



Aloha Community Library

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*Happy
Holidays!!*

Exciting Times Ahead!

In September, members of the Aloha community responded to a survey regarding library services. Survey results showed that community members were pleased to have a local library in their neighborhood and they were eager for additional services such as online holds/renewals, more family friendly programming and additional hours of operation. Since then, the Board of Directors and library staff have developed a two year plan to meet the community's needs. The next two years will be our most challenging as we carefully balance the goal to be prepared as possible for our potential admittance into the Washington County Cooperative Library System (WCCLS) while waiting to see the outcome of the library levy in November 2015. Facilities, funding and operations are our three main areas of focus in preparing for the transition and require deliberate planning. Should the library levy pass, things will ramp up very quickly and we want to be ready.

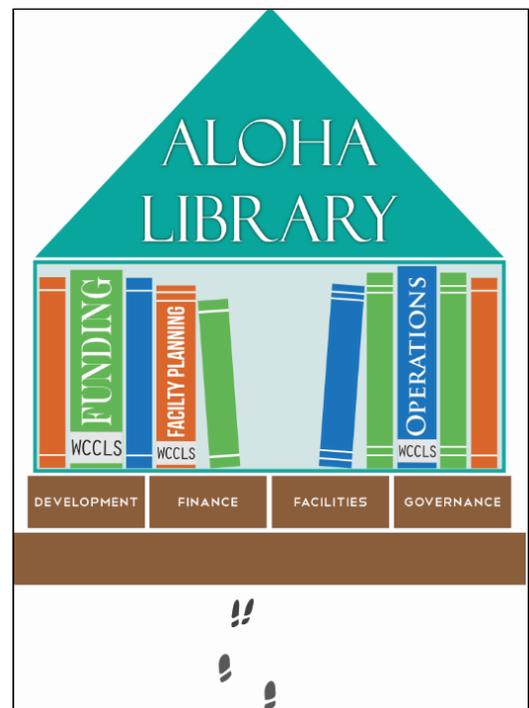
In addition to planning for the potential transition, it is just as important that we continue to provide quality library services to the Aloha community on weekly basis. A dedicated group of volunteers and skilled staff are working hard with limited resources to manage the rapidly growing number of library card holders (over 3000!) and requests for services. Given our rate of growth thus far, it is clear that additional help is needed.

As the New Year approaches, perhaps you are looking for a new project, a chance to meet new people, and an opportunity to support your community. This is an exciting time for the library and we hope you will join us by participating in one of the many volunteer positions available. Whether your interest lies in Finance, Governance, Facilities, Development or the WCCLS transition, we have many opportunities for you to help lead the library through this exciting time. For more details, please contact us at volunteer@alohalibrary.org

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Hours:

Mon 10am–8pm
Wed 10am–8pm
Thurs 10am–8pm
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Season of Giving

As an organization that is funded solely through donations and small grants, this season of giving is a critical time for the library. Your donations help to provide:

- *books & DVDs
- *internet & computer use to 400 people per month
- *basic operating expenses such as utilities & paid staff
- *quality programming such as Family Movie Nights & Teen Takeovers

Please consider donating in one of the many ways listed below. Every penny truly counts!

Thanks for Giving Fall Match Campaign: A select group of donors has agreed to donate \$15,000 IF we can raise \$15,000 from the community. In order to receive the match, we must raise the money by December 31. So far we have raised \$9,300. Please help us reach our goal! Submit your donation in one of three ways:

- *Drop off check in an envelope at the front desk in library. Please write Fall Match in memo section of your check & on outside of envelope.
- *Mail in your check to the library. Please write Fall Match in Memo section of your check.
- *Click this link to donate online via [Paypal](#).

Honorarium Gift: What do you give to someone who has everything? Give an honorarium gift to the library in the name of the gift recipient. Provide the recipient's name & address and he or she will receive an acknowledgement letter.

Amazon Smile & Fred Meyer Community Rewards:

As you finish up your holiday gift shopping, please go to: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/45-2937097> . Registration is easy and then every time you shop on Amazon, 0.5% of the amount purchased will be donated to the Aloha Community Library Association!

Shopping for the big holiday meal at Fred Meyer? Please go to: www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards, search for us by name or by our non-profit number 89228 and link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card. Your purchases will help earn quarterly cash donations for the library.

Employer Match Programs: Many companies including Nike, Intel, FEI and more have employer match programs. If you work for one of these or other companies with employer match programs, please help to maximize your donation. Contact us at info@alohalibrary.org or your company's employee benefit department for further details!

Become a Member of the Aloha Community Library Association -

Your **\$15 donation** gives you membership status in the Aloha Community Library Association, special member only previews to quarterly book sales and eligibility to vote in the annual Board of Directors elections and run for election for open Board positions. [Donate now.](#)

Upcoming Events

Santa Storytime: Mr. Claus will read stories and listen to your wishes! We'll also have snacks, activities, and seasonal music. Thursday, December 18, 6:30pm.

