



Ocean Shores Friends of the Library

Winter 2024 Newsletter

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



President Farewell

For the last 10 years I have been involved in the Library in some manner, FOL Member and Executive Committee, Library Board of Trustees Member and one of the original members of the Library Foundation. It has been an enormous pleasure to serve the Ocean Shores Library. But it is time to step away and let the “next generation” take over. I plan to remain as a loyal book store and sales volunteer where needed.

We are so fortunate to have such a community centered library that is responsive to the needs of our residents. Over the years I have asked that books be added to the collection and in most cases my request was fulfilled. What other library could community members receive such service?

Over the years I have watched an amazing staff come and go, each bringing their personality and dedication into their position. The core staff (Keitha, Niko, Michelle, and Nick) are a true backbone to operations. Always with a sense that the customer comes first and for that I THANK YOU all.

I have made some wonderful friends being involved in FOL and I THANK YOU for your support and friendship.

I encourage everyone to take the time to become involved in our library. If it be a member of a committee, book shelper, FOL volunteer, or any other skill you bring to our community. You will find it rewarding and gives a person a sense of belonging to something bigger than themselves.

My plans are to remain in the Ocean Shores Community for now but who knows what my next story will be!

Thank you all,

Mary Jo Conibear-Lohrenz

Message from the (New) President

I'm honored to be serving as the new President for the Friends of the Library Executive Board, and look forward to working with a dynamic team.

My professional background is in healthcare, I worked as a Registered Dietitian with a focus on Diabetes care. I've been retired since 2019, and am enjoying my free time in our beautiful coastal town of Ocean Shores. I enjoy time in the outdoors gardening, as well as wonderful walks in any weather by the beach.

I am an lifelong learner; there are never enough books to read. The library is the best place to serve the community with a wide variety of programs for all ages.

- Anna Betancourt

Below is a list of the 2025 Executive Committee and Chairpersons, followed by a little introduction to the remaining Executive Committee members. Thanks for kicking things off, Anna!

2025 FOL Officers

President – Anna Betancourt
Vice President –Open Position
Treasurer – Michele King
Secretary – Janet Needham
Member at Large– Kathy Baker

Committee Chairs: 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:
The Michal Rosencrans Family Jan Jasper





Michele King, a retired Certified Public Accountant (CPA), has a wealth of experience in financial management. With over 30 years' experience in small and large organizations, including non-profits, she has the acumen as a financial leader. Michele is deeply committed to giving back to her community through extensive volunteer work, which includes 9 years at the Duvall Friends of Library, and now 2 years at the Ocean Shores Friends of the Library. Her love of books started as a child going to the library every Saturday, checking out the maximum of books (10), and returning the following week for another set. She is an avid reader, belonging to two local book clubs, and advocates the right for all to have access to all genres.



Janet Needham

I have always been passionate about stories, and I believe there's no better place to immerse oneself in the magic of reading than at the library. As the Secretary of Ocean Shores Friends of the Library, I am honored to contribute to fostering a love for literature and learning within our community. My husband and I made Ocean Shores our home in 2022, and I'm deeply committed to engaging with our vibrant community. I look forward to working with the Friends of the Library to grow our membership and enhance the library's impact for all.



Kathy Baker

Moving frequently as a child, libraries became my constant, my "home" in each community we lived in. I loved those familiar places where I could immerse myself in great stories. That love continued into adulthood, and I became active in library Friends groups wherever I lived, including those in Kent and Covington. Moving to Grays Harbor in 2018, the Ocean Shores library became my new "home", as well, and I am happy to be a part of the Friends of the Library here that generates such amazing support of this gem of a library and its staff.

UPCOMING FOL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

January 13, 2025 – Mayor Frank Elduen will give a brief talk about what has been happening and what lies ahead in 2025 and beyond for the City of Ocean Shores.

February 10, 2025 – Coastal Interpretive Center Director Jacob Baker will present information about CIC's programs and plans for 2025.

