



Friends of the Olympia Library Email Newsletter

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Volunteers Achieve Amazing Results

After months of presorting, sorting, storing, two hectic days of sale room set up and two sale days, the net result was \$2,101.63 in proceeds for the Olympia Library to use for programming and upgrades. None of this could be done without the Friends of the Olympia Library *volunteers*. In addition to the presort crew, ongoing sale volunteers and the Thursday Sorters, those who worked on the set up and sale days were *Britt Nederhood, John Nunn, Denis Ganey, Irene Osborn, Jen Merrill, Rob Harper, Terrence Linn, Janine Linn, Lee Blankenship, Linda Mulhall, Sheila Griffith, Sandra Schafer, Richard Geier, Linda Nicholas, Suska Davis, Marcia Naismith, Sandra Schafer, Robert Smith, Wally O'Shea, Robert Keiser, Lane Clausen, Beth Dubey, Vikki Bayman, Lila Sjodin, Joan Boileau, Melanie Tyler, Peter Shaughnessy, Sue Goldstein, Mary Belz, Doug Ellis, Patsy Ellis, Peg Wehrle, Todd Stamm, Gayle Newsome, Keith Newsome, Elvia Castaneda, Rose Jeter, Mel Jeter, Zach Goldstein, Sue Hedrick, Wanda Hedrick, Walker Hedrick, and John Cann.*

Check out page 3 of this newsletter for pictures of our volunteers at work and FOL's new sorting space. On page 4 Beth Dubey has created a review of the FOL for 2017, just to let everyone know where the money from the book sales is spent.

Thank you, Carol Smith!

After many years of stocking the courtesy paperback spinners, *Carol Smith* is changing direction and will be devoting her time to new endeavors. This collection has been a service to library patrons who didn't have library cards, were going on vacation or otherwise needed a book without a due date. It was Carol's job to choose books from FOL donations of mass market paperbacks, label them and shelve them on the spinner racks at the front and back of the library. Her many years of volunteer service are much appreciated.

What's Happening at the Library

by Library Manager Morgan Sohl

After helping him fix his library card's PIN, a patron came back to let me know that he used to work for the Olympia Public Works department and came to the library to do maintenance/cleaning at least once a week. He said he stopped using the library for a while because the atmosphere wasn't pleasant, but he wanted to let me know that he was pleasantly surprised today. He commented about how open and welcoming it feels! He also said that every time visited he loved to pet the otter statue.

This morning a patron with her son about 4-5 years old came up to the Information Desk, and said "you helped us find books on ships last week." Nothing unusual in our job, so it didn't register in my head right away what she wanted. But then, she pulled up her I-phone and started to show me the photos of the ships her son made based on those books she got! They were amazing, and I was delighted to meet this patron again who may be a ship-building giant some day!

A young patron approached the return desk with his mom. He handed a volcanic rock to Ali and me because he really appreciated all of the neat things that we have in the library to checkout. Ali and I both expressed our excitement over the rock. His mom looked at us and said "he's already ran off". I assured her that I still thought it was pretty awesome that he gave us such a treasure. She was very grateful for our enthusiasm.

LOVED being in the library recently....The vibe was exceptionally warm and friendly and inviting! We are so impressed and grateful for all of the excellent work you and your colleagues are clearly doing to make it so. Thanks, Mare

The mission of the Friends is "To support, promote and augment the operations of the Olympia Library".

FOL March Events

The following Olympia Library events are sponsored by the *Friends of the Olympia Library*. Many other events are held at the library each month. Check the bulletin board in the Library or the TRL website <http://www.trl.org/Events> for a full listing of activities for adults and children. Some programs require preregistration.

Adult Winter Reading Program	January 1-March 31, 2018	Adults	Ongoing
Open Book Club	March 6, 2018	Adults	8 p.m.
Explore & Create: Ukuleles	March 7, 2018	Grades 1-5	4 p.m. <i>Pre-register</i>
Family Storytime	March 10, 2018 Cancelled for special program, P.A.W.S. to Read		
Teen Book Club	March 13, 2018	Ages 14-18	6:30 p.m. <i>Pre-register</i>
Parenting Your Teen: <i>Communication</i> presented by Candyce Lund Bollinger	March 15, 2018	Adults	7 p.m.
Page Turners Book Discussion <i>Burial Rites</i> by Hannah Kent	March 16, 2018	Adults	10 a.m.
Zine Club	March 17, 2018	Adults	3 p.m.
FOL Board Meeting	March 20, 2018	Public Welcome	12-1 p.m.
Fellowship of Fans: Marvel & DC Comics	March 21, 2018	Children	4 p.m. <i>Pre-register</i>
Parenting Your Teen: <i>Discipline</i> presented by Candyce Lund Bollinger	March 22, 2018	Adults	7 p.m.
Reading Explorers This month's book: <i>Momotaro Xander & the Lost Island of Monsters</i> by Margaret Dilloway	March 27, 2018	Grades 4-6	6:30 p.m. <i>Pre-register</i>

Remembering--

Gene Little who died on February 18, 2018, at the age of 89. Gene was on the Board of Trustees for the Timberland Regional Library and also the board of the Friends of the Olympia Library. "He stored the sale books in his fabulous barn. He was a great person." remembers Irene Osborn, FOL book sale chairperson.

