



Friends of the Oregon Library Newsletter

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New Library Capital Campaign Update

Our community has donated a total of \$2,055,371 to build a new Oregon Public Library since the capital campaign began in 2019. This reflects financial contributions from more than 800 unique donors! Sincere thanks to the AMAZING generosity of all of the families, individuals, businesses, organizations, neighboring municipalities and foundations who contributed - including the Friends of the Library!

In addition to financial donations, local businesses have made wonderful and significant in-kind contributions to our campaign including professional services such as graphic design, printing and surveying, as well as donations of products such as pottery, silent auction items and supplies for our special event. Many community members - including Friends of the Library members- have given generously of their time to help.

Library impact fees of \$331,737.66 (as of 12/31), combined with the campaign funds and the Village commitment for \$6 million would allow for a project budget of \$8,387,108. With an estimated project cost of \$10 million, additional funds are still needed to build the entire 33,000 square feet library.

The Library Board and Village Board had a joint meeting in January to discuss the fundraising status. They will be meeting together again in February to discuss how to move the project forward. Contact Jennifer Endres Way, Library Director, at 608-835-2322 or jway@oregonlibrary.org with any questions.

Thank you Friends!

Thank you to the Friends of the Oregon Library and its members for your wonderful support of the new library. We appreciate the many ways you have partnered with and supported the campaign. Thank you for volunteering at, attending and participating in our many campaign efforts and events - many of which had to be creatively held because of the pandemic. Thank you for donating your time, talents, and financial support.

It is exciting to have the Friends sponsorship of our Staff Break Room as one of special Naming Opportunities.

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There's Still Time!

It's not too late to be part of making the new library possible! The library will gladly continue to accept donations in 2021 for the new building!

You can donate or make a pledge payable over multiple years at: www.oregonpubliclibrary.org/donatenow. Gifts or pledges totaling \$1,000 or more will be recognized on the donor recognition wall in the new library and all gifts will be recognized in an Honor Roll of Donors. Select naming opportunities are still available. There is still time to have your gift included in our donor recognition.

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

Library Services

While the library remains closed to the public, we continue to offer [curbside pick-up](#), [online resources](#), and [virtual programming](#). The library also has [free Wi-Fi](#) that you can access outside the library building. More information about library services is at

www.oregonpubliclibrary.org/offering-online-curbside-services
www.oregonpubliclibrary.org/about/frequently-asked-questions

Curbside Pick Up Times

If you have items waiting for you on our holds shelf you may pick them up during these times without an appointment. Other pick-up times are available by appointment. To make an appointment, complete the Curbside Pick-Up form at <https://bit.ly/orepickup>

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

Tax Forms are here!

The library has federal and state tax forms that can be picked up during our curbside hours. When you arrive at the library give us a call and let us know what forms you want. We will bring the forms out to the table for contactless pick-up



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

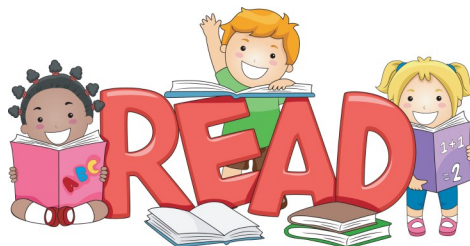
Events and Services for Children and Teens

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

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

The most effective way to get your child ready to learn is to read to them. The 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program is designed to help parents accomplish this goal. By reading *just three* stories a day you and your child can read over 1000 books in one year. The program is for children ages birth to Kindergarten and is free. Families work at their own pace at home. Children earn prizes for listening to family members read to them.

To register for the program, complete the online form at <https://bit.ly/OPL1000BooksKindergarten>. Staff will email you when your 1000 Books tote bag is ready to pick up via Curbside Services.



Winter Storytimes Online

Need a story and song break? Ms. Kelly and Ms. Wendy post storytime videos weekly for you to enjoy any time after they premiere on Facebook. The storytimes run about 15 minutes. You can find them on Library’s Facebook page (@oregonpubliclibrary) under the Video tab and our YouTube channel at <https://bit.ly/oreyoutube>.

