



Ocean Shores Friends of the Library

FALL 2023 Newsletter

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

Message from the President

Summer is coming to an end and I want to say THANK YOU to all the amazing volunteers that came out for the Library Summer Reading Program Events to help. We ate ice cream, hot dogs, and watermelon to celebrate; over 600 people attended these 3 events.. As the library team comes up with new programs, we will need more volunteers to help. Consider giving a few hours to these worthwhile events.

With Fall here there are more events coming that FOL will be sponsoring, The Author Fair, Mushroom Education, Book Club, new Children and Youth Programs, and Halloween at the Convention Center, to name a few.

Without the financial support of FOL our library would not be able to offer these programs to our community. THANK YOU ALL.

Over the last few meetings we have had some very educational programs, Master Gardeners, Carrie Berquist from Gen's Genealogy, Coastal Interpretive Center, PAWS, and Fire Chief Brian, to name a few. Members asked that the Monthly Business Meeting be more than just business information regarding FOL and we have accomplished that. We will continue to have guest speakers as long as we can find them. Suggestions are always welcome. And remember guests are always welcome to attend our monthly member meetings.

Gardening season is coming to an end and we will soon be having those rain filled days to read a book. I am looking forward to that time.

Again, Thank you all for your dedication to FOL and the Ocean Shores Library.

Mary Jo Lohrenz

President

Mary Jo "MJ" Conibear-Lohrenz

President



Current FOL
Memberships

112

2023 FOL Officers

President – Mary Jo Lohrenz
Vice President – Pam Clark
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
 Book Sale: Kathy Baker
 Book Store / Donations: Mary Jo Lohrenz
 Social Media: Alex Suarez
 Newsletter: Kathy Baker

We would like to extend a warm welcome our new FOL members who have join since June:

Susan Conniry
Paula Gratzer
Annetta Knight
Skip & Nancy Post
Shannon Todd-Olson
Martin & Diane Griss
Connie Clifford & Family
Rosanne Jacobs

Caroline Emmert
Lisa Griebel & Family
The Mendoza Family
Sharon Skorick
Jennifer Brouwer
Patty Heatherly
Judy Pike
Dennis Petersen

P.J. Faria
Doug Mosebach
Nancy Milliman
Jonney Snyder
Lynn Buedefeldt
Janet Needham
Susan Outcalt

Upcoming Friends Meetings Social Time 1:30, Member Meeting 2:00

October 9th: *Guest Speaker is Ocean Shores Food Bank Executive Director, Sandy Harley.* Business Meeting will include final review and vote on new By-Laws, Nominations for 2024-2026 Executive Committee Open Positions.

November 13th: Presentation of Library 2024 Budget / Programming, Election of 2024-2026 Executive Committee Positions.

December 11th: **HOLIDAY PARTY.** FOL will purchase pizza and members are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert. Noon - 2 PM. This should be a very festive time with a few surprises. Spouse/guests welcome.

FOL Volunteer Positions

Marketing/Advertising

There has never been a volunteer to take on this task. Duties would include coordinating all FOL paid advertising for the library (currently ads on Coast Communications), developing and executing a plan (based on funding available) for give-away items to market the library (i.e. pens, sticky notes, pencils, note pads, etc.). This is a new volunteer position so a full job description will be developed.

Book Donations Co-Chair

This is currently a 1 person job and needs to have a back-up. Includes sorting books, scanning, boxing and sending books to book buyers, monitoring and overseeing the Muncher volunteers, updating the genre of items on the meeting room shelves, etc. The current chairperson is spending 4-5 hours a week on these tasks and would like to divide the duties and have back up.

Muncher

We need 1 person to gather donated books from the collection bin, sort them by type, and shelve them in the meeting room on Mondays. Generally, this job takes less than 1 hour.



You can find Friends of the Library event information on Facebook



Ocean Shores Friends of the Library Income Statement: 2023

	<u>Aug YTD</u>	
Total Income	\$31,006	Including Book Sales \$7,928 Grants \$7,056 Round-Up \$10,739
Total Expense	\$ 16,423	Includes Programming \$10,739
Total Other Income/ (Expense)	\$ 489	
Profit/ (Loss)	\$ 15,072	
Total Cash in Bank	\$ 59,479	

THANK YOU!

