



Notes Between Friends

Friends of the Olympia Timberland Library
Eighth and Franklin, Olympia, WA

www.olympiafriends.com

The Olympia Timberland Library needs its friends more than ever

As you know, the Timberland Library Levy Lid Lift failed to receive a large enough affirmative vote in February. Thanks to all of you who did support the Lift!!

From the President
by *Mary Belz*

Although funds earned by the Friends cannot be used to supplement staff salaries or extend library hours, we can do a lot to support both staff and library programs.

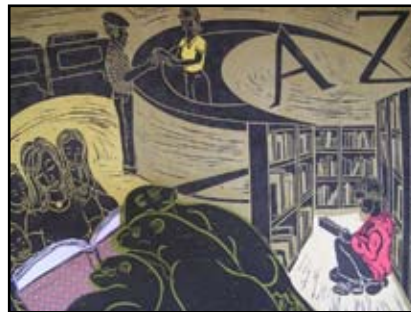
Friends of the Olympia Library funds come from:

- Quarterly Giant Book Sales
- Ongoing In-Library Book Sales
- Friends' Memberships
- Individual donations for specific purchases,
- Sale of blank diskettes and earbuds in the Library, and
- By the time you receive your next Newsletter, NOTE CARDS and a

CHILDREN'S PUZZLE using our new FOL logo – developed from the beautiful linoleum blockprint given to us by local artist Mimi Williams (see inset).

Here's what's new for the Friends:

In addition to diskettes, earbuds are now sale for you to use with the Library computers and then take home. Diskettes are \$1.00 and earbuds are \$2.00.



The Outreach Committee is on hand at all adult programs and events to invite folks to join the Friends for the first time or renew their memberships.

The Website Committee is revamping the FOL website. Check out their progress at www.olympiafriends.com.

The Newsletter is also being updated by the Communications Committee. This is an ongoing process, so you'll see changes in the next few issues.

The mission of the Friends is "To support, promote and augment the operations of the Olympia Library."
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April, 2009

Nikki McClure, the “new” atrium and new friends

In every “Newsletter,” we will bring you a “Service Story” passed on by head librarian, Cheryl Heywood. More service stories can be found at our website, olympiafriends.com

On a recent Saturday afternoon Olympia Library truly became Olympia’s living room! Our freshly painted atrium was aglow with the sun’s natural light and with the light from the smiling faces of patrons here to see Nikki McClure read from her new children’s book, All in a Day. Our library was transformed that day into a lively community meeting place where friends met other friends to enjoy a free and entertaining program. Jane LaClergue from Fireside bookstore was here to sell copies of Nikki’s books. Batdorf and Bronson Coffee Roasters gave us 200 coupons to pass out for free drinks at their shop. People who went to the shop to redeem their coupons were able to enjoy the exhibit of the original artwork from Nikki’s book.

There were many familiar faces, but there were also some people from Tacoma, Puyallup and Portland, who came to Olympia for the event. Two good friends who had lived in Alaska, but now were living in different cities in Washington, planned to meet in Olympia. One of the women is a big fan of Nikki’s, so the other, as a surprise, asked her to meet at the library. She was thrilled when she arrived to learn that Nikki was here. When she approached Nikki to get her book signed, they shared Alaska stories because Nikki had lived there for a brief time.

I marveled at how this one lovely book brought people together to celebrate a community member’s amazing talent and how this library offered a place for that gathering to occur.

And the frosting on the cake was that the Friends of the Olympia library collected over \$200.00 in membership dues and Jane Leclergue generously donated 10% of the sales from the 77 books sold to the FOL! Long live the book! Long live the Library!

(Submitted by Mary R, Library Associate)

Upcoming Events

April 30, Yarn About Olympia

May 2, Free Comic Book Day

May 7, Yarn About Olympia

May 9, PAWS To Read: A “Pawsotive” Reading Experience.”children in the second grade and up are invited to meet registered Delta Society Pet Partner teams, then cuddle up with a good book and individually read to a trained canine friend.

May 14, Yarn About Olympia

May 15, PageTurners adult book discussion group. Participants will be discussing “An Arsonist’s Guide to Writer’s Homes in New England.”

For additional program information please see the TRL website @ www.trlib.org

How to be “more” of a Friend

Special Volunteer Opportunity: Book Sales Chair Irene Osborn needs a volunteer for about 5 hours/month to put stickers on books and enter data on the Library computer - for the books that have been donated to the Friends and will go directly onto the Library shelves. Contact Irene at Irene.bookworm@gmail.com if you are interested

If you’d like to volunteer in any other capacity, please email the following:

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Friends board meets monthly at the Library, on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, from 12-1 p.m. Board business is conducted at these meetings, and all members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

What the Friends paid for in 2008

- “Notes Between Friends” – The Friends’ Quarterly Newsletter
- Library shelving for newspapers
- Bike rack for Library staff
- Tuning the Library’s piano and repairing the Staff coffeemaker
- Special events: High School play performance
- Outreach: Participation in Olympia’s Ethnic Celebration, Arbor Day, and Evergreen Villages children’s program
- Books and incentives for: “Reading Explorers” and “Teen Book Discussion Group”
- Rent for storage space for Book Sale books
- Extra copies of teen bestsellers
- Refreshments and decorations for special patron and staff events
- Appreciation awards and brunch for Library pages, aides, volunteers and staff
- Camera for Library staff
- Chairs for Teen Corner and bench in the hallway
- Puppets and toys for children’s story times
- “Book Page” subscriptions
- Cigarette butt bin
- Youth Services planning retreat
- Flat cart and ergonomic lift cart for staff transporting books
- Convex security mirror and plant containers
 - * Boxes for storing books during Library remodel
 - * Special presentations for adults: authors Eric Lyle, Silja J.A. Talvi, Quintard Taylor; musician Mirah Yomtov Zeitlin
 - * Adult Book Display table



Three new beautiful book units are now behind the Library’s “on hold” area and feature our Ongoing Book Sale Collection. These books are some of our latest donated arrivals and can be purchased whenever you visit the Library to support the Friends.

GIANT BOOK SALE!

Saturday, MAY 16: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sunday, MAY 17: 1 – 4 p.m.

Special Reminder: Friends can purchase books from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 16 – two hours before the Sale opens to the public!

The Friends largest fund-raisers are the Giant Book Sales – February, May and October. You, and your friends and family, can help by:

REDUCING, from your own library, the books you don't plan to read again,
RECYCLING by donating to the Book Sale – just drop books off before May 13 whenever the Library is open, and
REUSING the treasures donated by others by purchasing your own new treasures at the May Book Sale.

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