March 10, 2025 – Rich Lindquist will speak about North Beach Medical, a nonprofit charity which works to provide medical equipment and supplies to people in need, at no cost.

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



Membership Chairperson Wanted

We're looking for a new chairperson for the membership committee. The chair is approved by the Executive Committee and has an advisory position on this committee.

Once a year letters are sent to all annual members reminding them to pay their dues. Thank you letters and receipts are sent to each member. This chair is also responsible for keeping the membership list and email contacts updated.

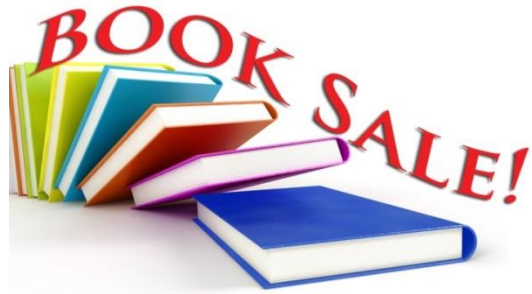
This position requires some basic computer skills. Currently all the processes are done in a spreadsheet. This takes about 3-4 hours for the annual work. Keeping up with new members is usually less than an hour a month.

This committee might also work with the Executive Committee to explore ways to attract more members and volunteers, and ways to reward the volunteers.

This is a rewarding way to give back to FOL, and support the library.

If you have questions or want to take on this role email me at os.lib.friends@gmail.com.

Malinda Griffin



**Check out the Big Book Sale
schedule for 2025!**

**Our next sale is coming up soon on
January 24th and 25th. Watch for the
email seeking volunteers for this event
after the beginning of the New Year.**

Thank you for your support!

2025 Book Sale Schedule

Friday, January 24	12:00pm – 4:00pm	Saturday, January 25	10:00am – 3:00pm
Friday, March 21	12:00pm – 4:00pm	Saturday, March 22	10:00am – 3:00pm
Friday, May 23	12:00pm – 4:00pm	Saturday, May 24	10:00am – 3:00pm
Friday, July 4	10:00am – 4:00pm	Saturday, July 5	10:00am – 3:00pm
Friday, August 29	12:00pm – 4:00pm	Saturday, August 30	10:00am – 3:00pm
Friday, Nov. 28	12:00pm – 4:00pm	Saturday, Nov. 29	10:00am – 3:00pm

