



# Aloha Community Library

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*"When I enter a library, I feel I've come home." – Barbara Wright*

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## Message from the Board

Unlike most public libraries that are part of a city or county government, the Aloha Community Library is a volunteer-run nonprofit association with a member-elected board of directors. The board's two primary roles are ensuring that the library has resources to meet community needs, and serving as the governing body for the nonprofit association. Current board members and officers are:

Doug Hoy, President

Lynda Hanson, Vice President

Amy Grant, Secretary

Eugene Allison

Donna Terletzky

Katie Bick, Student Board Member

David Grabicki, Student Board Member

Jackie Ortega

Eric Squires

### **We want to hear from you**

Board members will be holding a series of listening sessions in the library during August and September to get your ideas on the library and its direction. More information will be posted on the website and in the library.

### **We need your help**

As the association grows, there are always new opportunities to volunteer your time and talents. Please check the Volunteer tab on the website (<http://alohalibrary.org/wp/volunteer/>) or email Terri Palmer at [volunteer@alohalibrary.org](mailto:volunteer@alohalibrary.org).

### **We welcome your participation**

Monthly board meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday from 6:30-8:30pm and are open to the public. The August 20th meeting will be held in the library. If you are interested in learning more about what the board does or if you might be interested in participating at the board level, please come to the board meetings.

### **Annual meeting**

The annual meeting of the Aloha Community Library Association will be held on Saturday, October 18th at 9:00am at the library. The agenda of the meeting includes the presentation of the association's annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014, and the election of 3 directors. This meeting is open to current association members as of September 30, 2014. You are automatically an association member if you have donated at least \$15 to the association since October 1, 2013. Nominations for board candidates will be accepted through September 30, 2014. If you are interested in serving on the board, please send your contact information to [info@alohalibrary.org](mailto:info@alohalibrary.org) and a board member will contact you.

**Thank you** for your support of the Aloha Community Library Association.

## *Library Director*

In keeping with the timeline established last January, it is time to move to the next step and hire a Director. The Aloha Community Library continues to be a dynamic, volunteer driven and volunteer supported non-profit that has been actively welcoming all those who visit regularly and those who have just discovered it. The goal is to continue on the successful path of the last 2 ½ years with the addition of a Library Director.

For the last six months, Terri Palmer has been doing double-duty, serving as Interim Director while continuing as the Volunteer Coordinator. With her help and guidance, the Aloha Community Library moved to a larger space, Jesse Castellanos was hired as library clerk, the application to WCCLS was submitted and approved, programming for children, teens and adults increased, we hit new circulation records, recruitment and training of new volunteers continued, and summer reading programs were implemented. The Aloha Community Library Association and its Board of Directors is deeply grateful for Terri's commitment, dedication, service and skills in helping to make all these accomplishments possible. Once a Director is hired, Terri will help with a seamless transition and then focus on her original position as Volunteer Coordinator.

The Board of Directors looks forward to working with an additional staff member who shares the heart and passion for serving our community.

## *What's Happening at Your Library!*

### **Youth/Teen/Adult Events:**

- Summer reading prize pick-up last day (Saturday, September 6th)

### **Youth Events:**

- Storytime in English: Every Wednesday, 10:30am
- Storytime Spanish: The first Saturday of each month, 10:30am
- Children's Summer Reading Finale Party (Friday, August 15, 6pm-7:30pm): Kids can turn in their completed reading logs, choose a prize book, play games, and do some wacky science experiments! Books and other completion prizes will only be awarded to kids who reached their goals. Your kids didn't quite finish or didn't have a chance to sign up? Come for the fun anyway! Prize books can be picked up at the library through September 6th.
- Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District Nature Mobile (Wednesday, August 20, 10am-12pm): Observe a worm bin in action and find out how roots help plants to grow. This activity will take the place of storytime.