The Friends of the Library are able to fulfill their mission to support and advocate for the library only through the generous donations from the community and the proceeds of our book sales. Here is some of the funding we have received over the summer:

June Roundup with Martin Bruni Liquor Store	\$ 878.43
July Bonus Book Sale	\$ 930.00
September Book Sale	\$ 620.00
Roundup from Ocean Sunset Drug and Ocean Sunset Print and Ship	\$ 539.85

We sincerely appreciate all of the support from individuals and businesses which allows FOL to fund programs at the library that serve all of the citizens in our community.

FOL Halloween Booth – Volunteers Wanted

Last year FOL had a booth at the Halloween Celebration in the Convention Center. It was a blast and we are doing it again this year! More details will be sent out later, but we will need 4 volunteers to help set up the booth on Monday, October 30th, and 6 volunteers to operate the booth on Tuesday, October 31st, Halloween. If you are interested in helping, please contact Sharon Coone at slcoone24@gmail.com.

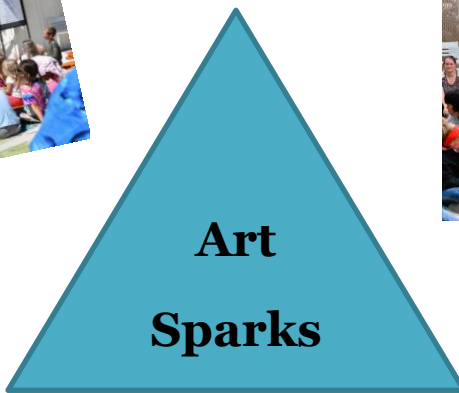
FOL would like to recognize a “regular” at our Big Book Sales. Lee Shafford , who works through Grace House Community Centre, located in Kor Kranh village in Cambodia. Lee typically checks in with us on the first day of our book sale to see if we have a good supply of children’s books. He comes in again very close to the end of the sale and will purchase enough kid’s books to fill a large suitcase to take back to Cambodia for the village children there. He has told us that these books are eagerly anticipated, and are one of the best ways to help the children there learn the English language. Lee also raises funds to provide laptops toward the educational efforts of Grace House. More information regarding these educational efforts can be found on www.laptoplee.com and at www.gracehousecambodia.org

Looking Back over the Summer...



July saw FOL serving up 250+ hot dogs to celebrate National Grilling/Hot Dog Month. Kids made crafts and the event was a delicious success!

OTHER SUMMER EVENTS



Magician Louie Foxx

Salmonberry Band



FOL's August event was a good, old fashioned watermelon feed. While not attracting as big of a crowd as the hot dog event, it was still wonderful to offer refreshing watermelon to enjoy along with the live music from Frank "Dr. Harp" Matuk and Bill Seaman.

Ikebana Flower Arranging

Line Dancing

Whale Songs



The Summer Reading Program for All Ages ended with an After Hours Finale Party for the Teens, prizes for the other age groups, and a satisfying knowledge that we all kept well-read throughout the summer!

Library Events

(Warning: There's a lot to read about, so get comfortable and maybe grab your beverage of choice)

Children's Programs



Story Time

Saturdays at 10:30 – 11:00 AM

Books, rhymes, interactive stories, songs and FUN for ages birth through five.

Presented by Niko



No Story Time November 25th, No Story Time December 23 & 30



Kid's Extravaganza!

Friday, October 27th from 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Elementary age children are invited to a FUN-tastic Extravaganza based around The Last Kids on Earth children's book series by Max Brallier.

Kid's Pumpkin Decorating

Saturday October 28th 12:00 – 2:00 PM

Elementary age children are invited to drop in to the library for a Spook-tacular pumpkin decorating program! Pumpkins and decorating kits provided, bring your creativity.





Help Us Build a Brick Tower!

All month long

During the month of November, every time a young elementary age reader checks out at least 3 library books they will receive 3 plastic bricks. All bricks can be added to the “Brick Tower” located in the Children’s Section. With your help, let’s see how big the Brick Tower can become!

Library Gingerbread Decorating Challenge

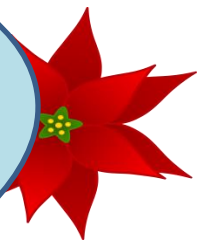
December 1st-16th

Help the gingerbread man escape! Discover a paper gingerbread man in a book and decorate him (or her) as your favorite book character and bring them back to the library to put on display in the children’s section.



