

## A Brief History of the Tillamook County Library

Today anyone in Tillamook County with a library card can walk to their nearest library branch (or bookmobile stop) and access a multitude of books, movies, music, newspapers and magazines. In fact, with the continuing development of our online database collection, citizens of Tillamook County do not even have to leave their homes to enjoy the benefits of exceptional library resources.



Library patrons make use of the bookmobile on its first day of service. July 2, 1948

Tillamook County has had at least one operating library since 1907. The original library was housed in cramped City Council chambers. The library moved from place to place until the new City Hall was finished with a room for the library.

In its new home the Tillamook Library grew in both popularity and use. Each year showed an increase in circulation. Except for a five month closure in 1918 due to the Spanish Influenza, the library remained a city library in the City Hall.

Up until 1946 the Tillamook Library was only accessible to the citizens of the city of Tillamook. In the summer of 1947 the Tillamook Library joined resources with the libraries in Garibaldi and Manzanita to become a county wide system.

Since its transformation into a county system the library has greatly increased its capacity to meet the needs of our local community. The bookmobile was added in 1948 and has diligently served our outlying areas as well as our local schools. Branches have sprung up in Bay City, Pacific City and Rockaway. The Tillamook Library moved to its much needed new building in September of 2006.

In the 2007-2008 fiscal year (July 07 – June 08) 311,236 items were circulated in Tillamook County. This is a 2.4% increase from the previous year and does not include computer use or use of the community rooms.

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## December Library Events

**Sunday, December 7:** "...a date that will live in infamy." On this date in 1941 Pearl Harbor was attacked by nearly 200 Japanese aircraft. The attack left nearly 3,000 dead and damaged almost the entire US Navy's Pacific Fleet.

**Tuesday, December 9:** On this day in 1851 Melvil Dewey was born at Adams Center, NY. He is best known as the inventor of the Dewey decimal book classification system, which is still in use.

**Tuesday, December 16:** Jane Austen was born on this day in 1775. Her two most famous novels, *Pride & Prejudice* and *Sense & Sensibility*, are still in print today.

**Wednesday, December 24:**  
The library will be **closed** in observance of Christmas Eve.

**Thursday, December 25:**  
Merry Christmas! The library will be **closed** in observance of Christmas Day.

**Wednesday, December 31:**  
Happy New Year! The library will **close** at 5:30 p.m. in observance of New Year's Eve.


## Oxford English Dictionary

The Tillamook County Library System continues to purchase outstanding electronic resources for the benefit of our community. One of our newer acquisitions is the Oxford English Dictionary Online.

The OED is the accepted authority on the evolution of the English language over the last millennium. It is an unsurpassed guide to the meaning, history and pronunciation of over half a million words, both present and past.

The Second Edition of the OED is currently available as a 20-volume print edition and now also online. To access the OED visit the library's webpage at [www.tillabook.info](http://www.tillabook.info), click on **eShelf & Research** and select **Magazines and Research Databases**. Scroll down until you see the link to the OED, click it and enter your library card number. For help, contact the library at:

503-842-4792 or [askalibrarian@beachbooks.org](mailto:askalibrarian@beachbooks.org)

## Attention Book Collectors!

The Tillamook Library Bookstore has two volumes that should interest some of you:

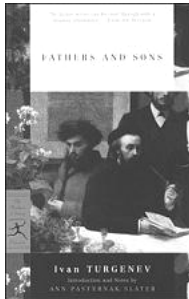
*Over the Teacups* by Oliver Wendell Holmes  
published 1894. Very good condition.

*Home Country* by Ernie Pyle  
published 1947. Good condition.

Ask about these books at the sales counter. They have been "priced" but can be negotiated if still available after 12/31.

The Tillamook Library Bookstore is located just inside the main entrance to the Tillamook Library. It is run by volunteers and is open Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Staff's Choice: Fathers and Sons



If you are looking for something new to read and have never read a classic Russian novel, I would highly recommend reading *Fathers and Sons* by Ivan Turgenev. It is a stirring tale of a father's love, as well as a brief introduction to pre-revolutionary Russian thought.

Set in nineteenth century Russia, *Fathers and Sons* is a wonderful exploration of a relationship between a father and his adult son. Arkady Kirsanov has just returned from University and much to his father and uncle's chagrin, has become a self proclaimed nihilist. Turgenev is an excellent storyteller and does a good job of exploring the 'new' idea of nihilism while simultaneously creating enjoyable characters. As Nikolai Kirsanov, the father in the story, learns more about his son's convictions, we are treated to some beautiful conversations and insight into the father's spiritual crisis.

### Hey Kids!

Do you have an interesting collection?

The Tillamook Library Children's Department is looking for kids with interesting collections.

Collections will be on display for one month and will be placed behind protective glass in the case located in the children's area of the library.

If you are interested in showing off your collection, please call: 503-842-4792 and ask for Kathy or Judy.

### Staff Profile: Jessica Moran



Hello, my name is Jessica Moran and I am a branch librarian. I work in the Manzanita and Rockaway branches, as well as the main library. I really enjoy getting the chance to work in many places; all the people I get to meet are so fun and entertaining. It is amazing the diversity that we have in this area.

When I am not at work I am caring for my new family. My husband Shawn and I were married in March of this year and our little girl Annalise was born in June. She is a happy, healthy little girl, full of life. She sure keeps her dad and me on our toes! My other interests are hiking, scrapbooking and, of course, reading.

I grew up in the area and have enjoyed living here very much. In my childhood I can remember using the Bookmobile while attending Nehalem Elementary. It is wonderful to serve the community that I grew up in.

### The Singing Librarians Are Back!

If you have ever longed to hear the trials and tribulations of working in a modern library set to the music of traditional holiday songs, the Singing Librarians are the group for you.

**Join us for this unique holiday tradition:**

Dec. 5 Rockaway Library at 2pm  
Garibaldi Library at 4pm  
Dec. 12 Bay City Boosters  
at Noon  
Manzanita Library at 2pm  
Dec.13 Pacific City Library at  
11:30pm  
Dec.20 Tillamook Library at 1pm