



## **Ocean Shores Friends of the Library**

### Summer 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**

**Happy Summer to all!**

**Summer reading season got off to an amazing start on 16 June with the Ice Cream Sundaes and wonderful entertainment. Thank you to the volunteers and all that attended. Looking at the summer events schedule for the library has me writing all the dates on my calendar so I don't miss anything. Did you know that FOL funds all these programs? Our mission is to fund the programs for the library. The city funds the structure, staffing and facility requirements but FOL funds all the extras to make our library so amazing. THANK YOU.**

**Recently we received a 50+ box donation of books from the Perry's so we have added an additional book sale for 3-4 July. Thank you to Bob Krueger and Jeanne Finke for moving all those boxes. The storage area is full and we have some amazing books to sell. If you need something to read, stop by the sale. Or volunteer and get first pick!**

**One of the goals of FOL is to advocate for the library and we are moving forward with an advocacy group to tell the story of our library. By joining FOL you are advocating for the future of our wonderful library. Keitha provides the amazing staff with a vision to support the community and the needs that the library can fill. THANK YOU to Keitha, Michelle, Niko, Nick, Louise, and Lisa for always being ready to help customers as they walk in the door and provide them with answers. You are unsung heroes of our city.**

**And thank you to each of you as members of FOL. I look forward to seeing you at events throughout the summer.**

**Mary Jo "MJ" Conibear-Lohrenz  
President**



Current FOL  
Memberships

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### **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

**We would like to extend a warm welcome our new FOL members who have joined during the second quarter of 2023:**

**Kathy Abernathy-Robinson  
Mary Bach  
Joshua Chan  
Jeffrey Fong  
Debbie Giannini  
Shelly Johnson  
Barb Nickles  
Andrea Engstrom  
Mardi Krusemark & Michael Erkiner**

**If Friends of the Library members are unable to attend the monthly General Membership meetings, but would like to know the business and topics discussed, Membership Meeting minutes are available for FOL members to review at the library.**

**Ask one of the staff to access these.**

**You can find Friends of the Library event information on:  
Facebook**



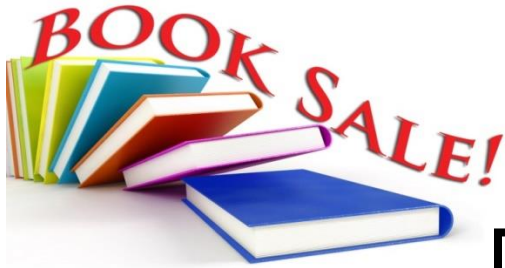
# THE ROUNDUP

In the month of April, IGA generously chose the Friends of the Library as their Round Up recipient. FOL received **\$4,762.98 from IGA**. Also, Martin Bruni Liquor Store has been rounding up to benefit FOL during the month of June.

These funds will be used for the summer programming for our community.

**Thank you** to our wonderful supporters in the business community!

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Join us at our “Bonus”  
Book Sale over the  
Fourth of July!

**Thank you** to all of the wonderful volunteers who made the June Big Book Sale a success! This sale raised \$689 to help support library programs.

**Monday, July 3rd**  
**12 pm – 4 pm**  
**Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**10 am – 3 pm**

## **June Summer Reading Kickoff and Ice Cream Social**

The Summer Reading Kickoff on June 16<sup>th</sup> was a HUGE success! This year’s theme of “Find Your Voice” will continue to be carried throughout the programs for all ages scheduled through August 11<sup>th</sup>, so please check out the many wonderful opportunities for fun, education and enrichment, and above all – **READ!**



## Upcoming Friends Activities:

**July 7<sup>th</sup>**                                    **National Grilling/Hot Dog Month Party on the Pavilion - F**  
11 am – 2 pm                              This will be a fun-filled party for all ages with hot dogs, games, and a sun catcher craft for children.

**July 10<sup>th</sup>**                                    **Friends of the Library General Meeting**  
1:30 Social Time, 2:00 Meeting                              Guest speaker Jerry Knaak from North Beach Paws will tell us what's new, and about upcoming programs and events.

**August 11<sup>th</sup>**                                    **Watermelon Feed on the Pavilion - F**  
11:00 am – 2:00 pm                              Included in this party for all ages will be watermelon, games and a turtle button craft for children. There will also be live music at 1 pm presented by Frank "Dr. Harp" Matuk and Bill Seaman.

**August 14<sup>th</sup>**                                    **Friends of the Library General Meeting**  
1:30 Social Time, 2:00 Meeting                              Topic to be Determined

**September 8<sup>th</sup>** , 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm                              **Friends of the Library Big, Big Book Sale**  
**September 9<sup>th</sup>**, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm                              Come and check out our huge selection of books!

