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RANDOM REVIEW

It's time to announce the 22nd annual Random Review series of noon book reviews on the second Wednesday of each month, starting in September. Our selection committee has chosen a diverse mix of books with something to interest just about everyone. The ten books to be reviewed, however, are only a small portion of the much larger number nominated. The list of titles considered but not selected is available on the Random Review page of the library website: <http://cbcpubliblibrary.net/random-reviews/> where podcasts of past Random Reviews can also be found. And in the future, some of these will include audio-visual materials from the reviews.



Random Reviews are sponsored by the Friends of the Library the second Wednesday of the month from 12:00 – 1:00 pm in the Corvallis Library Main Meeting Room. Coffee, tea, and cookies served. Free of charge and open to the public. Bring your lunch and a friend!

Sign language interpreter provided with 48 hours notice. Please call 541-766-6928 for more information. NOTE: The Main Meeting Room is equipped with a hearing loop system.

RANDOM REVIEW 2014-15 SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 10

The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
Reviewed by Alison Clement

OCTOBER 8

Mary Oliver's Poetry
Reviewed by Robin Havenick

NOVEMBER 12

Maverick Genius: The Pioneering Odyssey of Freeman Dyson
by Phillip Schewe
Reviewed by Greg Mulder

DECEMBER 10

Shocked: My Mother, Schiaparelli, and Me by Patricia Volk
Reviewed by Leslie Burns

JANUARY 14

Wild Ones: A Sometimes Dismaying, Weirdly Reassuring Story about Looking at People Looking at Animals in America
by Jon Mooallem
Reviewed by Elena Passarello

FEBRUARY 11

Five Came Back: A Story of Hollywood and the Second World War
by Mark Harris
Reviewed by Jon Lewis

MARCH 11

Book of Ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin by Jill Lepore
Reviewed by Ben Mutschler

APRIL 8

The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
Reviewed by Bill Robbins

MAY 13

The Family: Three Journeys Into the Heart of the Twentieth Century
by David Laskin
Reviewed by Jonathan Katz

JUNE 10

Knocking On Heaven's Door: The Path to a Better Way of Death
by Katy Butler
Reviewed by Cliff Hall



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The Corvallis-Benton County Public Library FOUNDATION

by Betty McCauley, Honorary Foundation Board Member

As I write, the next deadline looms in the middle of our summer heat wave. An hour of delightful respite at a special Tuesday program of guitar music refreshed me and reminded me of the many ways our Library enriches us.

The Foundation is not involved in a special drive right now, but we all have an obligation to support the many services that we enjoy. If you just happen to have a friend or family member who would appreciate being honored by your gift to the Library in his or her name, consider designating it toward something she or he is using. In writing this, I decided to check out www.cbcpubliclibrary.net on my computer. It is a rich source of information about the resources of the Library. It will give you good ideas to direct your honorary “gift.”

On the first screen as you open the site you will see a list of the categories to explore: Audiobooks; Books; DVDs/Movies; Ebooks; E-Resources; Music; Staff Picks. I had a good time choosing categories, and I found things I hadn’t known, of course. Under Music, it said there were 50,000 tracks of classical music. Under E-Resources, it said there were “Databases A to Z,” and Gale Power Search covers magazines and newspaper articles. Under the Audiobooks’ program called Library2Go, you can find out how to download books to listen to on your own device. Obviously I can’t tell you all I found... go to it yourself! Maybe you’ll be encouraged to use more of our Library and be inspired to give *yourself* a gift to the library!



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Message from Library Director Carolyn Rawles

Do you know where you can find one of the best, if not the best, collection of local art in Corvallis? Why, at your library, of course!

Most people know that the Library is a great place to get all sorts of materials, to get your questions answered, and to attend programs and meetings. But what many people don’t know is that the Library has a great collection of mostly local art. And all of our art was either donated to the Library or purchased or commissioned by the Library Foundation.

Much of the art was purchased by the Library Foundation when the Library was expanded in 1992, but several significant pieces have been added since then. The Library’s Centennial in 1999 saw the installation of William Shumway’s “Willamette River Diptych” which combines art and poetry, another gift of the Library Foundation. Artist Shep Levine donated his “Precipitous Place” painting which inspires readers in the Belluschi Wing. Michele Gutlove’s fused glass mobile, “Siuslaw Sunshowers,” another Foundation gift using funds donated by the Larson family, greets visitors to the main lobby. Our newest gift, from Penny and John Brassfield, is George Green’s “The Poetry of HD Moe: “zowie sang to the sea,” and is also in the main lobby.

To get a full picture of our art collection, treat yourself to an afternoon of discovery at the Library. Pick up one of our “Art in the Library” brochures (completed before our most recent George Green acquisition) which will guide you through paintings, sculptures, a mosaic in the parking garage, glass tiles, and even gargoyles! The brochures are located in the Foundation display area on the main floor. And if you want to help continue this legacy of free public art, consider a gift to the Library Foundation.

