



FRIENDS OF THE CROOK COUNTY LIBRARY

SPRING 2009
NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends of the Library,
In the last newsletter I wrote that this year would be a time for reorganization, a time for us to depend less upon a few key volunteers and to find new ways to operate the Friends. Since then the Board of the Friends has convened a committee on sustainability, and we have begun to analyze our situation.

We have determined that as we are currently operating our tasks fall into seven areas: Book sorting and pricing, book hauling (to storage and back), 3rd Saturday sales, operating the Chapters store, the July 4th sale, management, and other miscellaneous tasks. Within those seven areas, there are 48 specifically identified tasks.

The nine volunteers on the Board of the Friends have gone through the list, and have agreed to cover most of three areas and parts of others, a total of 28 of the 48 tasks.

What do we do about the rest? We have three options. We can find volunteers to do them, we can hire someone to do them, or we can decide not to do them.

As a member of the Friends of the Library, we appreciate your financial support. Your membership fees go to the projects we support at the Library. From the membership we elect the Board of Directors at our annual meeting in October. The members of the Friends have a good turnout at our member's night at the book

sale (July 3rd). We see a lot of our members at the talks and presentations we sponsor. We really appreciate all that the members already do. Having said that, and knowing full well that some members cannot help out, we are offering the opportunity for the Friends members to help with some of the things we do where we lack volunteers.

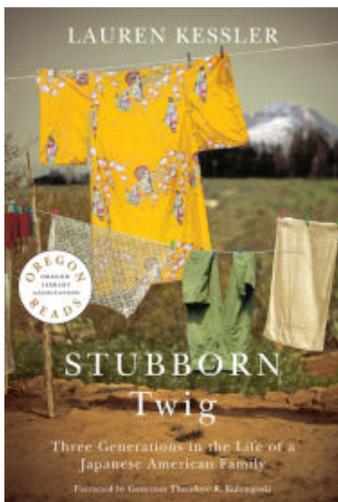
Recently, we sent out a letter to all the members asking for volunteers. Many thanks to those that responded! If you have not yet sent back the response form, please consider helping the FOL organization if possible.

Thanks!

Steve Bucknum,

Oregon Reads

2009 Oregon Reads—Celebrating the State's Sesquicentennial—2009 Oregon Reads—Celebrating the State's Sesquicentennial 2009 Oregon Reads—Celebrating the State's



Terry Holtzapple reviews the book "Stubborn Twig" the state-wide community read:

The *Stubborn Twig* story wasn't an easy read for me for a couple of reasons. It's full of facts, details and generations of social history. And, on top of that, "appreciating" past social discrimination isn't something that makes me feel good. For these same reasons I loved the book.

The Yasui Family provided author Lauren Kessler amazing insight on Japanese immigrants, their culture and their journey to become naturalized American citizens. In the early 1900s when the family came to America, they were proud and optimistic. Hood River Valley was their dream. The landscape was serene and offered opportunity for growth and became home. The family worked hard, raised a family built on both Japanese and American cultural traditions and became respected members of the community.

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As the years went on, opportunity turned to hostility and their lives drastically changed with the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The Yasui Family suffered but never gave up. They proved to be resilient and continued to pursue their dreams.

As Governor Kulongoski said, “it is about leveling the playing field and making sure the door of opportunity is open” to all citizens. *Stubborn Twig* gives us an opportunity to see our past mistakes. The strength and conviction of the Yasui Family is absolutely amazing. Clearly, we are each responsible for where we are today. I recommend this book to anyone wanting to learn more about Oregon’s history and be challenged to raise the bar on recognizing differences.

— Terry Holtzapple

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WOW

Friends of the Crook County Library volunteers worked 1,217 hours last year. The Independent Sector of Washington, DC, has announced that the value of volunteer time can now be calculated at \$19.51 per hour. That means that the hours that FOL volunteers worked is valued at \$23,743.67! That on top of the \$9,285 of monetary donations to the Library, totals \$33,029 for 2008.



**Volunteer Denise Reinhart
sorts books for the 3rd
Saturday Book Sale**

Our Mission:

**To promote the value of a
publicly supported library
in our community.**

“The worth of a book is to be measured by what you can carry away from it”.

