



Ocean Shores Friends of the Library

Spring 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,

Things have been relatively quiet as far as Friends of the Library business over the past few months, so instead, I'll share some information about Garden by the Sea! Garden by the Sea is giving away sunflower seeds this year as a way to show hope, strength and peace for our community. We are looking forward to seeing North Beach ablaze with yellow and orange sunflowers gracing our neighborhoods and storefronts come fall! If you are a contributor to the garden, you may have received seeds in the mail. They will also be given out at the GBTS opening on April 2nd, and after that you can get them from the library! It's another way to support local nonprofits and our neighbors.

-Malinda



FOL Officers

President – Malinda Griffin
Vice President – Pam Clark
Treasurer – Diane Durbin
Secretary – PJ Ford Slack

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

DONATION DAYS

Mark your calendars for **April 18th, May 16th, and June 20th, Noon - 2 PM**. Donations accepted include Books (Fiction, Non-Fiction, Adult, Children's), DVD's, Audio Books, Puzzles, Games and Educational Materials. All items must be free of odors, mold and mildew. Thank you for the continued support of the FOL Book Store

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. THANK YOU.

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. 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.

BOOK SALE UPDATE

Book sales will continue to be suspended at this time while the best ways to present this service to FOL members and the general public in the safest manner are evaluated.

thank
you!

A great big **THANK YOU** to
Seaside Liquidation Outlet
for the January "Round Up" on behalf of the Friends of
the Library. Our community provided support in the
amount of \$429.31 to the library in this way.

Ocean Sunset Pharmacy and Ocean Sunset Ship & Print

have generously made FOL their Round Up charity for the
month of March. Please support these amazing
businesses and thank them when you visit.



Did You Know

One of the oldest public libraries in the country opened in 1790 in Franklin, Massachusetts, where residents circulated books donated by Benjamin Franklin. The Founding Father once started his own lending library in 1731 in Philadelphia called the Library Company, but it required a subscription fee of 40 shillings.

Library Services

It's More Than Just Books!

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

WiFi

WiFi is available

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

No password needed

Users must agree to
Terms of Use

Library Meeting Rooms

The Library has two meeting
rooms available for the public
to use.

Book a Techie

Schedule your 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

**The Ocean Shores Library will be
closed Friday, June 10, 2022 for
Staff Development Training.**

Display Case

Do you have a collection that you would like to share with the community? Does your organization want to do a display? The lobby display has openings in 2022.

Lobby Displays/April - June 2022

April 2022: **Model Car Collection belonging to Alan Coone**

May 2022: **North Beach Master Gardeners**

June 2022: **Jewelry & Pottery by Sue Tucker and Melanie Knight**

Book Group

The Library Book Group 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. If you would like to be added to the Book Group email list, contact Michelle Traer [@mtraer@osgov.com](mailto:mtraer@osgov.com).

Book Titles:

April, 15, 2022 – “Gathering of Finches” by Jane Kirkpatrick

May 20, 2022 – “1984” by George Orwell

June 18, 2022 – “Book of Lost Friends” by Lisa Wingate

Art in the Library

April – David Done

David has been drawing for most of his adult life. He began taking art classes that focus on the use of colored pencils and pastels a few years ago. His work is inspired by nature and the natural world.

May – Ed Schroll The colors of Fall through the lens of Ed Schroll, featuring the impressive colors of New England in Autumn. While travelling the backroads of New England in mid- October, I found small towns scattered throughout the countryside immersed in color. Nature in all its grandeur. If you have never seen New England in the Fall then travel with me through the highways and byways of the Great North East.

June - Sue Tucker & Melanie Knight

After Sue Tucker and her husband retired to Ocean Shores, Sue dipped her toes into the world of watercolor painting where she was able to learn different techniques from local artists which enabled her to develop her own style. She also works with acrylics, alcohol inks and bead weaving.

Check out These Events!



Jade Black: Live Photo Shoot

You are invited to Jade Black's first photo shoot of 2022! Come watch her process from beginning to end as she creates a surreal self-portrait meant to inspire and encourage.

Tuesday, April 19th 1pm – 4pm

LANDSCAPING AND PLANTS - PART 1 Presented by WSU North Beach Master Gardeners (Limited Seating – No need to Pre-register)

This FREE class will be presented by members of the WSU North Beach Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties Master Gardener Foundation.

They are eager to share their passion and knowledge of Landscape Design ideas. There will be plenty of time for one-on-one conversations and questions following the presentation.

We will cover: Simple yard landscaping ideas

How do I design landscaping in front and back of my house?

1. Add lighting. ...
2. Upgrade a bed border. ...
3. Plant ground cover to hide unsightly areas. ...
4. Plant perennial shrubs in front of your house. ...
5. Make a garden bed around your mailbox. ...
6. Haul out old mulch and refresh. ...
7. Build a flowerbed around a tree.
8. Add rock features. ...

Low Maintenance Garden Ideas

What is the best low maintenance garden?

