

Corvallis–Benton County Public Library Board Meeting

AGENDA

**Wednesday
September 7, 2011**

7:30 pm

**Woman's Club
Board Room**

If you are unable to attend the Board Meeting, please notify Library Director Carolyn Rawles-Heiser by calling (541) 766-6910.

- Call to Order
- Visitors' Propositions
- Approval of June 1, 2011 Board Minutes
- Library Board Packet Questions & Comments
- Election of Board Officers
- Director's Report
- Library Policies Review:
 - Circulation Policy
 - Confidentiality Policy
 - Selection of Materials
- Division Manager Reports
- Committee and Board Reports
 - Friends of the Library Board
 - Foundation Board
- Information Sharing

Documents for Meeting

- Library Board Minutes – June 1, 2011
- Library Board Reports – June, July, and August 2011
- Correspondence
- FY 10-11 4th Quarter Statistics Summary



CORVALLIS-BENTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES
June 1, 2011

Board Present	Staff Present
Jacque Schreck, Vice-Chair	Carolyn Rawles-Heiser, Library Director
Mike Beilstein	Janelle Cook, Senior Administrative Assistant
Megan Castellano	Andrew Cherbas, Supervising Librarian
Judith Edelstein	Mary Finnegan, Adult Services Manager
Scott Elmshaeuser	Curtis Kiefer, Youth Services Manager
Samantha Fisher	Mary Norman, Access Services Manager
Martha Fraundorf	
David Low	
Isabela Mackey	
Excused:	Visitors:
Corrine Gobeli, Leanne Giordono, Linda Modrell, Sandy Ridlington	None

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Agenda Item	Information Only	Action
Call to Order	7:33 pm	
Visitors' Propositions		None
Minutes: May 4, 2011		Approved
Library Board Packet	x	
Director's Report	x	
Division Manager Reports	x	
Board Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends of the Library Board • Foundation Board 	x	No Report
Information Sharing	x	
Adjournment	8:42 pm	

CONTENT OF DISCUSSION

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Jacque Schreck called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.

II. VISITORS' PROPOSITIONS

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Judith Edelstein moved approval of the May 4, 2011 minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by David Low and passed.

IV. LIBRARY BOARD PACKET QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Martha Fraundorf commended staff after witnessing them go above and beyond to help a patron with an unusual situation. David noted the Library Foundation Treasurer Paul Dickey has generously volunteered to assist the Friends with their portion of DonorPerfect, which is a software package for tracking gifts and donations. The Friends and the Foundation both help fund DonorPerfect. Jacque concurred that Paul is a real asset to the Library. Furthermore, Jacque expressed her gratitude to all who assisted with the passage of the levy.

V. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Carolyn Rawles-Heiser echoed Jacque's appreciation on the passage of the levy. She was very impressed by the margin of victory. Andrew Cherbas has been promoted to Division Manager of Extension Services and Technology. He will continue to be in charge of the branch libraries and the Bookmobile. Additionally, Andrew will work more closely with the City's MIS staff to build up the Library's technology resources. This is Mary Norman's last Board meeting. She will be retiring at the end of June. An in-house recruitment is underway to replace Librarian Heather Brockerman in Technical Services. Senior Administrative Specialist Janelle Cook will be the new editor and designer of *Check It Out*, the Library's bi-monthly newsletter beginning with the September/October 2011 issue. Looking ahead to next year's budget, it is going to require some creative thought on where cuts can be made because the services and staff included in the levy are not options. Thus, fresh ideas will be needed if further cuts are necessary. City Manager Jon Nelson is also retiring at the end of the month and his going away party will be held at the Library on June 29 in the late afternoon. Carolyn handed out reuseable shopping totes to the Board members as a thank you from the City for their volunteer service. The South Benton Library Project group had a successful meeting with the County Commissioners regarding their CDBG grant application. It was approved and will move on to the State level. Carolyn highly commended the group working on raising funds for the new Monroe Library. Further letters have been received about the young adults hanging out in front of the Library. A staff member has been asked to look into the possibility of piping classical music onto the plaza. Mike Beilstein informed the Board the City Councilors were discussing this issue earlier in the day and they suggested some type of public forum should be organized. Carolyn said she is open to participating, but any type of forum would need to include the young adults. Judith added this is not just a Library issue, but a community issue. She has heard complaints from residents of Park Plaza apartments. David inquired if the new non-smoking ban has been a deterrent and Carolyn replied that although the new ordinance was approved, the signs have not been posted outside yet. Isabela Mackey asked what she should tell patrons who ask her about why the Library needs more money yet was able to recently purchase a new Bookmobile and upgrade the lighting in the parking garage. Carolyn spent several minutes answering her question and giving examples of cost-saving measures the Library has undertaken. David suggested posting Carolyn's responses somewhere such as the web site to help patrons better understand that the Library is not mismanaging or being frivolous with the taxpayers' money. Carolyn concurred this was a good idea and said she would prepare an FAQ for posting on the web site as well as a handout for Board members to use when answering these types of questions from the community.