### **Teen Events:**

- Teen Library Takeover Night - Silence at the Library (Friday, August 22, 5pm-7pm): Join us for a Doctor Who fan night and special screening of the infamous "Silence in the Library" episode dressed as

### **Teen Events cont'd:**

- your favorite character and participate in a trivia contest to compete for a special Whovian prize! Turn in your completed reading logs and choose your summer reading prize book. Prize books can be picked up at the library through September 6th.
- Book Flower Art (Friday, September 19, 6:30pm): Teens and adults - Do you like the book page flowers that are decorating the library? Learn how to make them! Local paper art entrepreneur and library volunteer Betsy will demonstrate how to make various types of paper flowers. Ranging from super-easy to a little more difficult, there will be a flower that everyone can make!

### **Adult Events:**

- Villages Without Walls (Tuesday, August 12, 6:30pm): Adults can learn about Villages Without Walls' mission to help community members stay healthy and safe in their own homes as they age.
- Environmental Toxins and You (Tuesday, August 19, 6:30pm): Join Dr. Laurel Standley, author of #Toxins Tweet: 140 Easy Tips to Reduce Your Family's Exposure to Environmental Toxins. This hour-long class introduces information on how to help you and your family avoid exposure to toxic chemicals in the environment and at home.
- Book Flower Art (Friday, September 19, 6:30pm): See details above
- Easter Seals Oregon Latino Program Job Skills Workshop (Tuesday, September 23, 6:30pm-8pm): This first workshop in a series of three (continuing in October) will focus on writing resumes and filling out applications. Though developed for Spanish speakers with disabilities, the class is open to everyone interested in learning more about the subject. Non-Spanish speakers are welcome to attend.

### **Celebrate Good Times!**

Not ready for summer to end? We have the upcoming quirky holidays to help us make it through the next few months:

**August 13th, Left-Handers' Day:** Celebrate some famous lefties by checking out these films from Aloha Community Library: Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid (Robert Redford) and Steel Magnolias (Julia Roberts). Pop some popcorn and enjoy a double feature!

**August 26th, National Dog Day:** Man's best friend gets his own special day. Stop by ACL to check out Jana Kohl's A Rare Breed of Love : The True Story of Baby And The Mission She Inspired to Help Dogs Everywhere

**September 7th, Grandparents' Day:** Grandparents definitely deserve their special day, and they are celebrated in Shelley Rotner's charming book, Lots Of Grandparents.

## *Celebrate Good Times! cont'd*

**September 13th, National Peanut Day:** Ready to whip up some PB & J's? Learn about the man who helped make the peanut famous with Andy Carter's book, George Washington Carver.

**September 25th, National Comic Book Day:** Enough said! Come into the library to get your fill of graphic novels!

## *Book Sale!*

Our next book sale is right around the corner! You don't want to miss it! There's something for everyone at this sale! All proceeds benefit the library and help support great programs such as our Summer Reading Program. Watch your email on September 1<sup>st</sup> for all of the details including location.

*Book sale preview party* (Wednesday, September 24, 6pm-7:30pm): ACLA members get first crack at all of our book sale goodies! Not a member yet? Sign up at the library. Membership dues are \$15 per year.

### *Mark your calendar:*

- Thursday, September 25, 10am-4pm
- Friday, September 26, 12pm-8pm
- Saturday, September 27, 10am-2pm

## *Book Sale Volunteers Needed!*

With limited set up time at our new book sale location, we will need lots of help! Work party dates will be set as soon as possible. We will also need a crew during the sale to help at the cash register, keep the tables tidy, and answer customers' questions. Break down and clean-up of the remaining books and tables will need to happen within hours of the closing sale – another time when we will need lots of volunteers. Watch the volunteer page at [www.alohalibrary.org](http://www.alohalibrary.org) for details as we get closer to the sale.

## *Volunteer Spotlight – Marcelina Luisen*

You may have met Marcelina “Marci” Luisen as she swoops around the library on Wednesday evenings, shelving books, answering questions, checking things out, and working on projects with her partner volunteers. Did you know that she also volunteers to clean the library on a weekly basis? Her hard work keeps the library neat and clean for patrons and staff to enjoy.

