunteers give thousands of hours each year physically working in the Library, checking in books, shelving, pulling hold books, and in many other ways. Our volunteer boards are making a huge impact. The Library Board continues to provide advice to staff and the City Council on Library priorities, especially important in these days of uncertain resources. The Friends sort through thousands of donated books and figure out the best way to maximize their

value, selling them online, at the Library itself, or in one of their many book sales. They sponsor and even organize programming that enriches us all. The Library Foundation has taken on the challenge of raising funds to Complete the Block so the Library finally owns the entire "Library Block." The South Benton Library Project raised the entire amount it cost to build the new Monroe Community Library, now under construction, and they are working hard to ensure the Monroe Library grows and thrives. Thank you all!

I would also like to give a shout out to Library and City staff (especially our wonderful Building Maintenance team) who continue to provide exceptional service in the face of anxiety about budget cuts. You exemplify the term "public servant." Thank you for making my job easier and more rewarding.





CORVALLIS-BENTON COUNTY
PUBLIC LIBRARY

645 NW Monroe Ave
Corvallis OR 97330
541.766.6926
www.thebestlibrary.net

HOURS

Mon – Thu 10:00 am – 8:00 pm
Fri – Sat 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Closed Sun

Alsea Community Library

19192 Alsea Hwy • Alsea OR 97324
541.487.5061

HOURS

Mon, Wed, Sat 10:00 am – 4:30 pm
Tue, Thu 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Monroe Community Library

668 Commercial St • Monroe OR 97456
541.847.5174

HOURS

Mon 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Tue, Thu 10:00 am – 4:30 pm
Wed 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Sat 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Philomath Community Library

1050 Applegate St • Philomath OR 97370
541.929.3016

HOURS

Mon, Thu – Sat 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Tue, Wed 10:00 am – 8:00 pm

A publication of the Friends and Foundation of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library. Refer questions and input to Janelle Cook, Check It Out Editor at 541.766.6928.

Printed with soy ink on recycled, post-consumer waste paper.

Library Closed

November 12 – Veterans Day
November 22 & 23 – Thanksgiving
December 25 – Christmas

► **Library Foundation Corner**

by Betty McCauley, Honorary Foundation Board Member

As the nation frantically follows con- tested national, state, and local campaigns, the Library Foundation says good-bye quietly and with sincere appreciation to retiring members with many years of service to the Corvallis Benton County Public Library. Hal Brauner, Ray Brooks, Kay Enbom, and Barbara Hansen brought their wisdom, skills, and enthusiasm to more important decisions than we can count. Diane Merten’s term has expired, but she is willing to continue on some projects. She’s espe- cially generous with her experience. It’s been a pleasure to serve with all of them. Thank you so very much.

At the same time we are welcoming two new volunteers who are joining the Foundation. Kristine Hennessy and Krista Klinkhammer will bring new experience and fresh insights to discussions. If you, the readers and users of the Library, are inter- ested in joining the Foundation Board, you can contact the Library Director at 541.766.6928.

The following officers were re-elected with appreciation: Rosie Toy Schmerlik, President; Steve Stephenson, Vice- President; Sandy Ridlington and Martha Foster, Co-Secretaries; and Paul Dickey, Treasurer.

► **Friends of the Library Corner**

by David Low, President, Friends of the Library

Book sale fans – great news! The Friends are ramping up efforts to get interesting books into your hands. Our Holiday Book Sale featuring gift quality items is on Saturday, December 1 from 10 am – 4 pm. The follow- ing week, we will be at the Alsea Community Library for a first-ever special holiday sale for our rural friends. The Alsea Holiday Sale will be held Saturday, December 8 from 10 am – 3 pm inside the Alsea Library. Look for more to come in 2013! We are eagerly awaiting the dedication of the new library building in Monroe early next year. Envisioned and created by dedicated southern Benton County residents, the new library will be a wonderful place to hold a future holiday sale and other happenings.

Speaking of happenings, the Friends of the Library want to include each of our Benton County libraries in our event planning. Even though Philomath is so close to Corvallis, we want to recognize the unique characteris- tics of the Philomath library. Stay tuned for more information!

We have a gung-ho volunteer board of directors who continue to energetically plan events to celebrate and support our library system. We ask for your help. If you’re not a Friends member, become one.

It’s not just about money, either. If you are a Friends member, we would love to have you participate in making our library system the best it can be! If you have an interest, skill, time, ideas, and wish to ‘play’ with a nice group of folks, please contact us. We have volunteer needs which could be just the right fit for you. Visit us on Facebook or check us out online at:

www.thebestlibraryfriends.org

Holiday Book Sale
Saturday, December 1
10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Corvallis Public Library
Main Meeting Room
A huge selection of high quality used books suitable for gift-giving or additions to your personal collection. All proceeds benefit the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.

► Volunteer Profile

by Cathi Roberts, Volunteer Coordinator

There are many reasons why people choose to spend their time volunteering, but some themes are common to most of the volunteers I meet. Reason #1 is “I want to give something back to the community.” When I spoke with Hersh Crawford recently, it became clear that helping people has always been a high priority.