FOL Officers & Committees

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Board Members-at-Large: Victoria Byerly, John Nunn, Peter Sweet, Peter Shaughnessy

More Information

Friends of the Olympia Library board meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday at Noon in the Olympia Library Meeting Room and are open to anyone interested in working for the present and future of our library. FOL Website: <http://www.olympiafriends.com>



Volunteers at work on the first day of the Giant Sale set up.



After two days of work setting up the sale, everything is ready for the first customers.



The Friends new sorting space has about 3 times as much space as previously.



FRIENDS OF THE OLYMPIA LIBRARY AT WORK – 2017

Mission: "To support, promote and augment the operations of the Olympia Library."

FUNDS EARNED FROM:

- 4 Giant Book Sales
- In-Library Sale Shelves
- 210 current Memberships
- On-line Sales
- Donations

FUNDS EXPENDED:

For the Library & Community:

- Charging Station
- Stationery
- BiblioBall
- Chinese Lion Dancers
- Space Planning Board
- Courtesy Collection Spinner Racks
- Computer Accessories
- 4 One-time programs

For Children & Teens:

- Summer Reading Program
- Danger Room Comics
- Posters, Bookmarks & Prizes
- Bookmobile
- Craft Supplies
- Books for Reading Explorers
- Books for Teen Book Club
- 8 One-time presentations
- 4 Ongoing programs

For Library Staff:

- Refreshments for meetings
- Kitchen supplies

For Friends Operations:

- Book Storage Rental
- Book Sale supplies
- Postage

For Adults:

- Books for Page Turners Book Group (5 copies of 9 books, which are added to Library circulation)
- Prizes for reading contests
- 10 One-time presentations
- 6 Ongoing programs

Olympia Library Statistics:

(Paid from Timberland Regional Library Funds)

- 293 Youth Services Events
- (15,705 kids, teens and families)
- 147 Adult Programs (3,151 attended)
- Teen Tech Tutors helped 134 adults
- Checkouts: 659,237 books, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED OUR WORK THIS YEAR!

For additional information, please go to www.olympiafriends.com



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FRIENDS of the OLYMPIA LIBRARY
Application for Membership/
Membership Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip+4 _____

E-mail _____

Telephone (_____) _____
*None of your personal information will be sold, given, or traded to any third parties for any reason.

New: _____ Renewal: _____

Memberships are for one (1) year, except "Friend for Life".
If your dues are for more than 1 year, indicate # of years here. _____ (minimum \$10.00 per year)

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP (Tax Deductible)

- Individual \$10.00
- Family \$15.00
- Good Friend \$25.00
- Really Good Friend \$50.00
- Business \$50.00
- Best Friend \$100.00
- Students/Seniors over 65 \$5.00

I'D LIKE TO HELP WITH:

- Book Sales
- Newsletter
- Advocacy/publicity
- Book sorting
- Board Committees

ONE PAYMENT ONLY (Tax Deductible)

- Friend For Life \$150.00

Please mail this application and your check to :
Friends of the Olympia Library
313 8th Avenue SE
Olympia, WA 98501
or
Place it in the green membership box at the Olympia Library or
go to our website, www.olympiafriends.com to join with Pay Pal.

Volunteer



Friends of the Olympia Library

Our Mission:

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Would you like to help the Friends of the Olympia Library?

Jobs include:

Book sale set-up, cashier and clean up.

Book sorting.

Stocking the ongoing book sale shelves.

Help with Board committees.

There are varying degrees of participation for every interest level! Please contact: volunteers@olympiafriends.com for more information.

or

Fill out the lower part of this page and leave it in the box on the FOL slat board in the Library. A FOL volunteer coordinator will contact you.

I would like to volunteer for the Friends of the Olympia Library!

Name: _____ Best way to contact me: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Jobs that interest me: ___ Book sale set-up, cashier and /or clean up.

___ Book sorting.

___ Stocking ongoing book sale shelves.

___ Help with Board committees.