

# Friends of the Tualatin Public Library

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## Vote "yes" for the library levy

A measure scheduled for the November 3rd election will ensure funding for libraries in Washington County for the next five years. We urge you to vote "yes." See the article below for more information.

## Our next book sale

Our next book sale will be November 6-7. Please contact Allison Austin at [allison4packers@gmail.com](mailto:allison4packers@gmail.com) if you'd like to volunteer. Allison is planning a training session for cashiers soon.

## Summer Reading Celebration



The Tualatin library hosted a Celebration of Readers on Sunday, August 30th as a finale to the 2015 Summer Reading program. This year our community met the library's challenge to read at least 2.5 million minutes during the summer months.

Pianist Lori Henriques and her group performed their repertoire of jazz/blues/cabaret songs. Along with the music there was a special appearance by Clifford the Big Red Dog for the kids.

This event was supported by the Friends with a \$1000 donation to the library.

## Washington County Library Levy



Measure 34-235, scheduled for the November 3rd election, is a replacement levy that will ensure funding for libraries in Washington County for the next five years. This funding is needed: to provide a variety of children's programs and improve school readiness; to assure maintenance of library operating hours; and to acquire books and materials for all citizens of Washington County.

There are four ways you can help:

- Help us get the message out by sharing your support with friends, family and colleagues on your favorite social networks.
- Make a donation to [People for Libraries](#), the advocacy group established to educate the public about the measure with mailers, signs, ads, and voters' pamphlet statements.
- Let us know if you'd like to have a lawn sign supporting Measure 34-235 on your property. Contact Marge Congress at [maven345@yahoo.com](mailto:maven345@yahoo.com) for more information.
- And most important: vote "yes" for Measure 34-235 on November 3rd.

## Friends Receive UnitedHealth Group Dollars For Doers Grant



UnitedHealth Group has awarded a \$500 grant to the Friends of Tualatin Library as part of its Dollars for Doers program. This program provides grants to 501(c)(3) and educational organizations as recognition for their employees' volunteer efforts. Friends Board member Allison Austin is a UnitedHealth Group employee who met all of the requirements and applied for the grant on our behalf. We are most grateful, both to UnitedHealth Group for the grant and to Allison for her contributions as a Board member and book sale volunteer.

UnitedHealth Group is a diversified managed health care company that offers a spectrum of products and services through its family of subsidiaries and divisions. Additional information about the company is available on the [UnitedHealth Group website](#).

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## Hispanic Heritage Month



The Tualatin library will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a variety of activities supported with a \$1000 donation from the Friends.

**Bilingual Storytime.** Saturdays in the Community Room, starting at 11 am.

**Aztec Dance Troupe.** Dancers from Danza Azteca will perform in the Community Room on Saturday, September 26, 2-3 pm.

**Latin Guitar.** Classical guitarist Ricardo Cardenas, pictured here, will perform works by composers from Brazil, Venezuela, and Paraguay. The concert will be in the Community Room on Saturday, October 3, 2-3 pm.

**Pinata Workshop.** Kids in grades K-6 are invited to participate in this hands-on workshop. They'll make their own pinata in the traditional form and learn the pinata song. This activity will be in the Community Room on Wednesday, October 7, 4 pm.

**Braceros Presentation.** Learn about the Braceros, a group of Mexican migrant workers who helped farmers during the labor shortage of WWII. A bilingual presenter from the Washington County Museum will have artifacts and photographs on hand for the presentation in the Community Room on Saturday, October 10, 2-3 pm.

All programs are free and open to the public.

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## Save the Date: 10/24/15

The Friends are planning a fun event for Saturday, October 24th to celebrate National Friends of the Library Week. We'll send more information soon in a separate email. One thing we know for sure: it will include chocolate!

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## Support the Friends With Fred Meyer Community Rewards



So far, 37 households have named the Friends as their designated nonprofit for Fred Meyer Community Rewards. In the second quarter of 2015 we received a cash donation from Fred Meyer for \$181.43 based on the purchases made by these households. We are most grateful!

If you haven't already linked your Fred Meyer rewards card to our account, we invite you to do so today. This does not affect your personal rewards points; both accounts earn points. It's a win-win for you and for the library. To find out how to do this, visit the [Fred Meyer Rewards page on our website](#).

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## Our Amazon 5-Star Rating



For the past few years, we've operated an online book store on the amazon.com website. It's a successful operation that generates more than \$6000 in revenue annually. Our amazon.com store is run entirely by volunteers. We have "cullers" who evaluate donated books to see which ones are likely to sell online. "Posters" create the online listings for books selected to sell. And "shippers" monitor the website for sales and ship the books within 48 hours.

When amazon.com shoppers purchase items through our store, they're invited to evaluate and comment. We're pleased to report that we have a perfect 5.0 star rating for the past year. And we've received many favorable comments such as this one from Bert N.: "Order was exactly as expected. It was nice to be able to help a good cause, while getting a great movie. Package arrived in grand shape. Thanks!"

You can check out [our amazon.com store](#) any time to see what's currently available.

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## Welcome New Members

We extend a warm welcome to the newest members of Friends of the Tualatin Public Library:

Travis Evans

Margaret Gunther family

Gwen Martin

Xochitl Najera

Dan and Lauren Simon

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