Holiday Book Giveaway

Holiday Book Giveaway books will be available for children (from babies through 6th grade) starting December 8th (Santa’s visit) through December 23rd.





Children's Holiday Extravaganza

Friday December 8 4:00pm – 6:00pm

All local North Beach area children ages baby through 6th grade are invited to an afternoon of FUN!

Santa is visiting the library - Have your picture taken with him!

Write your Christmas wish letter to Santa!

Create a beautiful fun ornament!

Choose a brand new children's book from under the Christmas tree – the elves will help you!

Enjoy candy and treats!

TEEN EVENTS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

The Teen Advisory Board is made of 7-12 grade students who want to assist at the library with planning programs and selecting materials for young adult. For more information, ask Michelle Traer mtraer@osgov.com

TAB Meetings

Monday October 2nd	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Monday November 13th	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Monday December 11th	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Teen Zone

The Library is open for 7-12 grade students only to come hang out after school with friends. There will be video games or movies to enjoy. There are also snacks and drinks provided. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Monday October 23rd	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Monday November 27th	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Teen Halloween Party

Monday, October 30th 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

7th – 12th grade students are invited to watch a scary movie, enjoy yummy food, enter the costume contest, and, of course, treat yourself to candy!



For Tweens, Teens & Adults

Dungeons & Dragons Game Night

Fridays 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm



No D & D Oct. 13th, Nov. 10th & 24th, Dec. 8th

Program open to everyone ages 10 and up. No prior experience is required, players of all experience levels are welcome! All materials provided.

Virtual Reality (VR)

Saturday October 21st 1:00pm – 4:15pm

Saturday November 18th 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Saturday December 16th 1:00pm – 4:00pm

A whole world of immersive experiences awaits!

Come Experience VR, from experiences like a tour of the International Space Station, walking on the beach, or be in the middle of the action in a 360 degree video. Enjoy immersive games that allow you to fly a plane, or be a chef at a fancy restaurant.

Spots are limited call or visit the library to reserve your spot

AGES 13 AND UP

Adult Programs

Grays Harbor's North Beach: Views from the Polson Museum Collection

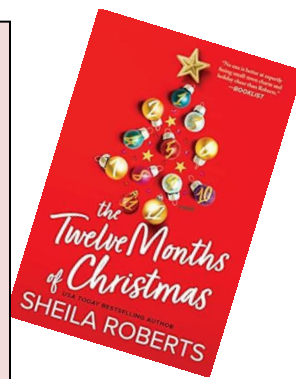
Friday, October 13th 2:00pm – 3:30pm

This presentation is focused specifically on the expansive collection of images from the North Beach of Grays Harbor. Highlights include the Josiah Stearns collection detailing Pacific Beach and Moclips, As well as the Minard and Damon presence on the Ocean Shores Peninsula and the later development of the city of Ocean Shores.

Get ready to celebrate the holidays with Best-Selling author Sheila Roberts

Saturday October 14th 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Sheila will be offering tips for a great holiday and signing copies of her new book, *The Twelve Months of Christmas*, which will be available for purchase. Plan for fun and games and recipes, and a door prize drawing. Bring your favorite tip for a great holiday to share and you might win something special!



Book Group

Book Group meets on the **3rd Monday at 3:00 PM** in the Library Meeting Room. Ocean Shores Friends of the Library sponsors this program, and purchase 10 copies of each title to be checked out for 2 weeks. Books are kept in the work room, so ask the staff at the circulation desk for a copy.

If **you** would like to be added to the Book Group email list, contact Michelle Traer at mtraer@osgov.com.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Genre</u>
Oct. 16	The Guest List	Lucy Foley	Fiction
Nov. 20	Botany of Desire	Michael Pollan	Non-Fiction
Dec. 18	A Walk in the Woods	Bill Bryson	Travel

Ocean Shores Public Library Computer Classes

Android Phone Basics Wednesday, Oct. 18th

9:30 am – 10:30 am

If your smartphone isn't an iPhone, chances are you have an Android. Learn about general features that all Android phones share, and explore the Google Play store, where you can find all sorts of apps to expand how you use your phone.

iPhone Basics Wednesday, November 15th

9:30 am – 10:30 am

Want to understand your iPhone better? Transitioning from Android to iPhone? Making the leap from your flip phone? This class is all about the basic functions of your iPhone, with the aim of making exploring all that your device has to offer an enjoyable experience.

