



Ocean Shores Friends of the Library

WINTER 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

As 2023 comes to a close I hope you can find thankfulness and a positive outlook for 2024. Everytime I walk into our library I am so thankful for the wonderful facility, amazing programming offered and fantastic staff that is ALWAYS ready to help.

During 2023 FOL was able to support the library with funds to be able to offer so many new programs and services and we all need to be proud of that. Where else can community members go to attend no cost events like Hot Dogs, Watermelon and Ice Cream on the new deck. All the events and programs for the Summer Reading Program were funded by FOL. In addition to all the programming FOL funded new equipment i.e. Karaoke Machine, Virtual Reality Equipment and so much more. Congratulations to FOL for providing these additional adventures for our community.

As the new year comes into view we need to say THANK YOU to our outgoing Vice -President Pam Clark for her time and dedication to FOL. You have been a great asset to the Executive Committee and we look forward to you volunteering in a new capacity. THANK YOU.

As we say thank you to Pam we welcome our new Vice President Joann Lacy. Over the last few years Joann has been working on preserving the historical information of the Library and City of Ocean Shores so her dedication to the library will be great for FOL.

We also welcome Janet Needham to take on the role of overseeing the Marketing and Advertising for FOL. Her experience will be a welcome new view.

Members are the key to the success of FOL and I hope that if you have not volunteered in the past, you will start in 2024. There is always a need for volunteers to process the donations (books, DVD's, CD's, Puzzles, etc.), Book Sale events, special events offered by the library and sponsored by FOL, and so much more. When you see those emails asking for volunteers, know that this is a great way to meet new people and give back to the organization and the library.

In 2024 there will be so many new opportunities for volunteers as we are working together with the library staff to make these happen for the Ocean Shores Community.

Thank you for your dedication and Happy New Year.

-Mary Jo "MJ" Conibear-Lohrenz



2024 FOL Officers

President – Mary Jo Lohrenz
Vice President – JoAnn Lacy
Treasurer – Michele King
Secretary – Malinda Griffin

Member at Large (2 yr) – Karen Fantz
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 joined since September:

Donna Fremont

Corrine Holden/David Done

Norma Quiller

Mike & Mary Freel

Susan Fuchs

Kathryn Lizik

Thom Wert

Lois Arnold

Gregory Lucas

Jo Houser

Jennings McKelvey

Ruth Maxwell

Liz Parry

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.

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

January 15th

February 12th

March 11th

Guest Speakers for these meetings TBA

You can find Friends of the Library event information on Facebook



Ocean Shores Friends of the Library Income Statement: 2023

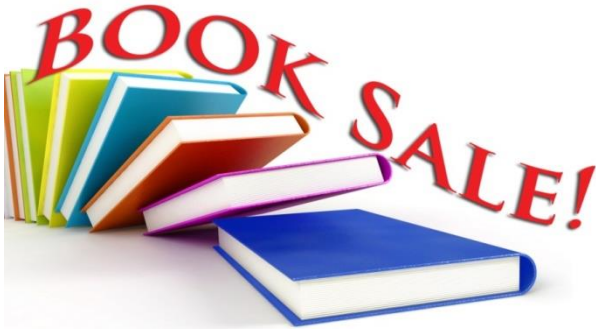
	<u>Nov YTD</u>	
Total Income	\$40,164	Includes Book Sales \$12,872 Grants \$7,056 Round-Up \$15,285
Total Expense	\$ 16,423	Includes Programming \$11,772 Special Events \$3,873
Total Other Income/ (Expense)	\$ 695	
Profit/ (Loss)	\$ 12,348	
Total Cash in Bank	\$ 54,020	

Did you Ever Wonder.....

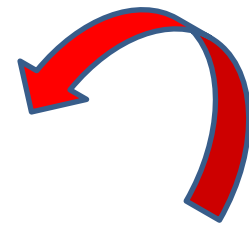
Why we call those who handle FOL book donations “Munchers”?

If you look at the original book donation bins below, you will see they were decorated to appear as if they are munching on the deposited books, hence the name Munchers. Since fewer and fewer people are still around who remember this origin story, and with the bins having been replaced, it seemed time to retire the “Muncher” title in favor of one more descriptive of the job. As we struggle to change old habits, the volunteers who take in the book donations will now be called Book Donation Processors (but they will always be Munchers in our hearts).





**Sponsored by the
Friends of the Ocean
Shores Library**



Big Book Sales Dates 2024

January 12 & 13 (Friday-Saturday)

March 15 & 16 (Friday-Saturday)

May 24 & 25 (Friday-Saturday)

July 4, 5 & 6 (Thursday – Saturday)

August 30 & 31 (Friday-Saturday)

November 29 & 30 (Friday-Saturday)

**Flyers with specific hours will be posted
closer to sale date**

Volunteer Opportunities!