Library Closed
September 1 – Labor Day

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STORYTIMES

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

Bedtime Storytime (all ages)
Mondays 7:00 pm

Infant Storytime (Birth to 12 mo)
Tuesdays

Wobbler Storytime (12 – 24 mo)
Wednesdays

Toddler Storytime (24 – 36 mo)
Thursdays

Preschool Storytime (3 – 5 yrs)
Fridays

Man with the Yellow Hat (all ages)
First Saturday of each month
11:00 am | Storytime Room

¡los CUENTOS! (all ages)
(Family bilingual storytime)
Second Saturday of each month
11:00 am | Main Meeting Room

Philomath Community Library
Wiggly Wobbler Storytime (Birth – 18 mo)
Mondays at 10:00 am

Rise and Shine Storytime
Wednesdays at 10:00 am

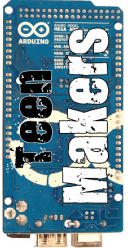
Monroe Community Library
Preschool Storytime
Tuesdays at 10:30 am

► Teen Makers

Join us to learn Arduino and Raspberry Pi! What is Arduino? Electronics and programming! If you can imagine it, you can build it! SparkFun Inventor kits provided. Feel free to bring your own laptop. No sign-up required.

September 9, 23 4:00 pm
October 14, 28 4:00 pm
Corvallis Library Youth Activity Room

September 16 4:00 pm
October 7, 21 4:00 pm
Philomath Community Meeting Room



► Teen Night

Middle and high school students are invited to join us for crafts, games, X-Box 360, Wii, and snacks!

September 24 5:00 pm
October 29 5:00 pm
Philomath Community Meeting Room

► Animanga Book Club

Preview new manga, watch anime, eat snacks, and other special surprises! No registration required. Ages 12–18 are welcome.

October 1 4:30 pm
Youth Activity Room

► Family Music Fun



Family participation music and movement program for all ages, led by experienced music instructors.

September 20 11:00 am
October 18 11:00 am
Storytime Room

► Car-Free Day Festival

Special car-free themed storytime and celebratory parade to the Car-Free Festival at Riverfront Park. See back page for more details.

September 21 12:30 pm
Central Park Gazebo



► Children's Halloween Party

A safe and exciting event for young children (ages 2–10) and their parents! Healthy refreshments provided. Trinkets are the only prizes. Costumes strongly encouraged! Sponsored by Corvallis Parks & Recreation. Call 541-766-6918 for more information.

October 31 3:30 – 5:30 pm
Library Underground Parking Garage



Adult PROGRAMS

► Library Board Meeting

Monthly meeting of the Library Advisory Board. Public welcome.

September 3 7:30 pm
October 1 7:30 pm
Woman's Club Board Room

► Random Review

The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
September 10 12:00 pm

Mary Oliver's Poetry
October 8 12:00 pm
Main Meeting Room

► Graphic Novel Club

Blankets by Craig Thompson
September 2 6:30 pm

March, Book One by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin & Nate Powell
October 7 6:30 pm
New Morning Bakery
219 SW 2nd St, Corvallis

► Book Club

Diet for a Small Planet by Frances Moore Lappe
September 17 7:00 pm

The Round House by Louise Erdrich
October 15 7:00 pm
Woman's Club Board Room

► Fall Festival Book Sale

Top-quality paperback books at very reasonable prices. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. All proceeds benefit the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library system. See page 9 for more details.

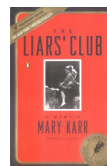
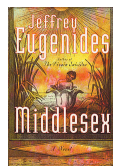
September 27-28
Main Meeting Room



► Book Club (Philomath)

Middlesex by Jeffrey Eugenides
September 8 6:30 pm

The Liars' Club by Mary Karr
October 6 6:30 pm
Philomath Community Meeting Room



► League of Women Voters

"Will We Have Enough Water in Corvallis? The Willamette Water 2100 Project" presented by Dr. John Bolte, OSU Chair of the Biological and Ecological Engineering Department. All League of Women Voters presentations are open to the public and co-sponsored by the Library.

September 23 7:00 pm
Main Meeting Room

Election Forum (State House, Senate, and County Commissioner candidates)

October 14 7:00 pm

Election Forum (Mayor and City Council candidates)

October 15 7:00 pm

Election Forum (Ballot Measures)

October 23 7:00 pm
Main Meeting Room



SEAN DAVIS
Iraq War Veteran, Artist, and Author

Sean Davis will read from his new book *The Wax Bullet War: Chronicles of a Soldier & Artist*.

