

Library News



Library Newsletter

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A Message from the Library Director



Sara Charlton

People often ask me how the Tillamook County Library is funded. They assume the funding comes from the County or the City budget, but the library is funded differently.

100% of our funding comes from a five year operating levy. Our current levy began during the recession of 1983, when there was not enough money to fund all county services. It started out as a two year levy, then a three year levy and now we have been on a five year levy since 1999. This has worked well because we can plan our services and help the public in the long term. If the levy does not pass every 5 years, the library closes because there is no authority to spend money. This is state law and there is no way to change that.

Our levy pays for staff (27 people), books and all library materials, programs, computers, internet, services and our membership in the Oceanbooks Network with Lincoln City and Newport Public Libraries. Tillamook County also owns the Main Library and the Bookmobile. Our five branch buildings are owned by other entities. North County Branch (Manzanita), Rockaway Branch, and South County (Pacific City) are owned and maintained by their local

Library Friends organizations. Bay City Branch and Garibaldi Branch are owned by the two cities, creating a wonderful partnership that allows us to reside in their City Halls. This arrangement saves the library thousands of dollars since we don't have to pay rent or maintain a building.

Public libraries in the United States are not set up to be private, closed institutions. All of our services are free for the public so all people will have access to education and entertainment, as well as cultural offerings and lifelong learning. You do have to live in or have property in Tillamook County to obtain a library card and to check out items. The library focuses on the residents of Tillamook County but everyone is welcome to come in and use our services.

The Library is a great value to the residents of Tillamook County. The latest nationwide study found that:

- 32.5 million people received expert assistance in using library technology resources to help them achieve educational goals last year.
- 70% of parents report their children use the public library and 77% of student library users between the ages of 12 and 17 used the library for homework.
- Every day 300,000 Americans get job-seeking help from library staff at their public library.
- 30 million people a year use library computers and Internet access

for employment or career purposes. As you can see, libraries are more popular than ever and busier than ever! Last year the Tillamook County Library had 195,000 people visiting the library. I think only the visitor center for the Tillamook County Creamery Association surpasses the library in the number of people visiting yearly.

If you have not been in the library recently, I invite you to come in. Ask for me and I would love to give you a personal tour of the building. You will probably know some of the staff when you come on the tour and I know you will discover some great services we offer!

The Library's Report Card

Turn to the center of this issue to read
Our Annual Library Report to the Community



Upcoming Main Library Happenings

FAMILY HISTORY PROGRAM

at the Tillamook County Library
 Tuesday, January 24 and Tuesday, January 31, 2017

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Limited space available. Please sign up at the front desk.



Join Karen Merrill Martin for an Introduction to Family History at the Tillamook County Library, January 24th and January 31st from noon to 2pm. The two-class series will cover the basics of organization, creating a family tree, what documents to look for and how to keep track of your sources and information. For Additional information or to register, please call (503) 842-4792 x1708.



1716 Third Street, Tillamook, OR 97141

Free and open to the public. Please register at the front desk.

Movie Event!

Title: Coffee, Donuts and a Movie

Date: Every Saturday

Time: 12:30pm

Location: Gather with friends at the Tillamook County Library to watch a classic film, Saturdays, February 25th-May 27th



Movie Licensing USA

Guitarology



Portland
 Guitar Duo
 Thurs, Feb 23
 6:00 PM

A unique look at the history of the guitar and lute through historical performance. @ Main Library only.



Seed Library

Spring is almost here and the seeds have arrived!

Enjoy seeds from the Tillamook County Seed Library, a partnership between Tillamook County Library, Food Roots, Oregon Food Bank and OSU Extension Service Tillamook County.

Seeds will be available at all Tillamook County Libraries beginning January 31, 2017.



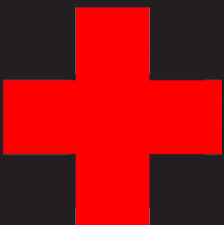
Blind Date ...with a book!

Ready for an adventurous read? During February, choose one of our surprise wrapped books and you might just find a new favorite author!



Prepare!

An informative program on disasters in our area and how you can plan and build a survival kit. Program by Stevie Geopfert, American Red Cross.



Fri, Jan 27
 3:30 PM at
 the Main
 Library

Tent, Tarp and Sleeping Bag Drive

Help those experiencing homelessness in Tillamook County get warm and dry this winter.

Ends January 23, 2017



Drop items at any Tillamook County Library.

