

# Friends of the Tualatin Public Library

News and information

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## Book Sale Volunteers

Helpers are needed to set up the May book sale, cashier, and staff the membership table. Please contact Allison Austin at [allison4packers@gmail.com](mailto:allison4packers@gmail.com) if you'd like to volunteer.

## Next Board Meeting

All are welcome to attend the Friends bimonthly Board meetings. The next one will be on Tuesday, May 10, 6:30 pm in the Library Community Room.

## May Book Sale



A huge inventory of used books and an extra Sunday sale day will give shoppers the chance to pick up loads of books and media materials for the summer at the Friends of the Library Used Book Sale in May.

We will hold our semi-annual Used Book Sale on Friday, May 13 from 3—6:00 p.m. Saturday, May 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and now on Sunday, May 15 from 1—4:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the library. During Sunday sale hours, regularly priced books will be \$2 for a bag (bag is provided) and media and special priced items will be 50% off. The best selection will be available on Friday afternoon and bargain prices on Sunday.

The huge inventory of items for this sale include:

- Fiction and non-fiction titles for adults and children
- Lots of audiobooks for road trips and commuters!
- DVDs (fiction, non-fiction, TV series)
- A large number of children's picture books
- Juvenile books for children 6-12 years of age; and young adult books including graphic novels and manga in the "Bargain Tent"
- Tons of paperback science fiction

Most book prices are in the 50 cent to \$1 range, but there will be a good selection of especially nice books and DVDs with prices as marked from \$2-5. Just a reminder that credit cards are now being accepted for payment, as well as cash and checks, so there is no reason you can't pick up books for gifts or to add to your own collection.

We can always use volunteers to help with the sale, especially since we are expanding our hours to Sunday. Please contact Allison Austin at [allison4packers@gmail.com](mailto:allison4packers@gmail.com) at or leave your name and phone number at the Library Help Desk if you are interested.

## Summer Reading



On your mark, get set...READ! Sports is the theme of the Tualatin Library's 2016 Summer Reading Program. This year the Friends donated \$10,950 to fund the program.

Participants in the children and teen programs will receive free books and the opportunity to attend a variety of events and programs. One program that sounds especially intriguing is a boardgame camp for kids. Watch the library calendar for dates and details for signing up.

Why do we think summer reading is so important for kids and teens?

The benefits include:

- reading over the summer helps kids keep their skills up
- reluctant readers can be drawn in by the activities
- the program can generate interest in the library and books
- leads to the development of a lifelong reading habit

We hope you and your family will exercise your minds this summer.

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## Spotlight on Kay Kendall



Kay Kendall sees herself as a "professional putterer." She has a regular gig on Wednesdays volunteering for the Friends, and often stops by to help on other days as well. She enjoys sorting, categorizing, and repairing books donated for our book sales. She's especially drawn to old books. "One time I found a copy of *Daddy Long Legs* with an inscription from a father to a daughter for Christmas 1916," she says. "One hundred years ago!"

Kay has been especially helpful to the Friends by developing a better way to organize magazine donations. She recently created a spreadsheet so we can sort them by title, subject, and publisher. The spreadsheet also includes popularity rankings and retention guidelines. This has streamlined our ability to get popular magazines out to patrons, decreased storage issues, and made magazines retrievable by request.

Thank you, Kay, for all you do.

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## Friends Connection



Five Friends of Tualatin Library members attended the latest Friends Connection meeting on March 29th. Friends Connection is an informal group of representatives from the various Friends of the Library groups in Washington County. They meet semi-annually to discuss challenges we have in common.

Fund raising, shortage of space, and finding volunteers are perennial issues facing all Friends groups and it's been helpful to meet in person to exchange ideas. For example, we've learned about new options for selling the books left over at the end of our semi-annual sales at Friends Connection meetings.

Friends Connection is such a success that the group has decided to invite Friends groups from outside Washington County to participate in the next meeting.

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## Dia de los Ninos



The Tualatin Library will celebrate Dia de los Ninos on Saturday, May 7th from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. This year Angel Ocasio will entertain with his unique style of bilingual physical comedy, magic, and juggling. There will also be crafts and refreshments, and each child will receive a free book.

Dia de los Ninos/Dia de los Libros (Day of the Children/Day of the Books) is an annual celebration of childhood and literacy. The Friends donated \$1,000 for this event.

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## Board Retreat

Friends of the Tualatin Library board members and officers participated in a retreat on Saturday, April 23 to review goals and activities from 2015. It was a year of growth and momentum for the Friends in the following areas:

- Membership was expanded with a focused effort by the Membership Committee to contact all previous members and offer them the opportunity to restart or continue membership. Revenue from this source tripled in 2015.
- A new event, "Chocolate Friendly," was held in October of 2015. All Friends of the Library members were invited to enjoy sweet treats and learn more about the Friends and volunteer opportunities with the organization.
- A new organizational chart was developed to help plan for the future.

During the retreat, the attendees brainstormed a list of accomplishments from the previous year, as well as opportunities to pursue. This exercise provided the basis for developing goals for the organization for 2016-17, which the Friends will be working on in the coming months:

- Increase branding/marketing for FOL
- Review mission statement and update if needed
- Grow and diversify FOL Board
- Increase revenue through special and pop-up sales, general price increases, and increasing participation in the Fred Meyer Rewards Program
- Maximize Tualatin Chamber of Commerce membership opportunity
- Establish Friends of the Library event (October 16-22 this year)

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