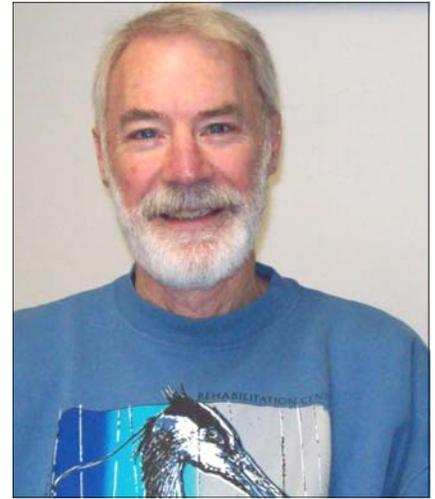
In the early 1990s, as administrator of Oregon’s Medicaid program, Hersh played a key role in implementing *The Oregon Health Plan*, designed to improve access to health care for thousands of Oregonians. Perhaps you recall Governor Kitzhaber’s plan to allocate federal healthcare dollars so that the most cost-effective medical treatments – and those which could help the most people – were given the highest priority for funding. This concept didn’t match up with existing Medicaid rules and it required much work to persuade federal authorities to grant waivers. Hersh led that part of the effort, and the result was that 120,000 more Oregonians became eligible to receive medical care during the plan’s first year.

Hersh is still looking for ways to help people and communities. He and his wife Ange volunteer for several local groups, but that’s not all. After Hurricane Katrina, the Crawfords took three trips to the Gulf Coast to help clean out and rebuild flood-damaged houses. “The refrigerators were the worst thing,” Hersh recalls.

“If we made the mistake of opening one, the smell would drive us out for at least 24 hours.”

Hersh grew up on the east coast of Florida and attended Florida State, followed by graduate school at UC Riverside, where he met Ange and earned a PhD in chemistry. After a few years working for Stanford Research Institute, Hersh and his family decided to look for a less hectic location to settle down and raise their three kids. When they visited Corvallis, they knew they’d found the right place.

Since moving here in 1977, Hersh has worked to help Oregonians get what they need to improve their quality of life, through hands-on involvement in efforts as major as cutting-edge public policy – and as prosaic as shelving new books at the Library. That’s a pretty fine record of “giving back.” Thank you, Hersh!



Volunteer Hersh Crawford

New Media Alcove

If you’ve visited the Corvallis Library to check out a DVD from our self-check machines, you’ve noticed some changes. We’ve installed shelving in preparation for moving our collection of popular movies and television shows to this new alcove. We’ll be moving one of our service desks here, too. We want to provide you with access to all the available titles in this collection while ensuring that the materials are secure. Discs will be inside the cases, eliminating the need to retrieve them from the self-check machines. You’ll need to check out your DVDs before leaving this area. We hope the new layout will work well for everyone. Please pardon us as we undergo the changes; there will be some disruption as we take down the service desk and move it to its new location.



New Monroe Library



The new Monroe Community Library is taking shape!

Youth ACTIVITIES

STORYTIMES

All Storytimes are offered weekly at 10:00 am in the Youth Storytime Room at the Corvallis Library unless otherwise noted.

Infant Storytime (Birth to 18 mo)
Wednesdays

Wobbler Storytime (12 – 24 mo)
Fridays

Toddler Storytime (18 – 36 mo)
Tuesdays

Preschool Storytime (3 – 5 yrs)
Thursdays

Bedtime Storytime (all ages)
Mondays 7:00 pm

La Fiesta de su Biblioteca (all ages)
(English/Spanish storytime)
Second Saturday of each month at
11:00 am | Main Meeting Room

Man with the Yellow Hat (Birth to 3 yrs)
First Saturday of each month at
11:00 am

Philomath Community Library
Starlight Storytime
Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

Rise and Shine Storytime
Wednesdays at 10:00 am

Monroe Community Library
Preschool Storytime
Tuesdays at 10:30 am

▶ La Fiesta de su Biblioteca – Family Piano Concert

Another special La Fiesta de su Biblioteca! A piano concert for the whole family. Pianist Andrew Rangell performs and illustrates Francis Poulenc's original score of Jean de Brunhoff's classic children's tale, *The Story of Babar*.

November 10 11:00 am
Main Meeting Room



▶ Mother Goose Asks "Why?"



Explore science through children's picture books. Program includes stories, hands-on science activities. For children ages 3-5.

November 15 10:00 am
Main Meeting Room

▶ Teen Writing Group

Teens ages 12–18 interested in writing are invited to join the Teen Writing Group. Led by local Young Adult author, Bryan Bliss.

Every Tuesday 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Youth Activity Room

▶ Kids Book Club

Book club geared for 4th and 5th grade students. For current month's title, contact the Youth Reference Desk.

November 2 2:30 pm
December 7 2:30 pm
Storytime Room



▶ Animanga Book Club

Preview new manga, win prizes in a trivia contest, watch anime, and eat snacks. Ages 12-18 are welcome.

November 5 4:30 pm
December 3 4:30 pm
Youth Activity Room

▶ My First Book Club

Book club for kids beginning to read on their own. Book discussion and activity. Parents welcome!

