



Ocean Shores Friends of the Library

Winter 2022 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,

Our ongoing book sales in the library meeting room continue to bring in much needed funds for the library programs. It's always nice to see people in there checking for their next read, DVD to watch, or puzzle to work on. The inventory is constantly changing; right now we have a lot of Young Adult and children's books. Please continue to tell your friends and neighbors about the books for sale in the meeting room.

Thank you for all your support during my time as president of FOL. I really look forward to working with our new president, Mary Jo Lohrenz.

- Malinda



Happy New Year from your President Elect

It is my honor to have been elected to serve as your next President.

THANK YOU to Malinda for passing off a great organization and for all her hard work during the time of Covid and keeping FOL viable.

In 2023 we are starting a new program and having guest speakers at some of our meetings. I am excited to tell you that our first guest will be Ocean Shores Mayor Jon Martin on January 9, 2023 at 2:00 pm. Join us at 1:30 and meet the new FOL Board for a Social Time and settle in to hear about the future plans for Ocean Shores from our Mayor.

We are so lucky to have such an amazing library and wonderful staff.

Thank you and Happy 2023!
Mary Jo Lohrenz

2022 FOL Officers

President – Malinda Griffin
Vice President – Pam Clark
Treasurer – Diane Durbin
Secretary – **Position Open**

Member at Large (2 yr) – Judy Gow
Member at Large (2 yr) – Sharon Coone
Member at Large (1 yr) – Kathy Baker

2023 FOL Officers

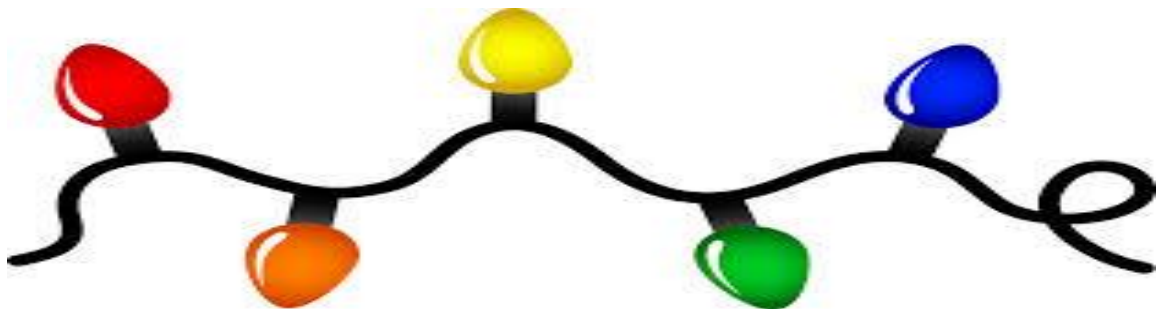
President – Mary Jo Lohrenz
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Treasurer – Diane Durbin
Secretary – Malinda Griffin

Member at Large (2 yr) – Michele King
Member at Large (2 yr) – Anna Betancourt
Member at Large (1 yr) – Kathy Baker

Committee Chairs:

Volunteers: Denise Siers
Membership: Malinda Griffin
Hospitality: Ellen Bagley
Halloween at the Convention Center 2023: Sharon Coone
Book Sale: Kathy Baker
Book Store / Donations: Mary Jo Lohrenz
Social Media: Lynn Camp

And a thank you to Sharon Coone and Judy Gow as they leave the board after years of service to FOL.



Membership Committee Update:

We currently have 27 Lifetime members, including 6 lifetime family memberships, and 41 annual memberships, including 9 family memberships.

We Are Still Taking Book Donations.....

If you or anyone you know has books, CDs, DVDs, Audio Books, Puzzles or Games that need to be re-homed, we are gathering items not only for re-stocking the meeting room shelves, but for the next **Big, Big Book Sale on January 13th & 14th**. As always, all items must be clean and free of odors, mold and mildew. If your items will not fit into the “mouth” of the drop box, please bring them into the library. If donating a large amount, contact us at os.lib.friends@gmail.com to make arrangements to receive them.

Ways to Support Friends of the Library:

AMAZON SMILE

When ordering items from Amazon please be sure to use AmazonSmile and select Ocean Shores Friends of the Library to receive a donation. Every little bit helps, and while shopping during the holiday season it is an easy way to give.