**September 11<sup>th</sup>**                                    **Friends of the Library General Meeting**  
1:30 Social Time, 2:00 Meeting                              Guest Master Gardeners Anna and Malinda will explain who the Master Gardeners are, all about their program and give an update on what is happening with their group.

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### Volunteers Needed for the Watermelon Feed on the Pavilion, August 11<sup>th</sup>

If interested, contact this event's coordinator, Pam Clark, at [clarkhomestead@yahoo.com](mailto:clarkhomestead@yahoo.com).

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Keep reading to find out about the many, many programs and activities for all ages coming to the Ocean Shores Library



\*Activities marked with a red F indicate sponsorship by Friends of the Library

# Library Events

(Warning: This may take a while due to so many events.  
Don't let that stop you, just grab a cup of coffee first)

## Kid Stuff

**Story Time - F**  
**Saturdays at 10:30 - 11:00 AM.**

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

Presented by Niko.



### **Mystery Book Bag** **-Ongoing Service**

Mystery book bags by request on the Library's website. Each bag will contain 10 random children's library books upon your selection of material and will check out for 3 weeks. When your request has been received, you will be notified about how you will be able to pick up the mystery book bag at the library.



### **Magician Louie Foxx - F**

**Thursday, July 6th, 2:00 - 3:00 PM**

Prepare yourself for a sidesplitting magic performance by a two-time Guinness World Record Holder! This show includes tricks with soap bubble figures, upside down water cup balancing and more!

**Roberto the Magnificent - F**

**Thursday, July 13th, 2:00 - 3:00 PM**

Action-packed Roberto, a master juggler presents wild stunts and tricks with a touch of comedy.



**Reptile Lady - F**

**Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> 2:00-3:00 pm**

See and learn about AMAZING reptiles at this fun hands-on Summer Reading Program for all ages!



**Art Sparks! - F**

**Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1:00-2:00 pm**  
**Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> 1:00-2:00 pm**

Elementary age children are invited to create art with no boundaries at this fun Summer art program! Create fun and easy watercolor doodle art.

**Ian Dobson Steel Drums - F**

**Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> 2:00-3:00 pm**

Enjoy a fun performance as Ian Dobson shares his inner voice through his steel drums, and create your own musical journey.



**Children & Teen Book Swap**

**Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2:00-3:00 PM**

Children & Teens are invited to bring 5 of their own books to swap and discover new stories.



**For the Birds Workshop**

**Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am-2:00 pm**

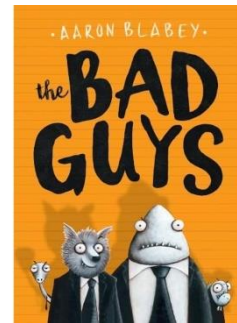
Young children, ages 5-10, will create bird houses and bird mobiles at this workshop. Sponsored by Garden by the Sea and WSU Master Gardeners Program.

Space is limited to 15 – Sign up in the library

**Kid's Extravaganza! - F**

**Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:00-5:00 pm**

Elementary age children are invited to a FUN library program with activities, games and a craft based on the children's book series The Bad Guys written by Aaron Blabey.



*“A Child who reads will be an adult who thinks.”*

*- Unknown*

# TEEN EVENTS

## Murder Mystery Night

July 14<sup>th</sup> 6 – 8 pm

F



Help solve a mystery in a team or alone. There will be prizes for the winners.

## *Teen Summer Reading After Hours Finale Party!* - F

Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> 6-8 pm

Open to all 6-12 grade students. Enjoy snacks, karaoke, video games and other fun activities. If you have read at least 500 pages, you could win awesome prizes!

## TAB Meeting

Monday

September 11<sup>th</sup> 3 p.m.

## TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

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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](mailto:mtraer@osgov.com)



## TEEN ZONE - F

September 25<sup>th</sup> 3-5 pm

The library is open only for 7-12 grade students. There will be video games on the projector, fun activities and snacks.



# For Teens & Adults

## Library Chess Meet-Up - F

**11:00 AM - 4:00 pm**

**July 8<sup>th</sup>  
August 12<sup>th</sup>  
September 9<sup>th</sup>**

This gathering is held on the 2nd Saturday of each month and is designed for all ages to come and challenge other players to friendly games



## Ukulele Petting Zoo/Band – F

**July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm**

A Salmonberry Band Presentation. (Ages 12+) Band will bring ukuleles to share with participants, answer questions, and provide an hour of instruction on the basics.