Friday's first sale hour is for FOL Members Only

Scenes from FOL Sponsored Programs



Second Annual Author's Fair

October 18th and 25th



Pumpkin Painting Program

October 26th



Razor Clam Ceviche Demonstration

by Suzy Sakamoto

November 15th

Friends of the Library Holiday Potluck

December 9th



And of course, Santa's Visit



**The Jolly Old
Gentleman,
himself....**

Snowman Ornament Crafts





Snacks and Beverages

FOL Santa Helpers

Patty, Janet, Ruth,
Michele & Kathy



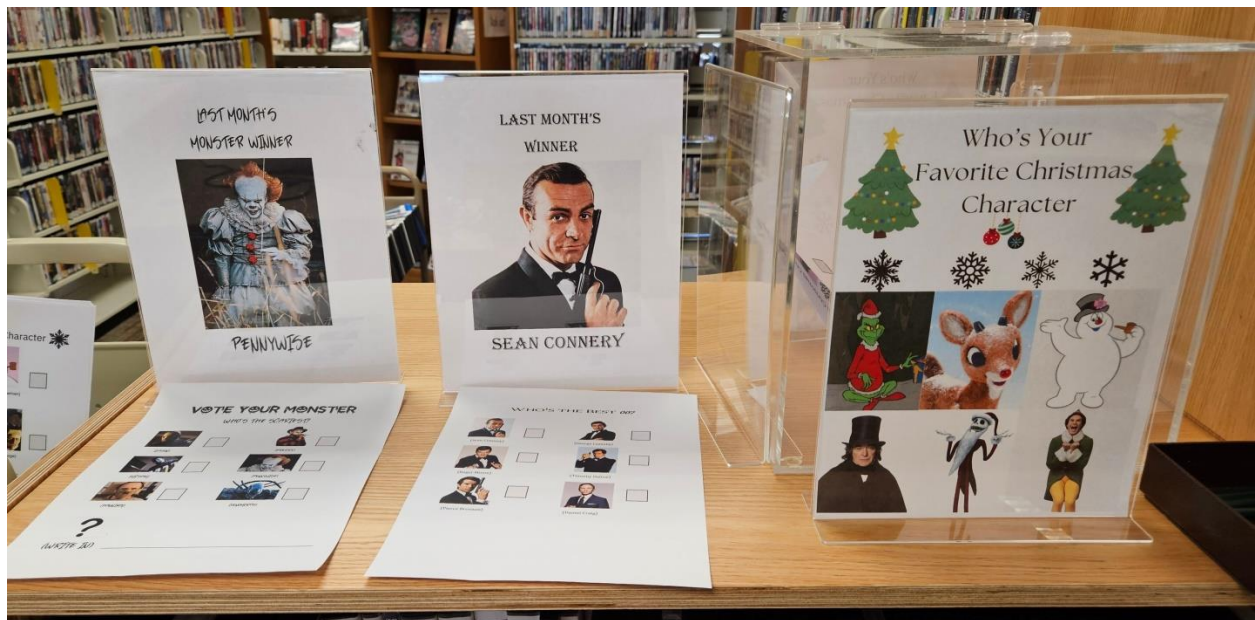
GET INVOLVED!

A new year is about to begin, and with it, chances to try new things! The Friends of the Library has many areas that can benefit from new ideas and enthusiasm from new participants – our ongoing Book Store, Book Sales, Program helpers, and more. If you see an FOL activity that you are interested in helping with or finding more information about, send an email to os.lib.friends@gmail.com and we will be happy to talk to you about it!

At the Library

Check This Out....

Do you want to know who the best James Bond is, or who is viewed as the best Christmas character? Well, the library staff at Ocean Shores Public library has created a monthly voting system that focuses on the various movie displays that are set up. In the past, the Ocean Shores public has decided who the best Horror movie character is, as well as the best James Bond. If you're passionate about sharing your movie opinion, come on down to the public library and vote for your favorite character at the voting box. Also, check out the extensive movie collection as each monthly voting will incorporate the theme of the monthly movie display.



Get a peek at what's coming in the next few months at the Ocean Shores Library! More information on all of these programs and activities are available from library staff.





January Events

LIBRARY IS CLOSED WEDNESDAY JANUARY 15TH

Friends of the Library
Sponsored events —



Book Group

Monday January 13th

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Ocean Shores Friends of the Library sponsor this program and purchase 10 copies of each title to be checked out for 2 weeks. This month's book, a classic selection...

"And then there were none"
by Agatha Christie.



Lobby Display Case

Beanie Babies collection of Sharon Coone.

Art in the Library

Patti Vance

This exhibit is a tribute to my teachers and mentors for the past two years of my painting journey.



Friends of the Library (FOL)

Monthly Meeting

Monday January 13th 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Speaker will be Mayor Frank Elduen.



Look & Learn: Hair Styling

Thursday January 23rd 1:00pm - 3:00pm

You've just left the salon, but how do you recreate the style at home? From heat protection to how to use your hot tools without damaging your hair. At this look and learn/hands on class, mannequin doll heads will be provided for you to practice the best ways to duplicate an awesome blow dry style. Have hot tools at home that you're not quite sure how to use? Bring them to class and we'll show you how. Have hair care products that you're not sure how to apply? Bring those too and we'll show you how to use them for the best results.

Please call or visit the library to reserve your spot.

