



Ocean Shores Friends of the Library

Fall 2021 Newsletter

The FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY [FOL] is an independent group dedicated to providing support and advocacy for our library.

Message from the President

Ocean Shores Friends of the Library members,

Friends Annual Meeting
Monday, November 8, 2021 2:00 PM

We will be having a meeting finally! It is likely it will be a virtual meeting, but we will have one. The main topic will be our FOL elections. We will be electing a Vice President, Treasurer, and one Member at Large. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. Watch for more specific information as we get closer to that date, (and read further in the newsletter to see “job” descriptions for these positions).

-Malinda

FOL Officers

President – Malinda Griffin
Vice President – Pam Clark
Treasurer – Mary Jo Lohrenz
Secretary – PJ Ford Slack

Member at Large (2 yr) – Judy Gow
Member at Large (2 yr) – Sharon Coone
Member at Large (1 yr) – Diane Durbin
Current Members - 109



Membership Statistics

Total Members = 109

79 Annual memberships (4 are family Annual)
23 Lifetime memberships (5 are family Lifetime)

*Before anyone wonders about our math education here, family memberships can include more than 2 people, so exact member numbers will be different than membership numbers.

What's Going On with the Friends?

(You really do want to know, so keep reading)

BOOK SALE / BOOK STORE Update

Due to the current high possible exposure to Covid and to ensure the safety of our volunteers and patrons, all monthly book sales have been delayed until 2022.

In the meantime, the meeting room shelves will be updated every weekend with new items. Books of most genres (2 for \$1.00), DVD's (\$1.00 each or special price for sets), Puzzles (50 cents each), Music CD's (25 cents each), Audio Books (\$1.00 each) and much more. All prices are suggested donations to FOL.

Donation Days will continue and the dates have been set for the remainder of 2021, 10 October, 7 November, and 5 December (Noon - 2 pm). Items accepted include Books, DVD's, CD's, Audio Books, Puzzles, Table Games, and Educational Materials. All donated items must be free of mold and mildew.

Members of FOL will receive email messages if any changes occur or watch the FOL Facebook page for updates.

Thank you for your continued support of the Book Store during these trying times. Your support means financial support will continue to fund the library special programs and services.

Together we can get through this.

Did You Know?

Not all libraries require silence. The Tikkurila Library in Vantaa, Finland, has a [karaoke room](#) with thousands of songs for guests to perform. (Finland is home to a lot of karaoke-loving citizens.) Fortunately, all that warbling doesn't rise to the level of a disruption: The room is soundproof.

AMAZON SMILE

Do you make purchases from Amazon? Did you know that you can select Ocean Shores Friends of the Library to receive a donation for each of your purchases through the *Amazon Smile* Program? Just select FOL and each time you make a purchase FOL receives a donation.

FOL Volunteer Opportunities

Bookstore Advisory Committee

On 31 August, 4 active FOL members met and established the "Bookstore Advisory Committee". As FOL reaches 50 years of business 2022 the committee is looking for new ways of providing book sales and increasing the profits to support the library programs and services.

The committee evaluated the past book seller that took the excess books from FOL and it was agreed that there would be a switch of the primary contractor from Better World Books to World of Books as the payment system is quicker and more advantageous to FOL.

The committee also looked at the financial status of the book store and agreed that until the threat of Covid has decreased there is not an urgent need for a sale. The book store is bringing in enough profit currently to cover the FOL expenses. The committee also wants to look into other avenues of selling items in the future.

The bookstore will continue to offer items for sale through the Meeting Room and inventory will be varied weekly.

The members will meet quarterly to review the bookstore process and profits. If you are interested in being a member of the advisory committee please submit your information to os.lib.friends@gmail.com

Call for Nominations for the following FOL Board positions:

Vice President - Duties

The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President when the President is absent. The Vice-President shall be responsible for keeping information on FOL's involvement in each event and festival.

