

Helping Hands

- Clean DVDs
- Weeding
- Work on Library Scrapbook
- Redo Brochures
- Storytime helpers
- Prepare Display Cases
- Clean Computers
- Book Covering & Mending
- Shelving Books (especially Monday's)
- Read Shelves to make sure books are in order
- Help at Circulation Desk
- Decorating Library/Seasonal
- Clean Shelves/Books (First Tues. of month, 9 – Noon)

Active FOL members are an important facet in helping our local library to function smoothly. "Volunteers play a large role in the day to day operation of the library," stated Ann Harris the library Director. "We count on these individuals—they easily encompass the work of four full-time workers. We would be lost without everyone's help."

In the side bar, the library has noted some light duties that they are more than willing to share with anyone who is willing to spend an hour or so to help out. As funds get cut and the economy tightens, your help is always appreciated. Whether it is aiding with refreshments, donating old books, watering the spring flowers or covering books; your time is a treasure.

Including volunteerism in our lives is an important way to keep our community thriving and bring happiness to ourselves. If you haven't had the opportunity to try one of the activities to the left, contact the library about how you can make a difference.

Adopt-A-Classic



Classic Books have been defined as "the best that have been thought and known in the world." Rather a heady statement; however, these titles have been tested throughout time for their popularity, quality and meaning. In comparison, while this year's Top Ten Sellers may be hot commodities today, they may be part of the FOL book sale in five years.

Because many of the Classics at the Medford Library have seen better days, they have been pulled from the shelves. To replenish our stock of the masters, a book adoption effort has been put in place. Classics are being purchased with the hope that patrons will choose to "adopt" and thereby purchase the books so they can be put back into circulation. If you are interested in helping out with this endeavor, please see the circulation desk. A few of the titles needed are listed below.

Anne of Green Gables, *L. M. Montgomery*, \$6.00
 Les Misérables, by *Victor Hugo*, \$15.00

Anne of Avonlea, *L. M. Montgomery*, \$6.00

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Library Letter

FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Monelle's Missive

[mis-sive (mɪs'ɪv) n. A written message; a letter.]

As everyone is currently concerned about increased costs and wonders when our economy will rebound, you can still be assured that the Medford Public Library will continue providing free services that you can enjoy. Where else, but the library, can you obtain so much educational information as well as receive entertainment items at no cost to you?

Current newspapers and up-to-date magazines are available for your reading pleasure as well as a variety of DVD's and CD's to check out to share with your family. Internet computers are available for use as well; and a special section just for children. All of this is waiting for you at the library, including a warm, relaxed environment. What a good deal!

Speaking of good deals, the Friends of the Library is sponsoring a book sale in April

(see related article). We are seeking donations and then will sell most of these items for \$1.00 or less to the public. If you are a book lover you won't want to miss this sale.

The Friends of the Library is also offering a free cultural educational event on March 21 (see related article). North Central Technical College students from around the world will be on hand to share information regarding their country. There's always something fun and exciting to do at the library and the good news is that it fits within your budget.

Please feel free to attend all of our monthly meetings (see events calendar). We welcome new ideas and suggestions.

Monelle Johnson, President



Renew Friendships

By Rose Marie LeLefebvre

It is membership renewal time for Friends of the Medford Public Library. Please take a few minutes to renew your membership and volunteer interests right now. Continued membership means we can support the public library and offer programs to members and the public. The form is included with this newsletter. Lifetime members, of course, owe no dues. They should, however, fill out the form and update their volunteer interests.

We welcome new Friends! Extend an invitation to someone you know to join us. There are membership brochures at the circulation desk in the library. Increased membership helps us maintain a vital, active organization.

EVENTS PLANNING CALENDAR 2009

March

International Cultural Event
March 21, 9 - noon

Membership Meeting
Monday, March 30, 7 p.m.

Newsletter

April

Membership Meeting
Monday, April 27, 7 p.m.

Book Sale
April 14 - 18

“Making a Rain Barrel” Event
April 22
Large Conference Room

May

Annual Meeting
Monday, May 18, 7 p.m.

Newsletter

June/July

Garden Tour
July 11

August

Organizational Meeting
Monday, August 17, 7 p.m.

September

Membership Meeting
Monday, September 28. 7 p.m.