NEW service - Meeting Room Sound System

The large meeting room now has a surround sound PA system available for use at meetings!
Ask at the desk for more information.

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Computer Class – Library Services

Wednesday January 15th 9:30am – 10:30am

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

Class size is limited, please call or visit the library to register.

Let's Talk...

Financial Fraud & Cyber Security

Friday January 17th 11:00am – 12:30pm

Presented by 1st Security Bank

Fraud attempts are increasingly prevalent. Join this free seminar to learn how to identify financial fraud and protect yourself from cyber security threats.



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Story Time

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Saturdays 10:30am - 11:00am

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Weekly Themes:

January 4 - Calendars

January 11 - Winter

January 18 - Mittens

January 25 - Moon

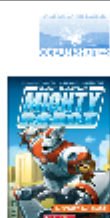


Reading Rangers

Saturday January 11th 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Elementary age children are invited to Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot

Extravaganza. Fun games, robot crafts, scavenger hunt and more at this program.



Pokémon Trading Card Swap

Saturdays and Sundays January 4th, 5th, 18th, 19th 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Come along to the Pokémon Card Swap at the library! Swap out some of your old, unwanted Pokémon trading cards and see what you can catch for your collection!

Ages 5-12, Parent / Guardian must attend with their child.

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!



Genealogy Cafe

Wednesday January 22nd 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.



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Teen Zone

Monday January 27th 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 will be provided.



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.



Kanopy

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



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS®

Dungeons & Dragons Game Night

Fridays 4:30pm - 7:30pm **NO D&D on the 24th**

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



Newsbank

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



February Events

Friends of the Library
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Book Group

Monday February 10th
3:30pm - 4:30pm

Ocean Shores Friends of the Library sponsor this program and purchase 10 copies of each title to be checked out for 2 weeks. This month's book, "A day like this" by Kelley McNeil.



Lobby Display Case

Kurt Palmer is sharing his Models of Japanese Buildings.

Art in the Library

Fern Shaffer

"Travels Across the U.S."

features a collection of images capturing the diverse landscapes and

cultures of America. It features different regions and subjects, from the beaches of the Pacific Coast to New York's Niagara Falls.

Overall, the exhibit reflects the beauty and diversity of the American landscape that my husband and I explored for 15 years.



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Guest Speaker - Jacob Baker, the director of the Coastal Interpretive Center.



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AARP Tax Aide

February 6th - April 11th

Free AARP Tax-Aide for all ages.

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Fridays 10:00am - 2:00pm

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Computer Class - Open Discussion - PC

Wednesday February 19th 9:30am - 10:30am

Have burning questions about your Windows computer? Bring your questions to the library for an open discussion where you can ask about all things PC. Space is limited please register ahead.

Device Charging Stations

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



Lets Talk...

Olympic Area Agency on Aging

Thursday February 27th 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Learn about the many programs the Olympic Area Agency on Aging (O3A) has for older adults, adults with disabilities, and family caregivers. Programs include free legal help for people 60+ (including wills, POAs, and guardianships), support for grandparents and others raising family members' children, SHIBA (free, unbiased help with Medicare and related insurance options), Information & Assistance Specialists who help find resources tailored to individual needs, and much more.





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Weekly Themes:

February 1st	Shadows
February 8th	Birds
February 15th	Hearts
February 22nd	Blankets & Quilts



Reading Rangers

Saturday February 22nd 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Elementary age children are invited to How to Train Your Dragon Extravaganza.

Fun games, a dragon craft, puzzles and more at this program.



LEGO Building Tournament

Saturday February 8th 1:00pm-2:00pm

Are you a fast or creative Lego builder? Children ages 5-12 are invited to this program with fun and fast building challenges. Show us your building skills and you may be awarded a "Top Builder" trophy.



Stuffed Sleepover

Saturday February 22nd – Sunday February 23rd
Calling all local children ages birth-12! Your stuffed animals are invited to a stuffed sleepover at the library. Bring one of your favorites to the library and check in at the front desk. Come back the next day, pick up your stuffed and find out what they did overnight.

