



Friends of the Oregon Library Newsletter

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New Library Update

Project Update

Plans to build a new Oregon Public Library can now move forward thanks to the generosity of the community and available funding. In February, the Village of Oregon increased their commitment to funding the new library to \$10 million. Nearly \$2.1 million was also donated by the community towards this important project. Funding from impact fees adds to the project budget. Thank you to all the Friends of the Library who have been involved in making this possible!

The Library Board is now working on hiring an Owner's Representative for the project. The next step will be to contract with an architect to continue to work on the design. We hope to have the project ready to put out to bid in early 2022!

Site Considerations

The site selected for the new library has many important elements that have to fit together on the new library site. Important considerations include storm water management, parking requirements, green space, and safe access for pedestrians, bikes and vehicles. In addition, making sure the new library fits into the neighborhood, makes best use of available funding, and provides for future growth are also key. With the size and shape of the property, getting all of these pieces to fit together is complicated.

Currently, the Village is exploring some option that could provide more flexibility to the site layout including 1) reviewing the Zoning code for appropriate updates, if any, to parking requirements, 2) exploring an agreement for offsite overflow parking, and 3) exploring potential purchase of additional property. The outcomes of these options will help determine possibilities for the layout of the new library site.

Contact Jennifer Endres Way, Library Director, at 608-835-2322 or jway@oregonlibrary.org with any questions, comments, or if you'd like to make a donation.

Successful Book Sale!

Friends of Oregon Library succeeded in presenting an unusual but triumphantly successful book sale May 8 in Oregon's open air Kiser Park Shelter. In addition to more than 31 hours of volunteer time from early April to the actual sale, FOL members brainstormed via e-mail about how to sort stored books outside using open cars and portable tables on April 10, how to publicized the sale, and how to be prepared if wet weather was on the sale date.

Enthusiastic book shoppers arrived before the sale started at 8 AM. How good it was to recognize shoppers, even with masks, whom we had not seen since Oct. 2019!

Even though books were priced considerably less than normal and thanks to many shoppers generously paying more than due, in only 5 hours \$983.00 was raised to support Oregon Library's reading programs for all ages!

When will the next book sale happen? That depends on if FOL is able to use a village park shelter again or if/when Oregon Library is able to safely return the Ames community room to public space as employees are able to return to their shared work spaces.

Donations of books for future sales will be accepted as soon as FOL's currently 100% full storage garage again has space. Until then, please store your potential donations in a dry, sturdy box. Thank you for your patience and support.

Thank you Garden Volunteers!

Have you seen the beautiful blooms at the library lately? The gardens at the library are a thing of beauty thanks to the talented and dedicated Friends volunteers! We appreciate the time and expertise of our wonderful garden volunteers.

What are we offering at the Library?

On May 17th, the library reopened for in-person browsing, Monday through Friday from 11 am to 6 pm. It was a very exciting day for both staff and patrons. You are welcome to pickup up your holds and browse the shelves for your next read!

We continue to offer curbside pick-up, the ability to return library materials, online resources, online and limited in-person programming, free wi-fi, wi-fi printing, and copier services.

We are not yet open for: meeting room use, seating areas, test proctoring, and microfilm research. Updates will be posted on social media and our website at <https://www.oregonpubliclibrary.org/about/frequently-asked-questions>. You can always call us at 608-835-3656.

Curbside Pick Up Times

You can still use Curbside Pick-up! Show up at the times below or call staff to schedule at time.

Mondays, Tuesdays, & Wednesdays from 11:30 am - 7:30 pm

Thursdays & Fridays from 8:30 am -3:30 pm

Saturdays from 9:00 am -2:30 pm

Computer Appointments

Make an appointment to use our computers. Please call (608) 835-3656 to make an appointment.

Print & Copy Services

Send a print job to our WiFi Printing service at <http://bit.ly/OPLWiFiPrint>. We also have a photocopier and can make copies for you. To use these services and to pick up copies, make an appointment using the Curbside Pick-Up form at <https://bit.ly/orepickup> or by calling (608) 835-3656.

Librarian's Choice for All Ages

Did you know that you can ask librarians to pull materials? Request books, movies, magazines and more! To make a request, complete the Curbside Pick-Up form at <https://bit.ly/orepickup>. On the LIBRARIAN'S CHOICE question, select the age group of the reader who would like items and then answer questions about the reader's interests.

Returning Materials

Our outside book drop is open 24/7. Once items are returned, they will be quarantined before they are checked in.

New LINKcat Mobile App

A new LINKcat mobile app is now available! The new app is replacing the current mobile app, which will be discontinued on June 30. The new app is available for both Apple and Android devices.

