



Aloha Community Library

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Changes Coming for the Aloha Community Library

Thanks to strong community support, the Aloha Community Library Association is happy to announce three big changes in the next few months.

First, Terri Palmer, who has been serving as our Director of Volunteer Services since the library opened in 2012, has been hired as our new interim Library Director. In her new role, Terri will be overseeing all library operations, including coordinating the other two big changes for the year.

Second, we will be moving to larger space this spring in the same Aloha Farmington Center shopping mall, moving into space that was previously occupied by the National Guard office. This move will increase our space by 40%, giving the library more elbow room for our patrons, programs and materials. We will be closing our doors at our current location on Monday, March 31, and re-opening at our new location on Saturday, April 12.

Finally, we will be applying for membership in the Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) system this spring. If the Aloha Community Library joins the WCCLS, our patrons will be able to request books, DVDs, kits and other materials from any other public library in Washington County, and have it delivered to the Aloha Community Library for check-out. Joining the WCCLS will also give us access to a wide range of resources and programs in conjunction with the other Washington County public libraries.

Joining the WCCLS will take several years, but our first big step is to apply for admission by May 2014. There is a long list of qualifications that we must meet, including:

- Having a yearly circulation of at least 40,000 items (about 3,330 each month)
- Being open at least 40 hours each week, with a paid staff member present during all open hours, and
- Employing staff, including a 1/2 time director, that will be equivalent to 1 full time employee (FTE)

“ I don't have to look far to find treasures. I discover them every time I visit a library.” – Michael Embry, author

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Hours:

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

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Our application will need to be approved by the WCCLS Executive Board and the Washington County Board of Commissioners. If the application is approved, the final hurdle will be voter approval of a county-wide library levy in November 2015. This levy is needed for all of the Washington County public libraries. If the levy doesn't pass, there won't be enough funding to share with the Aloha Community Library.

We need your help to:

- Check out books and DVDS to help us reach the 40,000 circulation target,
- Donate books and DVDs for our book sales,
- Shop at our semi-annual used book sale March 13-15,
- Volunteer to help move the library on Saturday, April 5, and
- Make a donation to help with our operating expenses.

Check out the Aloha Community Library at 17683 SW Farmington Road in Aloha or at alohalibrary.org, and check out some fun!

Word from the Board President

Change is in the works! We have grown substantially over the past year in our outreach to the community, our fundraising efforts, increasing hours of operation and circulation! However, there is more to do! In the coming months, we will be transitioning to a significantly larger space that will allow for a wider breadth of programs and management of new materials to offer to our loyal and growing patrons. Thanks to all of you, our goal of being admitted to the Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) is almost in hand! We have a few more items to take care of including expanding operating hours slightly, increasing staff hours and increasing our circulation of materials. We have plans for all of these and more that will allow us to meet our goal of achieving a "level 3" status in an amazingly short amount of time. The "level 3" description comes from the guidelines for admission of a new library to WCCLS. It represents the minimum threshold for a new library to operate at in order to be considered an "acceptable library." The community of Aloha needs a public library and we have delivered it thanks to your support. Thanks for all you do! - Douglas Hoy

Good Reading Habits for Children

Although we Oregonians are very good at bundling up and getting outside, no matter the weather, winter rains are bound to keep us inside a fair amount of time. This is the perfect chance to re-commit to good reading habits for your children. A quick trip to the Aloha Community Library will turn up some great books to enjoy. Research supports the

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clear benefits of children reading, or being read to, at least 20 minutes per day, so don't wait to get this habit started. Why is reading so critical? Consider the following statistics, from the National Education Association and Begin To Read:

- The Educational Testing Services reported that students who do more reading at home are better readers and have higher math scores.
- Two-thirds of students who cannot read proficiently by the end of fourth grade will end up in jail or on welfare.
- Illiteracy and crime are closely related. The Department of Justice states, "The link between academic failure and delinquency, violence, and crime is *welded to reading failure*." Over 70% of inmates in America's prisons cannot read above a fourth grade level.

Consistent reading is one of the biggest predictors for future school and life success, and one of the greatest gifts we can give our children. It's worth every minute of our time to get our kids reading, but in our fast-paced, technological world, it can feel like a challenge to find the time for it, so here are some ideas to get the ball rolling:

