



Aloha Community Library

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Aloha Community Library Celebrates Grand Opening of New Location

The Aloha Community Library is growing and moving into a larger space. The library is moving from one end of the Aloha Farmington Center shopping mall to the other end. You're invited to help us celebrate our Grand Re-Opening with the following special events. Come join us!

- **Award-winning storyteller Olga Loya in performance**
Friday, April 11, 7pm
17555 SW Farmington Rd. (former Blockbuster Video location)

The power of community, people working together, and peace stories are just some of the themes of this bilingual show. Listen to folk tales, myths, legends, and personal stories from around the world with an emphasis on Latin American stories. This performance is generously donated by Washington County Cooperative Library Services.

- **Storybook Character Parade and Special Storytime**
Saturday, April 12, 10am

Children accompanied by at least one adult are welcome! Dress as a favorite book character, and help mark our official arrival at our new library! A special storytime will follow the conclusion of the parade. To participate in the storybook character parade, please pre-register at the library, by phone (503-746-6918), or by email (volunteer@alohalibrary.org). Parade starts at original library (17683 SW Farmington Rd, Ste E) and concludes at our new library (17455 SW Farmington Rd.).

- **Grand Re-Opening Program**
Saturday, April 12, 11am
17455 SW Farmington Rd.

A group of very special speakers will help us celebrate this landmark occasion. Join us for goodies and tour the library!

*"Having fun isn't
hard when
you've got a
library card."* –
*{Arthur} – PBS
Kids*

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Aloha Oregon 97007
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Hours:

Mon 10am–8pm
Wed 10am–8pm
Thurs 10am–8pm
Sat 10am–5pm

Grand Opening events (cont'd)

- **A Taste of Shakespeare Fundraiser**
Friday, April 11, 7pm, and Sunday, April 13, 2:30pm
Edwards Center, 20350 SW Kinnaman Rd

A Four- Act production of popular Shakespearean works performed by a group of high school students from the Westside Christian School in Portland. The best acts from great works including King Lear, Macbeth and Romeo and Juliet will be performed in their entirety.

This event is a fundraiser for both the Aloha Community Library Association and The Edwards Center.

Can you believe it?

In the 18 months since our first grand opening,

- over 2,100 area residents have signed up for a free library card,
- over 31,000 books and movies have been checked out,
- over 1,000 children have been served at our family storytimes,
- over 2,500 adults and children have used our public computers to do homework, search for jobs, apply for public assistance, and stay connected to family and friends.

Success is more than books and media resources ~

Library staff and patrons are developing strong relationships as we become a resource for those in need.

- We provide conversation and company for residents who live alone and want to chat.
- We connected a patron, in need of a free wheelchair for his mother, with a local organization that provided the needed equipment.
- The Aloha Community Library was the first stop for a family forced to leave their home on a rainy night due to a domestic dispute. Assistance was provided by library staff and patrons, leading to a positive outcome for the family. We have become a safe place for our neighbors in times of need.

In honor of our Grand Re-Opening, several very generous donors have offered a **\$15,000 challenge grant** if we can match that amount by **May 31**. This grant will help us expand our programs, hours and collection to better serve our community. *Please help us take advantage of this offer by making a gift today.*

Donations may be submitted online: <http://alohalibrary.org/wp/donate/>

Or mailed to:

Aloha Community Library Association
P.O. Box 6561 Aloha, Oregon 97007
www.alohalibrary.org

Read Aloud Time Shouldn't Stop

For many of us, when our children arrived, we diligently began reading to them. *Goodnight Moon*, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *Harold and The Purple Crayon*...we eagerly read both the classics and the newcomers to our little ones. After all, the long-term research is clear and persuasive: reading to young children has enormous benefits as we prepare them for school.

But what happens as our children get older and, hopefully, become proficient readers on their own? What happens when they have homework and required reading? Is it time to stop reading out loud to our kids? In a word, no.

Although it may not remain a daily part of your routine, don't let this carefully established habit fall completely by the wayside.

Jim Trelease, author of the *Read-Aloud Handbook*, has discussed numerous benefits of reading aloud to older children. Reading aloud to your children will help them become better...

- ...speakers. You can choose books that are up to two grade levels above your child's independent reading level, exposing him or her to a vast amount of new vocabulary. The more they hear, the more they can incorporate into their own daily use.
- ...readers. Listening to someone read out loud is, as Trelease puts it, like hearing an advertisement for books. Research shows that by about 6th grade, many children stop reading for pleasure; it is strictly utilitarian to get through required assignments. Reading out loud to children can "advertise" the enjoyment they can get from books.
- ...writers. Our spoken conversations typically consist of short sentences, often without a great deal of elevated vocabulary. Reading out loud to children exposes them to proper grammar and syntax and allows them to hear longer, more complicated sentence structures. This, in turn, allows them to develop their own more sophisticated writing.
- ...learners. Research is clear that students with bigger vocabularies do better in school. Most instruction, especially up to third grade, is verbal, so having a more vast vocabulary helps children to understand and follow teacher directions, right from the very beginning of Kindergarten. Reading aloud to your children, regardless of their age, benefits their total learning experience.

