



# Aloha Community Library

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*“Libraries are  
not made;  
they grow.” –  
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Birrell*

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*Welcome to the inaugural edition of the Aloha Community Library News, your source for news and information about the Aloha Community Library Association. We welcome your comments, suggestions and submissions.*

## Cover Notes

### **We're Celebrating Our First Birthday**

The Aloha Community Library began our library operations last year on September 22, 2012. Thanks to the outpouring of community and volunteer support, we are now open 29 hours per week with nearly 10,000 items in our collection. We have weekly story-time programs, as well as special events for teens and adults. We provide public internet access on 6 workstations plus WiFi. Please help us celebrate at our **Family Birthday Celebration** on **Saturday, September 14** from 2:00-4:00pm. We'll be enjoying birthday cake, cotton candy, games and face-painting.

In honor of our birthday and as a gift to our borrowers, the Aloha Community Library is declaring a **fines amnesty** for all overdue library materials for the month of September. We want you to come back and check out more materials and help us celebrate our first birthday!

## Help Us Grow

### **Add a Leaf to the Aloha Community Library Tree of Knowledge**

Because the library is not yet part of the Washington County library system, we rely on **your support** to keep us going. In celebration of our one year anniversary, a group of library volunteers has offered a \$10,000 challenge grant to **double** your donation in the month of September. For example, your tax-deductible donation of \$50 will be matched with another \$50 for a total of \$100. That \$100 will be used to fund a paid staff position to ensure that the library can stay open consistently during our hours of operation, and to help us meet Washington County Cooperative Library Services qualification requirements.

To donate, come in to the library, or mail a check to ACLA, PO Box 6561, Aloha OR 97007, or click [here](#) to donate through our website. Donate any amount, and add your leaf to our Tree of Knowledge. If you donate at least \$15, you will also become a member of the Association. Members are eligible to attend the annual Members' Meeting in October to elect directors.

## *Check it Out*

All events are at the library, unless stated otherwise.

- Story-time Reading: Wednesdays at 10:30am
- Book Drive: Saturday, Sept. 7 (first Saturday of each month) 10:00am-2:00pm
- Card-making Workshop by Betsy Buckel: Wednesday, Sept. 18 6:30-8:30pm  
Sign up for this limited-participant workshop at the library.
- Family Birthday Celebration: Saturday, Sept. 14 2:00-4:00pm
- Association Board Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 18, 6:30-8:30pm at the Edwards Center (4375 SW Edwards Place, Aloha OR 97007)
- Couponing Workshop by Becky Jarvis: Wednesday, Oct. 9, 6:30-8:30pm
- Annual Members' Meeting: Sunday, Oct. 20, 2:00-2:30pm, followed by an Open House celebration our first year from 2:30-5:00pm. Enjoy refreshments with community leaders, patrons and library volunteers. Expect a few surprises!

## *In the Stacks*

**Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB)** is a statewide reading motivation and comprehension program sponsored by the Oregon Association of School Libraries and supported by a Library Services and Technology Act grant. The mission of OBOB is to "encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading, to broaden reading interests, to increase reading comprehension, promote cooperative learning. While many libraries in Washington County have long waiting lists. If you come into the Aloha Community Library, chances are you will find at least one of the books on the shelves ready to be checked out!

## *Bookmarks*

### **Vy Le, Board Member**

Our newest Aloha Community Library Association board member is Vy Le, an incoming junior at Aloha High School. Vy, a member of the Honor Society, was nominated for the one-year student director position in April 2013. Since 2011, Vy has created and maintained [Vys blog](#), a young adult book blog that features book reviews, discussions, and author interviews. She is also a contributor to [Novels, News and Notes](#), a book blog that features the bloggers and authors of the Northwest. When she's not in school, at a board meeting or blogging, Vy enjoys running and playing tennis. Her favorite thing that she has learned since serving on the Aloha Community Library Association board is the high level of dedication and commitment of all of the volunteers in growing our library.

## *Between the Pages*

- September is National Library Card Sign-Up month. Get an Aloha Community Library card this month and support your neighborhood library. (We have issued nearly 1500 library cards to patrons in our first year of operation.)
- In July, we had over 1200 patron visits and over 2,300 items circulating.
- Volunteers donated over 600 hours to the Aloha Community Library Association in July. According to the Independent Sector organization, that volunteer labor is worth over \$13,000!

## *Help Us Name the News*

Do you have ideas for a catchy name for this newsletter? Are there features that you'd like to see included? Please send your ideas to [AlohaCommunityLibrary@gmail.com](mailto:AlohaCommunityLibrary@gmail.com).

## *Why Wait? Get It Here, Now!*

New York Times Bestsellers on our shelves:

- *Inferno*, by Dan Brown (449 holds in WCCLS)
- *And the Mountains Echoed*, by Khaled Hosseini (413 holds in WCCLS)
- *The Light Between Oceans*, by M.L. Stedman (34 holds in WCCLS;)
- *Gone Girl*, by Gillian Flynn (27 holds in WCCLS;)
- *Beautiful Ruins*, by Jess Walter (22 holds in WCCLS;)
- *Life of Pi*, by Yann Martel (19 holds in WCCLS;)
- *The Casual Vacancy*, by J.K. Rowling (7 holds in WCCLS;)

*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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