Summer Library Programs for All Ages

Summer Reading Program

June 7 to August 21, 2021

The Summer Library Program's 2021 theme is "Tails & Tales." We are encouraging readers of all ages to wag their tails down to the Oregon Public Library for some good tales! We have four age categories for our reading programs: Read to Me (0-4), Children (5-11), Teen (12-17), and Adult (18 and up). Each program asks participants to read, be read to, or listen to books of their choice along with fun activities to earn prizes and entry slips to their respective reading program's Grand Prize Drawing. Every child and teen who completes the program earn an envelope of coupons (Eugster's Farm, Madison Mallards, Pizza Hut, more) and a book.

We are using an online tracking program called Beanstack. How Beanstack can make summer reading easier!

- You can track reading and activities via the desktop version or mobile app!
- You can have ONE login for your family or group.
- In the mobile app, you can scan the book's barcode to enter them.
- Your account can be used to manage all Oregon Public Library reading programs including Winter Reading Program and 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Learn more about Beanstack at <https://www.oregonpubliclibrary.org/beanstack-slp-faq>.

Thank you to the Friends for sponsoring the program! We are able to buy books, grand prizes, and host programs with your generous donation.

PLEASE NOTE! As this newsletter goes to press, our community continues to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. PLEASE CHECK THE OREGON PUBLIC LIBRARY WEB SITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE OR CALL 608-835-3656 FOR THE MOST CURRENT EVENT INFORMATION!

Name the Library Lion and Tiger Contest

June 7 - July 7

One day a Lion and Tiger appeared at the Library. They were so nice and loved books so much that we asked them to stay and be our library mascots.

From June 7th to June 21st, people of all ages can suggest names for the Lion and Tiger. Then library staff will review the suggestions and select the top five names for each the Lion and the Tiger.

From July 28th to July 7th, everyone votes on their favorite name for our new mascots. Winning name will be announced on July 8th. The person who suggested the winning name will win \$20 in Chamber Bucks (a gift certificate good at many Oregon businesses). Questions? Please email Kelly Allen at kallen@oregonlibrary.org.

Events for Children & Teens

Questions? Please email Kelly Allen at kallen@oregonlibrary.org.

Summer Storytimes

For summer, we will be adding in-person and outdoor options along with virtual via Zoom! Registration is required for many of the storytimes due to capacity limits. COVID-19 safety precautions: The Library must follow Library Board-approved policy along with the policies of facilities we are using. Currently, attendees must wear a mask and socially distance. Staff will keep attendees updated.

We Read We Wiggle

Two sessions offered. Storytime and activities will be the same for each session.

Tuesdays (June 15 - August 10)

10:00 am to 11:00 am

OR

Wednesdays (June 16 - August 11)

10:00 am to 11:00 am

Location: Small Gym at Netherwood Knoll Elementary

Register at <https://bit.ly/WeReadWeWiggle>. Geared to ages 2-5. Younger and older children welcome. Enjoy 25 minutes of stories, rhymes, songs, and wiggles provide Oregon Library staff followed by 15 minutes playtime organized by OSD Community Ed & Rec staff. Families are welcomed to free play until 11 am.

Storytimes in the Park

2nd Saturday of the Month

10:00 am to 10:30 am

Location: Waterman Triangle Park, 121 Janesville St

No registration. Geared to ages 2-5. Younger and older children welcome.

Enjoy stories, songs, and movement activities with Ms. Kelly! Remember to bring a blanket or chair to sit on the ground.

Baby Storytime via Zoom

Tuesdays (June 17 - August 12)

11:00 am to 11:30 am

Location: Zoom

Register at <https://bit.ly/OplBabyVirtual>. For ages 0-18 months.

Enjoy rhymes, bounces, and stories with Ms. Wendy along with social time for babies and caregivers.

Pajama Storytime via Zoom

3rd Monday of the month

6:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Register at <https://bit.ly/PajamaZoomOPL>. For ages 0-5.

Join Ms Wendy and Ms Kelly for stories, songs and rhymes, and puppets about bedtime. Each child will receive a craft based on the theme. All new attendees will also receive an egg shaker and scarf to keep!

Pokémon Virtual Trivia Family Night

Tuesday, July 6th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Registration will open on June 7th. Family-friendly all ages event.

Play Pokémon-themed trivia online with family and friends! We are using the Crowd-purr app for trivia questions and Zoom for audience interaction. Winning team receives a Pokémon-themed prize! Login information will be sent to the team captain on the day of the event. Teams can include more than one household.

Virtual LEGO Creations Expo

July 1st - August 14th

We miss seeing all the AMAZING creations of our local LEGO fans last year! To make sure we can see them this year, we are hosting a Virtual LEGO Creations Expo. Starting July 1st, participants can upload photos of the creation along with a story about it via a Google Form.

A panel of judges will select the best in show by age/grade category (K-1, grades 2-3, grades 4-6, Teen & Adult, and Family). Winners will receive LEGO-themed prizes. Everyone will receive LEGO candy!