Frozen Family Movie Night: Will Elsa be shunned forever because of her cryokinetic powers? Will Anna marry Prince Hans of the Southern Isles? Will Olaf melt before the movie ends? Let it all go, and join us to find out! The movie will be shown in the library annex (former Tuesday Morning store). Bring comfy seating! Lawn chairs and beanbags are welcome. Monday, December 29th. Doors will open at 6pm for activities. Movie begins at 6:30pm.

Volunteer opportunities with the Aloha Community Library Association: Are you interested in joining our amazing crew of dedicated volunteers? Visit the volunteer page on our website to view available positions. New opportunities are developed as our services expand. If you don't see anything that interests you currently, check back again!

Holiday Hours:

December 24: Closed

December 25: Closed

December 31: 10am-2pm

January 1: Closed

More Than A "Grimm" Story: A Look At What Children Can Learn From Fairy Tales

Once upon a time there were stories to be told. Stories that may have involved royalty, talking animals and magic. Stories that pitted good against evil. Stories designed to teach a lesson. Stories that were...fairy tales.

Fairy tales have been around in written form at least since the seventeenth century, and in oral tradition for thousands of years before that. They have evolved into well-loved stories, immortalized in word, in illustration and even in films. On their surface they are fantastical tales that have entertained children for centuries, but if we dig a little deeper, we find that fairy tales can provide a wealth of learning opportunities to support a wide range of ages, across multiple academic areas. With just a few simple stories, you can find ways to incorporate concepts related to math, science, art, social studies and, of course, literacy. The fairy tale genre is a wonderful vehicle for entertaining and teaching the young and the old, boys and girls, readers and not-yet-readers.

So what can a child learn from these time-honored stories? Consider the following ideas and concepts the next time you enjoy a fairy tale with your child.

Math:

- Using the story of *The Three Little Pigs*, introduce the concept of ordinal numbers. Which house was built *first, second, third*? How do these correspond to the numerals 1, 2, 3?
- Introduce story problems using a couple of fairy tales. If the three pigs and the three bears had dinner together, how many animals would there be? If Goldilocks and The Big Bad Wolf join them, how many characters would there be?
- Looking at castles in the fairy tales, talk about basic geometric shapes. Can your child find squares, rectangles, circles or triangles? As a creative extension, encourage your child to cut out shapes and build his or her own castle.

Science:

- Allow your child to build houses out of straw, sticks and stones. Can any of the houses withstand your child blowing on them? Fanning them? Blowing them with a hair dryer? How can you make the houses stronger?
- In the story of Little Red Riding Hood, what type of path would be the shortest way to get to Grandma's house? Let your child use toothpicks or blocks to construct different paths and measure them: zigzag, curvy, straight?
- How could the three bears have cooled their porridge more quickly? How do we change the temperature of things? Encourage your child to design an experiment to determine the fastest way to cool off something that is too hot.

Social/Emotional:

- Research fairy tales from other cultures and communities. The story of Cinderella, for example, has many different variations from around the globe, including African, Appalachian and Korean versions.
- Discuss the various emotions we see in fairy tales. How are the characters feeling? Are they happy, sad, anxious, angry, excited? What do they do or say that shows us how they are feeling?

Literacy:

- Use fairy tales to demonstrate and allow simple retelling and summarizing. What happens first, next, last? Is there an overall lesson the story is teaching?
- Encourage your child to predict what will happen in a story, perhaps in a different version your child has not yet heard. Can he or she use prior knowledge from other fairy tales to make a prediction?
- Discuss the concepts of characters, setting, plot and theme as you read different fairy tales.
- Use fairy tales to introduce the idea of a literary *genre*. Look for common elements among the fairy tales that link them as a literary family. Check out ACL's bulletin board display for some information on this genre!

Creativity:

- Can your child reenact *Goldilocks and The Three Bears* with dolls and stuffed animals?
- Can your child sculpt a castle out of clay?
- Can your child write a story detailing what would happen if Jack (*Jack And The Beanstalk*) had met Little Red Riding Hood on the path to the market? How would that change each character's story?
- Enjoy fractured fairy tales, stories in which the traditional characters, plot or setting are altered in some way. Stop in at Aloha Community Library and check out Robert D. San Souci's *Cinderella Skeleton* or Jan Brett's *Cinders: A Chicken Cinderella*.

The fairy tale genre is full of unexpected learning opportunities, so the next time you are at the library, stock up on some great stories and see where they lead you and your children!



The Aloha Community Library Association is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt corporation dedicated to providing public library services in the Aloha-Reedville area. The Aloha Community Library is volunteer-run and voluntarily-funded with member donations and grants. [Donate now](#). Thank you for your continuing support!

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