



Friends of the Oregon Library Newsletter

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New Library Update

It is time to move forward with the new library! The library has hired an owner's representative - Geoff Vine of Vine Consulting - to assist with the project. Now it is time to continue the design by engaging the services of an architect and engineer. This is anticipated to be approved in September.

While the schedule for building the new library has not yet been finalized, construction on the new library is expected to begin in 2022. The project budget will be over \$12 million. This includes the \$10 million from the Village of Oregon and more than \$2.1 million in donations from the community, along with available impact fees. Sincere thanks to all those who have contributed to make this possible!

The new library is expected to be around 33,000 square feet is hoped to include expanded space for all ages along with gathering spaces including a study rooms, a storeroom and a community room, to start.

Contact Jennifer Endres Way, Library Director, at 608-835-2322 or jway@oregonlibrary.org with any questions.

Want to Donate?

Donation information for the new library is available at www.oregonpubliclibrary.org/donatenow. You can donate now or make a pledge payable over multiple years. All gifts totaling \$1,000 or more will be recognized on the donor recognition wall in the new library. All gifts will be recognized in an Honor Roll of Donors. There is still time to have your gift included in our donor recognition. Gifts can also be made in memory of or in honor of someone special. Contact Jennifer Endres Way, Library Director, at 608-835-2322 or jway@oregonlibrary.org with any questions.

What are we offering at the Library?

The library is open and has returned to our pre-pandemic hours. In-person services include browsing, holds pick-up, computer use, notary services by appointment, 24/7 outdoor book drop, free Wi-Fi available inside and outside the building, Wi-Fi printing, and copier services.

We are not yet open for: meeting room use, test proctoring, and microfilm research. Updates will be posted on social media and our website when they become available.

Thank You for Supporting Summer Library Program for All Ages

The Friends are the main sponsor of the Summer Library Program (SLP). With those funds, we are able to give books to children and teens who completed the program and provide fun grand prizes to readers of all ages!

Summer Reading by the numbers:

676 children, teens, and adults registered for a reading program this summer

241 books were given to children and teens who completed their programs

4,505 picture books were read to children in the Read to Me program (ages 0-4)

225,669 minutes/3,761 hours were read by children and teens (ages 5-18)

731 books were read by adults

205 book reviews were written by all ages

Thank you for supporting literacy in the Oregon area community!

Just a reminder!

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

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.

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.

Please check the Oregon Public Library website and Facebook page for updates!

Events for Children & Teens

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

Fall Storytimes

We are hosting in-person, outdoor options along with virtual via Zoom! Registration is required for the storytimes on Zoom to receive the link.

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.

Fall Outdoor Storytimes start September 14

Tuesdays and Wednesdays

10 am to 10:45 am

Location: Kiser Shelter grassy area (across from the Oregon Library)

For ages 0-6. No registration is required.

We will have 25 minutes of storytime and then 10 minutes of active play. Bring blankets or chairs to sit on.

Storytime will be cancelled if the weather is bad. For updates, please check our website, Facebook, or call the main desk at 608-835-3656.

The session runs Tuesday September 14 until the weather is too yucky.

Storytimes in the Park

Saturday, September 18

10:00 am to 10:30 am

Location: Kiser Shelter grassy area (across from the Oregon Library)

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

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

Baby Storytime via Zoom

Thursdays starting September 16

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.

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!

Pajama Storytime via Zoom
3rd Monday of the month
6:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Location: Zoom

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

Join us 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!

Book Club for Teens: Finding Your Voice

Thursday, September 23 at 4:30 pm
Location: Zoom

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

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.

Monarch Butterfly Biology and Conservation

Thursday, October 21 at 6:30 pm

Location: Oregon Area Senior Center, 219 Park St.

Registration required and will open in September. The first 30 people who register will get a free packet of Butterfly Weed seeds.