BOOK STORE HOURS

Remember the Library Meeting Room Book Store is open the same hours as the library, Tuesday - Saturday 11 am - 5 pm and Sunday Noon - 4 pm. Customers are welcome to shop as long as there is not a meeting scheduled in the room. Access to the meeting room will be affected by the Tax Prep services being offered from early February through mid- April. Suggested prices for most books, games, and puzzles are 2 for \$1. DVD's \$1 each, and occasionally you will find some specially priced items. Your purchases help fund all the Special Programs offered at our amazing library.

ROUND UP CONTRIBUTIONS

Local businesses have been very generous in supporting many Ocean Shores organizations through the Round Up program, Friends of the Library among them. **FOL is currently the Round Up recipient at Ocean Shores IGA through December.** Please thank the staff at IGA when you go in, and watch for future opportunities to give painlessly.



Upcoming FOL Activities

We will have a **General Membership Meeting Monday, January 9th at 2pm** in the library, with guest speaker Ocean Shores Mayor Jon Martin. You are encouraged to come at 1:30 to enjoy the social time with other FOL members and to meet the new board.

Additional General Membership meetings for February and March will be announced once they are scheduled.

And, of course, the quarterly **Big, Big Book Sale** will be held on **January 13th & 14th**. Volunteers are still needed for this event, and an email will go out to FOL members again regarding this after Christmas, when hopefully, people know better what their schedules will look like in January. This sale will be a little different, with the **FOL Members Only portion of the sale taking place on Friday, January 13th from 2 pm – 3 pm**. We found that at the September sale, FOL members came during that time frame, but none came during the 3-4 pm time. In order to maximize access to the public, it was decided to adjust the Members Only hours



2023 Book Sale Schedule

January 13 & 14, 2023 **Friends of the Library Book Sale**

March 10 & 11, 2023 **Friends of the Library Book Sale**

June 2 & 3, 2023 **Friends of the Library Book Sale**

September 8 & 9, 2023 **Friends of the Library Book Sale**

Watch for emails prior to all of these events containing more details and ways that you can help.

Another Successful FOL Event!



Santa Claus Has Come to Town!

On December 16th, Santa came to the Ocean Shores Library. Children young and old lined up to receive a new, wrapped book from under the tree, create a holiday themed craft, write a letter to Santa, and, most important, to see Santa himself! While parents and grandparents took pictures, the kids let Santa know just what they were hoping for this year. It was a great afternoon kicked off by carols sung by the North Beach Jr./Sr. High Choir to put everyone in a holiday mood. We estimate that around 90 kids visited with Santa during his 2-hour visit, and over 200 individuals came into the library during that time.



Thank You to the wonderful FOL volunteers who were Santa's "elves" for this event: Sylvia, Anna, Patty, Michele, Lisa (and her husband), Pam, Diane, and Serry. Library staff and volunteers were also invaluable to keeping regular library operations going during this event.



Programs at the Library

Children's Programs

Story Time – Presented by Niko

Books, rhymes, interactive stories, songs, and FUN! Ages birth-5.

Saturday Mornings 10:30-11:00 am

January 2023 Kid's Extravaganza!

Friday, January 27 4:00-5:00 pm

PAW-SOME activities, mystery games, and magic spring dog craft based upon the Dog Man book series for elementary age children by author Dave Pilkey.



February 2023 Kid's Extravaganza!

Friday, February 24 4:00-5:00 pm



A cheesy afternoon of FUN activities, and a spy binocular craft for elementary age children based on the Geronimo Stilton book series by author Thea Stilton.

March 2023 Kid's Extravaganza

Friday, March 24 4:00-5:00 pm

Elementary age children can squeak into the library for an afternoon of FUN games, activities, and crafts based on the Baby Mouse book series by author Jennifer Holm.



January 7, 2023 1-4 p.m.

Teen Zone - Students in grade 6-12 are invited to play video games on the giant projector screen. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

February 27, 2023 3-5 p.m.

Teen Zone - Hang out after school and enjoy a movie (to be announced) drinks and snacks will be provided.