Treasurer - Duties Include (but not limited to)

- Ensure that all funds are deposited into the FOL bank account (includes clearing the Honesty Boxes Weekly and Book Sales & Copier Monthly).
- Maintain a change fund for the book sales.
- Serves as the bookkeeper and maintains financial statements. Provides monthly updates to the Executive Board, develops annual budget, pays all bills in a timely manner with appropriate signatures. Annual budget to be present to full membership each November for Approval.
- Ensure annual submission is completed to the Insurance Company, IRS and Secretary of State to maintain Non-Profit status (each report is completed annually and takes less than 10 minutes).
- Interfaces with the bank and maintains the Debit Card.
- Interfaces with Librarian on financial needs.
- Ensure that an annual audit is completed each February by a minimum of 2 FOL members.
- Other duties as assigned.

FOL Volunteer Opportunities (continued)

Member at Large - Duties

The FOL Board Member at Large attends all Executive Board meetings (approx. 4 times per year) and offers input on various issues. Other duties include assisting with cashier duties at “Members Only” book sale events and acting as a liaison between FOL members and the FOL Executive Board.

Monthly Book Sale Chairperson(s)

As we prepare to move forward and return to life as "normal" we are looking for a volunteer, or small team of volunteers, that would be willing to be the Chair of the Monthly Book Sales. As of today, no firm dates have been established to restart the monthly book sales, but not before January 2022.

The chairperson must be able to lift heavy boxes. Below is a list of current duties of book sale chairperson.

- Create and distribute marketing (i.e. flyers, book marks, newspaper information, etc.).
- Install advertising street side signage the week before the sale.

On book sale day.

- Supervise the table set up and signage
- Ensure the volunteers have the needed supplies
- Be available if a volunteer does not arrive.
- At the end of the day secure the book sale room and money

At book sale closure

- Remove all outside signage
- Supervise the removal of the books to the proper storage areas
- Ensure meeting room is returned to the agreed upon set up with the library staff.
- Ensure the permanent bookshelves have been re-filled for the coming week
- After all volunteers are finished ensure money has been secured

If you are interested in volunteering for the book sale chair position, or if you have questions, please email os.lib.friends@gmail.org. Mary Jo, the current book sale chairperson, is willing to assist until the new person, or team, feels comfortable to take over the duties.

“Books serve to show a man that those original thoughts of his aren’t very new after all.”

– Abraham Lincoln

FOL Treasurer Report – Provided by Mary Jo Lohrenz, Treasurer
1 January – 31 August 2021

INCOME

Book Bags	146.00
Copy Machine	162.00
Donation	346.00
Honesty Box Sales	2662.11
Membership	430.00
Amazon Smile Donation	112.32
World of Books	196.65

TOTAL INCOME **4055.08**

EXPENSES

Bookstore supplies	23.49
Coastal Mowing	272.00
Copy Machine	44.67
Insurance	1776.00
Library Programs	1500.00
Membership Brochures	247.18
PO Box Rental	64.00
SOS License	10.00

TOTAL EXPENSE **3936.92**

Account balances as of 31 August 2021

- Checking Account 2,618.35
- Savings Account 11,620.27
- CD 25,689.43 (renewed 5 May 2021)

Keitha and Judy Gow receiving
the “August Round Up” check for
\$5,961.13 from Ace Hardware on
September 9, 2021



THANK YOU, ACE!

Library News

Ocean Shores Public Library

OPEN – Tuesday – Saturday 11:00am – 5:00pm

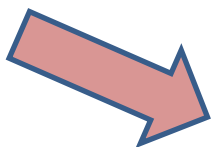
573 Point Brown Ave NW

Library CLOSED for Holidays

360.289.3919

November 11, 25, 26 December 24, 25

www.oslibrary.info



Children's Story Time

Saturday Mornings

10:30-11:00 am

For ages birth to 5

Presented by Niko

We offer books, rhymes, interactive stories, songs, and FUN!

Family Movie Day

Movies are shown on the Library's "big" screen. This fun event is free and open to movie lovers of all ages!



