



Notes Between Friends

**Friends of the Olympia Library
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New art in the Olympia Library

Have you noticed the wonderful works of art that grace our Library?

From the President
by *Mary Belz*

We're all familiar with our iconic "Otter Family" – now residing in the Atrium due to fire department requirements.

This beautiful sculpture was given to the Library in 1980 by POSSCA . It is the graceful and much-loved symbol of our Library.

In recent months we've added four new pieces.

The first is the beautiful linoleum block print donated to the Friends of the Library by its creator, Mimi Williams.

Mimi has given the Friends the right to use the print to support the Library so you'll begin to see a portion of it as our new logo on all things Friends, and the full print on beautiful note cards that you can purchase during all Adult Programs at the Library for \$7.50 for 5 - perfect for yourself and for holiday giving! It's impossible to thank Mimi enough for her wonderful gift!

Next, we want to thank Nikki McClure for her

amazing paper-cuts. Earlier in the year Nikki read her newest book – "All in a Day" – to an enthralled gathering of children and adults in the Library Atrium. Soon after the reading, Library Manager, Cheryl Heywood, contacted Nikki to purchase - with funds from the Peggy Coppinger Endowment - one of the paper-cuts from the book for the Library. Nikki then offered to donate a second paper-cut from the book!

The black and white images may seem like ink drawings at first, but be sure to look closely. Each one can be held up by its corners, all in one piece! Thank you so very much, Nikki!

And finally, a companion for our Otters. The "Dolphin" sculpture was donated to the Library by Heidi Usibelli on behalf of Heidi and Don Dittrich. The Dittriches travel annually to Zimbabwe to teach English and to support the work of a unique cooperative of sculptors who are members of the Shona People.

Both the Otters and the Dolphin were sculpted from green serpentine marble – the first mined in the Pacific Northwest, the latter in the mountains of Africa. Thank you, thank you, thank you Don and the two Heidis!

Look for photos of the new art works on page 3.

*The mission of the Friends is "To support, promote and
augment the operations of the Olympia Library."
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Enterprise for Equity changing lives

We have been partnering with Enterprise for Equity for about 5 years, teaching market research classes to students who plan on opening a local, small business.

**The Library in
People's Lives**

A recent graduate from Enterprise for Equity wrote in the May 2009 E-Ventures newsletter:



Enterprise for Equity gave me all of the tools I need to make my business a success. One of the tools I have found incredibly useful is how to use the resources at the library to research my industry, the local demographics and my competitors. Researching how landscape designers across the county are staying competitive during this recession has provided me with tips, direction and inspiration that is making my business a success.

In every Newsletter, we will bring you "Library in People's Lives" story passed on by Library Manager Cheryl Heywood. More stories can be found at our website, olympiafriends.com

How to be "more" of a Friend

Would you like to help out during our regular February, June and October book sales?

The Friends of the Olympia Library do need people to set up tables, assist customers and just be around as helpers during the sale.

To volunteer contact Jennifer Elden at jelden@eldengoff.com

Upcoming Events

Monday, October 12, from 6 to 7 p.m.

What do wolves feel, see, smell, hear and taste? Learn about a wolf's senses and how they are in some ways similar to and very different from your own. Hands-on activities will help you smell, taste, touch, see and hear like a wolf! This lively presentation by the education staff of Wolf Haven International celebrates Wolf-Awareness Week, October 18-24

Wednesday, October 14, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Meet Brandon Mull, author of the Fablehaven book series. Mull travels the country promoting literacy and sharing his message that imagination can take you places. Copies of the Fablehaven books will be available for purchase and signing. Please pick up free tickets beginning Wednesday, October 7 at the library's youth services desk. Limit five tickets per family. This event begins after the library is closed. The library will be open only for the presentation. Please use the 8th Avenue entrance.

Saturday, October 24, 12 to 2 p.m.

To celebrate National Library Friends Week (October 18 to 24), the Friends of the Olympia Library will be selling greeting cards decorated with the Friends' logo.

Saturday, October 24, 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Calling all sci-fi fans, please join us for Olympia's first SciFiFest. The library is normally closed at this time and is only open for this event. The evening begins with readings from award-winning Seattle authors Nicola Griffith and Kelley Eskridge. At 6:30, Seattle SciFi Museum curator Jacob MacMurray will present a video featuring interview clips of famous sci-fi authors. At 7:30, BloodHag will rock the house with their futuristic heavy metal stylings, then emcee a community sci-fi fashion show. Prizes will include Most Steampunk, Best Star Trek impersonator, Most Robotic, and more. Come dressed to win!

Staff Star: Garrett Cooper

You may not know his name, but you surely recognize his smile. He's Garrett Cooper, the gracious man who provides security at our library.

Garrett came to us three years ago from Washington, D.C. via the U.S. Army. After 18 years service as a Staff Sergeant in Logistics, he retired from Fort Lewis and decided that Olympia was a great place to make his new civilian home.

Garrett's approach to his job is a perfect compliment to the atmosphere we enjoy in the Library. His goal is to make sure that every patron and all of the Staff are "welcome and protected." He doesn't wear a uniform or carry a stick.

You'll find him dressed casually and usually with a book in his hand – he reads both fiction and nonfiction and particularly enjoys the library's graphic novel collection.

"Constant vigilance" is how he describes his time in the Library. He knows where everyone is and what's happening throughout the building. On most days he's happily "meeting and greeting."

But if there's any kind of disruption or concern from Staff or patrons, he's there to provide a



Garrett Cooper

calm and respectful way of diffusing and resolving the situation. On any occasion when outside assistance is needed, Garrett, along with the Library Manager, are our well-respected liaisons with the Olympia Police Department.

When he's not making us feel welcome and safe at the Library, you may find Garrett providing security on the Capitol grounds when the Legislature is in session, fishing, painting, learning to play the guitar or just enjoying our wonderful city.

Now that you know who Garrett is, say "Hi" to him the next time you visit the Library. And especially, make sure that your children and grandchildren meet him and know that he's there to make sure their time in the Library is happy and safe. His smile and warmth will brighten your day!



The four new art pieces in the Library: two paper-cuts by Nikki McClure; the linoleum block print by Mimi Williams; and the "Dolphin" sculpture donated by Heidi Usibelli.



ART SHOW & SALE!

The Friends of the Olympia Library are sponsoring a juried Art Show and Sale during the first three weekends in December:

Friday, December 4th, 4 – 8 p.m. *** Saturday, December 5th, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Friday, December 11th, 3 – 8 p.m.

Friday, December 18th, 3 – 8 p.m. *** Saturday, December 19th, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

More than 30 local, professional artists have been selected to bring their work to the Library. Everyone is invited to see the art work, meet the artists and get in some great holiday shopping.

In addition to giving their time, the artists are donating 20 percent of their profits from the sale to the Olympia Friends. We'll give you more information about the Art Show and Sale in the Special November issue of our Newsletter. For now, we invite you to put the December weekends on your calendar and we'll look forward to seeing you at the Library.

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