If you want a great chance to check out the books available at our book sales in their entirety, consider volunteering for one of these book sale events. During the course of a sale you will get to see **everything**, and assist customers in finding their next perfect read (or armful of reads). Its fun, and you never know what you might find.

Watch for emails before the sales requesting volunteers, or for more information, email us at: os.lib.friends@gmail.com

Thank you Ocean Shores IGA!

Your donations of pumpkins and cookies made our seasonal kids events extra special!—Ocean Shores Library



THANK YOU

Ocean Shores IGA has been a staunch supporter of the Ocean Shores Library through donations of items for various programs, and also through their Round-Up program. There are many other businesses in Ocean Shores who have also supported library programs and events through donations and in other ways. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of them for their generosity and community involvement.

It Has Been A Blast!

October through December has been filled with programs and events that offered a wide variety of experiences, starting with pumpkin decorating and trying “fishing” at the FOL

Halloween booth at the convention center in October, as well as the tremendously successful Local Authors Fair. The introduction of Virtual Reality sessions in November allowed participants to experience places and activities they could only dream about – from the safety of the library meeting room. December brought the Children’s Holiday Extravaganza, offering a visit with Santa, wrapped books, crafts, and a chance to write a wish letter to Santa. Also in December was a Gingerbread decorating contest and a seasonal performance by the North Beach Singers.

Yes, the library and FOL “elves” got their picture taken with Santa, too!



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 March 2nd



Kid's Extravaganza!

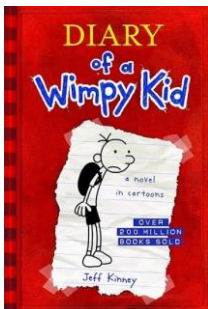
Saturday, January 27th 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Elementary age children are invited to a fun-filled Extravaganza celebrating classic children's books. Detective games, book character crafts and more! Bring along a favorite stuffed animal to register for the afterhours stuffie sleepover.

Lego Building Tournament

Saturday, February 3rd 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Are you a fast or creative Lego builder? All elementary age children are invited to this new library program with fun and fast building challenges. Show us your building skill at this first of 4 tournaments and you may be awarded a "Top Builder" Trophy.



Kid's Extravaganza!

Saturday, February 24th 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Elementary age children are invited to "Diary of a Wimpy Kid Extravaganza"! Join us for games, a craft, trivia and more at this fun library program.

Kid's Extravaganza!

Saturday, March 23rd 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Elementary age children are invited to a Minecraft Extravaganza. Fun games, challenges, crafts and more at this program.



Did you Know?

- Over 250.76 million children's books were sold in 2022.
- Overall, the category sales have grown by 11.37% since 2018, growing faster than the adult segment but slower than the YA segment.
- As of 2022, 32.8% of [all books sold in the United States](#) are children's books.

Mystery Book Bag

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



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 January 8th	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Monday February 12th	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Monday March 11th	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Teen Zone



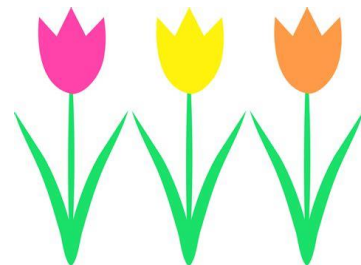
The Library is open for 7-12 grade students only to come hang out after school with friends. There will be video games or movies to enjoy. There are also snacks and drinks provided. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Monday January 22nd	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
(video games, activities, snacks & beverages)	
Monday February 26th	3:00 pm – 5:00pm
(movie, karaoke, snacks & beverages)	
Monday March 25th	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
(video games, karaoke, snacks & beverages)	

TEEN SPRING EVENT

Friday March 29th 6-8:30 p.m.

7-12 grade students are invited to come to an afterhours party at the Library. Theme to be announced, contact the library for more information. There will be delicious food, fun activities, and party favors. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



For Tweens, Teens & Adults

Dungeons & Dragons Game Night

Fridays 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm



No D & D March 29th

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 January 20th	1:00pm - 4:15pm
Saturday February 17 th	1:00pm - 4:00pm
Saturday March 9 th	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.

Please call or visit the library to reserve your experience

AGES 13 AND UP

Adult Programs

Book Group

Book Group usually meets on the **3rd Monday at 3:00 PM** in the Library Meeting Room. Ocean Shores Friends of the Library sponsors this program, and purchases 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.

Please note the special days and times listed below due to holidays.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Genre</u>
Jan 22 nd (1:30-2:30)	House of the Seven Gables	Nathaniel Hawthorne	Classic
Feb 26 th (1:30-2:30)	That Old Ace in The Hole	Annie Proulx	Fiction
March 18 (3:00-4:00)	Practice to Deceive	Ann Rule	Non-Fiction

Ocean Shores Public Library Computer Classes

Internet Safety **Wednesday, January 17th** **9:30 am – 10:30 am**
This month's computer class will be about making sure that attendees are following best practices while browsing the internet, in the interest of keeping their personal information secure.