Space Jam: A New Legacy



Saturday

October 23rd

2:30 – 5:00 pm



Saturday

November 27th

2:30 – 5:00 pm



Paw Patrol

Adult Book Group

Book Group will be meeting in person at the library on the third Friday of each month at 3:15 pm. Current selections are as follows:

October 15	Long Walk by Stephen King
November 19	Tess of the D'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy
December 17	Keeper of Secrets by Julie Thomas

The Ocean Shores Friends of the Library support this program and purchase 7 copies of each title to be checked out for 2 weeks.

Book a Techie

- Need help understanding Microsoft Office products?
- Want help learning how to use the library's downloadable media on your tablet, phone, e-reader, or laptop?
- Need help learning how to use a computer in general?

◆ 30 minute face to face session.

◆ Sign up by giving us a short description of what you wish to learn and setting an appointment time either in person or over the phone.

◆ Appointments are subject to Techie's availability and knowledge.

◆ Techie cannot help with hardware problems.

Call the Library at:

360-289-3919

Open Hours:

11-5pm Tuesday – Saturday

Kid's Craft Adventures!

Elementary age children are invited to create their own stories with a provided theme craft kit and activities at this exciting program!

October Theme:	Funny Faces	Saturday, October 24 th	1:00 – 2:00 pm
November Theme:	Autumn Season	Saturday, November 27 th	1:00 – 2:00 pm
December Theme:	Winter Reading – All Month Long Giveaway		

Kid's Holiday Book Giveaway and Party

Book Giveaway for babies – 12 years old

Tuesday, Dec.7th through Wednesday, December 23rd

Holiday Party Saturday, December 18th 3:00 – 4:00 pm

All local North Beach children ages baby through 6th grade are invited to make fun holiday crafts, write letters to Santa and get their free wrapped book from the Flves.

READ THE SEATTLE TIMES

with the touch of your finger

Daily printing of a full image of every page: all articles, the comics, the crossword puzzle and more.



Accessible free on any device with internet and your current Ocean Shores

library card number and the phone number

GO: Library webpage - [oslibrary.info /Services/Washington Newspapers/Seattle Times Collection](http://oslibrary.info/Services/WashingtonNewspapers/SeattleTimesCollection)

Also available—search specific topics in articles from newspapers in Washington and the World



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Pumpkin Decorating

Saturday, October 30th 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Elementary age children/parents can decorate a pumpkin with a goofy face using a provided kit at this fun program!

!Children's Book Donations Needed!

Did you know the Ocean Shores Library has given away 769 books to children over the past 8 years during the Holiday season? All the books were donated by community members. With your help, the 2021 Holiday Book Give way can be the best one yet! Please bring in new, unwrapped books for ages baby-12 years old. There is an especially large need for gender neutral books for ages 7-9 years. Your donations can be dropped off at the Ocean Shores Library during open hours.

Library Card Campaign

October is Library card sign-up month at the Ocean Shores Library! Staff and volunteers want to let Ocean Shores residents and property owners know that they can get a free Ocean Shores Library card and access the world. There will be incentives for bringing in a friend and encouraging them to get a card. Spread the word, and let your neighbors know we have a library will services for all ages.

Ocean Shores Heritage

Explore the history of Ocean Shores online at www.washingtonruralheritage.org see photographs and listen to interviews all about the history of Ocean Shores.

Newsbank

Read the Seattle Times and other newspapers in full-text with images online with your library card.



Volunteer Opportunities for Teens

The Teen Advisory Board is getting started again and we need members! Any 6th-12th grade student who would like to get involved is invited to attend the next meeting on Saturday, October 16th at 3 p.m. The Teen Advisory Board or TAB helps staff pick out new teen materials, plan teen events, and promote the library in the community. Being a TAB member also looks great on job applications and college applications.

