



Ocean Shores Friends of the Library

Fall 2024 Newsletter

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



Message from the President

WOW, what an amazing summer at our Ocean Shores Library and all the great events sponsored by our membership. THANK YOU to all the volunteers who stepped up to make these events happen. Without you, these events would be difficult and you make them much more fun.

Have you thought about getting more involved in Friends of the Library? October is Nomination month for the Executive Committee. This year we will have vacancies for President and Secretary. After many years of being involved in this committee, Malinda and I have decided it is time for other members to step up and into leadership. If you are interested or want more information please contact a current Executive Committee Member with your questions. It is very rewarding to experience these roles and I know there are members out there that are interested. Voting happens at our November meeting.

We are so lucky to live in Ocean Shores with this fantastic community centered library and wonderful staff. Let's keep supporting!

**Happy Summer to all!
Mary Jo "MJ" Conibear-Lohrenz
President**

2024 FOL Officers

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

Member at Large–Karen Fantz
Member at Large– Anna Betancourt
Member at Large– Kathy Baker

Committee Chairs: Volunteers: Open
 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 June:

Monica Gaub
Donna Neidemair
Gillian Cambers
Jennifer Evans

Kris Gill
Kaye Pearse
Lisa Saban
Kayln Kombo/Nanette Larson Family

Colleen Miller
Kimberly Johnson
Cecelia Ray
Sheryl Wesley



UPCOMING FOL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

October 14, 2024 – A representative from the Ocean Shores Fire Department will be on hand to give information on “What Your Fire Department Can Do for You”.

November 11, 2024 – It’s time once again to elect officers, but don’t let that scare you away! Please come and help us complete this vital step to keep FOL moving forward.

December 9, 2024 – We will be ending the 2024 FOL meeting year with our annual Holiday Potluck. Please join us for this fun, social event which begins at 1:00pm.

Come join us for Social Time at 1:30 and the meeting at 2:00 on the Second Monday of each month.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Friday, November 29th

12:00pm – 1:00pm (Members Only)

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Library is closed on the 29th, but the meeting room is open for the sale

Saturday, November 30th 10:00am – 3:00pm

Join us for Black Friday, bring your friends, and get your winter reading material and perhaps some great gift books, as well, at the **last Big, Big Book Sale of the year!** We have books for adults, teens and children, as well as DVDs (hundreds of them!), Audiobooks and Music CDs.

See you there!

Opportunities to Help FOL

There are many ways to help – adding your experience and ideas to the Executive Committee, assisting with an event or ongoing FOL activity (such as managing book donations), or chairing one of our fun events. None of these should be scary to anyone, since we have others who have done these things before to help you along. Teamwork is everything, and we have some great teams that would love to have new Friends join the fun and find out just how great it really is to be a part of Friends of the Library. If anyone is interested in learning more, please respond by email to os.lib.friends@gmail.com



Another Way to Be a Friend:

- ✓ Link your Fred Meyer rewards card online to enable FOL to receive a donation from Kroger for every dollar you spend. Check the link below to see how.

<https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards>

Library Events

(Settle into a comfy chair and relax- and check out all the things happening at the library through the end of the year!)

Ocean Shores Public Library

Library is OPEN Tue – Sat 11:00 – 5:00, Sundays 12:00 – 4:00

www.oslibrary.info

Library is closed November 28, 29 (except for Book Sale on the 29th)

Library closes at 1pm on December 24th and is closed on December 25th

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Library Director – Keitha Owen

Children's Programs

Story Time

Saturdays 10:30am - 11:00am

Books, rhymes, interactive stories, songs and FUN!

Ages birth–5. Presented by Niko.

Weekly Themes:

October 5 – Babies/Toddlers

October 12 – Farms

October 19 – Colors

October 26 – Spooky Stories



November 2 – Kangaroos

November 9 – Moning/Night

November 16 – Nursery Rhymes

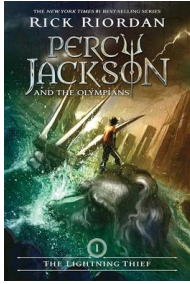
November 23 – Turkeys

November 30 – Circles/Frames

December 7 – Toys

December 14 – Snow

***No Story Time December 21 & 28**



Children's Extravaganza

Saturday October 26th

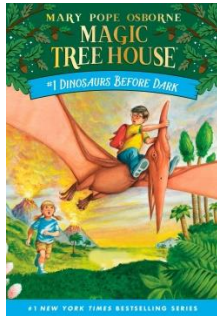
1:00pm - 2:00 pm

Elementary age children are invited to Percy Jackson and the Olympians Extravaganza! Join us at "Camp Half-Blood" for games, trivia, a craft and more at this fun program.

Pumpkin Painting

Saturday October 26th 11:00am - 1:00pm

Elementary age children are invited to the library for a fun pumpkin painting program! Fun pumpkins, treats and games will be provided, just bring along your creativity.