**D&D Game Night - F  
Fridays at 4:30 - 7:30 pm**

**July 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>  
August 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>  
September 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**



Want to play Dungeons and Dragons but don't have group of people to play with? The library has all the materials you'll need to play, all you need to bring is a desire to adventure! This program is open to everyone ages 10 and older. No prior experience with D&D is required, players of all experience levels are welcome!

# Adult Programs

## Book Group - F

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](mailto:mtraer@osgov.com).

<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Genre</u>
July 17	Gangster	Clive Cussler	Fiction
August 21	Glass Castle	Jeannette Walls	Memoir
Sept. 18	View from Saturday	E.L. Konigsburg	Children's Fiction

## Display Case

### July

Master Gardener's Display

### August

Beatrix Potter Collection  
by Maria van Horn

### September

Model Cars  
by Alan Coone

## Art in the Library

### July

### Elly Smith

Local fiber/embroidery artist, Elly has participated in national and international exhibitions. She is included in the book "Celebrating the Stitch -Contemporary Embroidery in North America, and the Threads Magazine publication "Stitchery and Needle Lace." In a traveling exhibition in Japan, out of 32 European and USA artists, her work was selected to be featured on the entry ticket. She was also one of 9 artists to be invited to the 250th DMC anniversary exhibition in Paris, France.

### August

### Associated Arts of Ocean Shores

For the month of August, Associated Arts will be showing artwork from various local artists. Most of these artists will be hosting their own booths at Associated Arts of Ocean Shores Arts and Crafts Festival at the Convention Center. Artists include Jade Black, Lora Malakoff, Tim Rossow, and others. These artists and many more do us all a great service by filling our community with beautiful art for our enjoyment.

### September

### Joanna Matyska

Joanna Matyska began taking painting lessons in late March of 2022. For her, art is therapeutic. Joanna channels her feelings through different mediums. She paints both in oil and acrylic paint, she draws in pastels and works in fused glass.

## More Programs.....

### Winning Weed Wars & Planting Pollinators Saturday, July 8th, 12:00 PM

Presented by WSU, Master Gardeners & Garden by the Sea.



### Line Dancing! - F Wednesday, July 12th, 5:00 PM

Diane Runge will provide instruction in a variety of line dancing steps.

### Up, Up & Away Tuesday, July 18th 11:00 am Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 11:00 am

Learn how drones work and try flying one! Instructor Jeff Grill operates a Mavic Pro 2 drone.  
**(Registration Required)**



### Whale Songs: The Voice of Hydroacoustics Wednesday July 19th 4:30 pm **F** (ages 16+)

This Olympic National Marine Sanctuary presentation will include a segment on hydroacoustics which is how Pacific Coast whales express their own voice through song.

### The Art of Ikebana: The Language of Flowers - F

Friday, July 28th 4:00 pm

Jean Kawaoka will demonstrate three forms of arrangement, one of which will be given away to an audience member in a drawing at the conclusion of the program.



**And More.....** (does it never end?????)

**Herbal Balms & Salves - F**

**Saturday July 29th 2:00 pm**

Kate Tossey of “Kate’s Herbs” will demonstrate two simple balms, one for soothing muscle aches and one for healing minor skin cuts, scratches, and abrasions. Program will include 2 drawings for gift bags worth \$20 of Kate’s products.



**Meet Arianne True**

**Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
2:00 pm**

***Washington State  
Poet Laureate***

**Find Your Voice  
in Creative Writing - F**

**Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm**

A workshop presented by Dr. Jenel Cope  
of Grays Harbor Community College

**(Registration Required)**



**Karaoke! - F**

**Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm**

**Find Your Voice in Song!**



**KOKEDAMAS - “The Poor Man’s Bonsai”**

(Don’t worry, we had to look it up, too!)

**Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> 12:00 – 4:00 pm**

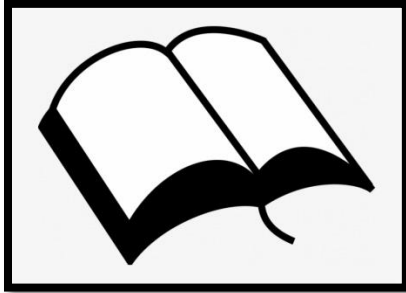
Create your own beautiful Kokedama ball at this workshop.

Space is limited to 15 – Sign up at the library

Cost for materials \$10.00

Sponsored by Garden by the Sea and Grays Harbor Pacific Co.  
Master Gardeners

.....and just a little bit more.