Identity Theft: what you need to know and ways to avoid it

October 19, Tuesday 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Please join staff from Twin Star Credit Union to learn about Identity Theft. Topics include:

- What Identity Theft is
- How to Avoid Identity Theft
- How to Protect Your Information
- What Steps to Take if Your Identity is Stolen

Ocean Shores Library Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees, meeting on the second Wednesday of the month, welcomes our public both in person and virtually. We're proud and appreciative that the staff continues to provide full service and open hours, along with teen and children's programs while meeting Washington State Covid guidelines.

The trustees will be joining staff during the month of October at ACE Hardware and IGA as part of the library card campaign. The Board is also helping to distribute promotional card campaign information to local businesses and organizations. We have new residents in town to reach, as well as longtime residents who may have let their library cards expire. As Friends and knowledgeable advocates for our library, ask if your neighbors and acquaintances use OSL. If not, tell them the benefits that our fabulous library provides: information, reference, books, DVDs, audiobooks, downloads, and so much more. And, do stop by ACE and IGA to say hello to Board of Trustee members.

Book Reviews



Thank you to those who shared their “good reads” with us. Here’s what your fellow bibliophiles recommend:

From Louise Loughlin

The novel I just finished was “Win” by Harlan Coben. Again Coben proves that he has one of the darker and twisted imaginations of any author I read. It’s a page-turner and the dead are there from the very start. Win’s family is strangely shown to have played a part in things so be ready for a wild ride!

A very interesting non-fiction book I read recently was “Kennedy’s Avenger: Assassination, Conspiracy and the Forgotten Trial of Jack Ruby.” Anyone who was alive at the time of Jack Kennedy’s assassination and all that followed will find this book fascinating. Rumors of conspiracy, which are explored by authors Dan Abrams and David Fisher, were rampant at that time and for many years afterward. An excellent book for those with historical and political interests.

From Michelle Traer

“Don’t look for me” by Wendy Walker Suspense Fiction

Why would a woman walk away from her life, her family, and only leave a note? Molly Clarke appears to have done just that. She abandoned her car miles from home and left a note saying, “Don’t look for me”. Her daughter Nicole has a new lead that she tracks to the small desolate town her mother was last seen. The locals seem helpful but who can she trust? This fast-paced novel will have you staying up too late to finish it and the twists and turns in the plot will leave you breathless.

Book Reviews (cont.)

From Sylvia Schroll

One plus One by Jo Jo Moyes
Harvesting the Heart by Jodi Picoult
The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead
The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides

From Judy Gow

Being a Librarian, I enjoy reading books about libraries. One of my recent reads is *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. It takes place in a mystical place between life and death, and presents Nora Seed with a decision. She can continue her life as it is, or explore any number of alternative lives she could have had if she made a different choice. All she has to do is pick another book from the Library and see for herself. Will it be a different career, a new love, or the dream she let pass her by? In her search she finds what makes life worth living in the first place.

Our Library has this in hardback and audiobook.

From Kathy Baker

“The German Midwife” by Mandy Robotham

A prisoner in the camps, Anke Hoff is doing what she can to keep her pregnant campmates and their newborns alive. But when Anke's work is noticed, she is chosen for a task more dangerous than she could ever have imagined. Eva Braun is pregnant with the Führer's child, and Anke is assigned as her midwife. Before long, Anke is faced with an impossible choice. Does she serve the Reich she loathes and keep the baby alive? Or does she sacrifice an innocent child for the good of a broken world?

“I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book.”

– Groucho Marx

For those dreaming of travel.....let's make it to a library. Like this one, perhaps.



Stiftsbibliothek Admont, Admont, Austria

The world's largest monastery library was built in 1776 and is known for its Baroque architecture, art and manuscripts.

Note from the Editor

Enjoy the fall colors and cooling weather, everyone. Be kind, be gentle with others, be generous with your time to the community, be a good listener. In other words, be your best selves. It will do others good, and it will be good for you, as well. And of course, be safe. We want to see all of you healthy and happy when we are able to gather again.

-Kathy Baker