

## **Agenda**

Mission Statement: *“To support, promote and augment the operations of the Olympia Library”*

1. Call to Order

Noon

2. Minutes of the December 2009 Meeting – Elaine Nelson

3. Treasurer’s Report - Beth Dubey

4. Library Manager’s Report – Cheryl Heywood

5. Outreach Report

6. Volunteers Report – Lila Sjodin

7. Book Sale Report – Irene Osborn

8. Communications Report – Emmett O’Connell

9. Membership Report – Gayle Newsom

10. New and Old Business Discussion

11. Adjourn

1:00 p.m.

February 16, 2010 Board Meeting at the Olympia Library, noon to 1 p.m.

## **December 2009 Minutes**

Secretary Elaine Nelson was absent due to work. As far as I know, no minutes were taken.

## Library Manager's Report

### Service Stories:

On December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Friends of the Olympia Library sponsored Rick Meyers' Old-Time Music Show at the Evergreen Villages Apartments. Children of all ages plus a sprinkling of adults enjoyed Rick's demonstrations of lesser known folk instruments including spoons, musical saw, jewsharp, limberjack, banjo & guitar. Not only was his introduction to the instruments great, but his sense of humor and ability to involve the audience made this the essence of kid's programming at its best. The audience was a bit shy about interacting but by the end of the show Rick had a 5 piece "Evergreen Villages Band" playing a song together. Before Rick left, he went to the kitchen to grab some spoons for the kids to use as instruments and left them with a CD & a wooden dancing puppet called a limberjack, that taps out a beat on a wooden board. As we packed up to leave the center the kids were playing along to American folksong classics on the CD, many of which they'd never heard before. Priceless! If your library has him scheduled this summer you are in for a treat! – Beth, Youth Services Associate

A wide-eyed woman came up to the desk to ask if our library was always this busy. I talked to her about the increasing use over the last couple of years and was telling her about some of our recent record door counts. She told me she was just in town visiting and had a few hours to kill and that she always visits libraries when visiting a town she's going through. She said she had *never* seen a library as busy as ours and congratulated us! -- Sara, Librarian Senior – Adult Services

### Olympia Timberland Library News:

1. Cheryl spoke to social workers about Foster Care visitations and the possibility of other library services presentations with Foster Care partners.
2. Post holiday cheer – instead of exchanging white elephant gifts, staff donated food items to the Food Bank which was delivered in early January.
3. This month's adult book display theme is, "Adult Winter Reading."
4. Upcoming adult programs, (only one sponsored by the Friends):

1. Alan Bauer, photographer, <http://alanbauer.com/>  
the book - <http://www.mountaineersbooks.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=1450>  
**Saturday, January 23 2:00-3:30 p.m.**

2. Bill Ransom, <http://www.sfwa.org/members/ransom/>  
Bill's poetry has been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award. The book - <http://www.amazon.com/Woman-War-Baby-Bill-Ransom/dp/0911287620>  
**Tuesday, February 2, 6:30-7:45**

3. James and Karol Brown  
A Visit with Aunt Harriet: A living history program about Harriet Tubman  
<http://www.visitharriettubman.com/>  
**Friday, February 12, 5:30-7:00**

4. Craig Romano <http://www.craigromano.com/>  
The deck - <http://www.amazon.com/Winter-Hikes-Western-Washington-Romano/dp/1594852715>  
**Saturday, February 20 2:00-3:15**

5. Naseem Rakha\* - <http://www.naseemrakha.com/>  
The book - [http://www.naseemrakha.com/pages/the\\_book.html](http://www.naseemrakha.com/pages/the_book.html)  
**Tuesday, February 23 6:00-7:30**  
\*Friends' sponsored

6. Lynda Lynn Haupt <http://www.lyandalynnhaupt.com/>  
the book - <http://crowplanet.com/>  
**Wednesday, March 10 7:15-8:30**

7. Erin McKittrick - A Long Trek Home: 4,000 Miles by Boot, Raft, and Ski  
<http://villagebooks.com/event/erin-mckittrick-long-trek-home-4000-miles-boot-raft-and-ski>  
**Thursday, March 18 6:00-7:30**

8. Melissa Febos <http://www.melissafebos.com/>  
The book: [http://books.google.com/books?id=vH5ICmT1rzEC&dq=melissa+febos+whip+smart&source=gbs\\_navlinks\\_s](http://books.google.com/books?id=vH5ICmT1rzEC&dq=melissa+febos+whip+smart&source=gbs_navlinks_s)  
**Monday, March 29 from 6:30-7:45 p.m., program intended for adults**

5. We received an interesting document from the State Archives about our library, dated 1916:

ELIZABETH SATTERTHWAITE  
LIBRARIAN

PUBLIC LIBRARY  
OLYMPIA, WASH.