- Artificial Grass. Your lawn is most likely one of the most high-maintenance areas in your garden that demands a lot of attention. ...
- Paved Areas. Paving is a very low-maintenance option for surfaces. ...
- Avoid Fussy Plants. ...
- Perennials. ...
- Grasses. ...
- Shrubs. ...
- Containers. ...

Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 1-3pm



LANDSCAPING AND PLANTS - PART 2

Presented by WSU North Beach Master Gardeners

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We will cover: Plants, Trees and Shrubs

How do choose vegetation for the front and back of your home?

1. What zone do you live in?
2. Planning for color through all the seasons
3. What ground cover to choose in various areas
4. Plant perennial shrubs to choose in front of your home. ...
5. What annual and perennials to choose

Low Maintenance Garden Ideas

What is the best low maintenance garden plant picks?

- Perennials. ...
- Grasses. ...
- Shrubs. ...
- Annuals
- Container

Saturday, May 28, 2022 from 1-3pm

Managing Finances

Presented by TwinStar Credit Union

June 16, 2022 1 – 3 pm

Dealing with the loss of a loved one can be difficult. And, in many cases, having to deal with their financial affairs can make it even harder.

Learn what you need to know about this topic at our seminar.

Children's Programs

April - June 2022

Story Time

Saturday mornings 10:30-11:00 am

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

Kid' Craft Adventures

All month long

Elementary children/parents can pick up a craft kit at the library during open hours. Inside will be a fun craft and a themed activity booklet based upon a children's book series. Each month will be a different theme.

	<u>Theme</u>	<u>Craft Kit</u>
April 2022	Stick Dog Book Series	Paw Print Picture Frame
May 2022	Captain Underpants Book Series	Superhero Mask
June 2022	Oceanography	3D Floating Submarine

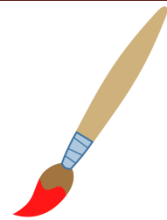
Home School Arts & Crafts

Meet-up

Local Homeschool families are invited to come to a meet-up at the library. You can bring treats to share if you would like. The focus of this meeting will be arts and crafts, so bring supplies, get creative and have fun!

Wednesdays from 2:00 – 4:00 pm

April 6th May 4th June 1st



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Children's Summer Reading Program kicks off on **Thursday, June 23rd from 2-3 pm**

with

The Amazing Jeff Evans Magic Show

Jeff Evans' career started from a book on coin tricks he read when he was twelve years old. Today he performs hundreds of shows each year, both in-person and virtually. Two consecutive years ParentMap Magazine awarded him a Golden Teddy for "Best Live Entertainment" and his peers in magic named him "Seattle's Funniest Magician." Join Jeff live in-person at the Ocean Shores Public Library and prepare to be amazed!



Also, on **June 30th from 2 – 3 pm** come and see the

Insect Safari

Where do bugs come from? What do bugs eat?

See more than 2,100 preserved insect specimens from around the world -- dazzling butterflies and moths, fantastically shaped beetles, grasshoppers, bees and more. Also, a fascinating assortment of live bugs to meet in person.



Teen Programs

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at **3:00pm**.

Local teen's grades 6 – 12 are invited to assist staff with teen events and selecting teen materials.

TAB Meetings/April - June 2022

- Saturday, April 16
- Saturday, May 21
- Saturday, June 18

April Spring Event: Teen Takeover!

Students in grades 6-12 are invited to an afterhours Teen Takeover at the Ocean Shores Public Library on **Friday, April 1st from 6 – 9 pm.** There will be karaoke, video games on the giant projector screen, delicious food, and party favors for everyone. Come hang out with your friends and enjoy the library! This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean Shores Library.

Teen Zone!

On **Saturday, May 7th** and on **June 4th from 11-3 p.m.** the Library meeting room will be a Teen only zone. Teens grade 6-12 are invited to come and enjoy an activity, snacks and hang out with their friends. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Teen Summer Reading Kick Off Party!

Friday, June 17th at 2 p.m. Are you feeling brave? Do you have taste buds that can be tormented and a stomach of steel? Show us at the Food Fear Factor event. 6th-12 grade teens will go against each other one on one, eating foods like pickled pigs feet and blue cheese. The first one to finish their portion will go on to compete against others for a prize of an Amazon Gift card, and the title of Champion. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Board of Trustees News:

In 2020, the Board of Trustees (BOT) adopted a 5-year strategic plan. The vision, mission, and services resulted from a process that included a survey of 431 patrons serving as a guide in assessing the needs of the library community. Library Board – Ocean Shores Public Library (oslibrary.info).

The challenges of Covid impacted how patrons used the library, as well as services. The past two years saw unprecedented growth in the Ocean Shores population.

At the halfway point in the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, the BOT once again wants to seek community input. An online survey will run from April 1st through May 31st, with the paper version available in the library and the online survey accessible at www.oslibrary.info. Results from the survey will help inform any updates to the strategic plan.

Please complete the questions and encourage friends and neighbors to do the same. The OSL aspires to be the essential community resource. To do that we need input representative of all of our community.

“Show me a family of readers, and I will show you the people who move the world.”