VI. DIVISION MANAGER REPORTS

Access Services: Mary Norman said it was quite a process to decide what to put into the new DVD dispensing machine which will be installed tomorrow. Technical Services worked with Youth Services on the parameters. A belated start on purchasing collection materials has caused an increase in the usual workload this time of year for Technical Services. Mary feels good about leaving the Library in good hands.

Administration: No report.

Adult Services: Mary Finnegan told the Board that downloadable materials continue to be the hot item. Short sessions on how to use the electronic equipment are being offered by the Reference Librarians.

Extensions: Andrew Cherbas reported staff is working on a data sheet for the new Bookmobile because patrons want to know about the new vehicle. The Sprinter Van is already paying off in that the old Bookmobile cost about four times as much to maintain. Additionally, about 20 stops were cut from the old Bookmobile schedule because they were not being utilized, which reduced check-out statistics by about 300. However, with the new Bookmobile, a stop at the YES House has been added and that stop alone will likely make up that figure. This stop would have been impossible with the previous Bookmobile due to location. A huge bonus is the flexibility to swap out the collections on the new Bookmobile. The graphics will be applied next week by a local company.

Circulation: No report.

Youth Services: According to Curtis Kiefer, Public Works staff is looking for a storage solution for the Belluschi Wing chairs that were recently cleaned and fumigated. Library staff is working on a long-term solution for the Belluschi Wing in terms of functionality. The Chintimini Chamber Music Festival will be held on June 22 and the Teddy Bear Picnic is at 10 am on June 23.

VII. BOARD REPORTS

Friends of the Library: David reported the Friends' annual meeting is coming up on June 8 following Random Review. The Friends currently have over 120 friends on their Facebook page. Policies and bylaws were reviewed at last month's meeting. Fiftieth Anniversary events are being planned for the fall and the details will be enumerated at a future meeting.

Foundation Board: No report. The next meeting is scheduled for June 6. A volunteer to be the new Foundation liaison is still needed to replace Sandy Ridlington who has retired from the Library Board.

VIII. INFORMATION SHARING

The Board presented Sammi Fisher with a going away gift. Sammi has been the Board's student representative for the past four years and she will be attending University of Oregon in the fall. A tour of the new Bookmobile was offered by Andrew following the adjournment of the meeting. There will be no Board meetings in July or August.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

NEXT MEETING: September 7, 2011 at 7:30 pm

Library Board Report

Presented September 7, 2011

REPORTING PERIOD – June 2011

A. Department Highlights

Administration

- The Library received \$2,270 from the Oregon Energy Trust for our recent installation of energy efficient inductive lighting in the parking garage.
- Management Team had discussions about staffing and department organization in light of recent retirements and resignations.
- Senior Administrative Specialist Janelle Cook helped coordinate several recruitments throughout the department.
- Management Assistant Carol Klamkin worked on the accounting details to manage levy funded parts of the Library budget. For accounting purposes there is now a new "Operations Levy 2011" division. New time sheets were also created for staff whose positions are now funded by the levy.
- Fiscal year end closing created a flurry of activity in the division. Final invoices were processed, petty cash and change funds were counted and reconciled, and new purchase orders were created.
- To celebrate the new year and say good-bye to the old, Administration hosted a Red, White, and Blue party for staff on July 1st.
- Confirmation was received from Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Schools and Library Division that our request for FY 11-12 E-Rate reimbursements for certain telecommunication costs was approved. We are eligible to receive up to \$7,783, depending on our actual expenses. Carol Klamkin manages this activity.

Library Services

Access Services

- Shelver Ashley Hinchman left the Library on June 15 and Shelver Stephen Whitener's last day will be July 12.
- With the June 30 retirement of Mary Norman, supervision of the Technical Services Division will be assumed by Adult Services Manager Mary Finnegan and Youth Services Manager Curtis Kiefer will take up the managerial reins in the Circulation Division.
- Recruitments will open for the vacant Access Librarian position in TSD and two half-time Shelver positions in Circulation.
- In Technical Services most of the kinks have been ironed out of the "shelf-ready" process with Baker and Taylor. However, they are still having a little trouble getting the spine labels exactly as we want them. We will continue to work with them.