Children's Extravaganza

Saturday November 23rd

1:00pm - 2:00 pm

Elementary age children are invited to Magic Treehouse Extravaganza! Join us for an adventurous time of daring games, trivia, a craft and more at this fun program.



Holiday Book Giveaway!

Every child, age baby to 6th grade, can take home a new, gift-wrapped book for the Holidays! Come get your book from December 13th through the 24th during library open hours.

Santa Claus is Coming....to the Library!

Friday December 13th 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Kids can...

- **Take pictures with Santa!**
- **Create an ornament to take home!**
- **Write a letter to Santa!**
- **Take home a new book from the elves!**



TEEN EVENTS



Teen Video Game Club

Wednesday October 2nd

Wednesday November 6th

Wednesday December 4th

3:00pm - 5:00pm

Drop by the library on the first Wednesday of every month to hang out with friends and play games!

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Monday October 7th

Monday November 4th

Monday December 9th

3:00pm - 4:00pm

The Teen Advisory Board is made of 7-12 grade students who want to assist the library with planning programs and selecting materials for the young adult collection.





Teen Zone

Monday October 28th
Monday November 25th
3:00pm – 5:00pm

The library becomes a teen only zone where students in grades 7-12 can have a safe space to hang out with friends, play video games, watch movies, or sing karaoke. Snacks are provided.



Teen Halloween Party

Wednesday October 30th
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to the annual Teen Halloween Party. There will be a costume contest with prizes, a scary movie to watch, yummy snacks and of course candy.



Dungeons & Dragons **Game Night**

Fridays 4:30pm - 7:30pm

NO DND
November 8
November 29th
December 13th

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

Adult Programs

Memoirs and Musings



October 3,10,17,24 11:30am - 1:30pm

Write your life story for your family and future generations. Come prepared to write with pen and paper, a laptop or tablet. Create a gift only you can give!

BYOB [Bring Your Own Book]

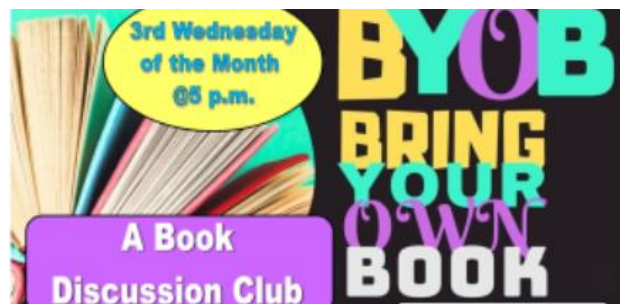
Wednesday October 16th

Wednesday November 20th

Wednesday December 18th

5:00pm - 6:00pm

Share what great books you have been reading with other book lovers. Get ideas for your 'to be read' pile.



Genealogy Café

Wednesday October 16th

11:30am - 3:30pm

Gather information and documentation about your ancestors!

Leave with the tools to continue researching your heritage.

Contact Carrie at **(206) 276-7889** to schedule an appointment time.

Computer Class: Android Basics

Wednesday, October 16th 9:30am – 10:30am

If your smartphone isn't an iPhone, chances are you have an Android. Learn about general features that all Android phones share, and how to better utilize all your Android has to offer. Class size is limited, please call or visit the library to register.

Computer Class: iPhone Basics

Wednesday, November 20th 9:30am – 10:30am

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 functioning of your iPhone, with the aim of making exploring all that your device has to offer an enjoyable experience. Class size is limited, please call or visit the library to register.



Computer Class: “Appy Hour”

Wednesday, December 18th 9:30am – 10:30am

This month's computer class is all about 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 is limited, please call or visit the library to register.



Grave Robbers, Black Death and Secrets, Oh My!

Wednesday October 16th


2:00pm - 3:00pm

Do you know the Legend of Thieves Essential Oil Blend? Learn about this remarkable blend of five essential oils that many rely on to stay healthy during cold and flu season. Smell the different components and see how they come together, and bring home your own tiny hand soap sample!

This is a “Don’t Miss” event! Come and meet local authors and see what they have been working on!

We would welcome volunteers to assist with food service and event management.


Email os.lib.friends@gmail.com if you can help us out!




LOCAL AUTHORS FAIR
OCEAN SHORES PUBLIC LIBRARY

 573 POINT BROWN AVE NW, OCEAN SHORES, WA 98569

TWO DAYS THIS YEAR!

 **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2024**
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

AND

 **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2024**
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

 **SPONSORED BY OCEAN SHORES FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**


CALLING ALL BOOK LOVERS

Mark your calendars for this can't-miss local literary event—this year, expanded to two days!

Friday, October 18, 2024 & Friday, October 25, 2024

Drop in anytime between 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM to meet talented local authors from around the region. Discover new titles across many genres while you enjoy refreshments and chat with your neighbors. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with your vibrant local literary community!