Newsletter

October

Membership Meeting
Monday, October 26. 7 p.m.

Book Page

Each year the Friends of the Library pays for a subscription to a publication called “Book Page” for the Library. Published monthly, “Book Page” reviews books, interviews authors and offers features and various columns on noteworthy releases and topics.

Not only does it assist library patrons to hone in on new releases that they are interested in reading, it makes suggestions for titles in almost every genre including mysteries, romance, children’s stories, history, science fiction or cooking.

The purpose of the tabloid is to make reading recommendations to readers of all types. So, take advantage of the suggestions and pick up a free copy from the library today.



Past Success at FOL Events

Three events were held this past winter at the Library: The 10th Anniversary of the Library, the Geocaching Event and the Overstock Book Sale. Each occasion was successful in its own right. The Library’s 10th Anniversary was celebrated with its patrons; serving cake, coffee and other delectables. The Geocaching event, held the same day, was well attended with more than 20 people learning more about this popular hobby.



Above: The cake from the 10th Anniversary of the Library. Below: The Joe Daniels Family presenting the Geocaching Event: Mom, Daughter and Joe Daniels.



The overstock book sale also showed success with over \$450 in sales. On Friday, more than 80 bags were sold for the bargain price of \$2. This helped us clean out our storerooms in readiness of the April sale coming up.

A big thank you to all who lent a hand in each of these events—your assistance helps ensure our success.

Thinking Spring with Garden Tour

About this time, outdoor enthusiasts start leafing through seed catalogs and, if ambitious, drawing out their garden or landscaping plans.

Bringing inspiration to all that appreciate fine landscaping, gardening or “outdoor puttering” (as I lovingly refer to it as), may be the Garden Tour hosted by the FOL. Timed for early summer, July 11th, we are planning for multiple local area landscapes or gardens to showcase.

“We feel by this time, depending on our weather, that most plants should be blooming and in full color,” stated the Garden Tour Chair Judy Mader. The tour will be hosted in the afternoon from Noon – 5. More details of this event will be posted as they become available. However, if you are interested in becoming involved, please contact the Garden Tour Chair: Ardis Meier or Judy Mader.



International Cultural Event, Book Sale & Rain Barrel

INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EVENT: On Saturday, March 21st from 9 – noon, the FOL will host an international cultural event in the main area of the library. Booths will showcase the homeland and culture of around 10 International students from NTC. The public is welcome to attend and will be able to mill around the area and ask questions and learn more by talking directly with the students from areas as far away as Egypt and Latin America. Students will be attending their booths from 9 – 10 a.m. and 11 – noon with a singing/dancing session from 10 – 11 a.m. To assist with this event, please contact Vicki Jeppesen.

BOOK SALE: As with every book sale, we need volunteers to work a few hours of the sale or assist with set-up or tear down. To donate books or other media, drop them off at the library any time prior to the Wednesday of the sale. To donate your time, contact any of the board members or the Book Sale Chair: Corinne Liske.

Tuesday, April 14, 9:30 - ? Set up
Thursday, April 16, 9 – 7 Sale to Public
Saturday, April 18, 9-noon Discount Sale, Clean up following sale

Wednesday, April 15, 3 – 7 Members Only Sale
Friday, April 17, 9 – 7 Sale to Public

RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP: On Earth Day, April 22, the FOL will celebrate conservation by holding a class on how to make a rain barrel. These barrels can be used at the end of the drain spout to hold rain water to use on household plants and gardens. The class will showcase how to make the barrels. At the end of the presentation we shall have all the items necessary to either make a barrel at home or possibly a finished barrel for purchase (for those who don’t want to bother making one at the class). Although the class will be free, there will be a fee for either the materials to make or the completed rain barrel.

A WORD BETWEEN FRIENDS

Find the matching definition between the following words:

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| 1. victuals \VIT-uhlz\, <i>noun</i> | A. A secret; a mystery |
| 2. arcanum \ar-KAY-nuhm\, <i>noun</i> | B. A feeling of weariness and dissatisfaction arising from lack of interest; boredom. |
| 3. ennui \on-WEE\, <i>noun</i> : | C. A crown. |
| 4. diadem \DY-uh-dem\, <i>noun</i> | D. food or provisions, esp. for humans |

I. D, 2. A, 3. B, 4.C



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