To His Honor the Mayor  
and the Members of the City Council:

The Trustees of the Olympia Public Library beg  
leave to report for the year ending December 31st, 1917 the  
work of the Library as shown by the report of the librarian  
attached.

The Board has held regular monthly and many  
special meetings, and can report the work of the library  
as being in excellent condition.

During the year the resignation of Miss Mabel Smith,  
as librarian, was accepted and Miss Elizabeth Satterthwaite,  
formerly librarian at Puyallup, was elected to fill the  
vacancy, beginning July 1st. There have been several changes  
in the personnel of the apprentices, owing to the inadequate  
pay allowed, and at present there are serving as apprentices  
Miss Nellie Haycox and Miss Mildred Renker. Both are giv-  
ing excellent service. The Board wishes to express its  
high appreciation of the work of the librarian, Miss Satter-  
thwaite, and thanks for the courtesy of the Council and the  
Board of County Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janet S. Moor - Pres't.*  
*Mrs. J. W. Wilson*  
*C. E. Beach*  
*Jan. Pitt - Mrs. Belle Gaston*  
*Secretary*

6. The **Genealogy Café**, an opportunity to drop by the library and ask genealogy questions, will resume meeting the third Thursday of the month from 1-3p.m. and the third Saturday of the month, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the genealogy table.
7. There will be a **Beginning Genealogy Workshop** on Feb. 13, 2010. Sign-ups will start one week before the class (February 6, 2010) Participants should bring 2 sharpened pencils with erasers, 1 sack lunch & the information they have about their ancestors. OGS members will be at the back door (9th & Adams) at 9:45 am to let participants in to register and get organized before class starts at 10 am. The class will end by 3 pm.
8. **Tax help** – free tax help in Olympia is now located at the Olympia Community Center February 2 – April 15, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-4 p.m. Tax help is no longer available at the library (this has been the case for several years) because of lack of space and privacy.

**Timberland Regional Library News:**

**1. Adult Winter Reading:**

***Warm up with library's annual chill chaser, the Adult Winter Reading program***

Warm up to good books and join in Timberland Regional Library's 13<sup>th</sup> annual Adult Winter Reading program, running from January 2 through March 15. The program offers the chance to win prizes just for reading and staying snug all winter.

For each five books or audio books you finish during the program period, fill out a form and turn it in at a Timberland library by March 15. When prizes are drawn the following week, you may be the winner of an overnight resort getaway or a book-and-beverage basket. Local Timberland libraries will award additional prizes at various times during the program. All prizes are donated by businesses and Friends of the Library groups.

Overnight stays are provided by the Tokeland Hotel on Willapa Bay, Shelburne Inn in Seaview, Ocean Crest Resort in Moclips, and Lake Quinault Lodge in the Olympic National Forest. Businesses from around the region are filling ten baskets with books, beverage mugs, tea, coffee and bookstore gift cards. These 14 grand prizes will be drawn during the week following the end of the contest period.

For ideas on books that you'll enjoy, visit with your local library staff. Or go to the TRL Web site at [www.TRL.org](http://www.TRL.org) and peruse Reference Databases: NoveList and Readers' Advisor Online, the Internet Resources: Books & Literature links or "Great Reads." Library staff can introduce you to these electronic resources for book lovers.

Adult Winter Reading participants must be 18 or older and have a current Timberland library

card. Brochures with complete rules, entry forms and prize lists will be available at all Timberland libraries by the last week of December. Information and printable entry forms will also be on the library's Web site in late December.

2. **These are the databases TRL will drop on December 31, 2009. The database budget for 2010 was reduced 10%:**

- AP Images
- Business & Company Resource Center (Gale) – Alternative Resources you may use - TRL Internet Business/Companies websites:  
<http://www.trlib.org/business.asp#companies>
- [Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia Online](#)
- Opposing Viewpoints (Gale) –
- TumbleBooks (for Teens) subscription **expires 2/22/2010**
- [Who's Who in American Art \(Marquis\)](#)
- [Who's Who in American History \(Marquis\)](#)
- [Who's Who in American Politics \(Marquis\)](#)
- [Who's Who on the Web \(Marquis\)](#)

**TRL will add these new databases in January 2010:**

- Issues and Controversies (Facts on File) paid subscription American Mosaic - The African American Experience (Greenwood/ABC-Clio) **no fee**
- American Mosaic - The Latino American Experience (Greenwood/ABC-Clio) **no fee**
- American Mosaic – The American Indian Experience (Greenwood/ABC-Clio) **no fee**
- Popular Culture Universe (Greenwood/ABC-Clio) **no fee**
- Daily Life through History Premium (Greenwood/ABC-Clio) **no fee**
- American History (Greenwood/ABC-Clio) **no fee**
- World History: The Modern Era: (Greenwood/ABC-Clio) **no fee**
- World History: Ancient and Medieval Eras: (Greenwood/ABC-Clio) **no fee**
- Issues: Understanding Controversy and Society: (Greenwood/ABC-Clio) **no fee**

3. As part of the **Smart Investing @ Your Library** grant, TRL has entitled **Your Money**, we have launched a transit advertising campaign on buses in all five counties we serve. This campaign places display panels on primarily the backs of buses through the end of February. These panel graphics encourage people to either check out this program on our website or visit one of our libraries.

