

# between the book ends

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## Summer Reading in ONE WORLD

Wow, what a summer! Another successful summer reading program (SRP) has gone by in a blur. The 2011 theme was *One World Many Stories* and focused on world cultures and travel. The SRP desk was a hot air balloon. Children could write their name on a car, boat, or train cut out to put on the maps hanging in the library. Almost 1400 children, teens, and adults registered for the program. They read about 10,000 hours. We gave out 498 paperback books to children and teens who had read 12 hours and 16 hours respectively. New to the program was Parents as Reading Partners. For every four hours a parent read to their child, they could turn in an entry slip to the adult weekly prize drawing. Over a third of adult participants were reading partners.

We offered a variety of activities throughout the summer including entertainers, educational programs, and weekly story times. The big hit was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Worm Race. Children got to race real live wiggly night crawlers. We gave out trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. Another highlight was being temporarily transported to Hawaii for “Holly’s Hula Show” which included lots of hula dancing. Kids and families were awed and entertained by Scott the Great and Company, a family troupe that includes a very funny 91 years young grandmother. My favorite program was an origami workshop with local origami master Ruthanne Bessman. We learned how to make a fox, jumping frog, picture frame, and penguin. Programs were filmed by WOW cable and *The Observer* printed many wonderful pictures from the events.

The summer reading program is possible because of the hard work and generosity of members of the Friends of the Library. Thank you for making the library an exciting destination for kids, teens, and adults during the summer.

Kelly Allen, Youth Services Librarian



## Do You Bake?

The Friends have been baking treats for the Oregon Library staff once-a-month as our way of saying “Thank You” for their friendly service to all library patrons. This has been a fun way to surprise the staff and, for some of us, to try out new recipes.

Nancy Allen has coordinated the bakers and the monthly treat program for the past two years, and would like some more Friends’ to volunteer to bake in the coming year. Please contact Nancy at [naquilter3@gmail.com](mailto:naquilter3@gmail.com) or call her at 835-0586 to volunteer.

Choose a Monday-Thursday to bake about three dozen treats for the OPL staffers, and enjoy knowing that YOU have sent a very special “Thank You” to the OPL staff.

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## Did you know?

- ✓ Did you know that libraries are green? Every time you borrow a book from the library and return it for someone else to use, you are recycling. Oregon Public Library has been recycling books for over 100 year and we don't intend to stop now. Borrowing materials is free.
- ✓ There are more public libraries than McDonald's in the U.S.—a total of 16,604 including branches.
- ✓ Americans spend more than twice as much on candy as they do on public libraries.
- ✓ Americans check out an average of more than seven books a year. They spend \$34.95 a year for the public library—about the average cost of one hardcover book.
- ✓ Public libraries are the number one point of online access for people without internet connections at home, school or work.
- ✓ 98.7% of public libraries provide public access to the Internet.
- ✓ More than 65% of public libraries provide services for job seekers. \
- ✓ 62% of adults in the U.S. have public library cards (Harris 2010 survey)
- ✓ Americans go to school, public and academic libraries nearly three times more often than they go to the movies.
- ✓ Reference librarians in the nation's public and academic libraries answer nearly 5.7 million questions weekly. Standing single file, the line of

questioners would span from Long Island, New York, to Juneau, Alaska.

- ✓ A 2009 poll conducted for the American Library Association found that 96% respondents agreed that public libraries play an important role in giving everyone a chance to succeed because it provides free access to materials and resources.

**Sources:** ALA Office for Research & Statistics, ALA Public Information Office. All facts compiled in 2009.

## Friends' Annual Meeting October 24

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Oregon Library will be held Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Sue Ames Room of the Oregon Public Library. The Nominating Committee will present the slate of board members for the 2012 year. Current business and the October Book Sale will be discussed.

Election of board members will take place Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. At that time, the slate of officers will again be presented by the Nominating Committee. Names may also be submitted from the membership at that time (FOL members submitting names of current members for offices must get the nominee's permission prior to submittal at the November meeting).

If you have any questions about the Annual Meeting or the duties of board members, you may contact June Hanson at 835-3409.

## Friends' Calendar of Events

Book Sale	Friday/Saturday	October 14-15
Friday MEMBERS ONLY		3-4 PM
Everyone Welcome		4-7 PM
Saturday		9 AM – 3 PM
Friends of the Oregon Library Annual Meeting		
Monday, October 24		7 PM
Monday, November 28 – Elections		7 PM

## CHANGES IN OPENING TIME FOR MEMBERS ONLY PREVIEW SALE

**The good news** is we have a lot of wonderful people who shop at our Friends Only Preview Sales! **The even better news** is that we have a large and varied collection of books to offer for this upcoming sale! The unfortunate news is the Sue Ames Room becomes quite crowded when we all want to be in there at the same time! It has come to our attention that there are a few loyal members who are not comfortable with the amount of bodies in the Sue Ames Room during the 1 hour advance sale. There have also been some complaints about members moving very fast with their scanners to look through the books and bumping or crowding other shoppers. We are NOT going to ban scanners from our sale, as the members of FOL who use them are very good customers and loyal to our sale.

We cannot change the size of the room, nor can we hold back a portion of the books to make more space as we only have 9 hours over two days to sell as many books as we can.

If you find the first hour too crowded, you can still come on Friday from 4-7 when there is less of a crush to start the sale, or from 9-3 on Saturday. Experience shows that the most crowded times are 3-5PM on Friday and during the first hour of the bag sale at 1PM Saturday.

We also cannot spill out into the lobby very much because we will be blocking the handicapped access doors. This would be in violation of equal access laws and also very un-neighborly.

We are going to try a few new things this Fall 2011 sale:

- We respectfully insist that anyone using scanners **must not** reach over, bump or crowd other shoppers. Doing so will cause us to rethink our open scanner policy.
- We will allow anyone who feels they may get hurt or intimidated by the larger crowd entering at 3PM to quietly come to the back door of the sale room (through the Children's section of the Library) at 2:30. You will be allowed in to shop until 3PM when you must leave by the same back door. If you want to re-enter with the rest of the members at the front door or later during the sale, you are more than welcome.
- We ask that no one bring in strollers or wagons. The room is not large enough to accommodate them. There is space in the lobby or outside the library doors to park them.
- Children are always welcome. We ask that you monitor them and not allow them to play in the lobby. There have been some near-misses with them playing with the motorized doors. We don't want them to get hurt, nor do we want them tripping Library patrons entering the main Library.
- Please do not try to sit on the floor to sort through books for more than a few minutes. This causes many shoppers to climb over you or just not have access to those books you are blocking. If you need more time to examine books, we will help you find a spot in the Lobby to sit and look them over.
- As always there will be volunteers if you need help carrying your purchases to your car. If it is not raining, we will also have wagons and a dolly to help move your books to your car.

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## 2011 FALL USED BOOK SALE

The Fall Used Book sale will be held October 14th and 15th in the Sue Ames room at the library.

Hours of operation are:

Friends Only Preview Sale from 3-4PM\*\*\* October 14th, open to the public from 4-7PM.

Open to the public 9-3PM October 15th, with a \$2 bag sale from 1-3PM.

Don't forget that you can renew your membership for 2012 at the sale. This saves us time and postage.

\*\*\*see article about some leeway we will offer for the opening time of the preview sale