



Ocean Shores Friends of the Library

Spring 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

Welcome spring! We still can't meet in person or hold our fabulous book sales, and probably won't be able to until at least fall. At least we can now get outside more. I'm checking my gardening books again. Some of my favorites are Plants of the Pacific Northwest Coast by Pojar and Mackinnon, Sunset Western Garden Book, The Lifelong Gardener, and Deerproofing Your Yard and Garden. All of these books and more can be found at the library. You can check online to see if a book is on the shelf and pick it up curbside, or make an appointment to visit inside.

Speaking of deer, my favorite resource is a brochure compiled by Master Gardeners from Ocean Shores, and can be found online on the Garden by the Sea web site. [Gardening With Deer – Garden By The Sea Ocean Shores, https://gardenbytheseaoceanshores.org/gardening-with-deer/](https://gardenbytheseaoceanshores.org/gardening-with-deer/)

I hope you are continuing to stay safe and healthy!
Malinda

FOL Donation Day

April 18, Noon-2pm

Donation items include Books (Clean, mold and mildew free), CD's, DVD's, Puzzles, Educational materials.

Volunteers will be available to help with unloading books into boxes. Covid precautions will be taken.

THANK YOU.

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 Membership – 102

Library News

Have You Seen These Yet?

Would you like to watch some of the films nominated for Golden Globe awards? The Ocean Shores Library has many of the movies nominated on order and you can place a reserve on the catalog at www.oslibrary.info. If you need assistance with this, call 360-289-3919 between 11 and 3, Tuesday-Saturday.

Some of the titles that will be available are:

“Soul”, “Promising Young Woman” “Palm Springs”, “Emma”, “News of the world”, “Judas and the Black Messiah”, and “The Little Things”

Teens. This Is For You!

“Good news for 6-12 grade students. The Ocean Shores Library is now offering personalized Teen Book Bundles for check-out!

Email mtraer@osgov.com or call 360-289-3919 and tell us your name, library card number, age, and what kind of books you like, and Michelle will put together a bundle of three books for you to pick-up using Curbside pick-up.

VACCINE INFORMATION-COMPUTER USE

Did you know the Ocean Shores Public Library has public computers for you to use if you need to register and get information about the vaccine?

Free use, 1/2 hour time limit. Just call 360-289-3919 to make an appointment.

Interested in Ocean Shores History?

Ocean Shores Heritage Project volunteers are seeking old photographs, historical text and maps of Ocean Shores for the Washington Rural Heritage Project. The online collection, www.washingtonruralheritage.org, is a visual history of our community. Call the Ocean Shores Library, 360-289-3919, to share your items. All materials will be returned to owners.

Library Browsing, check materials out and use PC Appointments

Call the library – 360.289.3919. Phones answered between 11:00am and 3:00PM Tuesday - Saturday

Hours: Tuesday – Saturday 12:00 – 3:00 Appointments will be for 30 minutes total time per day in the building and patrons may:

- Browse the library collection, select items and use self-check out
- Use the public computers/printer .25 per page cash only
- Make copies on the public copier .15 per page cash only
- Book-a-techie ONLY Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

To prepare for your appointment:

- Wearing a face covering is required or use curbside service
- Arrive on time – appointments will be held for 5 minutes
- Follow the six-foot social distancing guidelines
- Temperature checks will occur at check in

Other services:

Current curbside Holds/Reserves service will continue (see the webpage for details or call)

Website: www.oslibrary.info

Wi-Fi available 24/7

360.289.3919

AND DON'T FORGET.....

The library is constantly ordering new items for all genres and ages. Check the catalog to see the list of new items.

Don't forget about free e-books and audio books via the Washington Anytime Library icon on the web page.

Daily complete issues of the Seattle Times Newspaper (as well as searching other titles) are available on the web page. Go to Services/Washington Newspapers/Seattle Times.

Adult Book Group

The Ocean Shores Library book group is meeting via Zoom right now, and we welcome anyone who would like to participate! The meetings are the 3rd Friday of the month at 3:15 p.m. The Friends of the Library support this program and purchase copies of the books to check out for 2 weeks.

"Google can bring you back 100,000 answers. A librarian can bring you back the right one." Neil Gaiman

Kid's Craft Adventures

Each month elementary children/parents can pick up a themed craft kit at the library. Inside the kit will be a fun craft, a list of library books related to the theme and some craft tools you can use to create your own stories.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Craft Kit</u>
April	Gardening	Silly Face Flowerpot
May	Space	3D Wood Rocket
June	Pirates	3D Floating Foam Ship

Each month's kit can be picked up curbside at the library during open hours.

1 craft kit per child. For more info, please contact the library at 360-289-3919

Children's Mystery Book Bag Request

Ocean Shores Public Library is offering children's mystery book bags for library patrons by request. Each bag contains 10 random children's library books upon your selection of material below 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.

To request a children's mystery book bag, please fill out this form and return it to the library by email.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Library Card Number: _____

Please choose which type of book bag you would like to check out:

☐ Board Book

☐ Beginner Reader Book

Reading Level: 1 2 3 4

☐ Easy Picture Book

☐ Children's Fiction Book

☐ Children's Graphic Novel/Comic Book

☐ Children's Audio Book

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?

