

News From The Friends

"Volunteers Supporting Library Services in East Klickitat County"



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Next Friends Meeting Time
Monday, January 9, 2016 at 12:30pm.

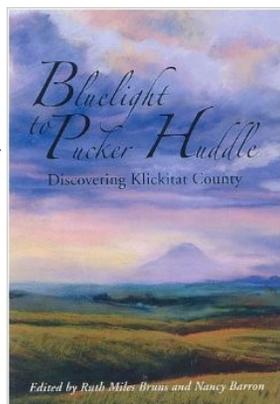
New Friends President Carrie Clark-Peck

The new year will usher in many changes for our Library. The building is slated to be renovated and refreshed, we have a new Branch Manager and, after eight years of extraordinary service as President of the Friends of the Library, Nancy Barron will be handing over the gavel to a new President; Carrie Clark-Peck.

Carrie recently retired from Maryhill Museum of Art where she served as Curator of Education. Carrie says "The Museum often partnered with the Library to bring informative, interesting programs to our community, and I've come to see the many other ways our Library reaches out to our community as well. I am excited to be part of the Library's new year of growth and opportunity."

Friends of the Library Books

Looking for a great anytime gift? Remember the books published by the Friends, *Bluelight to Puckerhuddle* and *Stories Told by the Early Pioneers of Klickitat Valley*. They are available at Aimee's Attic (near Hwy. 97), Chloe's Traditional Heirlooms, Goldendale Farm and Home, and Klindt's Books (The Dalles).



What's happening... @ the Goldendale Library!

Wednesday, January 4th, 2:30pm

Art Time: an afternoon program for tweens & teens.

Monday, Jan 9th, 12:30pm

Friends of the Library membership meeting.

Wednesdays, January 4th – May 17th at 11:00am

Family Story Time. Stories and play for toddlers, babies and young children with a caregiver.

Thursday, Jan 26th, 1:00 to 5:00pm

Computer classes offered by the Library. Free 30-minute sessions of individual instruction. Call the library to reserve a spot or for more information, 773-4487.

Friday, Jan 27th, 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Wear your pajamas to the library and meet FVRL mascot Sophie the river otter! Bring your favorite doll or stuffed pet to hear a story, do a craft and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies.



A scene from Legos at the library, sponsored in part by the Friends.

Goldendale Library hours are Monday—Saturday 10am—6:30pm.
For more activities, visit the events calendar for the Goldendale library on the FVRL website or call them directly at 509.773.4487.

President Nancy Barron Retires

[Judy recently sat down with Friends' retiring president Nancy Barron to ask her a few questions about her eight years as the leader of our group.]

One of Nancy's central duties was coordinating the meetings and activities of "admirable, capable and dedicated" volunteers, some of whom are reflected on our masthead. Another was coordinating the writing, printing, and mailing of the newsletter so all Friends members could be informed of library and Friends' activities.

During her 8 years of leadership, traditional Friends activities have continued and prospered—for example, the Ice Cream Social remained a favorite event—and new projects were added. The Book Sale is more popular than ever and has been expanded from one to three times per year. This allows more books to circulate and provides more funds for special library programs for adults and children. Membership has increased substantially.

A Friends' accomplishment dear to her heart was the successful campaign to pass a new levy for the library. Our Friends group was active in getting the word out about the budget shortfall that had resulted in several cutbacks, e.g. opening only 5 days/week. Klickitat Co. had the highest ratio of 'yes' to 'no' votes in the district, and was a big help in passing the levy for the entire district.

Nancy played a vital part in the publication of the Friends' second book, *Stories Told by the Early Pioneers of Klickitat Valley*. She helped oversee the Book Basket outreach service, which provides a changing selection of donated books to the hospital and to some of the smaller towns around Goldendale.

Nancy saw her duty as president helping the members of the Friends of the Library continue the tradition of serving the library and to make the Friends group "bigger, better, and more active." She plans to remain an active member and is looking forward to more opportunities to work with her favorite Goldendale institution, the Goldendale Community library and its volunteers.

