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News From The Friends

"Volunteers Supporting Library Services in East Klickitat County"

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**The next membership meeting of the Friends
will be**

12:30pm, Monday, January 8, 2018

**Come at noon to visit and nosh. Meet us in the
Camplan Room.**

President's Corner

The next membership meeting of the Goldendale Friends of the Library will be Monday, January 8, 12:30-2:00pm. All are welcome to attend. We will recruit secretary and Vice-President for 2018-2019.

*Carrie Clark-Peck, President, Friends of the
Goldendale Library*

*"A hearty wish for holiday joy and
contentment from the Friends of
the Library Executive Board."*

Let's Play Chess!

The library is hosting a new, informal chess club on Monday afternoons at 3:00 pm upstairs in the library's mezzanine. The idea came from a teen who likes to play chess. But, interest has grown among a few adults, as well, turning this into an intergenerational program for all ages and abilities. The program takes a break for the holidays and resumes for 8 weeks starting on January 22nd. Thanks to the Friends for donating two new magnetic chess boards.

The Maryhill Museum will feature an educational display of chess sets at the library starting in January, and has offered to host a chess tournament in 2018 if there is enough interest.



New Systems, New Opportunities

Our library team has been working hard to help patrons learn to use the new printing and computer management systems that were implemented last month. Patrons can now use library computers for the usual hour per day, plus they can stay on as long as they like, as long as no one else is waiting for a computer. Patrons can also print and copy in color for the first time. Patrons get three free black and white copies per day and can print from any Internet connected device. The new payment kiosk allows folks to use credit or debit cards. Thank your librarians for their patience – they've been through a lot of change this last month and have handled it with grace and good humor.



Come and visit the library.
All are welcome.

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

Because of all the transitions at present, the schedule of activities is limited. Check the FVRL website or call the library for current information. Children's regularly scheduled programs will continue for the time being, likewise the morning and evening book discussion groups.

Learn & Play –Klickitat Community Center

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 3:30pm - 4:30pm. Storytime, craft and a light snack! This is for little kids and their caregivers because learning begins before school.

Design Thinking Challenge—Register Online

Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 1:00pm - 3:00pm. In this fun and educational design simulation, participants in grades 6-12 (designers) will receive a set of requirements from their virtual customer. Designers will use award-winning ZOOB® building sets, with pieces that move after you put them together, to build a product that will rock their customer's expectations.



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

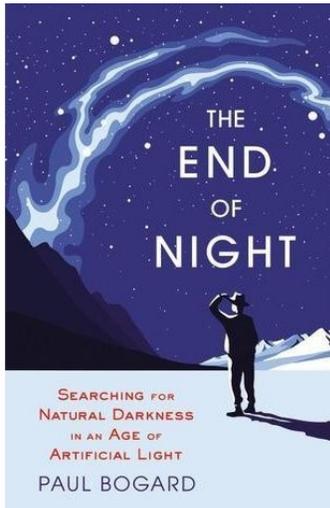
Library Remodel – *It's Time to Renew*

A big thank you to those who helped enhance the library's garden space this fall. Thanks to Ron Inghram for the beautiful bulbs, to Pat and Barbara Patterson of Golden Pine Alpacas for donating "paca poo" to amend the depleted soil, and to Sara Wu for delivering and unloading the manure. It will be nice to see some new color in that garden this spring.

We have a beautiful new entry to the library! The work was done throughout the month of November. The crumbling steps and old rails were removed. New concrete was poured. Brick was laid along the sides of the landing as when the library was first built. And, new hand railings were installed.

We are pushing for as early a start to the interior work as possible. The architects are fine-tuning some changes we've asked them to make in the design. We hope to put the project out to bid in January. If all goes well, we could be looking at a spring start.

We will host an open house to share the plans with the public as soon as we have a contract in place. In the meantime, we are looking at places that may serve as a temporary location for the library during construction. *Erin Krake, Branch Manager*



End of Night by Paul Bogard

Book Review by Mary Jean Lord

Mary Jean Lord, former Goldendale resident and library Friend, came back to Goldendale for a visit. When asked what she missed most about Goldendale, "the stars." She's in Seattle now and, like many U.S. residents, can't see the Milky Way or more than Orion's Belt on a clear night. These people have never experienced the wonder and beauty of a starry night.

In *End of Night*, Paul Bogard mourns the loss of dark skies. He writes, "If you're younger than forty, you've grown up in a world flooded in artificial light" and then builds a case for restoring natural darkness. He travels the world seeking dark skies. He examines man's innate fear of the dark and his belief that the more light, the greater his security. Recent studies, combined with crime statistics, dispute this conviction

Next, Bogard explores the harm that artificial lighting inflicts on humans and animals: increased cancer in nighttime workers, fatalities and confused "matings, migrations, pollination, feeding" in nocturnal vertebrates and invertebrates, the patterns that "keep biodiversity alive." One example: the death of 50,000 birds in Georgia when they followed an airport beam of light straight into the ground.

Bogard includes a nighttime map of eastern North America and Europe showing the pervasive lighting that looks like a cancer creeping across the land. He praises the International Dark Sky Association and the U.S. National Park Service for recognizing and promoting dark sky in cities like Flagstaff, AZ, and in parks like Acadia in Maine and Big Bend in Texas. In cooperation with the National Dark Skies Organization and the State Parks, the City of Goldendale has replaced common streetlights with LED's and directed them downward to help keep the skies dark for our public observatory.

While no nighttime lighting is the ideal, Bogard recognizes that unlikelihood. Despite some criticism that Bogard damages his factual assessments with occasional mystical and flowery flights, he makes a powerful argument for lower levels of lighting and for shielded lights that beam down. He explains that LED lights reduce energy consumption; that brightly lit areas usually mark less desirable areas (cheap hotels and restaurants); and that gas stations, business parking lots, shopping centers are the worst offenders.

This book is available through FVRL. Check it out and keep looking up.

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