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These events are sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Saturday, January 21st

February 13th

March 13th

The Teen Advisory Board or TAB is made up of 6-12 grade students who volunteer to assist library staff with selecting new material, planning for teen programs, and promote the library among their peers. To become a member, email Michelle Traer at mtraer@osgov.com or come to a meeting. **The TAB meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 3 p.m.**

Did You Know?

Not all libraries expect publishers to do the heavy lifting. The Bethlehem Area Public Library in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, has a publishing arm that [released](#) two books in 2018: *Home At My Typewriter: Selected Poems* by Bob Cohen and *A Journey* by Matt Wolf. Library staff helped to design and edit the titles.



Library Services

Library Hours

Tuesday – Saturday	11:00 – 5:00
Sundays	12:00 – 4:00

www.oslibrary.info

oslibrary@osgov.com 360-289-3919

573 Point Brown Ave NW, Ocean Shores, WA 98569

Check Them Out!

Zoom- Capable Meeting Room

The Library has two meeting rooms available for the public to use. The large room has new Zoom equipment purchased with a Washington State Library ARPA Grant. Setup is easy and viewing is fabulous on the new 85” screen. Ask the staff for more information and to reserve the room!

WiFi

WiFi is available

6:00am–10:00pm at the Ocean Shores Library

No password needed

Users must agree to Terms of Use

Book a Techie

Schedule a half an hour session over the phone or in person and get answers to your tech questions. Techie cannot help with hardware issues.

Appointments must be scheduled 1-week in advance.

Current Ocean Shores Library Card required



Washington
Anytime Library

Libby Magazine Collection

The libraries digital selection has expanded to include over 4000 Magazines!

You can access the collection with your library card by using the Libby app on your phone or tablet, or accessing the Washington Anytime Library website on your computer.



Ocean Shores Heritage

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

Blu-ray Player Checkout

Portable 10” Blu-ray player
available for checkout.

Newsbank

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

Display Case

**Do you have a collection that you would like to share with the
community? Does your organization want to do a display?**

Beautiful and Intriguing Displays

January 2023---Mermaids, collection of Kass Mort

February 2023—Sesame Street Collection from Kelley Shahon

March 2023—Handmade cards and collage by Elly Smith



Book Group

The Library Book Group usually meets on the **3rd Friday at 3:00 pm**. The Friends of the Library sponsor this program and purchase 10 copies of each title, which can be checked out for a 2 week period. To receive Book Group updates, contact Michelle Traer [@mtraer@osgov.com](mailto:mtraer@osgov.com).

January 2023 – “West with Giraffes” by Lynda Rutledge (fiction)

February 2023 – “In Five Years” by Rebecca Serle (fiction)

March 2023 - “In Cold Blood” by Truman Capote (non-fiction)

Homeschool Meetup

Wednesdays 2:00- 3:30pm



January 11 and January 25

February 8 and February 22

March 8 and March 22

Meet Homeschool families of all ages.

Bring your arts and crafts supplies, board games and snacks to share for a fun time. No glitter please.

Tax Preparation Service

Free In-Person

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide for all ages

No Appointments- - First come first serve

Mondays 9:00am – 12:30pm / February 6 – April 17

Thursdays 11:30am – 2:30pm / February 2 – April 13

Basic individual tax preparation

No business tax assistance

Tax forms and additional information

www.irs.gov

COMING IN MARCH

City of Ocean Shores Citizens Academy

Free course, registration required, for the citizens of Ocean Shores.

The 8-week course will offer information about the city, how it functions, where to find information and resources, and inform citizens about questions related to the city code, public works, the boards and commissions and city departments.

Classes will be held on Fridays from 10:00am – 1:00pm starting March 17 at the library.

Registration will open on February 24, 2023.

Applications will be available on the city web page (osgov.com), the library webpage (oslibrary.info), and at the library.

Questions – please contact Keitha Owen, Library Director, 360.289.3919



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Computer Classes

2023 brings a new program at the library! Beginning in February the library will begin offering monthly computer classes on a variety of topics, from the very basics of how to use a computer to classes about single programs like Microsoft Word. Please call the library 289-3919 or check the library webpage www.oslibrary.info for more information.

From the Board of Trustees

The Board sincerely thanks all who supported the library at the city council meeting on November 14. Hearing how the library impacts lives reinforce the Board's commitment to represent your interests.