Call the Library at:

360-289-3919

Open Hours:

12-3pm Tuesday – Saturday

Phones Answered:

11-3pm Tuesday - Saturday

**Covid Guidelines are being
observed in the library**

Did You Know?

You don't necessarily need to head to the Library of Congress to feel overwhelmed by the written word. The McAllen Public Library in McAllen, Texas, is [housed](#) in a converted Walmart location and might be the largest single-story library location in the country. The 123,000-square foot space has a computer lab, a cafe, and an 180-seat auditorium.

News from the Board of Trustees (BOT)

The Board of Trustees continues its monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. The meetings are conducted on Zoom per city guidelines. Public comment is welcome via submission to the city clerk publiccomment@osgov.com no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

While the BOT and the FOL both advocate for the library, their roles are quite distinctive. The board works with Director Keitha Owen to plan and set goals, develop policies that govern library services, and approve the budget and bills. The BOT is appointed by the mayor and approved by the city council. Board members may serve up to a maximum of two five year terms. The board fulfills its duties in accordance with the Ocean Shores City Code.

Board members are always willing to listen to your concerns and speak with you. Please visit the library's website to meet the 2021 board members.

<https://www.oslibrary.info/about-us/library-board.html>

Denise Siers, President

AARP Foundation

TAX-AIDE

Free tax assistance for those who need it most

Tax season extended thru May 17th

Free tax preparation for Grays Harbor County

All Tax Aide sites in Grays Harbor are now **appointment only**. This includes Aberdeen (now at Aberdeen Senior Center) and Ocean Shores Library

For help with your taxes go to the following URL:

aarp.org/money/taxes/aarp_taxaide/

and request help doing your taxes.

Or call **253 448-3605** for information about this tax season and help setting up an appointment with your local Tax-Aide site.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, to protect our volunteers and our clients, we have chosen to adopt the following options for preparing and filing tax returns:

1. Making an appointment for us to call you and help you do your own taxes using off-the-shelf software or free downloaded software from IRS.gov.
2. Making an appointment for you to come to a site to have your documents scanned. We will then call you when we are processing your tax return for your input. We will schedule an appointment to review and provide with a paper copy.

Any option for face-to-face visits to a site is entirely dependent on the status of the local COVID restrictions. At this time, we are not anticipating this will be possible.

WHO'S INTERESTED IN GETTING ON BOARD?

The **Ocean Shores Library Foundation** is seeking energetic and passionate people to serve on the Board of Directors. The Foundation's mission is to promote and enhance the library's value to the community and inspire civic support, as well as raising funds to ensure long term financial support, ensuring that the library remains an essential resource for the Ocean Shores community.

ARE YOU:

- Willing to share your knowledge and experience in support of the Foundation's mission and purpose?
- Willing to help the Ocean Shores Library continue to meet the needs for all ages in the community?
- Willing to help secure funds for future projects to benefit both the library and the community?

IF YOU CAN ANSWER YES TO ANY OF THESE:

Participation on the Ocean Shores Library Foundation's Board may be the perfect match for you and for the library.

WHAT'S NEXT?

If you are interested, or would like more information, contact Keitha at the Ocean Shores Library at 360-289-3919.

“A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies . . . The man who never reads lives only one.” – George R.R. Martin

Book Recommendations

From Louise Loughlin:

There are a number of books that I have recently read and enjoyed. First, would be “Magic Lessons” by Alice Hoffman, a beautifully written book of witchery in the late 1600’s. Another is “Perestroika in Paris” by Jane Smiley, which is the story of an innocent, escaped racehorse who makes friends with other animals and a boy in the big city. A quick, fun read is “Thursday Murder Club” by Richard Osman. It contains a circle of friends who are better at solving mysteries than the police. I would also recommend “Midnight Library” by Matt Haig. It’s a good read for those who think one different decision could have radically changed their life. For a little fun read, try “Mexican Gothic” by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

(All are available at the Ocean Shores Library)

From Frances Russell:

I recommend “An Elephant in My Kitchen” by Francoise Malby-Anthony with Katja Willemssen. The subtitle says “What the herd taught me about love, courage, and survival.” Francoise and husband Lawrence bought a game reserve in South Africa. She tells of the challenges met to protect the animals in their care and the lessons the animals shared with them. More importantly, they could communicate their feelings with people willing to pay attention. Poachers were a recurring problem. When Lawrence dies, Francoise learns how to deal with reserve problems in a man’s world.

(Available at the Ocean Shores Library)



**Re-read your favorite
books at different
stages of your life.**
@BIBLIOPHILEONABUDGET_
**The plot never changes
but your perspective
does.**

From the Editor-

Thank You!

Many thanks to all of you who support the Ocean Shores Library. This community is blessed to have this resource and the many activities and services it offers. I encourage all of you to continue to shop the ever-changing Friends book sale selections in the meeting room and join in volunteer opportunities as they arise at the library. The library is at the heart of our community and it can't be successful without YOU!

Wishing you all a wonderful spring!

-Kathy Baker