CONTACT Keitha Owen, Library Director
Keitha@osgov.com | 360-289-3919
www.oslibrary.info





Virtual Reality (VR)

Saturday October 19th

Saturday November 16th

Saturday December 21st

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.

Please call or visit the library to reserve your experience.

AGES 13 AND UP



COASTAL SASQUATCH!

Wednesday October 30th

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Please join local Sasquatch Investigators, Kevin Carney & Sandy Nelson to respectfully share all things Sasquatch. Do YOU have questions?

Had an encounter with our local Sasquatch clan? The Ocean Shores Class A sightings map will be on-site. You may be astounded to find out who your neighbors are!



Ceviche Demonstration

Friday November 15th 2:00pm – 3:00pm

How to take a fresh spin on beloved clam recipes. Enjoy a taste of Suzy Sakamoto's razor clam ceviche!



November DVD Display: Starring James Bond

It's Bond Month at the library – vote for your favorite James Bond actor! Don't have a favorite Bond yet? Check out Bond DVD's and discover which Bond you like best!



Wreath Making Workshop

Friday December 6th 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Learn how to make unique wreaths in time for the holidays. A small fee is required to cover supplies, the amount will be announced in November.

Pre-register at the library. Space is limited.

Presented by WSU Master Gardeners and Garden by the Sea



Holiday Book Drive

Give the gift of reading!

Donate new, unwrapped children's books to be distributed to local children for the Holidays. There is a special need for books for reading level ages 9-12. Cash donations are also welcome!

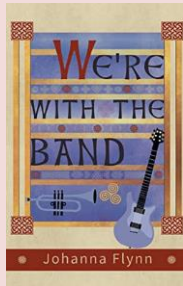
Book Group
Monday October 21st
Monday November 8th
Monday December 16th
3:00pm – 4:00pm

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.

October

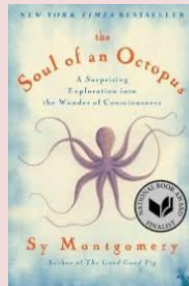
“We’re With the Band”



by Johanna Flynn

November

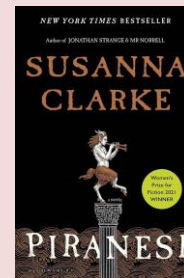
“Soul of an Octopus”



by Sy Montgomery

December

“Piranesi”



by Susanna Clarke

“Stories are for eternity, when memory is erased, when there is nothing to remember except the story.” [The Things They Carried](#)



Art in the Library

October



Lisa Kemmerer

Lisa is an artist activist dedicated to expanding our circle of compassion.

November – To Be Announced



December



Margaret Herd

Margaret Herd is an artist living in Ocean Shores. This artwork is an exploration of color and texture in various mediums of work. The mediums used vary from acrylic, oils, watercolor, to concrete sculpture.

Library Services

Lobby Display Case

October – Katie Bright's vintage Halloween collection

November – Sasquatch Display presented by Saschat group

December – Pottery by Maggie Keller

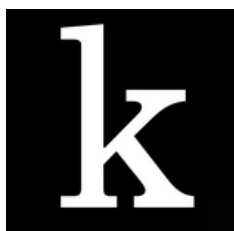
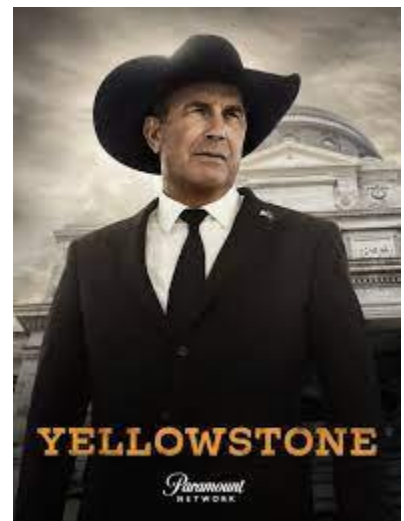


Libby

The library offers access to Libby, a service that allows you to check out EBooks, Audiobooks, and Magazines, through the Libby app, or in your web browser for FREE with your library card.

Collection Highlights: Television Series

The collection of television series is continuing to expand, with shows like Yellowjackets, The Sopranos, and Yellowstone. Catch up on the must watch series that you may have missed, or find an entirely new series to love!



Kanopy

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

Films that matter

What will you watch?

Book a Techie

The library offers FREE one on one tech help, helping with your questions about your phone, tablet, or laptop, or just answering questions. Schedule a half an hour appointment by calling the library or asking at the desk during open hours.

- ☐ 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.

Zoom Capable Meeting Rooms

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



Read the Seattle Times and other newspapers in full-text with images online with your library card.



