

# Library News

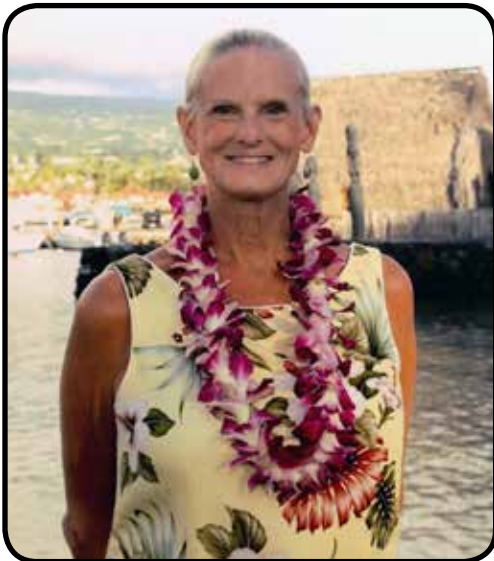


Library Newsletter

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## From the Library Director...



It is with mixed emotions that I announce my retirement as Director of the Tillamook County Library system. After 29 years in this position, I've led the library through so many changes, but the timing is finally right for me to pursue the other things I love. I plan on traveling as much as possible, working on my historic craftsman home and lawn, spending more time

with my cats, dogs and ferrets, and making a lot more music... oh, and tap dancing whenever possible! I hope to see lots of you while playing my 12-string guitar in my band.

My last day on the job will be June 1, 2020, so I'll still be around for quite a few months. In the meantime, the Library Board will be hard at work finding a new director. I would sincerely like to thank everyone who has helped make the Tillamook County Library one of the best library systems in Oregon. I would also like to say a special thanks to the community and I hope our residents know it has been an honor working with them over the last 29 years.

Sincerely,  
Sara Charlton

## Love Letters in Our Mailbox

Like everyone else, we get lots of bills and advertisements in the mail. But once in a while, something like this shows up that warms our hearts, and we just had to share.

*Dear Tillamook Library Staff, My father was in the Air Force when I was growing up, so we moved many times. Wherever we lived, I always managed to find my way to the local library, and I enjoyed each and every one of them. I'm retired now; my childhood days long past. But I can honestly say that, as much as I enjoyed the libraries of my younger years, Tillamook County Library has become my favorite of them all.*

*All of you do such an awesome job of making this place friendly, inviting and easy to use. I've loved it from the minute I walked in the front door three years ago. With thanks to all,  
Leigh Casler*

## Calling All Knitters, Sewers and Crafters!

If you're into the fiber arts of any kind and are seeking a venue to share ideas, the library has you covered. Check out one of these groups soon.

**Tuesday Night Knitters**  
**Manzanita Library**  
**Every Tuesday Eve**  
**6:00 pm - 7:45 pm**

**Woven Wednesdays**  
**Pacific City Library**  
**6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**  
**Let's Create Together!**

**Crafternoon for kids with Miss Angel!**  
**Bay City Library**  
**Thurs, 3-5:00pm**

# Library Park Progress

Once started, the installation of pavers and the outline of planting beds have moved quickly. Terry Phillips, owner of North Coast Lawn and park construction contractor, is an enthusiastic partner with the Tillamook County Library Foundation. Terry has an eye for interesting design schemes that add dimension to the park's overall paver plan.



*Pictured above is one of the three dancing children statues to be placed in the park.*

With paver installation nearly finished, eight benches have been ordered. Three pagoda style concrete benches will sit at the base of the Atlas cedar and five classic arched back mall benches will be located around the fountain. A bench with an inscribed plaque may be purchased for \$1000. Order forms are available at the checkout desk in the Main Library or may be requested by phone: 503-842-4792 or e-mail: [tillamookcolibraryfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:tillamookcolibraryfoundation@gmail.com).

Pavers with inset inscribed brass plaques are also available. Once engraved, these pavers will be installed throughout the park. A paver with inscribed plaque may be ordered for \$250. Order forms are available at the checkout desk in the Main Library or may be requested by phone: 503-842-4792 or e-mail: [tillamookcolibraryfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:tillamookcolibraryfoundation@gmail.com).

Park plots continue to be available for \$5 per square foot plot. A "Deed" is provided for each purchase. Plots must be purchased at the checkout desk in the Main Library.

As Phase 1 of the Library Park moves ahead, excitement has grown along with interest in contributing to this unique space in Tillamook County. Gloria Guyer, a Tillamook quilter and near neighbor to the park, called

the library in September to offer a quilt for a Christmas Raffle with proceeds to be used for the park. Gloria's quilt is a beautiful red and white design, king size. The quilt may be seen at the Main Branch in the display case at the top of the stairs. Raffle tickets are \$2 each. Only 500 tickets will be sold. The winning ticket will be drawn on December 17.