This new memoir by Iraq War veteran Sean Davis cuts through politics and party lines to explore the ugliness of war and the restorative beauty of art. Follow Sean Davis as he discovers the oddities of a pop-up America in a hostile desert wasteland; loses his best friend in a violent ambush; returns, critically wounded, to confinement in a place that's not his home; deals with the fallout of PTSD and the horror of what he experienced in that war zone; and, finally, as he rediscovers art and its power to heal.

September 18 | 7:00 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. NOTE: The Main Meeting Room is equipped with a hearing loop system.

Volunteer Spotlight

by Cathi Roberts, Volunteer Coordinator

Last year, I organized a small exhibit of arts and crafts made by Library volunteers. One rather unusual piece was a booklet entitled *Alaska's Inside Passage: Waterway Adventures Activity Book*. This enchanting little publication was written and illustrated by Patricia Fordney, who has been volunteering at the Library since Fall 2011. It contains 40 pages of information, games, and activities designed to teach children about the Alaskan panhandle, aka "Southeast" to its inhabitants.

When casting around for a person to profile, I remembered the Activity Book, and I figured anyone who could create something like that would be a pretty interesting interview subject. Patricia's response was, "I'm very flattered, but I'm really not that interesting of a person." It didn't take long for me to discover the truth: Patricia's life has been full of achievements and adventures.

Patricia grew up in New Mexico, and attended college in Arizona. She had planned to study art, but ended up choosing nursing, which led to a rewarding 35-year career in healthcare that started in San Diego, but ended in Ketchikan, AK. Moving from the desert Southwest to the lush, rain-soaked Alaskan islands was a huge change in living environment: "I didn't want to touch the moss for almost a year," she remembers.

Patricia lived in southeast Alaska for 29 years, and grew to love the scenery (including the moss), the culture and the people. She felt that her part of the state wasn't very well understood by people in the "lower 48," however, which led her to create the Activity Book – full of fun illustrations, puzzles, and games – for elementary-school children.

When she left Alaska, Patricia's adventures weren't over. She had developed an interest in anthropology and archaeology which

took her to Australia, where she began working on another college degree, then back to school in New Mexico to finish her B.A., followed by a summer volunteering at Natural Bridges National Monument in Utah (they work their volunteers *hard* - she worked 9 hours a day, 5 days a week, all summer).

In the meantime, Patricia had decided to make her home in Corvallis, after hearing good things about the Willamette Valley from college students she knew in Alaska who had attended OSU. One of the first things she did after moving here was to submit a volunteer application at the Library. She's always loved libraries, and her first job out of high school was at the public library in Gallup, New Mexico.

Patricia continues to travel, and her favorite vacations have involved volunteering at archeological field schools. She's been to Macedonia to learn Roman Pottery and Glass restoration, working at a huge first-century dig. Another vacation took her to a Roman necropolis at Sanisera on the island of Menorca (Minorca). In between adventures, we are delighted to have Patricia's help here at the dull old Public Library!



Volunteer Patricia Fordney

NEW! Story Time Schedule



Beginning September 1, 2014:

Bedtime Storytime (all ages)

Mondays at 7 pm

Infant Storytime (birth-1 year)

Tuesdays at 10 am

Wobbler Storytime (1-2 years)

Wednesdays at 10 am

Toddler Storytime (2-3 years)

Thursdays at 10 am

Preschool Storytime (3-5 years)

Fridays at 10 am

FALL FESTIVAL BOOK SALE



Lots of lightly used top-quality paperback books at very reasonable prices. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. All proceeds are used to benefit the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library system.

Saturday, September 27

10:00 am—4:00 pm **

Main Meeting Room, Corvallis Public Library

Sunday, September 28

12:00 pm—4:00 pm

Main Meeting Room, Corvallis Public Library

***Friends of the Library members will be given early access to the sale at 9:00 am on Saturday. Memberships may be purchased at the door for as low as \$10.*



Storytime and Parade Celebrating Car-Free Festival 2014



Special car-free themed storytime and celebratory parade to the Car-Free Festival at Riverfront Park. Families are invited to bike, walk, skate, and/or scoot to the Festival with a special police escort following stories & songs. All ages are welcome. Little ones with little trikes, scooters, etc. are encouraged. Helmets are required where appropriate.

The Car-Free Festival is an advance celebration of International Car-Free Day on September 22 during which people around the world commit to going car-free for one full day. The Car-Free Festival at Riverfront Park from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm will include food, fun, information on being smart and safe while car-free, and much more!

September 21 | 12:30 pm
Central Park Gazebo (across the street from the Corvallis Library)

THE MOST IMPORTANT SCHOOL SUPPLY??

A LIBRARY CARD!

September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month for American libraries. The Corvallis-Benton County Public Library invites preschools, childcare centers, and all schools in Benton County to join us in promoting library card sign-ups. Caregivers and teachers who are interested in a visit from a Library staff member from Youth Services and/or receiving Library card application forms can contact us at 541.766.6794.