Monarch butterfly populations have been declining over the last 20 years. It is important to move beyond documenting this decline and toward responding to the challenge posed by monarch and insect conservation. In this presentation, Karen Oberhauser will describe the amazing biology of migratory monarchs, how citizens and scientists are documenting monarch numbers across their migratory cycle, and what the Arboretum and other organizations are doing, and what you can do to preserve this charismatic insect for generations to come.

Author Visit - Dead Lines: Slices of Life from the Obit Beat

Thursday, October 21 at 6:30 pm

Location: Oregon Area Senior Center, 219 Park St.

Registration required for in person-attendance and opens on September 1.

Meet the author of *Dead Lines: Slices of Life from the Obit Beat*. This book is a lively collection of feature obituaries and related news stories of longtime newspaper reporter and local resident, George Hesselberg. Digging deeper, he uncovered the extraordinary among the ordinary, memorializing the lives of a sword designer, a radio villain, a pioneering female detective, a homeless woman who spoke fluent French, a beloved classroom tarantula, and many more. Their stories are alternately amusing, sad, surprising, and profound. Together they speak to a shared human experience and inspire us to see the people around us with new eyes, valuing the lives while they are still being lived.

GEORGE HESSELBERG was a reporter for the Wisconsin State Journal for forty-three years. He covered every beat, wrote hundreds of news obituaries of the famous and the not-so-famous, and was a columnist for eighteen years. Hesselberg, a UW-Madison and University of Oslo graduate, earned national and state awards for his investigative reporting and feature writing at the State Journal. This is Hesselberg's fifth book.

6:30-7 pm Author Presentation

The author presentation will also live stream on cable access and the recording will be available after the event on YouTube.

7-8 pm Book Signing & Sales

Bring your copy or purchase at event

Paperback \$20 cash or check

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 via Zoom

1st Wednesday, 10:30 am at Kaiser Park Shelter

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

October 6 - *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett



Brown Bag Book Club

When: 3rd Wednesday, 11:30 am

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

October 20 - *Caste: The Origins of our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson

November 17 - *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah

December 15 - *I'm Still Here* by Austin Channing Brown

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.

Finding Your Next Great Read

Thursday, September 30, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

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

In this class, learn how to find your next great read by using online resources like NoveList Plus.

Learn a Language

Thursday, October 28, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Registration required and opens September 25.

Have you always wanted to learn another language? Now is your chance. The library provides the Transparent Language Online(link is external) database free to card holders! Learn how to navigate this resource and how you can learn to parle français or one of these languages(link is external).

Introduction to Excel

Thursday, November 18, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Registration required and opens October 15.

Learn how to create spreadsheets and use basic functions in Excel.



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OF FRIENDS OF THE OREGON LIBRARY!**

Collect all your Bill's Grocery Store receipts. Bring them to the library when you pick up your books! Bill's Grocery Store donates 1% back to FOL which helps fund special programs at the library.

Use Amazon Smiles for all your Amazon orders. Simply go to smile.amazon.com and Friends of the Oregon Library as your charity of choice. You can link to your existing Amazon account so you don't have to start new passwords, etc. When you shop, remember to enter the Amazon website via SMILE.AMAZON.COM to be sure your purchase counts towards the giving program. Amazon donates 0.5% of each qualifying purchase to us. They automatically send us a check every 6 months. In 2018 Amazon Smiles added \$118.00 to library program funding.

THANK YOU to all who have donated in large and small ways. We are thrilled to see the items, programs and services that our fund raising has provided for Oregon Library users. The whole community benefits when our library is strong and vibrant!



There will be **no overdue fines** for items checked out at Oregon Library and **returned by December 31, 2021!** Charges for lost or damaged materials will still apply. Lost charges will appear on your account if an item is more than 4 weeks overdue - that charge will be waived once the item is returned.

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A large, elegant cursive graphic that reads "Thank you". The word "Thank" is on the top line and "you" is on the bottom line, both written in a flowing, black script font.

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