Branch Library Events

Oregon Humanities Discussions

Fish Tales -

Traditions and Challenges of Seafood in Oregon

Why aren't we eating more local seafood, now that preserving as well as distribution technologies are the most sophisticated they have ever been?

**Tues, April 11, 2017
at 6:30 PM**

**South Tillamook
County Library**

6200 Camp Street, Pacific City, OR
503-965-6163



Good Food, Bad Food - Agriculture, Ethics, and Personal Choice

How do community supported agriculture, farmers' markets, & community gardens help nurture our towns & create autonomous, local food systems?

**Wed, April 19,
2017, 3:00 PM**

**North Tillamook
Library**

571 Laneda, Manzanita, OR
503-368-6665

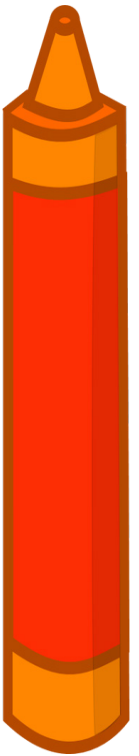
Please join us for these free, thought-provoking discussions.

Adult Coloring Fun

You've heard about the adult coloring craze! Now join us for a very relaxing hour of coloring and creating with other aspiring artists.

Wed, March 1
3:30 - Bay City Library
6:00 - South City Library
Thursday, March 2
1:00 - Rockaway Library
3:30 - North Tillamook
County Library

*(Events repeated on
April 5 and April 6)*



Free Musical Performances

One of the world's premier autoharpists, Adam Miller is a renowned American folksinger and natural-born storyteller. His time-honored traditional folksongs and ballads are the songs of America's heritage.

**Wednesday,
March 15, 2017, 6:30 pm
at South Tillamook County
Library in Pacific City**



**Wednesday,
March 15, 2017, 3 pm
at North Tillamook Library
in Manzanita**

Even More Events...

We have so many events planned at the branch libraries that we can't even list them all! There will be free movies at South and North Tillamook Libraries, family BINGO events, special story-times and more. You asked for more programming and we are giving it to you! Watch our website for dates and times!

Make Your Very Own Fairy Lantern

Join us at the Garibaldi Library for a fun class in which you create your own fairy lantern to take home. Space is limited, call to register.
503-322-2100

**Wednesday,
Feb 15, 2017
at 3:30 pm
Garibaldi
Library**



Salmon Program @Bay City Library



Salmon eggs will be arriving soon in the aquarium at the Bay City Library. Please stop in frequently to see them grow and join us for the release party in the spring.

Miss Melanie Spring Story Times at Branches Fridays at 3:00

March 3 - South Till City
March 10 - Bay City
March 17 - Garibaldi
March 24 - Rockaway
March 31 - North
Tillamook Library



Library Report to the

As the Tillamook County Library completes the first year of our five year Futures Plan, we are



Goal One:

All residents are aware of and use the library.

- Library cardholders increased by 9.7% (exceeding the plan's 5% goal). Almost three fourths of Tillamook county residents are library cardholders.
- Attendance at library programs and events doubled to an average of over 1,100 a month, rising from a total of 6,812 attendees in 2015-16.
- Residents enjoyed new ways to engage with the library, including an annual community survey and a seasonal print newsletter.

Goal Two:

Residents experience a library that is convenient, easy to use, and rewarding.

- When surveyed, 84% of county residents agreed or strongly agreed that the library is easy and convenient to use.
- Your library added two new bookmobile stops at Fairview Grange and South Prairie Store, increasing countywide access to library materials and services.
- The number of programs for children, teens and adults almost tripled from 351 to 968.
- Thanks to a generous private donation, work began last year on a new park adjacent to the Tillamook Main Library, which will open in 2017. Your library also supported the renovation of the North Tillamook Library in Manzanita by the Friends of the Library.

2015/16 AT A GLANCE

403,812

Items
checked out

195,652

Visits to libraries

64,705

Number of online
sessions (library
computers and
Wi-Fi)

Community...

We are pleased to provide the community with a report card highlighting our progress.

Goal Three:

Residents recognize that they get good value for the dollar.

- In the last year, your library increased efficiency by installing RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) technology and self-checkout machines in all facilities. These improvements will save the library money for years to come.
- When surveyed, 92.5% of county residents agreed or strongly agreed that the library provides good value to our community.
- Similarly, 85% of county residents agreed or strongly agreed that they are satisfied with the services provided by the library.

