



March 2013

News From The Friends

"Volunteers Supporting Library Services in East Klickitat County"

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Next Friends Meeting Time Monday, March 11, 2012 12:30 pm

In the Camplan Room at the
Goldendale Library.

We will discuss getting the Goldendale Library a plaque for the outside of the library letting people know that it's on the National Register of Historic Places, our finales for the Centennial year, our media outreach plan, and more. We will vote on the 2013-14 Friends' budget which funds the Friends' activities in support of the Library. Come be a supporter.

Nancy Barron, President

Executive Board Meetings

The Executive Board has agreed to meet briefly at 10:00 on the 'alternate every other second Mondays' this year. To sort out those dates: Friends' general meetings are the second Monday every other month (January, March, etc.). The Exec meetings will be on months not covered by a general meeting (February, April, etc.).

The President, co-Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and Librarian will come together to exchange ideas, check in about projects and finances, and make any decisions which can't comfortably wait for a general meeting. These meetings are open.



A few of the events at the Goldendale Library

Wednesday, February 27th, 3:00pm

Cozy Corner book discussion group for teens. Read and talk about prize-winning books.

Thursdays, February 28th, March 28th and April 25th, 1:00 to 5:00pm Computer classes offered by the Library. Free 30-minute sessions of individual instruction.

Wednesday, March 6th, 3:00pm

Art and Technology: a program for Teen Tech Week & Kids' Club. Combine art and technology to create your own masterpiece. Work with a group or work alone. For ages 8 to 18.

Mondays, March 11th and April 8th, 11am and 6:30pm

Book Talk! Book discussion groups for adults. For titles and information, call the library at 773-4487.

Wednesday, March 13th, April 10th and May 1st, 3:00pm

Learn and Play: a story and craft time for preschoolers at the Goldendale Primary School.

Wednesday, April 3rd, 3:00pm

Kids' Club: an afternoon of activities and games for 8 to 12 year-olds at the Library.

Wednesday, April 10th, 5:30pm

Goldendale Library Advisory Board meeting. Open to suggestions and input from the community. Contact Naomi at the Goldendale Library, 773-4487.

TBA

Dining at Downton: a living history lecture with Tames Alan. Explore the traditions of elegance of the early 1900s as part of our Centennial celebration of the library's establishment in 1912.

Every Wednesday at 11:00am at the Goldendale Library

"1-2 Buckle My Shoe" story-time for babies and toddlers. For ages 0-3years and their caregivers. Jan 4 – May 16.

Every Wednesday through May, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

English Conversation Circles and ESL classes for speakers learning English.

**For more activities visit the events tab at www.fvrl.org
or call the Goldendale Library at 509-773-4487.**

January Mini-Book Sale: A Great Success

The Friends had a fine success implementing Naomi's idea of an "inventory reduction sale" this January. Many Friends members and community members commented on how very nice it was to have a book sale in the depth of winter, and they left with armfuls to tide them over until summer. Sales were brisk, netting approximately \$800.00 in seven hours – and that's at a *maximum* price of a dollar for each hardback. Another desirable benefit was that we sold about half of the books donated during the fall. The other half are now sorted and boxed to be transported to our sorting barn, which reduces transportation efforts. They will join books donated during the summer and between now and June as inventory for our July Community Days Sale. Note that our annual sale will be immediately following the 4th of July, the 5th and 6th, and that the members-only evening will probably be on Wednesday, July 3rd.

Thanks to those who shopped at the sale; enjoy your reading. Thanks to the cadre of volunteers, who amassed about 80 hours on January 22nd and 23rd. This sale certainly couldn't have happened without you. Thanks to Naomi for spearheading the initiative for the Friends during midwinter.

Centennial News

Coming up in April: a display in the library about important events in the life of our library--the building and its addition, and the people who made it happen. But before that [though there's no direct connection to the centennial celebration] be sure to have a look at the interesting current display about Finnish culture. As you may know, quite a few of the original settlers of this area were from Finland.

Earlier in this centennial year the Glass Onion restaurant hosted a fund raiser for the Friends. We've designated the proceeds from that event for a special cabinet for library archival materials. The cabinet will be built by a local craftsperson. The Friends will also be discussing the commission of a plaque noting that the Goldendale Library is listed in the National Register of Historic Places at their March meeting.

The committee is planning to build a float for the Community Day Parade as a grand finale for the year. The rough plan so far calls for a library tableau with librarian, adults and children. And, of course, we won't forget the books!

Ed2go!

Talk about opportunity! Did you know that your library card entitles you to choose from thousands of **FREE** six-week on-line courses through the library website? No gimmicks, no strings, just free education. The regional library has subscribed to an on-line educational system and made it available to us. There is a paper copy list of courses available for perusal at our library circulation desk, and the librarians will assist you in your first sign-up if you wish. You will be able to access the lessons from your home computer as well. Courses are available under writing and publishing, college readiness, personal development, computer applications, health care and medical, accounting and finance, language and arts, and other areas. (I'm taking "music made easy".) The on-line instructors are available for assistance, and there are discussion opportunities. Certificates on completion are available for many courses. Something you wanted to learn more about? Check this out. We couldn't have a better price.

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Book Review

Heroes For My Son. (2010) HarperCollins.

by Brad Meltzer

Review by Judy Bane

This is a short little book with a big, big message. Brad began to formulate an idea when his first son was born. He thought I should write down all the things I want him to know, that will help him become the best person he could be.

So he began to take notes. Over a period of years, the idea percolated and morphed into this book. It took the form of a list of people who Brad thought his son should know about, people who were heroes and who made a difference to their fellow man. There is a picture of each person with a short blurb of information about why Brad thought they were heroes.

You'll be surprised.

There are, of course, the usual names. Rosa Parks, George Washington, Gandhi, Martin Luther King. All worthy. All well-known.

But how about Miep Gies? No, I didn't recognize that name either. She is the woman who hid Anne Frank and her family and who found Anne's diary and preserved it for Anne's father.

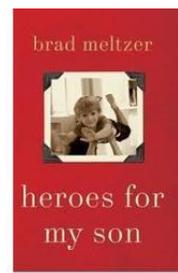
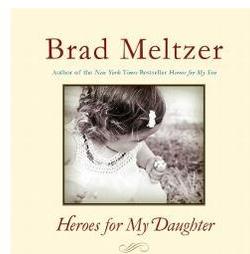
And do you know Andy Miyares? He is a champion Special Olympics swimmer. He learned math by counting laps.

Or Dan West? Nope, didn't know him either, but I'm glad I do now. He served in the Spanish-American war and saw first hand the suffering of the common people who had so little. He came home and started Heifer International. He raised funds and shipped cows for free to impoverished families all over the world. The only condition was that when that cow had a calf, that calf was to be given to another needy family and so on to the next and the next. Today, Heifer International has helped 8.5 million people in 125 countries.

Wow.

As I said, this is a little book with such a big message. I admit it, it made me tear up. What a legacy to a son. I am very glad that Brad put this together for us all to enjoy and to make us think. I know you would enjoy reading it, too.

[Meltzer also has a more recent book, *Hero's for My Daughter. (2012) HarperCollins.. Ed.]*



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New Membership or Membership Renewal Form

Date: _____ *Check your mailing label to find your membership expiration date.*

Clip this form and mail with your check to:

Treasurer, Friends of the Goldendale Library PO Box 1009 Goldendale WA 98620.

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Check one:

- Lifetime \$100.00 Individual \$5.00 Family \$10.00 Sustaining/Group/Business \$25.00
 Student / Senior \$3.00

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