"Appy Hour" Wednesday, December 20th

9:30 am – 10:30 am

This class is all about the discovering new apps, from apps that help ID plants, to language learning apps, there is something for everyone. We will also dispel some common misconceptions about apps. Bring your questions and your curiosity as we explore the app store.

Class size for all of these classes is limited, please call or visit the library to register.



Memoirs and Musings

October 3, 10, 17, 31 and November 7th

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Write your life story for your family and future generations. Writing prompts and questions provided to help you tell your story. You decide what to include and the format that works best for you, a few facts and stories, or a complete book.

Come prepared to write.



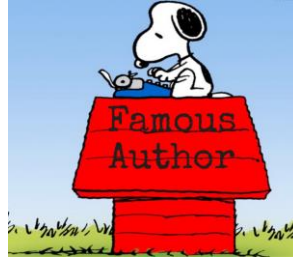
Banned Books Week **(October 1-7, 2023)**

This is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read. It spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools. It brings together the entire book community — librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types — in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular. Enjoy the display highlighting challenged and banned books throughout history.

Check one out!



First Annual Author Fair



October 20th 11:00am—2:00pm

Meet and converse with local, talented published writers who live right in your own backyard. A free and festive afternoon celebrating reading and writing. Books will be on display and available for purchase.

Art in the Library

October

From Black and White to color, a retrospective from photographer **Ed Schroll**.

November/December

Margaret Herd is an artist living in Ocean Shores. Her artwork is an exploration of color and texture in various mediums. The mediums used include acrylic, oils, watercolor and concrete sculpture.

Artificial Intelligence

November 17 2:00pm – 3:00pm

What is Artificial Intelligence (AI) and should I be worried?



We are all hearing a great deal about Artificial Intelligence, Quantum Computing and Digital Asset Management in our news and on social media sites.

In the near future, these technologies will increasingly impact your daily life. Learn from a local Ocean Shores resident who is currently working with these technologies in the insurance industry.

Come and learn about something that you may not know everything about yet, get your questions answered and find out about resources to get more information about AI.

Kanopy

The library has Kanopy, a movie streaming service available that is FREE with your library card.

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Films that matter



Gallery of Ocean Shores

The gallery shares a wide variety of art in the library above the new nonfiction and holds shelves.



North Beach Singers Concert



Friday December 15 2:00pm – 3:00pm

The North Beach Singers Association is a non-profit organization committed to:

- Providing an opportunity for all interested persons to learn, practice, and perform a variety of vocal music;
- Improving the quality of life for people in the community of the north beach of Grays Harbor County by performing quality concerts free of charge; and
- Supporting the broader north beach community by collecting donations of food and money for the local food bank

From the Board of Trustees:

The Board of Trustees would like to thank the Friends of the Library for their support during the incredibly successful summer reading program.

FOL provided funds for programs and, organized events. Friends volunteered for setup, helping, and cleanup.

Additional thanks go to those who process donated materials every day. These are the basis for raising money through the quarterly book sales & book store.

FOL members give true meaning to the word "friend."

There may be no greater repository of analog information than the library, a glorious assembly of printed pages that can take us on adventures, educate us, and fill our days and nights with details of worlds beyond our own—all free of charge. Today, there are roughly 116,867 public and academic libraries dotting the country.

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.

Armchair Library Travel...



The George Peabody Library

The George Peabody Library is remarkable for its five tiers of ornamental cast-iron balconies, which rise dramatically like a wedding cake to the skylight 61 feet above the floor. The library dates back to the founding of the Peabody Institute, philanthropist George Peabody's dedication to the citizens of Baltimore in appreciation of their "kindness and hospitality." Opened in 1878, it was designed by Edmund G. Lind in collaboration with the first provost, Dr. Nathaniel H. Morison. The library contains more than 300,000 titles, which date from the 18th to the early 20th centuries.

Note from the Editor

Thank you, Friends of the Library and others, for your dedication to making the Ocean Shores community the best it can be by supporting a key component – its library. Let us continue to advocate and educate and to help bring the greater world to our smaller world of Ocean Shores through the many library programs, experiences and access opportunities our work funds. Your work enriches us all.

-Kathy

Ocean Shores Public Library

Library is OPEN Tuesday – Saturday 11:00 – 5:00

Library is OPEN Sundays 12:00 – 4:00

Library will be **CLOSED** November 10, 23, 24 and December 24 and 25 for Holidays

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