New Goldendale Librarian Amy King Schoppert

Amy King Schoppert was previously assistant director at The Dalles - Wasco County Library. Prior to that she worked for King County Library System. She earned her BA at The Evergreen State College and her MLS at Emporia State University. Before becoming a librarian she worked for Simon and Schuster Publishing and Powell's Books. She loves to travel, read, watch movies and enjoy the beautiful scenery of the Gorge. Amy is excited to be here serving Goldendale and the outlying communities. She is thrilled to have such a strong and committed group of Friends as partners.

Olsen Room Committee

The Friends of the Goldendale Library were blessed several years ago with a substantial donation from Wilma Olsen with funds dedicated to the purpose of funding activities and presentations to benefit the community. We were fortunate to have had assistance from the Fort Vancouver Regional Library for investing these funds till we could use them. We were able to grow those funds to such an extent that we are able to do so many more things for our community.

Our previous activities using these funds were educational presentations to the community and publishing assistance to the authors in printing our two publications - "*Bluelight to Puckerhuddle*" and an enhanced second edition of Homer Townsend's *Stories told by the Early Pioneers of Klickitat Valley*.

A committee of Friends have been organized and now has a meeting set for December 29th at 10pm. We welcome any suggestions, comments, etc. supplied to Dick Wilson as we plan for use of these funds to help renovate our Library.

Naomi's "semi-retirement" Reception

The Friends celebrated Naomi Fisher's two decades as our librarian at a reception on October 24. Friends and other community members gathered in the Camplin Room to express our thanks to Naomi. Anne Koch and a team of volunteers provided delicious hors d'oeuvres, a beautifully decorated cake, and fall-themed decorations.

A number of speakers used an open mic to speak about Naomi. Friends president Nancy Barron thanked her for dedicated service and spoke of some of the highlights of her tenure. Judy Bane of the library staff made everyone laugh with a funny story about Naomi's first day on the job, and others shared anecdotes and their thanks, including a participants' rendition of an original song by Nancy. Charming background music was provided by several very skilled young piano students.

The Friends presented Naomi with an honorarium—with the suggestion that it be used for a festive weekend in Portland—and a beautiful certificate of thanks written in elegant calligraphy by Pat Horn.

Though we will miss seeing Naomi at the library, she is not really leaving us—she will be working part-time for the county as outreach librarian. Her duties will be to publicize the library in various ways by signing up more people for library cards, visiting schools, teaching about the many non-book resources available on-line from the library, etc.



Picture by Brittany Allen
courtesy of the Sentinel.

The Library Advisory Board

[Kathy Mitchell Playfair is a retiring member of the Goldendale Library Advisory Board. Many of us are not familiar with this committee, and so we asked Kathy to explain the duties of the Board.]

It has been an honor to serve two terms on the Library Advisory Board. We are a small group of lay persons who loves its library, wants it to remain vibrant and relevant to its community, and wishes to serve it in a relaxed but esteemed capacity.

Our goal is to maintain an audience with our Head Librarian and to be familiar with the inner workings of one of Goldendale's greatest assets. We present our ideas and provide feedback and offer suggestions to the librarian and staff. Thereafter, we reach out to the community as emissaries.

We hope above all that we preserve this beautiful building with the books (the written word) that it stores for all generations to come.

Our Fall Book Sale

The November book sale netted \$2014, a new high for a fall sale. \$815 of this total was from the sale of a complete set of Zane Gray, donated by Kay Shemanski and sold on-line for us by Betty Long-Scheif. Many thanks go to Kay and Betty and to Judith St. Pierre and all the other tireless volunteers who made the sale possible. And, of course, thanks to all those who donated the books to the Friends.



Keep us posted! Be sure to update your address, phone, and email with Friends of the Library as needed by returning the form below. Due to the library's privacy policy, Friends cannot access your personal information in the library database.

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