Book-a-Techie

The library offers FREE one on one tech help, schedule a half an hour appointment by calling the library or asking at the desk during open hours. Techie does not help with hardware issues.

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Teen Video Game Club

Wednesday February 5th 3:00pm - 5:00pm

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Book Group

Monday March 17th

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Ocean Shores Friends of the Library sponsor this program and purchase 10 copies of each title to be checked out for 2 weeks. This month's book, the novel "Yellowface" by R.F. Kuang.



Lobby Display Case

Garden by the Sea

Art in the Library

Susan LaMadrid

Susan LaMadrid is sharing various watercolor and photography scenes from our coast and her travels.



AARP Tax Aide **NO SERVICE MARCH 21st** **March 1st - April 11th**

Free AARP Tax-Aide for all ages

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Thursdays 10:00am - 2:00pm

Fridays 10:00am - 2:00pm

Saturday March 1st 10:00am - 2:00pm

Lets Talk...

Disaster Preparedness

Author Steven Craig Book Talk

Friday March 28th 2:30pm - 4:00pm

A retired Coast Guard Reserve Captain with over 38 years of service. Steven has extensive experience in Coast Guard disaster response, including thirteen recalls for major events such as Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Ike, and the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. He holds a master's degree in emergency management and is a Lifetime Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) with the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) as well as a Master Exercise Practitioner (MEP) certified by FEMA.



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Open Discussion - Smartphones

Wednesday March 19th 9:30am - 10:30am

Want to know more about what your smartphone can do? Bring your questions to this open discussion and learn what your phone can do.

Space is limited please register ahead.

Meet the Authors!

Thursday March 6th 2:30pm - 4:30pm

Join Ocean Shores authors Brian Anderson and D.S. Ayars for an afternoon of readings designed to intrigue and entertain.



Brian Anderson

The author of The Lyle Dahms Mysteries, a series that readers call "funny and well-crafted" and also say that "Anderson does a terrific job of channeling a combo of Hammett and Chandler with a sassy sense of humor of his own."



D.S. Ayars

Get ready. Take your high-powered supplements and put on a dependable helmet. This vivid series is a wide-eyed revelation, a latent reflection. Are you poised and prepared to be utterly enraptured? The Comfort for the Afflicted Series: by D.S. Ayars.



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March 1	Rain	March 8	Apples
March 15	Shamrocks	March 22	Spring
March 29	Butterflies		



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Elementary age children are invited to "Diary of a Pug" Extravaganza. Fun games, a dog craft, scavenger hunt and more at this program.



Friends of the Library (FOL)

Monthly Meeting

Monday March 10th 2:00pm - 3:00pm
Guest speaker - Rich Lindquist, Owner of North Beach Medical Equipment.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness

March 19th 12:30pm - 4:30pm

What to expect:

- Information sharing on public health emergency preparedness(earthquakes, flooding, evacuation, and emergency contact cards)
- Information sharing about Public Health Programs
- A1C Screenings
- Blood Pressure Screenings

Contact Grays Harbor County Public Health at 360-532-8631 for more information



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Teen Spring Party!

Saturday March 29th 6:00pm - 8:30pm

All local students in grades 7-12 are invited to party at the Ocean Shores Library after hours. There will be video games, karaoke, and great food. Theme TBA. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



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A Note from the Library Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is looking forward to the great variety of topics and programs that the Friends of the Library are sponsoring in 2025. The informal programs align with the vision of the Ocean Shores Library to be a resource to the community, enhancing the lives of people living here.



From the Editor:

Thanks to all of the Friends of the Library for your support throughout the year. Wonderful programs happened, updated furnishings and features were added to the library, and the people of Ocean Shores and beyond were served by the best little library in Grays Harbor County (in my opinion).

Let's make 2025 an even better year for the community with our continued support.

-Kathy