Goal Four:

Residents and community members know the library is a valuable resource and active partner in helping improve the quality of life in Tillamook County.

- In the library's annual community survey, 91% of county residents agreed or strongly agreed that the library helps build a better community through learning and knowledge.
- In the last year, your library has actively expanded partnerships with a wide range of organizations, including CARE, Helping Hands and Homeless Connect. We work together to ensure that Tillamook County is a great place to live for everyone.

Results reported from the library's most recent fiscal year (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016).



18,722

Cardholders

13,937

Program
attendance

968

Number of library
programs

A Day in the Life at a Branch Library

Bill Landau

The November 2016 edition of *Real Simple* magazine had an article entitled, “Five Reasons the World is Still a Wonderful Place.” Number one on the list was, “Libraries Still Exist!” We couldn’t agree more!

I had the privilege of filling in at the Garibaldi Library recently and I decided to make a note of a few of the patron interactions I had that day. If you’ve ever thought a small library in a little town might not be necessary, this diary might give you a new perspective.

12:00 Noon – FIRST PATRONS ARRIVE

One sits down to read *The Oregonian* and *The Wall Street Journal*, another

jumps on the public computer to check her email, and the third patron brings his laptop in to use the library’s free wireless signal.

12:15 PM – “WHERE IS NORMA?”

I will answer this question a dozen or more times today. The community counts on seeing “their librarian” every day to handle their information needs.

1:06 PM – PICKING UP AN “ILL”

When the library doesn’t carry an item people want, we either purchase that item, or we request an Inter Library Loan (ILL). Today I check out an ILL book that we borrowed from a library in Fairbanks, Alaska.

1:36 PM – HOOPLA HELP

Using our new online loaning system called Hoopla, users can instantly download music albums, movies, TV shows, audiobooks, e-books and comics, 24/7 using their library card. Several people asked for Hoopla help today and they were all surprised at how easy it was.

2:10 PM – THE COURIER VAN DELIVERY ARRIVES

Three days per week, our courier van drives to each of the branch libraries in our system and brings requested materials to each of our libraries. We are fortunate to have formed a partnership called Oceanbooks that shares collections with the Driftwood and Newport libraries.

2:33 PM – RESUMÉ HELP

A young man comes in and needs help finishing and printing a job resumé. He gets the job done and is pleasantly



surprised that we only charged him 10 cents for the printout.

3:16 PM – BUYING A HOUSE

A frantic visitor from Arizona comes in and says she is trying to buy a house in Garibaldi but her laptop stopped working and she needs to get on the Internet to accept the seller’s counter offer.

3:55 PM – PREPARING FOR THE STORM!

A winter storm is brewing, so all day long I have been checking out large quantities of movies and books for people who don’t plan on going anywhere for the next few days.

4:10 PM – DRIVER’S LICENSE HELP, ETC

The library is the hub of the community for so many reasons, but being a place to get information is at the heart of what we do. Today, I handed out a driver’s license exam study book, a kayaking guide for Tillamook Bay, and several other free publications we keep on hand.

4:23 PM – HOW DOES THIS THING WORK?

I fielded technology questions about an iPhone, an e-reader and a laptop. If the staff person on the desk can’t help, we can set you up with a one-on-one appointment with our computer expert.

4:58 PM – ROAD TRIP HELP!

Just as I was about to lock the door, a family rushed in to get some books on CD to help the family survive a multi-day road trip.

As you can see, today’s library is about so much more than just books. Whether we are helping someone apply for a job, presenting a storytime, hosting a class about playing the ukulele or just finding the perfect book for a certain patron, it is so easy to see how vital our libraries are to our communities. We hope you will stop in for a visit today and discover how great it is that “libraries still exist”!

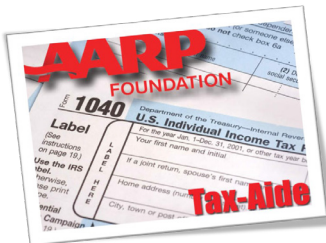
Fairy House Fun



The library hosted fairy house & fairy lantern classes. Showing their creations from top left:

Eisley Ladd, Keara Jacob, Brittany Zachry and Jace Wirth. If you missed these classes, another will be held at the Garibaldi Library on Wednesday February 15 at 3:30 pm.