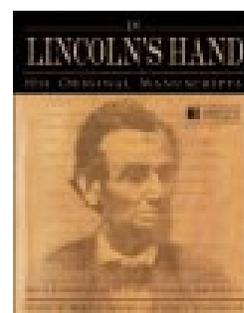
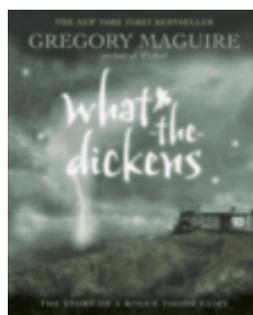
- Keep a bag of books in the car for your children to read and look through when you are stuck in traffic, waiting for a practice to end, in line at DEQ, etc. At ACL you can check out up to 30 items at a time, so go ahead and stock up!
- Consider non-fiction, too. Some children are not as drawn to fiction as others. If non-fiction suits your child better, then, by all means, head to that section of the library. Is your child into dinosaurs? Vikings? Cooking? Football? ACL has non-fiction titles on these and countless other topics
- Take advantage of Aloha Community Library's story time on Wednesday mornings. Come on over and let our wonderful storyteller share some good books with your child.
- Your child wants a story right when you're starting dinner? Allow him or her to read to you instead. Even a non-reader can look through the pictures and tell you what he or she imagines is happening. You could offer a sort of scavenger hunt: Can you find each letter of the alphabet in the book? Can you find a word that starts with "S"? Can you find a word with three letters? Five letters? All of these activities can lay the groundwork for reading.

Come on over to the library and get your family reading!

Let's Celebrate!

We may all be gearing up for Valentine's Day, but the Aloha Community Library can help you celebrate these other interesting February and March holidays:

- **February 17th: Presidents' Day:** The library has an extensive number of books in its collection to help you in your quest for presidential knowledge. Consider *In Lincoln's Hand: His Original Manuscripts* or *Franklin D. Roosevelt: A Photo-Illustrated Biography* by Steve Potts.
- **February 20th: Love Your Pet Day:** Check out the book *Helping Our Animal Friends* by Judith E. Rinard, in which children give pointers on taking care of pets.
- **February 26th: Tell A Fairy Tale Day:** Need we say more? Grab any of your favorite fairy tales from the library to enjoy as a family.
- **February 28th: Tooth Fairy Day:** Our younger patrons may enjoy Paulette Bourgeois' *Franklin and The Tooth Fairy* or Marc Brown's *Arthur Tricks The Tooth Fairy*. For the slightly older crowd, try *What-The-Dickens: The Story of A Rogue Tooth Fairy* by Gregory Maguire.
- **March 1st: National Pig Day:** Aloha Community Library's collection includes these fabulous finds...*Pig At Work* by Jon Buller, *Princess Pigsty* by Cornelia Funke and *The Three Little Javelinas* by Susan Lowell.
- **March 15th: The Ides Of March:** Read up on your Roman history with John Malam's *The Romans* or the graphic novel, *Julius Caesar: The Life Of A Roman General*.
- **March 26th: Make Up Your Own Holiday Day:** Get creative in creating just the perfect day for you!



Shop for the Aloha Community Library

Used Book Sale: Find old favorites, new adventures, and unusual treasures at the Aloha Community Library Association semi-annual used book sale. This year the sale has been expanded to three days: Thursday March 13 through Saturday March 15, from 9:00am-4:00pm each day. The sale will be held at 17555 SW Farmington Rd (the old Blockbuster Video location).

Fred Meyer: Help earn donations for the Aloha Community Library by using your Fred Meyer Rewards Card. Fred Meyer is donating \$2.5 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. Here's how the program works:

- Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to the Aloha Community Library Association at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number 89228.
- Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping the Aloha Community Library earn a donation! You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.
- If you want a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.



ACLA Member Preview Event!

Are you a member of the Aloha Community Library Association? If so, join us for a Member Preview Used Book Sale on Wednesday, March 12, 6pm-8pm at the former Blockbuster Video building located at 17555 Farmington Rd. If you donated \$15 or more in the last 12 months, you will receive an member only email invite to this event. Not a member? No problem! To become a member, submit your membership form (found on the last page of this newsletter) and a minimum of \$15 donation or more to the library by March 10. Members are eligible to vote in the annual Board of Directors elections and run for election for open Board positions.

Check it Out - *All events are at the library, unless stated otherwise.*

- **Story-time Reading:** Every Wednesday at 10:30am
- **Presidents Day,** Monday, 2/17; CLOSED
- **Backyard Bird Shop presentation,** Tuesday, 2/18, at 6:30pm.
- **Member Preview Used Book Sale,** Wednesday, 3/12, 6-8:00pm
- **Used Book Sale,** March 13-15, at the old Blockbuster Video store
- **Closed for moving preparation,** March 31-April 11
- **Moving Day,** Saturday, April 5, Volunteers needed!
- **Library Re-Opens in new location,** Saturday, April 12.

ACLA Membership

As a privately funded non-profit organization, your cash donation is critical to providing library services to our community. In addition to funding operating expenses and purchasing books, your **donation of \$15 or more** gives you membership status in the Aloha Community Library Association (ACLA). Members are eligible to attend annual Board of Directors meetings, vote in Board of Director elections and run for election for open Board positions.

ACLA Annual Membership donation

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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**

*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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