As our kids get older, and other activities seem to fill up all available hours, reading aloud to them can get trickier. But it is worth the time to make it happen, even if it is just once a week. Maybe evenings don't work as well for your family anymore, but a Saturday morning is available. Maybe you can't find 20 solid minutes to read together, but you can keep a book in the car to read for five minutes while you wait for swim lessons to start. If your children are restless while you read to them because the books no longer have as many pictures, perhaps they can color or doodle or work on a puzzle while you read.

Read Aloud Time (cont'd)

Here are a few great titles to consider:

- *Toys Go Out*, by Emily Jenkins: This is a funny, energetic book about the adventures of friends...who happen to be toys. Follow it up with her other books, *Toy Dance Party* and *Toys Come Home*. Good read-aloud books for ages 5-10.
- The *Poppy* series by Avi: Avi's rich vocabulary in these books gives young listeners excellent examples of how to use interesting and precise language in their own writing. Good read-aloud books for ages 7-14.
- Roald Dahl's *James and The Giant Peach*, Frank L. Baum's *The Wizard of Oz* and Frances Hodgson Burnett's *The Secret Garden* are all good choices to read and then enjoy the movie version.

Admittedly, keeping up the read-aloud habit is an investment of time and energy, but the benefits are worth every minute. Stop in at the Aloha Community Library to find your next read-aloud treasure!

Book Reviews

"Wisdom Is Found In The Least Expected Places"

Jeremy Fink And The Meaning Of Life by Wendy Mass is a magical experience. I was captivated by the vivid language and perspective on life. But for Jeremy, his question is: How can the meaning of life fit into a box?

In New York City, 12-year-old Jeremy Fink and his best friend, Lizzy Muldoun, receive a package. Inside is a letter addressed to Jeremy's mother, Elaine Fink, and a box from his dead dad. The box is inscribed with "For Jeremy Fink to Open on his 13th Birthday." The box has four key holes. The only problem? The letter says the sender has lost the keys.

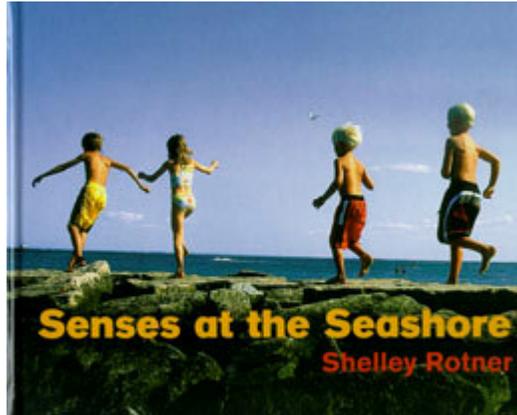
It's a race against time to find the keys, but Lizzy's brilliant plans land them with community service: helping an old man who is moving to Florida. But their outlook on life after community service is way different than either of them thought was possible.

How does Jeremy's summer end with him hula-hooping and drinking soda at the same time? What and who teaches him the meaning of life? Check out the book today and you'll find out! - *Submitted by K. J., 7th-grade student at Valley Catholic*

Book Reviews (cont'd)

A Great Addition To Our Curriculum...

We are currently studying the five senses and read *Senses At The Seashore* together. We really enjoyed this book by Shelley Rotner. It made us think of our favorite times at the beach and the fun we had. After reading the book, we enjoyed writing and drawing pictures about it. Everyone should read it when they study the five senses! - *Submitted by Mrs. Gurry's PM Kindergarten class at Beaver Acres Elementary School*



YOU'RE CELEBRATING WHAT?

Come on in to the Aloha Community Library to pick up the following books so you don't miss out on these upcoming quirky holidays:

***April 10th, Golfer's Day:** Get ready for this day by brushing up on your game with Phil Mickelson's *Secrets Of The Short Game*.

***April 14th, Moment of Laughter Day:** Stop in at the library to stock up on some good puns, jokes and one-liners with Jeff Rovin's book *1,001 Great Jokes*.

***April 28th, International Astronomy Day:** Even the youngest scientists can get ready for this day by picking up a copy of *A Child's Introduction To The Night Sky* by Michael Driscoll.

***May 7th, National Tourism Day:** Get out and play tourist right here at home with William L. Sullivan's *Hiking Oregon's History or Christine Barnes' Only In Oregon: Natural and Manmade Landmarks and Oddities*.

***May 16th, Love a Tree Day:** ACL has plenty of books to help celebrate trees, including *A Tree Is Nice* by Janice May Udry and *Hard To Crack: Nut Trees* by Meredith Sayles Hughes. After reading up, consider a trip to the Hoyt Arboretum for a hike!

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