



Friends of the Tualatin Public Library



Schools Out Program

This year the Friends of the Library contributed \$1,500 to the library's Schools Out program. Schools Out is a series of high-quality children's programs scheduled for days when Tualatin schools aren't in session. The library's goal is to provide super exciting programs that are great for the whole family. We get a surge of families at the library on weekdays when school is out! The programs are designed to appeal to a broad range of ages (from PreK - upper elementary schoolers) so parents can bring all their kids to the library for some good times.

There have been two events so far this school year. On October 11th, the library offered Jugglemania. Rhys Thomas shared the books and tricks that have steered him through his life as a professional juggler. On November 7th, Henrik Bothe performed at the library. His show was a mix of circus skills and comedy – juggling, unicycling and plate spinning along with Henrik's wacky sense of humor. Scheduled for December 23rd is a showing of classic seasonal movies for the whole family.

Watch the library's calendar for other Schools Out programs to be scheduled for the rest of the school year.



Rhys Thomas delighted kids and adults with his Jugglemania performance.

Letter from the President

Sometimes the benefits of a public library to the community can seem rather touchy-feely and hard to quantify. A new independent study funded by the Cupertino Library Foundation sought to provide hard data for that California community's investment in its library. The study concluded that there's a 400% return on taxpayers' investment for their county's residents. While their dollar amounts are different from Tualatin's, the study's results suggest that our ROI percentage would be similar.

The study looked at quantifiable services for which the value can be easily measured. These services include the borrowing of materials, ongoing children's programs, online database searches, and more. When the value of services was divided by the library district's annual operating expenditures, the results show that for every dollar spent the community receives \$2.50 to \$5.17 in direct benefits.

In addition to the analysis of quantifiable direct benefits, the study included interviews with key community stakeholders who identified numerous broader community benefits, such as increased success in school, career, and life resulting from early literacy efforts, as well as improved health outcomes to individuals and society.



The study identified five key areas of community benefit from both the quantifiable and non-quantifiable aspects of library services:

- Enhancing early literacy and youth education
- Promoting lifelong learning and personal growth
- Building and bridging diverse communities
- Providing access to information and technology for all
- Supporting personal recreation and quality of life

Every time I visit our library, I see numerous examples of ways our library provides these five benefits to the Tualatin community. It's great to see that the library is adding value to the community in ways that can actually be quantified. And it's gratifying to know that the Friends play such a key role by funding programs that aren't included in the library's budget.

Molly Skeen

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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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Oregon Battle of the Books Club

The Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) Club is designed for kids from 3rd through 5th grade. Each month from October through March sessions are scheduled to talk about two books from the OBOB reading list. Every child who registers for a session will receive free copies of the two books being discussed in that session.

OBOB is a statewide voluntary reading motivation and comprehension program sponsored by the Oregon Association of School Libraries in conjunction with a Library Services and Technology Act grant. Students are exposed to quality literature representing a variety of literary styles and viewpoints. The mission is to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading, to broaden reading interests, to increase reading comprehension, promote academic excellence, and to promote cooperative learning and teamwork among students. OBOB is a program where schools register teams of competitors, and then the teams answer trivia questions at local, regional and statewide competitions.

Advance registration is required to give kids time to read the books before the

scheduled sessions. Check with the library for dates and times.

The OBOB Book Club has been a great success so far. The program is limited to 20 kids, and the October program completely filled up with two weeks to spare. When registration for the November session opened up, it filled up in three days! 17 kids attended the October session of the 20 who were registered. Below is a list of the book titles we have purchased or will be purchasing. All of the titles are from the 2013-2014 Oregon Battle of the Books list.

OCT: *Clementine* by Sara Pennypacker and *Into the Firestorm* by Deborah Hopkinson
NOV: *Gregor the Overlander* by Suzanne Collins and *Kenny & the Dragon* by Tony DiTerlizzi
DEC: *Marty McGuire* by Kate Messner and *Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Lai
JAN: *The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo and *Eleven* by Patricia Reilly Giff
FEB: *Waiting for the Magic* by Patricia MacLachlan and *Pie* by Sarah Weeks
MAR: *Who was Neil Armstrong?* by Roberta Edwards and *Young Fredle* by Cynthia Voigt

Volunteer Opportunities

Book Sale. Volunteers are needed to help setup the December book sale starting on Friday, December 6th. 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 shelvers, 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.or.us.



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Donate your used books and media to the Friends and we will sell them to support the programs and services of our library!

Friends Donations to the Library

The Friends Board meets bi-monthly to discuss a variety of topics, including donations to the library. Since the last newsletter, we voted to fund these programs:

July

Oregon Battle of the Books – \$1200
Art of the Story Storytelling Festival – \$600

September

Dia de los Muertos celebration – \$300
Hispanic Heritage Month – \$800
School's Out events – \$1500
Annual movie license – \$1500

Important! Dues Update

Friends Members:

Please review your recent Friends membership dues receipt for accuracy as some members received an incorrect receipt. These can be written off on your taxes as we are a 503(c) nonprofit. Contact Donna Gilbo at gilbo6205@comcast.net if you find a discrepancy. Thank you!

Winter Book Sale!

The Friends of the Library Winter sale will take place on Saturday, December 7, 2013. The sale will be from 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

Hundreds of books will be available, along with DVDs and CDs. We will have our Classic Book section as well as our special priced books. There will be many books suitable for holiday gifts.

If you are a Friends of the Library member, you will receive a 10% discount on your purchase!

Remember, we now accept credit cards.

See below to cut out a coupon for a free book!

Friends' On-Going Book Sale is "The Little Sale That Could!"

The Friends are happy to report continuing success with the On-Going Book Sale across from the checkout area in the library. Volunteers stock the shelves almost daily with new material to keep patrons looking for good buys. Since we started the On-Going Book Sale project in 2004, we have sold almost \$70,000 worth of material! We keep our prices very low since one of the main goals of the Friends is to help our patrons find books and media for their home libraries.

The next time you come to the library, take a look at the new flyer on the Friends' On-Going shelves next to the payment box. One of our newest members, Virginia Green, has offered her beautiful watercolor painting "Girl Reading" as the focal point of our flyer asking our customers to:

- Donate used books and media
- Become a member of the Friends
- Buy a book, DVD or CD today
- Come to our next large book sale

Virginia is a wonderfully talented lady whose paintings were featured at the Women of Watercolor (WOW) art show at the Heritage Center in Tualatin the last weekend of September. She works primarily in watercolor and oil, and she strives to convey with color a sense of place. You can see more of her artwork at the library from February through March 2014, when her paintings will again be on display.

The Friends invite you to stop by our On-Going Book Sale the next time you come to the library to see what treasure you might find.

Thanks to our volunteers, Marge Congress, Nan Bogdan, Molly Burns, Virginia Green, Donna Gilbo, Linda Longworth, Kirsten Downey, Eliza Devlin and Donald Swygard, our book sale just keeps chugging along!

Buy One, Get One Free Coupon

Members are invited to use this coupon to buy one paperback and get a second paperback free. This coupon is good at either the On-Going Book Sale in the Library or at the Friends Winter Used Book Sale on December 7, 2013.

Your name

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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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