Starting August 16th, a slideshow of all entries will be available on the Library's website and social media.

Please talk to Librarian Kelly if you need LEGOs, help uploading LEGO creations, and more!

Questions? Please email Kelly Allen at kallen@oregonlibrary.org.

Art Cart EXTRA!

Saturday, July 31, 10 am to noon

Waterman Triangle Park (121 Janesville St)

Free family event. No registration. Projects geared to children ages 3 and above. Art Cart EXTRA! is a free outdoor art program offered by the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art (MMOCA). The popular program brings expert instruction and a relaxed attitude to art projects at parks, playgrounds, and beaches in Madison and Dane County in the summer.

Storywalks at Keller Alpine Meadows Park

Holiday weekends (Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day)

Enjoy a story or two on your walk through Oregon's beautiful Keller Alpine Meadows Park the holiday weekend! This is a partnership between the Oregon Library and Oregon Nature Alliance.

Book Club for Teens: Finding Your Voice

Meets from 4 pm - 5 pm on the following dates June 24, July 22, and August 26.

Register at <https://bit.ly/FindingYourVoiceOPL>. For young people ages going into grades 7th-12th, or ages 12-18.

We will meet either virtually via Zoom or in-person at a local park depending on preferences of attendees.

Finding Your Voice Book Club focuses on books about young people finding their voice and ways to speak up for themselves. Through the books, teens have a chance to have a mirror to explore their own experiences or a window to learn about others' experiences. By sharing experiences, we hope to gain empathy for others and

be inspired by them to be advocates for themselves and the injustices we see in our world. Each participant will receive a copy of the book to keep along with a notebook.

Special Event for Adults

Questions? Please email Kara Ripley at kripley@oregonlibrary.org.

Book to Movie Trivia

Thursday, July 8, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Play trivia online with family and friends using the CrowdPurr app. The trivia will be about books that were made into movies. Login information and instructions will be sent to the team captain on the day of the event. Teams can include more than one household.

Writing Your Own Series for Adults

For adults held via Zoom. Registration required.

Join local author [Julie Tallard Johnson](#) in this series on using our voices to write our stories. This is a series but each class can stand alone; register for one or all.

Fictionalizing your Autobiographical Writing Register at <https://bit.ly/autobiographyOPL>

Tuesday, June 15 at 6:30

This is an invitation to play with some fiction writing in your memoir or other autobiographical writing. Where can we make things up and still call it non-fiction? How can we describe a sky or building we don't remember? And turning your nonfiction into an autobiographical novel.

Embodied Writing Registration opens June 1

Tuesday, July 20 at 6:30 pm

Somatic writing is writing from the body, the emotions, and sensual experiences. This is also transformational writing, where the writer transforms difficulty on the page and therefore transforms their future readers. You will leave with the ability to identify and write about your theme using somatic writing.

The Larger Story in Autobiographical Writing Registration opens July 1

Tuesday, August 17 at 6:30 pm

Explore what the contextual themes that surround or hold your single story. The larger story is really another story, what I can also be a a Sister Story, – that accompanies your single story but as a Larger Story may hold or frame your single story. You will leave with ideas on how to discover, choose and write about your Larger Story. To prepare for this class, it is recommended that you watch [The Danger of a Single Story](#).

Book Clubs for Adults

Questions? Please email Kara Ripley at kripley@oregonlibrary.org.

Great Beginnings Book Club

When: Choose one of the meeting times that work best for your schedule...

1st Monday, 6 pm

1s Wednesday, 10:30 am

Where: Via Zoom, email kripley@oregonlibrary.org to get the login information.

June 2 & 7 - *Bad Axe County* by John Galligan

July 7 & 12 - *The Moment of Lift* by Melinda Gates

August 2 & 4 - *The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson

Brown Bag Book Club

When: 3rd Wednesday, 11:30 am

Where: via Zoom, email kripley@oregonlibrary.org to get the login information.

June 16 - *The Book of Unknown Americans* by Cristina Henriquez

July 21 - *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo

August 18 - *A Madness of Sunshine* by Nalini Singh

Tech Classes for Adults

For adults held via Zoom. Registration required. The class will be canceled if no one has registered by noon the day before the class.

Historic Newspapers

Thursday, June 24, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Register at <https://bit.ly/NewspapersOPL>

Learn how to use online resources to find historic newspaper content for your genealogical research.

What the Internet Knows About You

Thursday, July 29, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Registration required and opens June 25.

Worried about how secure a website is? Not sure if your passwords are safe? Learn about how the data you create in your normal online activities is valuable to companies, myths about online security, and easy things you can do to be safer online.

Online Research - Where to Start?

Thursday, August 26, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Registration required and opens June 25.

Looking for some information but not sure where to start? Learn some of the tricks in a librarian's tool belt for finding reliable information online.

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