### **First Annual Author Fair**

**F**

**September 15<sup>th</sup> – All Day**

Published local authors are invited to submit a copy of their book and an application form to the Library Director Keitha Owen. The application form, including guidelines, will be available July 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **Citizen's Academy**

**Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

Learn how your local government and its departments work!

Applications will be available August 25<sup>th</sup>



**NEW! NEW! NEW!**

### **!!!Virtual Reality Program!!!** **F**

**Saturday September 16, 1:00pm – 4:00pm**

Virtual Reality at the Ocean Shores Library, a whole world of immersive experiences waits!! (Third Saturday each month)

From 360 degree videos, where you stand in the middle of the action, to a variety of informative experiences, like a tour of the International Space Station, and VR games, like boxing, reality defying mini golf, flying an airplane or walking on the beach. Something for all ages.

Reserve your 30- minute session by calling or visiting your library.

# Library Services

**Get  
Your  
Library  
Card  
Now!**

**Join us during  
the month of  
September to  
encourage  
everyone in the  
community to  
get a FREE  
Library card.**

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## Ocean Shores Public Library Computer Classes

**File Organization                      Wednesday, July 19                      9:30 am – 10:30 am**

This class is about how to organize and save your files in a way that you can always be sure you know where to find them, and how you can go about finding files if you do end up losing them.

**Email Essentials                      Wednesday, August 16                      9:30 am – 10:30 am**

Your email is one of the most important avenues for communicating online. The library will be hosting a computer class to help you understand what you can do with your email and the difference between email providers.

**Library Services                      Wednesday, September 20th                      9:30 am – 10:30 am**

The library has a large selection of digital resources available to library patrons, from newspapers with Newsbank to movies with Kanopy. This month's class will cover how to access these library services and what you can do online with your library card!

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

If you would like to suggest topics for future classes, please fill out one of the questionnaires available at the library desk.

## Kanopy

Kanopy is a video streaming service that provides instant access to thousands of critically acclaimed movies, documentaries and kids favorites. We partner with studios like A24, The Criterion Collection, PBS and more to bring your library access to thoughtful entertainment.

You can stream Kanopy on any of your favorite devices! Kanopy is accessible via mobile and tablet apps for iPhone and Android. You can also access Kanopy on your Desktop, and SmartTV apps like Roku, Apple TV, and Fire Stick at [www.Kanopy.com](http://www.Kanopy.com).



## **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.

Call the Library at:      Open Hours  
#360-289-3919      11:00 – 5:00 PM  
Tuesday - Saturday  
12:00 – 4:00 PM  
Sunday

We are constantly learning about all of the materials that are available to check out, stream, or read inside the library. We continue to find more learning and enrichment opportunities for all ages being offered. The sheer wealth of information that is at our fingertips within the Ocean Shores Library, through media sources and the library staff is astounding. We truly can “Access the World” in this wonderful place – let’s do it!



## From the Board of Trustees:

The Board of Trustees gave a group presentation to the Ocean Shores City Council on May 8. After explaining the development of the 2023 Strategic Plan, each member highlighted one of the plan's services:

- Provide a comfortable and safe place to visit
- Connect to the online world
- Stimulate imagination through reading, viewing, and listening for pleasure
- Promote lifelong learning

The complete plan is available online at [Strategic Plan Board of Trustees.pdf](#) ([oslibrary.info](#)) or <https://www.oslibrary.info/about-us/board-files/Strategic%20Plan%20Board%20of%20Trustees.pdf> and as a pamphlet in the library.

The Board of Trustees updates the City Council monthly on library activities, the fourth Monday of every month. A recent change permits the Board to be on the agenda as a staff report. This welcome adjustment allows time to describe the exciting programs and innovative services of the library. The previous 3-minute limit during public comment reduced what the Board could share with the Council.

The Board meets the second Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. The public is invited to attend in person or by Zoom.

*Board of Trustees 2023*

*Denise Siers, President    citydsiers@gmail.com*

*Susan Robinson, Vice-President    Alex Suarez, Secretary    Jeff Brittain    Jeni Cate*

### Note from the Editor

*This year's Summer Reading Program theme is "Find Your Voice". I think that is a very appropriate thought for all of us, in many ways. There are many statements being made these days about what changes might benefit Ocean Shores, typical of any election year, but they are not always followed up with answers about the impact those changes might have on other parts of the community. Let's all "Find our Voices" and ask questions so we get the whole story about important things happening around us, just as we read our books to the last page to see how the story ends (and what happens to our favorite characters). We all want the best for this wonderful community, and the only way to make good decisions is to listen, question, and find our voices to make our opinions heard.*

*-Kathy*