Gallery of Ocean Shores

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

NEW service - device charging stations

The library now offers common device chargers for In-library use at NEW charging stations setup throughout the library.

From the Board of Trustees.....

Meet the Board

Becky Moore has been visiting Ocean Shores for at least 50 years and now makes Ocean Shores the retirement home with her husband Gayle.

Vickie Cummings moved to Ocean Shores in 2022, and started up doing volunteer work with the AARP. Vickie has been assisting the community with their taxes and is on the Board of Directors of the Library Foundation.

Leon Brauner has been an Ocean Shores resident for 21 years and has served on the Ocean Shores Food Bank board since 2013.

Alex Suarez has lived in Ocean Shores since 2016 and presently serves as the Secretary for the Board of Trustees.

Jeff Brittain has lived in Ocean Shores since 2015 and presently serves as the President of the Board of Trustees.

Tell Us What You Think (No, Really)!

As the Friends of the Library moves into 2025, we would like your feedback on a few things:

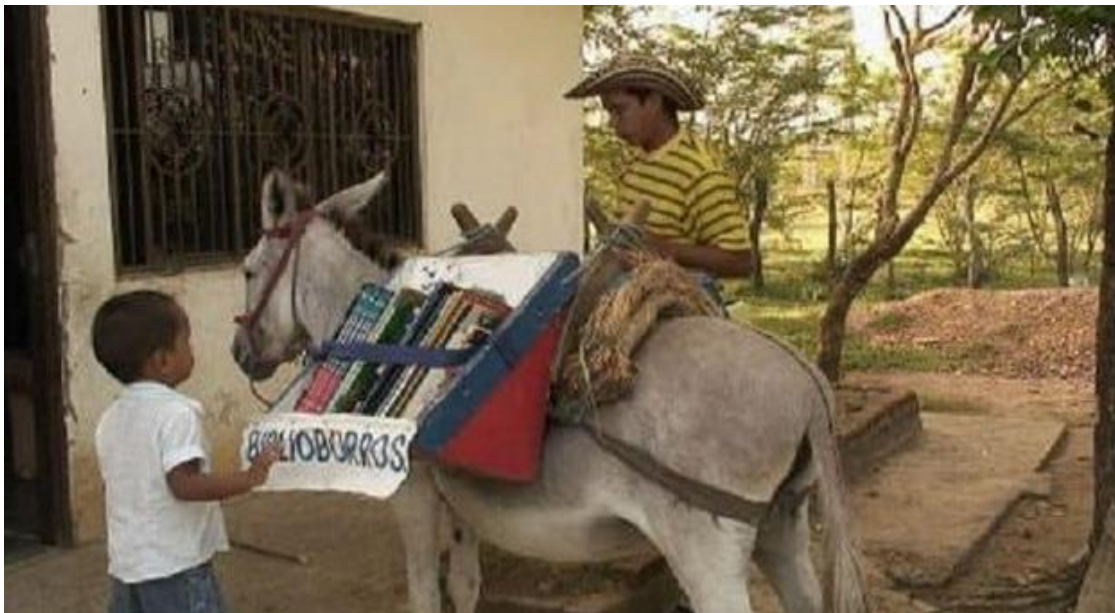
- Have you enjoyed the guest speakers who have been invited to meetings this year, and would you like to see that continue?
- Any suggestions about how to achieve more FOL member participation in events/activities?
- Do you feel FOL should have more of a social aspect, beyond the 30 minute social period prior to meetings?
- Can you offer any suggestions that you feel would enhance the experience of being a Friends of the Library member?

If you have thoughts you would like to share with the Executive Committee regarding these points (or any others you may think of), please send an email to os.lib.friends@gmail.com.

THANK YOU!

Library Armchair Traveler.....

Okay, so this isn't *exactly* a library



The Biblioburro: Delivering Books Via Donkey

Let's start with the Biblioburro, because, have you seen how adorable [baby donkeys](#) are? Oh, and because he brings books to children who wouldn't otherwise have access to them. Luis Soriano—a primary school teacher who runs the Biblioburro program in his spare time—loads his donkeys, Alfa and Beto, full of books then travels up to four hours one way to visit villages in rural Colombia. Once there, he reads to the young people, helps them with homework, and loans them books from his mobile library. Soriano [told CNN](#) that he got the idea back in 1990 because he had "two unemployed donkeys at home," and we all know there's nothing worse than having slack-ass donkeys hanging out, playing video games, and eating all the Cheetos. The Biblioburro has brought literacy and the joy of reading to an estimated 4,000 kids so far, which makes Soriano's tales of breaking his leg in a donkey fall and getting tied to a tree by bandits seem worth it.

Note from the Editor

A simple message – thank you to the dedicated FOL volunteers who continue to make it all happen at events, and for all of you who support the activities that fund FOL - and through FOL, so many library programs. You are all amazing!