



Aloha Community Library

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*"I have always
imagined that
Paradise will be a
kind of library."*

*– Jorge Luis
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Board President's Message

The last two months have been a whirlwind of activity for the Aloha Community Library Association!

In addition to moving into a brand new space, we took two big steps forward in our quest to become part of the Washington County Cooperative Library Service (WCCLS). Our application was submitted, and has been approved by the WCCLS Policy Committee and the WCCLS Executive Committee. This means that we WILL be included in the next library levy, scheduled for November 2015. The details of the levy will be worked out this summer and submitted to the Washington County Commissioners later this fall for their review and approval. If the levy passes, then the Aloha Community Library will become part of the WCCLS in mid-2016, and patrons will have access to the collections of all WCCLS libraries through the Aloha Community Library. It also means that a good portion (TBD) of our operating expenses will be covered by public dollars.

Until we become part of WCCLS in mid-2016, we need to be fully self-funded. One of the important components of our funding strategy is our program of on-line and semi-annual retail sales of donated books that are managed by volunteer Maxine Wald. Our book processing and book sale operations have been done in the old Blockbuster location on a temporary basis, but we're losing access to this space this summer.

About a dozen volunteers helped to move boxes of books, tables and shelves out of Blockbuster into temporary storage at the end of May. We're still looking for a new home for the book processing and on-line book sales operation, and temporary "pop-up" space for semi-annual book sales. **If you have any leads on excess commercial space in the Aloha-Reedville area** that may be available at below-market rates for at least a year (or pop-up space for short-term book sales), please contact me at info@alohalibrary.org.

We have come a long way from our first summer reading program in 2012 on bare cement floors in our first (empty) storefront. If you haven't been into the library since we moved this April, I invite you to stop by and see how we've grown. I look forward to our continued growth as we move closer to WCCLS membership. – Doug Hoy

Fizz! Boom! Read! Summer Reading Programs Begin!

We're celebrating a summer filled with great books and fun programs. Children (infant - 5th grade), teens (6th - 12th grade), and adults (18 years and older) can all read books to win prizes. Kick-off the summer on **Friday, June 13**, 6pm-7:30pm, at our launch party. Register for the program, play games, and eat treats! Adults can learn to Night Club Two-Step at our Dancing in the Stacks program on Tuesday, June 24th, at 6:30pm. Kids will be amazed when a special guest from Mad Science is able to defy gravity in a spectacular special event on Wednesday, June 25, at 2pm. Our popular Teen Library Takeovers return this summer, beginning on Friday, June 27th. Events continue through August! Visit alohalibrary.org for a complete list of activities.

• **Summer Reading Events:**

- Spin, Pop Boom (Wednesday, June 25, 2pm): The audience will be amazed when the Mad Scientist is able to defy gravity in this energetic and spectacular special event. Didgeridoo tubes, foaming hands, and steaming chemical reactions will introduce children to a world of exciting chemistry.
- Dry Ice-Capades (Wednesday, July 2, 2pm): Dry ice is cool! Experience the Mad Science burp, a display of bubbling potions and, finally, a thrilling grand finale!
- It's A Bird, It's a Plane, It's Superman...No It's a Plane (Wednesday, July 23, 2pm): Come watch model airplanes fly, and listen to experts from the Evergreen Aviation Museum talk about the four forces of flight.

* **Teen Library Takeovers return!**

- Retro Science Fair (Friday, June 27, 5p-7p): Pop Rocks Science, Mysterious Ooze, and more!
- Movie Magic: The Science of Special Effects (Friday, July 25, 5p-7p): Learn to use household items as special effects make-up, how to make mysterious mist, and discover the special recipe for making realistic looking blood.
- Silence in the Library: Dr. Who Fan Night (Friday, August 22, 5p-7p): Watch one of the creepiest Dr. Who episodes ever! Think you know your Who? Win prizes in our trivia contest!

* **Adult summer reading program events:**

- Dancing in the Stacks (Tuesday, June 24, 6:30pm): Addicted to Dancing With The Stars? Ever wondered what it would be like to take a dance class? Iea and Mark will demonstrate some ballroom dance moves, then teach us how to Night Club Two-Step!
- It's Written In the Stars (Tuesday, July 22, 6:30pm): Join the Rose City Astronomers for a discussion of all things celestial!
- Environmental Toxins and You (Tuesday, August 19, 6:30pm): Author and consultant Dr. Laurel Standley will present practical actions to take to reduce your family's exposure to everyday toxins.