With Phase 1 well underway, the Foundation Board is looking ahead to Phase 2, the north end of the park. This portion of the park includes a platform stage and a large area for audiences and gatherings. An unsolicited grant of \$5000 from the Stepp Family Trust in Manzanita is providing a jump-start to this next phase.



*A sample of the arched back bench available for purchase.*

## Haciendo Progreso en el Parque de Biblioteca

Es posible que haya notado que algo se ve un poco diferente en la biblioteca. ¡El lote adyacente se está convirtiendo en un parque de biblioteca! En este momento, se están agregando adoquines y plantas. Eventualmente, el parque también tendrá una fuente, bancos y estatuas de niños que actualmente puedes ver dentro del vestíbulo de la biblioteca. También habrá un pequeño escenario para música, programas o obras de teatro. Estamos muy entusiasmados por las posibilidades de celebrar eventos de la biblioteca al aire libre durante el verano. También estamos planeando un mural histórico. Aunque gran parte del parque se ha pagado a través de donaciones y legados, también puede ayudarnos a construir el parque con sus donaciones. Si desea honrar a un ser querido por medio la "compra" de una parcela (\$5) o poniendo un nombre en un ladrillo (\$ 250), entre a la biblioteca y pregunte sobre el parque en la recepción. ¡Esperamos invitarlo a leer en el parque cuando todo esté listo!



# A Day in the Life of a Children's Librarian

Ask the average person what they think a children's librarian does all day and they will likely say, "They just read books to kids." But those of us who work in the library know Miss Melanie, like every youth librarian, deals with a vast array of specialized questions, tasks and short/long term projects all day long. Let's take a look at one day in the life of Miss Melanie, just to give you a glimpse into the very demanding and rewarding life of a youth librarian.



- **8:30 am** – Open boxes of books that have been delivered from the supplier. Check in the books and prepare them for the catalogers...while putting off the urge to read every single one!
- **8:50 am** - Check the youth mail cubby in the hallway to see what problems need to be dealt with. Today's problems include dealing with a Thomas the Train book that came back with gum stuck in the middle, a Sesame Street DVD case with no DVD inside, and a baby board book that came back without our stickers on them. Kids love to peel off stickers, including our barcodes and spine labels!
- **9:15 am** – Just enough time to sneak in some prep work for next week's five storytime sessions. We're looking for books, songs and fingerplays that deal with butterflies.
- **10:00 am** – It's time for Preschool Storytime! We have a bunch of 3-5 year-olds today who rush Miss Melanie like she's their favorite rock star. We get through the event today with only two children crying because they "bonked heads." But the rest leave with big smiles, armloads of books and shouts of "See you next time, Miss Melanie!"
- **10:45 am** - After storytime comes the important work of assisting parents where they are struggling with many various issues. The children's librar-

ian has to be an expert on all things pertaining to kids and their families. Is my six-year-old checking out books at the correct reading level? Are there any agencies that can help me with my medical costs? Can you put me in touch with the right authorities to help with food stamps? My rental house was just sold so can you help me know where to go to find housing?

- **11:45 am** – Time to clean up storytime and have a bite to eat.
- **1:00 pm** – A request just came in from a local school that will soon be starting a session on ocean fish. The librarian will accumulate a big collection of books that can be checked out on a special "teacher's card" to help the teachers do their job.
- **1:45 pm** – Hard to believe that it is only December and yet we are already working on the Summer Reading Program for next year. There are performers to schedule, prizes to order, online registration to get setup...and so much more.
- **2:15 pm** – An email just came in announcing some hot new kids book titles that just became available. Time to jump onto the supplier's website to order enough copies to keep everyone happy.
- **2:45 pm** – The afterschool rush be-

gins. Some kids jump on computers, others run for the puppet theater to act out their own drama, while others need the librarian's help to find just the right book for them.

- **3:20 pm** – "Do you have any books about flying chickens?" "How far away is the moon...I mean really, how far is it?" "Can you find that book that I was looking at yesterday? It was blue." These are just some of the questions a children's librarian can expect in the span of a normal day.
- **4:30 pm** – As the children's room empties out, there is just enough time for a few miscellaneous tasks that have been waiting patiently. These include writing a grant, addressing the many public requests that have come in for specific books, reviewing some recent donations, straightening up all the educational toys that were left strewn about the room...oh yes, and finding that book about "flying chickens"!
- **5:30 pm** – Time to go home! And tomorrow the process starts all over again!

# Halloween Fun!



**Every year, the staff loves dressing up to hand out treats on Halloween. We had a record number of trick-or-treaters visit us this year!**

# Grown from Library Seeds!



Every year, the library gives away thousands of packets of seeds as part of our Free Seed Giveaway! These photos by library patron Ginny Shelby shows just a portion of her harvest from seeds she picked up at the library.