James Bryce

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The Friends donated \$2000 to the Teen Summer Reading Program. This is a six-week program designed to show teens many ways of expressing themselves, and lead them to literacy. There will be snacks and give-aways —T-shirts, books, etc.



The Friends are negotiating with Jane Kirpatrick's publishers for a lecture and group discussion of her new book "Aurora". We will announce the date as soon as we know. There will be a FOL Members-Only session with refreshments prior to the lecture.



The Friends have been donating some of our books to the Heppner Branch of the Oregon Trail Library District. These books have been through our Third Saturday Sales without being purchased, and were welcomed by the Friends of the Heppner Library for their big annual sale happening this weekend during the Saint Patrick's Day Celebration. Books that do not sell during the celebration will be passed on to the Fossil and Ione community libraries.



The Friends donated \$12,000 to the Library to make the Teen Room a reality. Walls will be built in the area that currently holds the teen collection. The room will house the collection along with audio/visual equipment and a sound system, creating a teen-friendly atmosphere. The Library received a \$15,000 grant from the Oregon Community Foundation, and the Collins Foundation also contributed \$11,000. The Teen Library Commission raised approximately \$1,000. Labor is being donated, and the Library will locally purchase as much equipment, furniture, supplies, and construction materials as possible.

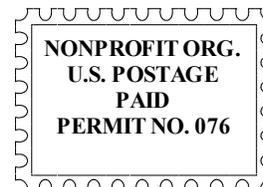


The Friends are looking for help during the 4th of July Book Sale. This year's sale will be particularly auspicious because July 4 is Aphelion Day. On this day in 2009 the earth will be the furthest away from the sun it will be all year (152.6 million km). Don't expect any relief from the typical July heat though, so come on in to the air conditioning at the Library. We need help hauling books from the storage locker — this is Prineville, I know there are a lot of pickup trucks out there. We need help sorting books —nothing worse than having car repair books mixed in with the romances. We need cashier help (two-hour shifts)—it's fun handling other people's money, and knowing it's all going back to the Library, and of course we need help taking it all down again on July 5th. This year's sale coordinator is Denise Reinhart, give her a call at 480-5565, the co-coordinator is Deb Mafera, she can be reached at 447-5195.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 12: Oregon State University Bit Mobile—Learn to e-file your taxes. Three two-hour sessions. 10-12:00, 1-3:00, 3-5:00. Free!

March 14: Movie Night: A current political comedy Starring Kevin Costner (call for title). Broughton Room 7:00-9:00.

March 21: Third Saturday Book Sale and Teen Library Commission **BAKE SALE** ! Library atrium. 10:00—2:00 pm

March 27: OMSI Science Festival. Fun for all ages. 2:00-6:00 pm

April 2: Teen Late Night at the Library. 6:00-9:00 pm.

April 3, 4, 6: Celebrate the Oregon State-wide Community Read. Various events will be held at the Library, see www.crooklib.org or call 447-7978 for details.

April 11: Family matinee 2:00-4:00. An animated feature starring a panda (got that title figured out?).

April 12-18: Food for Fines. Proceeds go to the food bank at Habitat for Humanity.

April 18: Third Saturday Book Sale. Library atrium. 10:00—2:00 pm

April (date to be announced) Card-making fundraiser led by Judy Hatch. In the Broughton Room. All materials are provided.

May 9: Evening movie 7:00-9:00 pm. Title to be announced.

May 16: Third Saturday Book Sale and Teen Library Commission **BAKE SALE** ! Library Atrium. 10:00—2:00 pm.

June 18-July 23: Teen Summer Reading Program. Thursdays at 6:00 pm. Call Traci @ 447-7978 for details.

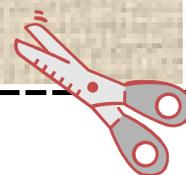
June 20: Third Saturday Book Sale. Library Atrium. 10:00—2:00 pm.

July 3: FOL Members-only preview book sale. Join our elite group for refreshments and the first crack at the vast selection of books. Broughton Room 6:00-9:00 pm.

July 4: The monster of all book sales. 9:00—4:00 in the Broughton Room.

Note: There will not be a Third Saturday Sale in July.

The Friends Board members — Chuck Hedges —



Deb Mafera — Jim Haggerty

Tim Pilcher — Linda Evans — Steve Bucknum — Barb Marshall — Denise Reinhart — Leslie Bjorvik —