Beach Reads For Kids

Take a stroll through any bookstore right now and you will probably find a display dedicated to “good beach reads” for adults. What does this denote? Beach reads are usually shorter novels that have a simple story, fun characters and, often, a tidy ending in which everything is neatly resolved. In other words, they aren’t necessarily the most challenging reads on the market, making them perfect for summer’s relaxed schedule and long, lazy days. They are books that you can easily set down when a dip in the pool is required and pick right back up again later in the day.

So what about children? Where are their beach reads? School-age children spend the majority of the year reading required texts for class, both fiction and non-fiction. They are assessed on their vocabulary, fluency and reading levels. They have assigned writing tasks in the form of book reports and research papers. All of this helps foster literacy in our students, but is it helping to turn them into life-long readers? Research shows that as children progress through school, many stop reading for pleasure. They may be literate, but they stop being readers.

Summer, then, is the perfect time to encourage reading for enjoyment, not for work. Let your child find his or her beach reads during a trip to the Aloha Community Library. Any time is the right time to read for pleasure, but summer lends itself perfectly to pursuing the books that truly bring your child joy. This isn’t the time to force higher-level texts with more sophisticated comprehension requirements. This is the time to embrace the idea that any reading is good reading (within child-appropriate realms, of course). Your child won’t put down graphic novels? Great, he’s reading! Your child will only read sports magazines? Fantastic, she’s reading! Your grandkids want to go through cookbooks to find something delicious to bake with you? Wonderful, they’re reading! Your little one will only pay attention to Captain Underpants? Fabulous, he’s reading! Your third grader only wants to check out picture books? Terrific, he’s reading!

Allow your child the freedom to indulge in kid-friendly beach reads this summer, and you may find him or her becoming not just literate, but a true can’t-get-enough reader for life. What better gift can you give your child?

Check out these school-age beach reads at the Aloha Community Library:

**How To Become a Perfect Knight In Five Days!* by Pierrette Dube

**Amulet* by Kazu Kibuishi

**Kids’ Container Gardening* by Cindy Krezel

**The Name of This Book Is Secret* by Pseudonymous Bosch

Spring Fund-Raising Goal Achieved!

Thanks to the strong support from Aloha Community Library supporters, we not only met, but blasted through our \$15,000 challenge grant match. The \$24,928 that we raised in donations means that we will receive another \$15,000 from our challenge grant donors for a total amount raised of \$39,928. The growing support for the library is reflected in the fact that over 1/3rd of the donors in this campaign were first-time donors to the Aloha Community Library. Donors also included the students at **Little Lambs Too Preschool**, who held a Jog-a-thon to raise money, patrons of **Jan's Paperback Books**, the **Friends of the West Slope Library**, and two Aloha businesses - **Mi Jalisco Mexican Restaurant** and the law firm of **Schmidt & Yee**.

Because the Aloha Community Library is not yet part of the Washington County library system, we depend on donations for our operating funds. In addition to cash donations, you can support the library by:

- Signing 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.
- Checking with your employer for donation matching, volunteer matching, and grant opportunities.
For example, **Intel** donates \$10 per hour of volunteer work recorded by current and retired Intel employees. **Tripwire** donates \$500 per year for 2 hours of volunteer work by Tripwire employees. **Mentor Graphics**, **Tektronix** and **ADP** will match certain charitable donations by employees.

Grant Writing Helps Support the Aloha Community Library

The grant-writing volunteers at the Aloha Community Library have also been busy this year, and we have been received over \$27,000 in grants in the last 12 months, including grants from:

- Washington County SIP Fund for architectural planning for a future (much larger) facility
- Washington County Cooperative Library Services for collection development
- Tripwire for technology upgrades
- Beaverton Rotary for a projector, screen and film license
- Regional Arts and Culture Coalition for Spanish-language materials and programs
- German American School of Portland for world language materials

If you would like to help with event planning, fund-raising, or grant-writing, please contact Terri Palmer, Interim Library Director, at volunteer@alohalibrary.org. With your continued support, we will be able to continue to offer exciting programs, add new books and movies to our collection, and keep our computers up-to-date.

