



Friends of the Tualatin Public Library



Interesting Items Found At Ongoing Book Sale

There have been a variety of items put into our Honor System money box for the Ongoing Book Sale. These are pictured below and include:

Four metal washers and a metal disc; coins from various countries including France, East Caribbean States, Republic de Guatemala, England, Eire (Ireland), New Zealand, Mexico, Australia, Canada (50 - 100 coins), Oriental coins, Philippines, paper money from Szazforint - Magyar nemzeti Bank; car wash tokens, toy money, a Truman coin, casino coins, an Indian Head nickel; two guitar picks; Tums; a metal book mark; a Scrabble piece; a broken button; one earring; Fun Center tokens; and a key chain. Not pictured below: a grocery store receipt, a used bus ticket, blank pieces of paper, etc..



We appreciate folks giving us the unusual payment for our OG books, but would prefer USA currency. We sincerely hope the people who paid with whatever they had in their pockets enjoyed their books. One of the Friends goals is to put books out into the community for our citizens to read and keep. Or they can read their material and then donate it back to the library to be sold again! A win-win situation. Money earned from the OG sale is given back to the Tualatin Library for purchases beyond their city budget. The Friends have donated nearly \$70,000 to the library by selling used books. A lot of work by many volunteers, but very much worth our time and effort.



Letter from the President

On October 30th, the Friends hosted a panel discussion on library services for seniors as part of our annual meeting. Here are some things we learned:

* The senior population in Tualatin is growing at a faster rate than other age groups. By 2050, the over-65 age group is expected double. The 2010 census counted 1515 Tualatin residents aged 65 or more. Of those, 1,198 lived alone.

* There are two assisted living communities in Tualatin, one new one under construction, and seven adult foster homes. Some of these communities provide library services to their residents. Emeritus at River Valley, for example, has an in-house collection of books for residents.

* Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) offers a Homebound Service which provides mail delivery of library materials and information free-of-charge to Washington County residents who are physically unable to visit their public library. To qualify for this service, the patron must be homebound, the caregiver of a homebound person, or living in a nursing home, residential care facility, or assisted living facility. Additional information about these services is available from by calling WCCLS at 503-648-9785 or visiting their website: http://www.wccls.org/library_services/homebound.

* The Tualatin Library has embarked on a project called "Natural Resources:



"Mining the Knowledge and Talents of Older Adults." Program Specialist Mala Vyas reports that the program's goal is to connect people with specific skills with others who need those skills. The program has generated some new volunteer opportunities such as homework helpers, youth technology coaches, and story times by grandparents and grandkids.

* Friends of the Library groups in other parts of the country offer a variety of senior services including delivery of reading materials to nursing homes and residences, e-reader instruction classes, craft sessions for seniors, and mystery night programs.

We concluded that the Friends already offer services to seniors in two ways. We contribute more than \$14,000 per year to the library for programs that benefit the community, including seniors. And we provide volunteer opportunities that are both engaging and fun. In the coming year we plan to explore other avenues as well.



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The mission of the Friends of the Tualatin Public Library is to promote, enhance, and expand the presence of the library for the benefit of our community.

Everyone is welcome to join the Friends.

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Game On!

By Vivien Lorelied

The Tualatin Public Library started its video game collection over two years ago and it is one of the more popular collections in the library. We carry games for the Playstation3, X-Box 360, DS/3DS, and Wii systems. In 2011 we had almost 400 games with a total circulation of over 10,000 for the year. That equates to every game checking out every two weeks!

When it comes to video games, however, many people have asked me, "Why even have a collection in the library? Shouldn't we be encouraging children and teens to read books?" These questions have been studied extensively for the past six years, and the answers may surprise you. According to most studies concerning literacy and video games, kids, especially boys, who play video games are actually operating at a high level of literacy, just one that is not always reflected in traditional modes of testing. According to an article in the September 10th volume of *The Journal of Adolescent and Adult Literacy*, games require individual players to read various forms of non-linear text then respond to them, thus creating a feedback loop in which the literacy is reinforced by positive outcomes. Add to that the rich culture surrounding popular video game titles which encourages the reading of complex manuals, the writing of fan fiction, and the back and forth socialization of forums concerning the game, video games actually provide a multitude of venues for children to practice their literacy skills in ways that will hold their attention.

Video games have other surprising effects on the people who play them. Dr. James Rosser, Chief of Minimally Invasive Surgery at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City, conducted research showing that the use of video games actually improves players' spatial reasoning to the

point that surgeons who played video games for three hours a week performed 27% faster at laparoscopic surgery and made 37% fewer errors than those who did not play video games. Further studies conducted by the Pew Research Center have shown that teens that engage in social interactions related to video games are more politically and civically engaged. For instance, 68% of these teen-aged social gamers have raised money for some type of charity and 67% go out of their way to stay informed about current events. The most promising part of this research is that the percentages hold true across race, age, and economic status, providing ways of teaching civic engagement that cover a wide spectrum of the population.