Tax assistance

AARP Tax-Aide, an AARP Foundation program helps low to moderate income taxpayers have more discretionary income by assisting with tax services and ensuring they receive applicable tax credits and deductions. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is available

free to taxpayers with special attention to those 60 and older.

The Tax-Aide Program will be available at the Tillamook County Main Library beginning Feb. 8, 2017 and running through April 12, 2017.

Assistance will be provided on an appointment basis. The scheduled start times are 3:30 pm, 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm on scheduled days. Allow about 1 ½ hours for preparation of both Federal and State tax returns.



Please call (503) 842-4792 x1701 to schedule your appointment or stop by the Reference Desk (upstairs) at the Tillamook County Main Library (after January 3rd.)

February:	March:	April:
2/8/17: Wednesday	3/1/17: Wednesday	4/5/17: Wednesday
2/14/17: Tuesday	3/2/17: Thursday	4/6/17: Thursday
2/16/17: Thursday	3/8/17: Wednesday	4/11/17: Tuesday
2/21/17: Tuesday	3/14/17: Tuesday	4/12/17: Wednesday
2/22/17: Wednesday	3/16/17: Thursday	
	3/21/17: Tuesday	
	3/23/17: Thursday	
	3/28/17: Tuesday	
	3/30/17: Thursday	

More dates may be added



Please call Linda Bade, (503) 322-2051, if you have questions about this program, about setting up an appointment or if you have a question about a specific tax issue.

Our Photo Scrapbook...

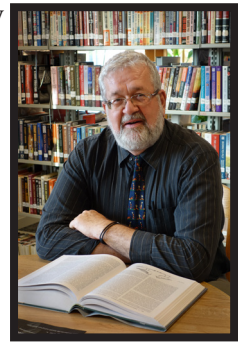


Staff Halloween costumes, patron Tom Jarvis reads in the library, and volunteer coordinator Shirleen Crump greets guests at the Library Bookstore.



New Library Board Member

Neal Lemery is our new library board member and we asked him to say a few words about what libraries mean to him.



I've been a Tillamook County library card holder since I was in the first grade.

The community has wisely invested in our library system, building it into a successful and essential community asset. Our community libraries are a great resource to educate our youth and engage all of our community in lifelong learning and interaction with each other. I want to keep building this resource, reach even more people, and provide even more services.

I see the library as a great resource for children, youth, adults, and seniors. An educated, well informed community is an essential economic and cultural asset.

"Caught With a Card" Photo Feature

Do you carry your library card wherever you go? We found some community members who proudly flashed their library card for our camera.



Clockwise from top left: Carl Ekborg, Jeff Warren, Lori Davidson, Lori Giles, Elaine Cummings, and Jo Cooper. Send us your picture with your library card!

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articles on any topic you want. Get book recommendations using **Novelist**, or see the path of your investments using **ValueLine**. Learn career skills, including tutorials on common software programs like Microsoft Office with **Learning Express Library**. If you have kids doing homework, we have digital access to the **World Book Encyclopedias** with different articles geared to different age levels. Working on family history? Use the **Heritage Quest** database to view census records and sign up for our family history workshop in January! You can get legal help, look at historical newspapers and magazine articles, or do research for a school project. Are you dealing with a recent medical diagnosis? Find a book to give you a good overview, and then use the **Health and Wellness Resource Center** to dig a little

deeper and get the latest research. Most of these databases will let you print your articles, share via email, or export the citation so you can find it again.

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By Kelsey Sutton Martinez

Nice Things People Say...

"We started a book club at work last month, and I was really excited to find that the library has an extensive and up to date selection of book club sets. We have reading options for months to come!" - Hilary Pohl

"I'm a huge fan of our library's online audiobook collection. Long hours in the studio disappear quickly when I get to enjoy a good book while I work."
- Breanna Moran

"I'm always pleased and impressed that no matter the book I ask for, the library can get it. The inter library loan system and helpful librarians make it possible."
- Emily Fanjoy

"On my first visit to the Tillamook County Library I discovered something great. At the front desk there is a clipboard with time slots every Friday afternoon for computer help. I couldn't believe I could bring in my smart phone and talk to a helpful person for 30 minutes. Thank you for such a great service!"
- Judah Henderson

"The library is a place of dreams and this one has the best of them."
- Justin Taylor

Digital Magazine Changes Ahead



If you're one of the many library patrons who enjoy our online magazines, Zinio will soon be renamed RB Digital. If you have questions, please contact the library for help. Visit <http://tillabook.org>

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