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stay safe.



Friends of the Olympia Library Email Newsletter

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Olympia Library in the Time of Corvid-19

This is a view of the Olympia Library on the afternoon of April 11, 2020. Saturdays usually find the parking lot filled with cars and people arriving for Family Storytime, to check out books and media or to use the many public internet computers. During the lockdown the only service still available is the public rest rooms, a historically provided library amenity since 1914. Now in the form of porta potties provided by the city.

From Olympia Library Manager Morgan Sohl

I hope you and your family and friends are well during this difficult time. I wanted to let you know that I have accepted a 3-month appointment as Interim District Manager, Adult Services working out of the TRL Administrative Service Center where I will be in charge of a variety of district level projects and supervise the managers of the 6 Lewis County branches.

My first day is April 1st (though I will remain working from home like the rest of TRL staff). I will still be very available and working closely with Olympia's staff if any issues arise.

During my absence, Chris Chrzan will be serving as the Interim Library Manager for the Olympia Branch.

- New tentative reopening to the public is May 11th (this date could change)
- We are currently working on a reopening plan which may include not all branches reopening at the same time, social distancing requirement, reduced hours, and other restrictions
- The FOL Book Sale (May 30 & 31) has to be cancelled. All programs, outreach and meeting room bookings are cancelled through the end of June. The next sale is scheduled September 13-14.
- Unknown date for when volunteers can come back to work in the building.
- Also unknown is when we can resume accepting donations.

These are challenging times and I appreciate your understanding as we navigate when and how to reopen and keep staff, patrons, and our wonderful volunteers as safe as possible.

Friends of the Olympia Library Elections

The FOL Board Meeting in May of each year also includes the annual membership meeting and election of officers. After 20 years as Treasurer and now President, Beth Dubey is stepping down. There are openings on the Board for a Historian and at-large Board Members as well as President. Anyone interested in helping can contact FOL President Beth Dubey, olympiafriends73@gmail.com for a description of the various positions.

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

For more information: www.olylibraryfriends.com

All Library Events-Cancelled Until Further Notice

Usually, some events are sponsored by the *Friends of the Olympia Library* and many other events are also held at the library each month. To find out when they will resume, check the TRL website: <https://www.trl.org/locations/olympia> for a full listing of activities for adults and children. More information is also available on the FOL website: <https://www.olylibraryfriends.com>

Although, FOL has closed down the Amazon store and ongoing book sale in the Library, as well as cancelling the May Giant Sale of Books, hardworking volunteers, generous donors, memberships and sale patrons have filled the bank account with sufficient funds to cover summer reading and other commitments previously made, after the library reopens.

Below is an often shared, but still relevant poem by retired school teacher, Kitty O'Meara written at the beginning of the current Corvid-19 pandemic.

In the Time of Pandemic

And the people stayed home.

And they read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art,
and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still.

And they listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced.

Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed.

And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways,
the earth began to heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses,
and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the
earth fully, as they had been healed.

—Kitty O'Meara

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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.olylibraryfriends.com>



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or place it in the cash box on the Friends slat board near the

Atrium in the Olympia Library.