4. Timberland Regional Library has been awarded a **\$21,257 grant** to enhance services to the residents in its five-county public library district during the ongoing economic downturn, read more about this grant and other happenings at the library in “Today’s Library – Timberland Regional Library newsletter,” at [www.trlib.org](http://www.trlib.org).

**Timberland Regional Library Foundation News:**

The Foundation has a new website: [www.trlfoundation.org](http://www.trlfoundation.org).

**Financial Requests:**

1. New outdoor cigarette bin **\$250 approx.**
  
2. Exterior Sandwich Boards with Sintra sign faces Lettered as per Customer Request. Snap Strips Fastened to Middle of Sign for Insert able Information. **\$147.96** (for another one)
  
3. Accucut is having a half price sale right now, this is the company that sells die-cuts. Carrie would like to order the pirate hat and patch die cut for this summer's Reading Program.  
**\$35**
  
4. Adult program: Wednesday, March 31, after hours **\$300**  
Presented by the feminist magazine called Make/Shift <http://www.makeshiftmag.com/>.

**Makeshift Reclamation: New Feminist Art and Activism**

From local food-justice groups to transnational organizations, contemporary feminist activism is shifting understandings of the old slogan "the personal is political." Faced with not only gender-based oppression but also the structural violences of a collapsing capitalism, a climate-change crisis, and more, feminist activists and artists are resisting and creating alternatives to violent systems both intimate and global. With live readings, performances, and video works, "Makeshift Reclamation" presents what's happening on the ground and in the imaginations of social-justice-minded feminists.

5. An teen to adult program based on the book "Who's Your Dada? Redefining the Doll through Mixed Media." Thursday evening, June 3rd. Local artist Diane Kurzyna agreed to talk for free (she's one of the artists in the book), and Bellingham artist Clarissa Callesen (also in the book) said she'd do it for transportation and lodging costs. Fertile Ground can give us a room for \$100, and Clarissa requested \$100 for travel expenses, so there would be 2 checks- one for \$100 made out to Fertile Ground Guesthouse, and one for \$100 made out to Clarissa. <http://www.amazon.com/Whos-Your-DADA-Redefining-through/dp/1592535623>  
**\$200**
  
6. Travel expenses for the Humanities Washington sponsored program, "A Visit with Aunt Harriet: A living history program" about Harriet Tubman

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<http://www.visitharriettubman.com/>

Friday, February 12, 5:30-7:00

**\$20**

7. Emily – has worked hard for six years at the Olympia library and just today received notice she is working full time at the Lacey Library – goodbye gift

**\$35**

**Total: \$988**

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Respectfully submitted,  
**Cheryl Heywood**

## Book Sale/Art Sale Report

Irene Osborn

Art Sale: The volunteers were great. Jennifer Elden did a flawless job in organizing volunteers. Ross and Larry were unfailing in their support. Ross designed all the printed material. Ross made and put up the sandwich boards. He also created the perfect layout of for the tables for the art sale. He and Larry helped with the set up and take down and contributed with many helpful suggestions. Patti was there for any help needed. Gail helped with contacts with another art sale organizer, whose advice was much needed.

Reflecting on the art sale, I think that there are certain aspects that worked well:

1. That it was a juried event
2. The timeline
  - a. Looking for artists
  - b. Notifying artists that have been accepted
  - c. publicity
3. The number of artists
4. The refundable participation fee
5. The sandwich boards on crossroads
6. The triple receipts to keep track of the sold items
7. The raffle

Here are points that need to be worked on:

1. More flyers throughout downtown
2. More publicity, better identification of the location of the art sale
3. Create a contract with artists: Signed commitment with the refundable fee
4. Refundable fee should be sent directly to treasurer
5. Fewer volunteers needed
6. Art show hours should be modified. Instead of opening at 9 am on Saturday the opening time should be ten or even eleven.

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7. Other events should be scheduled in the library, if possible, to draw in people.

8. More attention to publishing participating artists names

We are gearing up for the Feb. 6 -7 book sale. We have plenty of books. The flyers are being printed.

We got a donation of a potentially valuable book: The first American edition of Einstein's Relativity from 1920.

## **New and Old Business for Discussion**

- A second quick look at our 2009 accomplishments
- Update from Lila on the status of our Procedures Manual
- New Board Members – what skills do we need, do we need a search committee, suggestions for new members
- Decision on whether or not to purchase insurance for the Board
- Review of our Articles of Incorporation