As a reminder, the Board of Trustees meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month. The meetings are open to the public in person and on Zoom. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of us.

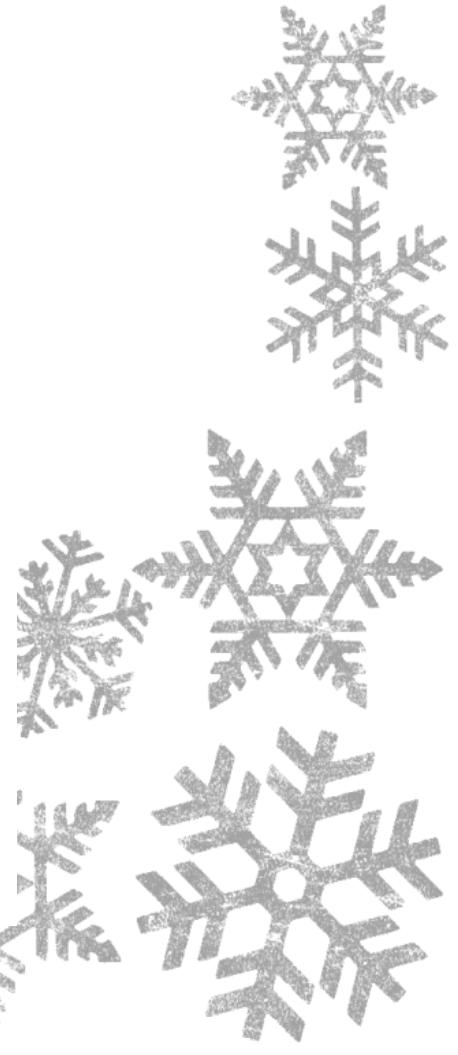
The city council announced two openings on the Board of Trustees due to the expiration of terms. Applications are available on the city website.

The Board extends its gratitude to FOL for the funding it provides to our operating budget. Summer Reading, book club, the anniversary celebration, the pavilion furnishings, children's crafts, and the new display case are examples of how your contribution enhances library services. You helped make 2022 such a success.

Thank you from all of us.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2023.

Denise Siers, Susan Robinson, Alex Suarez, Jeff Brittain, Jeni Cate



And Don't Forget the **Art in the Library.....**

January

Dina Helbling – WATERCOLOR, Pastel and Colored Pencil

February

Hi, I'm Harley Price, the artist this month! I love using acrylic paints to make bold and colorful images. I paint to help me through high anxiety/depression times and find it very therapeutic. Hope my art brings color into your day.

March

Corrine Holden and David Done have lived in Ocean Shores since 2015. They have each refined lifelong art passions in their retirement. Corrine works with textiles and has a particular focus on repurposing things that others may find useless. David works with colored pencils and has been taking classes at the Gallery of Ocean Shores for several years. He has a special passion for the natural world.

For The Armchair Library Traveler.....



Abbey Library of Saint Gall, St. Gallen, Switzerland

Dating back to 719 AD, the library and abbey are listed as [UNESCO World Heritage sites](#) and nearly half of the more than 150,000 tomes date back to the Middle Ages. Some books are even said to be more than 1000 years old. But not only is this hallowed hall of reading among the oldest in the world, it's also among the most resplendent. Updated in the 18th century in an opulent Rococo style, the singular space features gorgeous woodwork and painted ceilings that are bound to distract even the most passionate bookworm.

“A great library doesn’t have to be big or beautiful. It doesn’t have to have the best facilities or the most efficient staff or the most users. A great library provides. It is enmeshed in the life of a community in a way that makes it indispensable. A great library is one nobody notices because it is always there, and always has what people need.”

— Vicki Myron, *Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World*



Note from the Editor:

The above quote describes how many of us see our own library here in Ocean Shores (except that, well, we do want people to notice it, because it deserves notice!). At the end of every year, it is impossible to quantify how much our library provides, but it is far more than anyone realizes. Let us all continue to support the efforts of our excellent library staff to enrich, educate, entertain and enlighten those who walk through the doors of our own indispensable library. Best wishes throughout the holidays and into the New Year.

-Kathy