Thanks for the Lift!

Many thanks to the 42 volunteers who packed, lifted, pushed, pulled, and carried all of our 11,000 books and movies, shelves, tables, computers, printers, and other very important belongings to our new location! Volunteers donated 256.5 hours over two weeks to help us move, then get up and running again. The youth group from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at Bany Road and 170th Avenue also donated an evening of service, delivering over 600 grand re-opening fliers to local neighborhoods. The donation of time, effort, and skills by all of these Aloha Community Library supporters enabled us to re-open on schedule. We are so grateful to each of you!

Meet the two newest members of our Board of Directors!

Katie Bick and David Grabicki, students from the International School of Beaverton, were recently selected to serve on the ACLA Board of Directors. Their term is from May, 2014 until April, 2015. They fill the recently vacated position of Vy Le, our first student representative from Aloha High School. The role of student representatives is to express the interests and views of students in the area and offer insight into the youth needs in terms of library service. Additionally, the student reps will work to increase the engagement and involvement of high school students in library affairs.

Katie hopes to help teens see the library as an appealing place where the “joy of reading” will be encouraged as a different form of entertainment, in addition to teens’ common use of Netflix and cell phones. A previous volunteer at the Beaverton City Library, Katie shelved books and worked in the Summer Reading Program. She said working with the children was incredibly rewarding. Plus, she had a chance to “see what worlds reading took them to” and how “countless kids and families were affected by the wonders of reading quality literature.” Katie began reading at an early age and her dad, a former English teacher, challenged her to see who could read more pages during the summer. By the time she was old enough to participate in the summer reading programs, the 15 hour requirement “was a breeze”. Katie continues to keep up with what is popular in adult fiction and believes it is important for the library to keep up with current popular literature.

David is active in student government and is currently finishing his year as Vice President of his class’s Student Council/Government. He has learned that “communication and voicing opinions in a clear, concise, and logical manner is important for the success of the group”. As part of the Board of Directors, he hopes to use these skills in discussing and evaluating the desires and needs of his peers as they relate to the library. His hope is to assist the library in strengthening the outreach to the teen population of the Aloha area to reach his biggest goal – making the Aloha Community Library a “staple in Aloha not only for families and book lovers, but teens and my peers as well.” The convenience of the Aloha Community Library is something he hopes to build upon as an option for teens to do homework, read, hang out and participate in teen nights. He is enthusiastic about the future and, as a board member, hopes to learn about non-profits and governance there-in.

Story-time Reading

Join us every Wednesday at 10:30am for our interactive story-time readings. This is a great way to progress through your Summer Reading log!

Celebrate!

As we gear up for summer break, many of us are making plans for Father's Day and The Fourth Of July, but don't forget about these upcoming quirky holidays:

- **Best Friends Day, June 8th:** Help your children celebrate the idea of friendship with *The Best Of Friends* by Pirkko Vainio or Arnold Lobel's *Frog and Toad Together*, both available at Aloha Community Library.
- **Sewing Machine Day, June 13th:** Dust off your trusty machine to try some of the projects in ACL's copy of *Sew Creative Gifts For Under \$10*.
- **Meteor Day, June 30th:** Younger readers can celebrate this celestial day enjoying Patricia Polacco's story, *Meteor!*, while adult patrons might want to try Dan Brown's novel *Deception Point*.
- **International Joke Day, July 1st:** The library has plenty of joke and riddle books to keep all of its patrons giggling. Come in and find one that suits your fancy!
- **Embrace Your Geekness Day, July 13th:** Unleash your inner techie on this day while you delve into Walter Isaacson's biography *Steve Jobs*. Kids might learn something new from Gayle Worland's *Great Inventions: The Computer*.

Community Business Partner Spotlight

Mi Jalisco Family Mexican restaurant, located at 17683 Farmington Rd., donated to the matching campaign in support of the Aloha Community Library. Owners, Juan Lopez and Isidro Rodriguez, are relatives who worked together for many years and always had plans for owning a restaurant of their own. Isidro works 7 days a week cooking authentic Mexican food while Juan greets and serves guests. They have been up and running for 10 months and hope to be here for many more years to serve our community.

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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