November 5 3:30 pm
December 10 3:30 pm
Storytime Room



▶ Family Music Fun



Family participation music and movement program for young children and their families.

November 17 11:00 am
December 15 11:00 am
Storytime Room

▶ Teen Game Night

Teens ages 12-18 are welcome to play Xbox, PlayStation, Wii, and board games. Snacks provided.

November 19 5:00 pm
December 17 5:00 pm
Main Meeting Room



All youth events are free and open to the public. For more information, please call 541.766.6794 or visit our web site at www.thebestlibrary.net.

Adult PROGRAMS

▶ Library Board Meeting

Monthly meeting of the Library Advisory Board. Public welcome.

November 7 7:30 pm
December 5 7:30 pm
Woman's Club Board Room

▶ Book Club

The Painted Veil by Somerset Maugham.

November 21 7:00 pm
Woman's Club Board Room

Book Club will not meet in December

▶ Ebook Clinic

Get help with downloading Library eBooks and eBook readers at this drop-in clinic. Several eReaders will be available for hands-on demonstrations. If you already own an eBook reader or a mobile device, please bring it with you. No sign-up is required. For more information, please contact the Adult Reference desk at 541.766.6793.

November 27 10:00 am—2:00 pm
Main Meeting Room

▶ Random Review

Packing the Court: The Rise of Judicial Power and the Coming Crisis of the Supreme Court by James MacGregor Burns. Reviewed by Robert Gardner.

November 14 12:00 pm

Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail by Cheryl Strayed. Reviewed by Leslie Richards.

December 12 12:00 pm
Main Meeting Room

▶ League of Women Voters

Presentation on Oregon Coastal Waters—Part 1. All League of Women Voters presentations are open to the public and co-sponsored by the Library.

November 7 7:00 pm

Presentation on Oregon Coastal Waters—Part 2.

December 4 7:00 pm
Main Meeting Room

▶ Author Bob Welch: A Writer's Life

Author and Register-Guard columnist Bob Welch takes us behind the scenes to discuss what is involved in book writing, the fruits of which are three new books.

November 5 7:00 pm
Main Meeting Room

▶ Corvallis Community Christmas Parade

Inviting book lovers to join the Friends of the Library with a book of their choice in the Corvallis Community Christmas Parade. You're encouraged to dress as a character in your favorite book or wear holiday garb. See the Friends web site and Facebook page for more details.

November 23 7:00 pm
Downtown Corvallis

▶ Friends of the Library Holiday Book Sale

A huge selection of high quality used books suitable for gift-giving or additions to your personal collection. All proceeds benefit the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.

December 1 10:00 am—4:00 pm
Main Meeting Room

All events are free and open to the public. For more information, please call 541.766.6793.



If you have a disability and need accommodations for a program, call 541.766.6928. Please allow 48 hours notice, so that we can better serve you.



RANDOM REVIEWS 2012-2013

Random Reviews are sponsored by the Friends of the Library and begin at 12:00 pm in the Main Meeting Room. Bring your lunch and a friend!

November 14: *Packing the Court: The Rise of Judicial Power and the Coming Crisis of the Supreme Court* by James MacGregor Burns
Reviewer: Robert Gardner

December 12: *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed
Reviewer: Leslie Richards

January 9: *The Works of Ray Bradbury*
Reviewer: Adam Michaud

February 13: *The Submission* by Amy Waldman
Reviewer: Aria Minu-Sepehr

March 13: *The Emperor of All Maladies* by Siddhartha Mukherjee
Reviewer: Stephen Neville

April 10: *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain
Reviewer: Felicia Uhden

May 8: *Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity* by Katherine Boo
Reviewer: Gerry Olson

June 12: *Born to Run: A Hidden Tribe, Superathletes, and the Greatest Race the World Has Never Seen* by Christopher McDougall
Reviewer: Kate MacTavish



LIBRARY EBOOKS



Our eBook and audiobook loaning service, [Library2Go](#), is still going strong. Over 3,000 of our Library users have checked out an eBook or downloadable audiobook at least once, and we have added over 17,000 eBooks to our collection just in the past year. Remember that you don't need a dedicated eReader like the Kindle to enjoy eBooks; almost any smartphone or tablet is capable of checking out eBooks with the Overdrive Media Console app. And now, owners of Nook color-screen eReaders can also install the app for wireless eBook downloads.

For those of you already reading Library eBooks, here are two tips:

1. To find critically acclaimed books, use an [advanced search](#) in Library2Go and select an award from the Awards drop-down menu. For example a search for the "Nebula" award will list 14 Science Fiction eBooks. Choosing "Audie Award Nominee" will display some excellent downloadable audiobooks.
2. Millions (yes millions) of eBooks from classic fiction to contemporary textbooks are available free of charge and you can keep them forever. See our [blog post](#) for details.

YOU'RE INVITED!

If you're just getting started with eBooks or are curious about the format, we invite you to join us at an **Ebook Clinic on Tuesday, November 27 in the Main Meeting Room from 10 am to 2 pm**. See page 4 under "Adult Programs" for more details.