# WizardWeekattheBayCityLibrary



This year, the Bay City branch brought magic to our community by hosting its first ever Wizard Week! The library was decorated and transformed in anticipation of the event. There were five days of spellbinding kids' programs inspired by the Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling. The programs included wand-making, potions, trivia, invisible ink, and a scavenger hunt. The crowd favorite was potions class where kids got to create and take home mesmerizing potions by mixing ingredients and filling potion bottles.

With over 80 witches and wizards in attendance over the week, the Bay City branch was filled to the brim with kids experiencing the enchantment of their local library. Wizard Week could only be described as a magical success!

Pictured above is Miss Angel, who created the entire event!



# So Much To Do At Our Libraries!

## Free Seed Week

**February 3 - 7**

at the Tillamook Library. Last year, we gave away over 30,000 seed packets!

Pick out your favorites while they last. Seeds will also be available at branch libraries.



## Storytime with Mr. Bill

North Tillamook Library in Manzanita is home to Saturday Storytime with Mr. Bill. Select Saturdays throughout the month. Please contact the library for details at 503-368-6665.



## Ongoing Book Sales

Many of our libraries offer bargain deals on wonderful books, magazines and more. Check out these sales in Manzanita, Rockaway Beach, Bay City, Tillamook and Pacific City.



## Blind Date with a Book



Back by popular demand this February will be the library's "Blind Date with a Book" program! The Tillamook Library and branch libraries will have books with concealed covers on display that have each been personally selected by a librarian. Covers will have hints on them about the book's personality...then it's up to you to choose which surprise you will take home!

## Pop Up Crafts



Many of our libraries have had lots of success with pop-up craft programs, where you can show up, create and take home a craft. This adorable felt Santa Claus craft will take place Saturday, Dec 7, 3:15 pm, just before the Holiday

Sing-A-Long at the Tillamook Library. Supplies are limited.

## South County Programs

Our library in Pacific City has too many wonderful programs to list. Storytimes, Mother Goose on the Loose, after school programs for kids, LEGO building, teen events, crafting classes, Woven Wednesdays and more. Call 503-965-6163 for more info.



# Programs!

Be sure to check the location!

Program	Date	Location 	
	<b>Folksongs of the Winter Holidays with Adam Miller &amp; his Autoharp</b>	<b>Tues, Dec 3</b>	<b>1:00 pm at Pacific City and 6:30 pm at Manzanita</b>
	<b>Holiday Felt Craft</b> Drop in at 3:15 pm for an adorable felt craft before the Christmas Carol Sing-a-long.	<b>Saturday, Dec 7</b>	<b>3:15 pm at Tillamook</b>
<b>Christmas Carol Sing-a-long with Benny and the Bay City Rockers</b>		<b>Saturday, Dec 7</b>	<b>4:00 - 5:00 pm at Tillamook</b>
<b>Happy New Year 2020!</b> Ring in the New Year with the whole family at the library. Music, games and more! 		<b>Tues, Dec 31</b>	<b>6:00 - 9:00 pm at Tillamook County Library</b>
<b>Social Security 101 - A free workshop from Social Security</b>		<b>Wed, Jan 29</b>	<b>11:00 am at Tillamook</b>
	<b>Hammer Dulcimer concert - enjoy a free musical performance</b>	<b>Friday, Jan 31</b>	<b>3:00 pm at Manzanita</b>
	<b>Oregon Shadow Theatre presents Puss In Boots</b> The entire family will enjoy this unique shadow theater show. Free at the Hoffman Center for the Arts in Manzanita	<b>Sat, Feb 1, One Show Only</b>	<b>11:00 am @ Hoffman Center for the Arts, Manzanita</b>
<b>All's Well That Ends Well:</b> Planning for Incapacity and Death, workshop with Taylor Kittell. Topics will include: wills, trusts, powers of attorney, advance directives, guardianships, and probate.		<b>Sat, Feb 1</b>	<b>10:00 - 11:30 am Tillamook</b>
	<b>Got Seeds, Now What?</b> Food Roots program for beginners.	<b>Tues, Feb 4</b>	<b>5:30 pm Tillamook</b>
<b>Earth Impacts by Near Asteroids and Meteors - NASA Program!</b>		<b>Sat, Feb 8</b>	<b>2:00 pm at Tillamook</b>

# And MORE Programs!



**Early 2020 Schedule!**  
*New Time...*

**Jam Session begins at 1:00 pm**  
(Come at least 15 minutes early for beginner lessons.)

**Saturday, January 25**  
**Tillamook Library**

**Saturday, February 8**  
**North Till. Lib, Manzanita**

**Friday, February 14,**  
**Rockaway Beach Library**

**Saturday, February 22**  
**Tillamook Library**

**Saturday, March 7**  
**North Till Lib, Manzanita**

**Saturday, March 14,**  
**South Tillamook County**  
**Library in Pacific City**

**Sat, Mar 28, Tillamook Library**

*Pick up a ukulele and put some "happy" in your life!*



## Crafts with Valerie!

Valerie's classes are always fun and inspirational.  
Thursdays at 3 pm. Upcoming themes...