File Organization **Wednesday, February 21st** **9:30 am – 10:30 am**
This month's computer class will be all 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.

Library Services **Wednesday, March 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.



Tax Preparation Service

Free In-Person

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide for all ages

No Appointments – First come first served

Thursdays 10am – 2pm/ Feb 1 – April 11

Fridays 10am – 2pm/ Feb 2 – April 12

EXCEPT March 15 – No Service

Stretch Your Way Into the New Year!

Friday February 2nd

3:00pm – 4:00pm

Presented by Barb Belmont

LIBRARY SERVICE & DISPLAYS

Gallery of Ocean Shores

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

Library Quilt Display

The library displays a quilt every month from Sea Pals quilting guild.

Lobby Display Case - 2024

January

Sesame Street Collection by Kelley Shahon

February

Display by Garden by the Sea

March

Camera Collection by Alan Coone

Art in the Library

January – Cheryl Stevenson

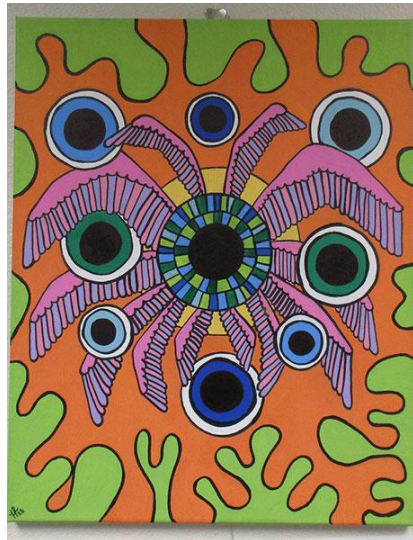
Old things have always talked to me, whether a worn and dog eared bear or a cracked beauty of an English Teapot at Flea Market or Second Hand Shop. My series of paintings, bringing these imaginary conversations to life, may remind you of your own childhood friends and make you smile. Original paintings on handmade paper from India.

Books Available in the Local Authors Section under E Ste



February – Harley Price

“Hi, I am Harley Price. I make pop art inspired acrylic paintings. Most of my inspiration comes from life, nature and music. I hope to inspire anyone to do good and be colorful.”



Kanopy

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



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?

<input type="checkbox"/> 30 minute face to face session.
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.
<input type="checkbox"/> Appointments are subject to Techie's availability and knowledge.

Zoom Capable Meeting Room

The library has all the equipment you might need for a zoom call, available to check out for your next meeting in either of the meeting rooms. Ask at the desk for more information about the equipment.



Ocean Shores Public Library

Library is OPEN Tuesday – Saturday 11:00 – 5:00
Library is OPEN Sundays 12:00 – 4:00

573 Point Brown Ave NW, Ocean Shores, WA 98569

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From the Board of Trustees:

The Board of Trustees sincerely thanks the Friends of the Library for an extremely successful 2023. FOL's funding of the children, teen, and adult programming delivered hours of enjoyment, education, and entertainment throughout our community.

FOL's support of the Summer Reading Program is critical for maintaining children's reading achievement. Most of all, summer programs associate fun, learning, and laughter with the library. A huge thank you goes to all the FOL volunteers who assisted at events throughout the year including the ice cream social, hot dog party, watermelon feed, Santa, and book sales.

The Board's gratitude extends to library staff led by Keitha Owen. We welcome the newest staff members, Marcella Jurotich and Lisa Beckrich, who along with veterans Michelle Traer, Niko Laranang, and Nick Bishop provide OSL's stellar patron service.

The current 5-member Board of Trustees remains in office through 2024. Please join us at our monthly meeting on the second Wednesday at 10 am in person at the library or via Zoom. You can also email us at

libraryboardoftrustees@gmail.com

With appreciation,

Denise Siers Susan Robinson Alex Suarez Jeff Brittain Jeni Cate



Armchair Library Travel...

Biblioteca Real Gabinete Portugues De Leitura, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil



Note from the Editor

Well, it's been quite a year! The Ocean Shores Friends of the Library made this year's mission one of trying new ways to connect the public with the library. We did this by sponsoring new events, by looking for ways to assist the library in functioning even more as an information hub for the community, and by helping people discover all of the materials and services available at this place we love so well. FOL's goal is to support the library, and we all do that, in ways large and small. We actually have fun doing all of these things, too, which is wonderful, and allows us to connect to one another, as well.

Let us continue to grow our organization, to include new members with new ideas, and to continue to improve our community by making sure the Ocean Shores Library is the best it can be to serve everyone's need. Together we can do it!

-Kathy