– Napoléon Bonaparte

Book Notes

From PJ Ford Slack:

If you need a cuppa and a good book here are a few reads that grabbed me in March.

By Kristin Hannah:

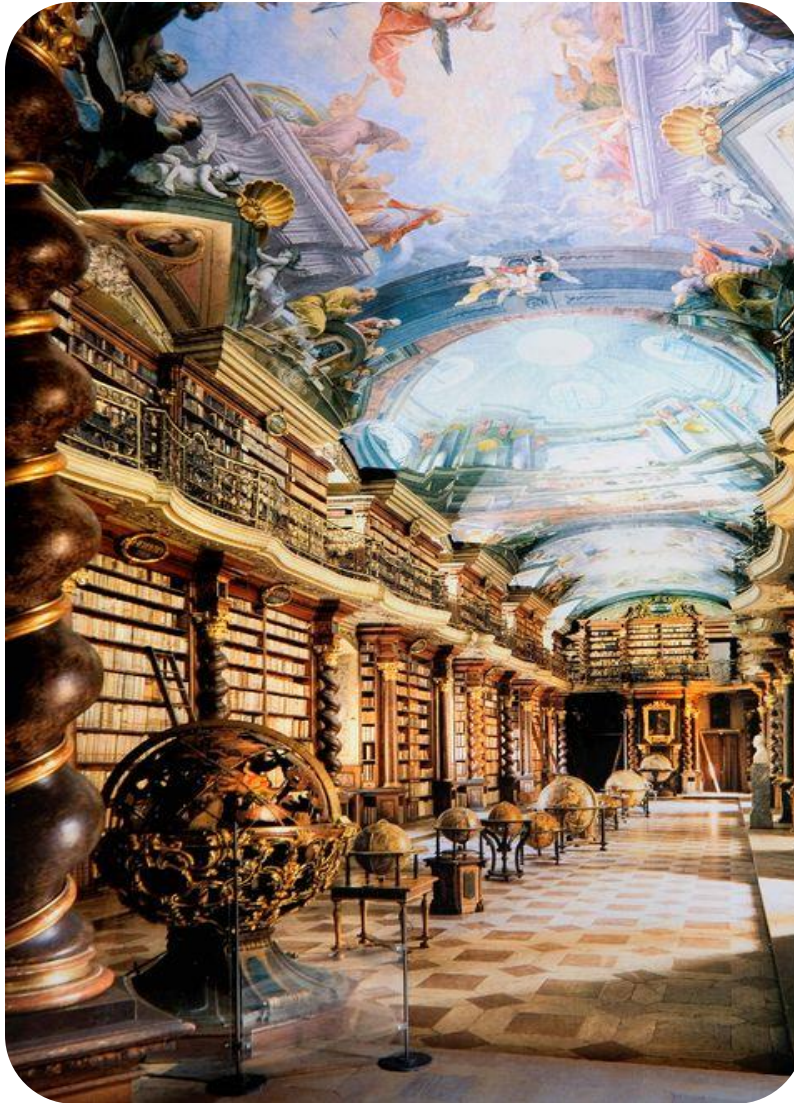
The Great Alone is about a Washington family heading to Alaska to escape the craziness of the lower 48. This story gives you a feel for how crazy it is to think you can just live off the land in Alaska. This is a story that will grip you to the end with its kaleidoscope of Alaskan characters.

Winter Garden – This was a tough story to stay with because the Mother seemed so unlovable. Trust me, stay with it because the story is amazing (based on the starvation of Leningrad). This story is set in Washington

Need something lighter? Try Trisha O'Malley's Siren Island series. It is International Mermaid's Week at the International Mermaid Museum, so get your tails on and read these delightful, fast reads by Ms. O'Malley.

From Kathy Baker:

The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams was a testament to the power of books to draw very diverse people together, in ways that they never would have imagined. In this novel, several people find a list of books tucked in pages and nooks with the heading "Just in case you need it". In the reading of the books on that list, they form bonds and community, and are exposed to ideas they might never have entertained before. A very satisfying read, and although there are tragic portions, the characters grow and change in wonderful ways.



**The next stop on our
world tour of libraries
takes us to Eastern
Europe**

**Klementinum National
Library in Prague, Czech
Republic**

With its ornate ceiling frescoes by Jan Hiebl and rich gold-and-mahogany spiral pillars, it's no wonder why the [Klementinum](#) is touted as "the Baroque pearl of Prague." The library first opened in 1722 as a part of a Jesuit university but now serves as the National Library of the Czech Republic, housing over 20,000 volumes of foreign theological literature. A portrait of Emperor Joseph II sits at the head of the hall to commemorate his work in preserving books from abolished monastic libraries, many of which remain in the hall today.

Note from the Editor

Spring has arrived (at least according to the calendar), and with it the hope and promise of warmer weather and renewed life, both plant and animal. Take time to enjoy the little changes that are happening day by day, breathe in the fresh air and appreciate the incredible natural world that surrounds us here on the Washington coast. And then, when you are resting from those hours in the garden or from that long walk on the beach? Read a book. Take care everyone and Seize the Day!

- Kathy Baker

