Adult Summer Reading Program

Summer is here and the 2015 Summer Reading Program is ready to offer something for everyone!

This year the program has expanded to include adults as well as teens, youth, toddlers, preschoolers, and babies. Summertime is a great time to encourage reading for everyone!

The theme of the Adult Summer Reading Program is *Escape the Ordinary*. Upcoming programs include a documentary film titled *Last Days of the Arctic* on Wednesday, July 1 at 6pm and *Superhero America*, a multimedia presentation offered by T. Andrew Wahl on Thursday, July 23 at 1pm. This presentation connects comic book superheroes (and the occasional villain!) to historical topics including war, the advancement of civil rights, and the societal impacts of technology.

From June 1 – July 31 adults can pick up a reading log at any branch and receive a raffle ticket for each book they’ve read in June and July – audiobooks count, too!

Weekly raffle winners in Sequim will receive a $5 gift certificate to the monthly FOSL book sale. There will be two grand-prizes awarded at the end of the Adult Summer Reading Program, selected from participants at all NOLS branch libraries. The prizes consist of a $150 gift certificate to one of the following: I. Adventures through
Kayaking, 2. Port Angeles Whale Watch Company, 3. Rite Bros Aviation, or 4. a prize pack with ferry tickets, Olympic National Park pass, and Swain’s gift card! The winner gets to select from the four prize options.

Last Days of the Arctic
Kids Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program for kids is filled with fun programs to encourage young people to keep reading throughout the summer months. It’s a critical time for kids to maintain (or improve) their reading skills, without the structure of regular reading time at school.

Every Hero has a Story is the theme of this summer’s program for kids. Professional children’s performers from far and wide will be presenting programs on the back stage (weather permitting and thanks to generous FOSL support) starting on Tuesday, June 23 at 10:30am with Motion Magic Circus Acrobatics.

Motion Magic Circus Acrobatics
The weekly programs continue on Tuesdays at 10:30am through Tuesday, July 28 at 10:30. Performers will include Oregon Shadow Theatre (high school auditorium) on June 30, Jeff Evans magician on July 7, Hands on Children’s Museum of Olympia (at the middle school) on July 14, Jugglemania on July 21, and Brian Vogan and His Good Buddies (concert) on July 28. A culminating Pool Party Celebration will be offered on Saturday, August 1 from 5-6:30pm for all reader participants and their families.

Jeff Evans Magician

Storytimes will also be offered every Wednesday at 10:30 from June 24 through July 29 with a special Princess Storytime featuring the Sequim Irrigation Festival royalty on Thursday, June 25 at 10:30am.

Every Friday in July at 2pm, the library will be offering superhero movies along with Swain’s popcorn, fruits, and other delicious nibbles for families, friends, and neighbors.

**Summertime Music! Outdoor Concert Series**

Your lawn chair, a blanket, and some good eats are all you need to enjoy live tunes at the Sequim Branch Library’s annual *Summertime Music! Outdoor Concert Series*. Bring your family, bring your friends, and have some fun!

**All concerts begin at 6pm on the outdoor stage behind the Sequim Branch Library.**

- July 10 – *Joy in Mudville*
- July 24 – *Witherow*
- August 14 – *Fat Chance*
- August 28 – *Ranger and the Re-Arrangers*
FOSL funding is what makes great programming like this possible. Thank you for your generous donations and fundraising efforts!

Message from FOSL President, Liz Phelps

Today, I am feeling very sad. Terry Corbett a long time Sequim resident, and one of my early memories of FOSL, passed away on May 2nd. She was a Life Member of FOSL. She and Dave Wood were the only two board members left from those early days. Now it is just Dave (& me). FOSL was having a difficult time getting people to serve on the board even then. I had no more than joined, than I was asked to be secretary. "It is an easy job. We only meet when necessary, a couple of times a year." After the first meeting, I was asked to type up (boy I didn't type) the minutes within a week and mail (snail mail) them to all the board members. This wasn't part of my original commitment. I somehow managed and 'only when necessary' became quarterly.

I don't remember any big doings' back then. There was a lot of talk about a new and bigger library. We had a book sale once a year. With no building of our own, the books were stored in members' garages. Setting up for that sale was a very big deal and sorely dependent on the weather. We had an agreement with the church to the north of the library to use their facility. We had two days - Friday to transport and set up and Saturday for the sale and to clean up and dispose of the leftovers.
Many members with pick up trucks were drafted to transport the merchandise to the church. Other members volunteered to organize and make the 'book store'. Others offered to be cashiers and to clean up. It became obvious after a couple of years, that we either needed more storage or more sales. We went to quarterly sales, built our own building and finally to the monthly sales that we have today. This and other volunteer opportunities within FOSL have been a part of my life for over 20 years. Today we have many wonderful donors and even more wonderful member volunteers who help to raise funds to help the library with their special needs and requests. My memories of my years with FOSL are warm and I have many friendships from the connection. Bye Terry. Hang in there, Dave!