- \* January - Inspirational Collage Cards
- \* February - Suncatchers and Beaded Bookmarks
- \* March - Felting

Jan 9 -Manzanita	Feb 6 -Manzanita	Mar 5-Manzanita
Jan 16 -Rockaway	Feb 13 -Rockaway	Mar 12-Rockaway
Jan 23 -Garibaldi	Feb 20 -Garibaldi	Mar 19-Pacific City

## Billy Wilder Film Festival

**North Tillamook Library, Manzanita**  
**Select Thursdays at 6:00 pm**



Join us for a classic film in the library. There might be popcorn!

**January 9 - Some Like it Hot**

**February 13 - Sabrina**

**March 12 - The Lost Weekend**

**April 9 - Double Indemnity**

**May 14 - Sunset Boulevard**

## Seed To Supper Gardening Classes

Seed to Supper is a free, 6-week gardening class for adults offered through a partnership between Food Roots, Tillamook County Library, Tillamook County Master Gardeners, and the Oregon Food Bank. Participants will receive a course book and starter supplies, and will learn how to grow their own food by building healthy soil, plotting out their growing spaces, planting climate-appropriate crops, and caring for and harvesting their bounty.

Classes will be offered in three different locations. Visit the Food Roots website at [www.foodrootsnw.org/seed-to-supper](http://www.foodrootsnw.org/seed-to-supper) to register or to find out more!

**South Tillamook Cty Library**  
6200 Camp Street  
Pacific City  
Tuesdays 5:00–7:30 pm  
March 17, 24, 31  
April 7, 14, and 21

**Tillamook County Library**  
1716 Third Street  
Tillamook  
Wednesdays 5:30–8:00 pm  
March 18, 25  
April 1, 8, 15 and 22

**North Tillamook Library**  
571 Laneda  
Manzanita  
Thursdays 5:00–7:30 pm  
March 19, 26  
April 2, 16, 23 and 30



# An Interview with the President of TBCC



*This is our interview with Ross Tomlin, President of Tillamook Bay Community College since 2017. With almost 40 years working in community colleges, we knew he would have something interesting to say about libraries!*

*LIBRARY: Any memories or stories about how libraries have made a difference in your personal or professional life that you could share?*

Ross: I have been going to libraries since I was a young child in Texas, always looking forward to exploring what was new there and enjoying being able to read books while being in the library. My entire masters degree was written and typed in a library because that is where all the research data was for my project and the typewriters. There were no computers then! So I practically lived in the college library that summer. It was a very comfortable place since I spent all six years there, spending an average of 20 hours per week in the library studying and doing research for papers. There was a separate Forestry Library at Stephen F. Austin State University in

Texas where I attended, and I worked there 20 hours per week while going to school. It really helped me understand the cataloging process and gave me the opportunity to view all the new books as they came in.

*LIBRARY: While TBCC has their own library, please tell us how the Tillamook County Libraries are a good supplement to the mission of the college.*

Ross: Back when TBCC was in the old mortuary building on First St., the County Library was the college library. When we moved into our new building 10 years ago, we developed our own library, which was required for our independent accreditation, which we received five years ago. But we continue to work closely with the County Library to develop even stronger partnerships moving forward. We are looking forward to the new ways we can work together to provide unique opportunities to the communities throughout Tillamook County.

*LIBRARY: Why are libraries still important today?*

Ross: Libraries provide people access to information they can trust and use in their daily lives. They promote learning which is a lifelong endeavor. TBCC promotes lifelong learning and has people from high school to retirement age taking classes and enjoying learning. Libraries do the same thing and are vitally important to develop a growing, engaged citizenry. Our particular County Library is unique and amazing. I have been exposed to libraries from large, metropolitan areas to small, rural areas,

and ours would stand up against all of them. The access provided by the Bookmobile and the beautiful, expansive library building in Tillamook along with the smaller ones in communities throughout the county is unique in this rural area, and all Tillamook residents should be very proud of the library system we have here.

*LIBRARY: How do you see libraries making a difference in small towns like ours?*

Ross: Libraries are even more critical for rural areas like ours. It opens up the entire world for people of all ages and backgrounds, providing access to books, movies, magazines, reference and research materials, and valid sources of information that can be trusted to be accurate.

## The Foundation Book Store!

Have you visited the Library Book Store lately?  
We are constantly updating our selection of books and DVDs.



Open from 11 am - 3 pm,  
Monday - Saturday

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