Marci came to Oregon from California in 1973. She made her home in Aloha in 1987. An accountant by trade, Marci has always been “crazy about libraries!” In 2012, she was excited to see that a library was planned for her own community. Marci and Bob Jaeger, her husband of 24 years, began volunteering for the library as book movers. They helped move the online sales operations as new locations were chosen. Marci also helped out at book sales before making the commitment to serve as a Library Assistant last fall. She began her Wednesday evening shifts in October 2013. When she heard

## *Volunteer Spotlight cont'd*

mention that our previous custodial volunteers, Sherrie Fields and Jeff Ream, needed a break from their duties, Marci jumped at the chance to help. Weekly custodial duties include vacuuming, dusting, and cleaning the restroom. Not a small task!

The Aloha Community Library Association is not the only local organization benefitting from Marci's dedication. She is on the Beaverton Symphony Orchestra's Board of Directors. Marci is the Director of Hospitality, better known as "The Cookie Lady". She is responsible for all refreshments, serves as the House Manager for Friday night concerts, and trains and supervises all of the volunteers needed to support a great concert experience for the audience. Thank you, Marci, for your commitment to making our library a welcoming destination for our community!

## *Back to What?!?!?!?*

As we approach the dog days of summer, seeking those last few trips to the pool, the beach, the park, we can also see the back-to-school items popping up all over. As school gets ready to start, children may begin to grumble. Time to get back to a schedule, back to homework, back to tests and report cards. For students who have difficulty reading, this can be a dreaded time of year. How can you help your reluctant readers transition back to school? How can you encourage their literacy skills and effort and desire so it's not such a chore? Hopefully your children have been doing some reading over the summer, possibly as part of ACL's summer reading program. But even if they haven't, there is still time to get ready for the first day of school.

Much has been written and discussed about common core standards, school testing, educational benchmarks and so on. Teachers measure students' progress toward various goals, looking at fluency, vocabulary, writing skills, etc. But what kind of goals would your children like to reach? What's their motivation? To make the transition back into school a little smoother, try helping your children set their own goals for the school year. Research continues to show a drop-off in reading for pleasure as children age, so having some control over their reading choices during the school year may encourage those students for whom the process is more difficult.

Setting their own reading goals is a great way to encourage students to read for the fun and joy of reading. Help your children choose ideas from the following list, perhaps one per month during the school year, or to come up with their own ideas. These ideas can be adapted to many different ages and reading levels. If your student is motivated to read for his or her own enjoyment, the progress toward standards and benchmarks will follow.

Of course as a society we want to raise our children up as literate citizens. But, how much better to raise citizens who are not "just" literate but who also have a deep thirst for reading to acquire more and more knowledge? How much better to have a community that can sustain vast, engaging conversations because its citizens are full-fledged, ravenous readers? This is the time to start, establish and nurture the reading habit so that as our children grow, they will not lose that desire.

## *Back to What?!?!?! cont'd*

### STUDENT SCHOOL-YEAR GOAL IDEAS:

- Read a biography.
- Read a non-fiction book.
- Read a book about a career in which you are interested.
- Read something written by an Oregon author.
- Read something written by an author outside The United States.
- Read a how-to book.
- Read a book out loud to someone: a sibling, a cousin, a parent, etc.
- Read a book that was made into a movie...before you see the movie.
- Read something written in the decade in which your parents were born.
- Listen to a book on tape while you follow along in the book.
- Ask your teacher what his or her favorite book was at your age. Read that book.
- Write a letter to a grandparent or friend, telling them about a book you read.

### *Book Review*

#### **Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life**

Barbara Kingsolver, Camille Kingsolver, Steven L. Hopp

What would it be like for you and your family to only buy and eat food raised or grown by you or nearby? Barbara Kingsolver and her family take us on their journey to eat locally for one year. The family grows most of their vegetables and fruits on their Appalachian farm, raise their own poultry (the 9 year-old daughter begins a thriving poultry business), find nearby sources for pork and beef, and learn to enjoy food in season. Kingsolver' husband, Steven, adds scientific information to each chapter, while Camille, the college age daughter, shares recipes, which sound quite tasty.

When reading the book, there were a few times I had the sense that it "required money" to make some of their food choices. However, while most of us do not have space for a large garden or an orchard, we can consider buying more of our food grown locally. We are fortunate to live near U-Pick berry patches and several excellent Farmers Markets. The book is thought provoking and insightful, as Kingsolver shares the dilemmas, challenges, and successes with eating locally. - Submitted by Nancy N.

*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.*

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