If you are interested in devoting some of your time to contribute to our organization, we are looking for a web master. Our poor web site has been neglected for some time now. Please send your information to friendsofsequimlibrary@gmail.com or contact us at a sale or by calling 683-0997.

Have a wonderful summer.

Liz Phelps

Obituary – Ruth Shaw

Ruth Shaw passed away early Sunday morning at home.

She was one of us for many years, sorting and pricing each Wednesday at our building. We will miss her company and sense of humor.

Rest easy, Ruth.
This is the Sequim Branch Library - Tuck in Your Elbows, Please!

Submitted by Margaret Jakubcin, Library Director

The Sequim Branch library is simply too small! I’m aware that not everyone agrees with this statement, and I respect anyone’s right to have their own view, but for library staff who struggle daily to serve the community in a facility where there are a dozen operational needs for every square inch, and for library customers frustrated with tight quarters, packed shelves, lack of quiet spaces, crowded parking lots, and narrow restrooms, the need for a larger Sequim library is apparent. Moreover, comparative library size/population figures, such as those cited in the 2014 Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study, support what we know to be true: the Sequim Branch library needs to be expanded!

This is certainly not a new need; NOLS and the Sequim community have grappled for years with the challenges of finding a feasible solution to this problem, one that is also fiscally responsible in the context of NOLS operating revenues and other capital urgencies, and is palatable to voters. For more than a decade the Sequim Library expansion dream has moved along in fits and starts, sometimes paused, and occasionally taken detours, but all in all progress has been made. For example, the 2014 Feasibility Study determined that the current site is large enough to accommodate an expanded library - one that would be sufficiently sized to meet community needs for the next 30 years. This was excellent news since the library location is terrific and the property is already owned by NOLS.

As the next step in the library expansion effort, the NOLS Board of Trustees directed library staff to initiate a conceptual design process – specifying that there should be substantial community input to this process. Community involvement is essential, because NOLS cannot solve this problem alone. The Community Taskforce on Sequim Library Expansion (CTSLE) will play an essential role in facilitating community involvement and input to the design process and will work with library staff and an architect toward achieving the following outcomes:
• Creation of a detailed building program that identifies square footage based on collection sizes and the functional needs of the branch;
• Solid cost estimates, derived from the building program;
• A schematic design depicting relative sizes, layout, and juxtapositions of library spaces;

The CTSLE will also work with library staff, a bond attorney, and other professionals to explore and make recommendations regarding Library Capital Facilities Area (LCFA) formation requirements and timelines. An LCFA bond is the most likely method for funding a Sequim library expansion.

Through all these activities CTSLE members will serve as a conduit to community stakeholders throughout the Sequim Branch service area, meeting and talking with community groups and agencies, and, supported by staff, providing information and taking input on community needs and visions for an expanded library.

Obviously the CTSLE will need to be a highly motivated and involved committee.

Some of the attributes that will be helpful for this taskforce include:

• An interest in expanding the Sequim Branch Library;
• Some prior knowledge of or experience with public libraries;
• Living or working in the Sequim Branch service area;
• Ability to represent a diversity of community interests and facilitate connections to a diversity of community stakeholder groups;
• An array of other skills and experience pertinent to the nature of the project.

An application process to select CTSLE members will be underway during July. If you are interested in participating, or know someone who might be interested, please contact me or Library Manager Emily Sly. Additional information about the CTSLE and the application process will be available on the library website, www.nols.org, beginning in July.
Spotlighting Staff at the Sequim Branch Library

Featuring: Jennifer Jabs, Customer Service Specialist I

Tell us a little about yourself.
I grew up in western New York. I left to go to college, then traveled and worked all over. I moved to Sequim about 15 years ago with my grandmother and folks. It’s been home-base for my bicycle and trunk ever since. I moved here full time in October of 2013.

How did you happen to come to work at NOLS?
This is my first time employed in a library, although of course I’ve used libraries extensively for research. Before this I worked in food service management, including in Antarctica and Alaska, I taught at college, I was a nanny, I worked construction, lots of things.

Do you have a favorite book, or genre?
Probably non-fiction—learning how to do things better, whether it’s building a fence, traveling, learning to identify trees—self-improvement, skill-improvement.

What’s your favorite part of working at the Sequim Branch?
I enjoy interacting with the community; helping them explore the different opportunities that are available through the library.

Favorite part of your job?
I like that I get to do a wide variety of things and stay in motion – very little sitting at a desk.

What do you do for fun when you aren’t at the library?
My partner and I have a farm, so I work in my free time, building things, improving our facilities. We have animals and vegetables, and an old house that needs tons of work.
If you could have any job other than working at the library, what would it be?
I would probably do my farming—our ultimate goal is to farm for a lifestyle. Otherwise it would be to teach adults—probably nutrition and healthy lifestyles.

Favorite thing about FOSL?
I appreciate their support. They do so much for the community that the library gets credit for. 😊 They’re kind of an invisible force for good.

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**Next Board meeting:**
9:00am - Thursday 7/16
In the Sequim Library meeting room.

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