Toddler Tuesdays at 10 am	Time	on	Facebook
Baby Tuesdays	Storytime at	on 11	Zoom am
<i>Please register to receive Zoom link at https://bit.ly/OplBabyVirtual.</i>			
Everybody Fridays at 10 am	Storytime	on	Facebook

OPL Puppet Minute for All Ages

When: 3rd Wednesday 6:30 pm

Where: Via Facebook

Take a quick break with a puppet show! The show premieres on Facebook starting at 10 am on the third Wednesday of the month. The puppet show is under 5 minutes.

Anime Club Online for ages 12 and up

When: 3rd Wednesday, 4 pm - 5 pm.

Where: Via Zoom, *registration required at <https://bit.ly/VirtualAnimeClub>*

Attendees will watch and chat with fellow fans about anime and manga. As a group, we choose what we want to watch. You only need to register one time to be added to the email list. Anime will be rated teen or lower. We will watch the English dubbed version.

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Teen Advisory Board for ages 12-18

When: 4th Thursday, 4 pm - 5 pm

Where: Via Zoom, *registration required at* <https://bit.ly/OregonTAB>

Have a voice at the Oregon Library! Join the Teen Advisory Board (TAB)! This is a volunteer group of teens that offers suggestions and provides input to the Youth Services Librarian about teen reading interests, recreational activities, programming, and space planning. TAB meets once a month for one hour during the school year to discuss books, magazines, teen issues, and programming.

Events for Adults

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

Book Clubs

Pick up a book using our Curbside Pick-Up service!

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.

February 1/3 - *The Lost City of the Monkey God* by Douglas Preston

March 1/ 3 - *Tallgrass* by Sandra Dallas

April 5/7 - *Life Undercover* by Amaryllis Fox

Brown Bag Book Club

When: 3rd Wednesday, 11:30 am

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

February 17 - *How to Walk Away* by Katherine Center

March 17 - *Educated* by Tara Westover

April 21 - *We Have Always Lived in a Castle* by Shirley Jackson

Oregon Area Historical Society Presents

When: Wednesday, February 24, 6:30 pm - 7:30pm

Where: Zoom, *register for Zoom link at* <https://bit.ly/OAHSPresents>

Travel through time with the Oregon Area Historical Society! This presentation will cover the history of the Barry Stables, Waterman Park, schools in Oregon, and information about Eunice Onsrud and Peg Kellogg who served during World War II.

Read Magazines Anytime with Flipster

When: Thursday, March 25, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Where: Zoom, *registration required and opens March 1st*

Learn how to read magazines anywhere with internet access using the library's subscription to Flipster.

Our Lakes at a Crossroads

When: Tuesday, April 13, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Where: Zoom, *registration required and opens April 1st*

Clean Lakes Alliance has been working with businesses, community members, government officials, and organizations for the past ten years, focusing solely on the five large lakes in the Yahara River Watershed. The nonprofit's vision is simple: "We see a future in which everybody realizes the lakes are the center of the community." In this program, Clean Lakes Alliance founder and executive director James Tye will walk through some watershed history, threats to lake health, and what can be done by everybody in order to ensure clean and healthy water for years to come.

Do You Know...

Online Resources Available 24/7!

In addition to physical items, the library also provides online resources that are always available.

Download an ebook or audiobook with [Overdrive](#) or the Libby app.

Read a magazine with [Flipster](#).

And so much more!

Explore all our online resources on our website under **Research & Discovery** at www.oregonpubliclibrary.org/research

More ways to keep up on Library events and news

Sign-up for our e-newsletter Library Buzz at www.oregonpubliclibrary.org/about-library/library-buzz-newsletter

Go to the Library's web calendar at www.oregonpubliclibrary.org/calendar

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram

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***HELP THE FUND RAISING EFFORTS
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. In 2018 Bill's Grocery Store added \$4,300.00 to library program funding!

Use Amazon Smiles for all your Amazon orders. Simply go to smile.amazon.com and [Friends of the Oregon Library](https://www.amazon.com/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](https://www.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!

Renewing your Friends of the Oregon Library? Thank you!

Your support of Friends of the Oregon Library

supports library programs for all ages!

Please return your membership form promptly!



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A graphic with the words "Thank you" written in a black, elegant cursive script. The word "Thank" is on the top line and "you" is on the bottom line, with the letters overlapping and flowing together.

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