Let me leave you with this wonderfully succinct list of positive outcomes of video games in libraries from the July 2009 *Library Technology Reports*:

** The library brand is not books--it's transformation. For traditionally underserved teens (especially boys), gaming in libraries can be a transformational experience that will stay with them throughout their adult lives.*

** Gaming in general provides opportunities for civic engagement for today's youth, and libraries offer even stronger social spaces and connections for communal play and interactions.*

** Libraries can provide scaffolding experiences around gaming that improve teens' civic discourse and behavior to a level not experienced elsewhere in the community.*

** Gaming tournaments model positive competition and connect teens as a community and to the larger community.*

So, on behalf of the roughly 135 million gamers in the United States I say: Game On!

Volunteer Opportunities

Book Sale. Volunteers are needed to help setup the December book sale starting at 10 am on Friday, November 30th. Contact Molly Skeen at info@tualatinfriends.org for details.

Online Bookselling. Help decide which books we'll offer for sale in our Amazon.com store. Check with Eleanore Mickus at elandval@gmail.com for more information.

Library Tasks The library has volunteer opportunities for shelveers, hold processors, and helpers with spruce-up the library events. Margie Bradley is the library's volunteer coordinator; she can be reached at mbradley@ci.tualatin.org.



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Holiday Book Sale

The Friends of the Tualatin Public Library will hold our annual Holiday Used Book Sale on Saturday, December 1, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Community Room of the Tualatin Public Library. There will be a nice selection of hardback fiction books, paperback fiction, non-fiction in every area of interest, young adult fiction, VHS tapes, and hundreds of used children's DVDs. Most book prices are in the 25 cent to \$1 range except for some especially fine books with prices as marked. With our prices so low,

plan to arrive early during the sale for the best selection of great gifts for the holidays, and of course books for your own reading pleasure.

If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity, the Friends are seeking additional help setting up, staffing, and cleaning up after the book sale. For general questions or to volunteer at the upcoming sale, email info@tualatinfriends.org or call Molly Skeen at 503-612-0630.

Online Sale Stories

On September 12th we reached our one-year anniversary of listing books on Amazon Marketplace for online sales. We have sold more than 400 items out of our listing of over 1000 books. Our Amazon venture is reaching out all over the United States to people and organizations that need the books and DVDs that we are offering for sale. We don't have a count of the huge number of volunteers and hours that have been involved in this undertaking, but our library and its patrons are benefiting from the additional money earned to fund library programs. The average sale price for an item is \$11 and the book titles range from "Sleeping Beauty" to "Psychic Healing."

Our shippers, Nan Bogdan and Laura Baker, communicate with our customers and they each have an "Amazing Amazon story" to tell about a book that was particularly meaningful to a customer, or resulted in a personal connection in the sometimes impersonal online world.

From Nan Bogdan: "The Block," a book illustrated by Romare Bearden (an African American from Harlem), with poems by Langston Hughes, and a forward by Bill Cosby, was recently purchased by the Romere Bearden Foundation in New York City (Harlem). It is a collection of collages done by Romare Bearden, who is deceased, of a typical street in Harlem. The poems by Langston Hughes fit nicely with the various street scenes and Bill Cosby's introduction is amazing. While I was preparing the book for shipping, I sat and read the entire thing and

found it a very emotional experience. I am so glad this book made it back home to Harlem.

From Laura Baker: We received an unusual donation of six "Celebration Hymnals" in very nice condition and sold two of them to a woman in Florida in May. Weeks after the shipment went out, we received a somewhat indignant email from the buyer telling us that she did not receive her books. It seemed clear at that point that the hymnals were lost in transit; the first time this had happened to us. However, of all the items to have been lost, luck was with us because we had four more in stock! I offered to ship two more at our expense and by the end of our correspondence, she shared the following: "I play the organ at our church and I have an original edition of the hymnal; it has so many lovely newer hymns/choruses that I wanted to give the pianist and choir director their own copy so we all would be able to have it available to use ... I was thrilled to be able to find copies of them on Amazon."

Book Review

by Marge Congress

Calling Invisible Women by Jeanne Ray

What would happen if you woke up one morning only to discover that you were invisible? Not just that your family didn't notice you, but that you had disappeared. That's what happened to Clover. The wife of a pediatrician, and mother of two, she puts on her robe, goes downstairs to fix breakfast, and her son never looks at the face that is not there.

One day she finds an advertisement in the paper which says "Calling Invisible Women" and discovers there are many more with this condition. They even figure out that taking medicines for osteoporosis, menopause, and depression seems to cause invisibility.

This very humorous story has much deeper meaning. Are many women invisible to the outside world? What is invisibility anyway. You will laugh while being forced to think about your life and the lives of women everywhere.

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Benefits of Current Membership

The Friends of the Tualatin Public Library is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit tax-exempt organization. All donations, including yearly membership dues, are fully deductible on your IRS tax return.

If you know someone who would like to join the Friends, or if you haven't renewed yet, please use this form.

Please Join Today!

<p>Friends of the Tualatin Public Library Membership Application</p>	<p>Please circle a membership level</p> <p>Individual: \$ 5.00 Family: 10.00 Sponsor: 25.00 Benefactor: 100.00</p> <p>All funds are directed to library activities and materials.</p> <p>Return form to: Friends of the Tualatin Public Library P.O. Box 3914 Tualatin, OR 97062-3914</p>
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