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Adult Services

- Sharon Grant, Reference Librarian, has accepted a position as Digital Branch Librarian at Kitsap Regional Library. Her last day will be in mid-July.
- Two more download clinics were held to assist Library users in downloading materials via the statewide Library2Go program.
- Recruitment has started for two vacant Librarian positions.

Extension Services

- The Bookmobile graphics were put on this month. They look excellent. A big thank you to the Friends of the Library for paying for the graphics.
- Summer Reading has started in the branches. All programs so far have been extremely successful.
- Recruitment has started for the Bookmobile's Community Library Specialist position and the Extensions Librarian position.

Youth Services

- Over 500 youth signed up for Summer Reading in the first week.
- Over 300 children and caregivers attended two performances by the Chintimini Chamber Music Festival of *The Tortoise and the Hare* and *The Boy Who Cried Wolf*. These are two new pieces receiving their Corvallis premiere.
- Over 350 children and caregivers were entertained by The Mud Pie Divas at the Library's annual Teddy Bear Picnic. Storybook characters Toot and Puddle were surprise guests. Unfortunately, we had to move the picnic inside the Library meeting room because of wet weather.
- Over 150 children were entertained by Tom Question at the kick-off of our regular Thursday Summer Reading events.
- The 509J free lunch program is attracting an average of 40 kids per day.

B. Other

- The Friends of the Library held their annual membership meeting. Reports were given by each board member about their activities and accomplishments over the last year. The Board next meets on September 19.

Cook, Janelle

From: Rawles-Heiser, Carolyn
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 3:47 PM
To: Cook, Janelle
Subject: FW: Missing CD

board packet?

From: Garner, Donna
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 2:51 PM
To: Rawles-Heiser, Carolyn
Subject: FW: Missing CD

Thought you might like to know that we are appreciated.

From: Erika Schoell [mailto:rika1946@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 12:41 PM
To: Garner, Donna
Subject: Re: Missing CD

Donna,
Sorry about the missing CD - I will stop by this afternoon and drop off the missing Chopra CD.
Thank you for all your fine work - what a wonderful service you are providing for the Community. All is very much appreciated.
Kind regards and be safe and well
Erika

From: Garner, Donna
Sent: Thursday, June 09, 2011 10:47 AM
To: rika1946@gmail.com
Subject: Missing CD

Erika,
You returned Peace is the Way book on CD by Deepak Chopra but disc # 2 was missing from the case. Please return the missing disc to the Customer Service desk in the lobby at the Corvallis Public Library as soon as possible.

Thanks, Donna

5/27/11

Chintimini CHAMBER MUSIC Festival

Haydn, Beethoven, Schubert,
Smetana, Bartók, Respighi,
Nielsen, Piazzolla, Crumb

... plus a little Schickele
and major Stravinsky

Eleven professionals
from around the country
— who grew up here —
return for eleven quartets of striking variety!
including a first look at a new one
by Oregon's Tomas Svoboda



FIVE CONCERTS

June 17, 21, 24, 26
7:30 pm • First Congregational Church

June 28
7:30 pm • CHS Main Theater

www.chintimini.org • 541.753.2106

Season ticket \$75 • Single concert \$20

Students FREE, HS or college with ID, younger with an adult

For tickets, please send request to Chintimini Chamber Music,
9083 NW Lessie Pl., Corvallis OR 97330. Include phone
number, in case we have questions about your order.

Soirée for major donors & volunteers Sunday June 19 • 4 pm

CHILDREN'S CONCERTS at Public Library present

The Boy Who Cried Wolf and The Tortoise & the Hare
Wednesday June 22 • 10 am & 3:30 pm in Corvallis
Admission FREE to all



Chintimini Chamber Music has been recognized for artistic
excellence by the Oregon Arts Commission, funded in part
by the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

Playing classical music in front of library might keep youth away

Apparently there is a problem with young people congregating in front of the library.

A number of patrons have complained that some behaviors of the young crowd are not acceptable. I suggest trying the following solution to eliminate the problem:

Try playing classical music in front of the library. I have read several times where such music dispersed teenage crowds from areas where they were not wanted. If a Mozart symphony does not work, try one of Stravinsky's works or perhaps a Wagner opera. If none of those disperse the young people, at least it will expose them to a cultural experience they might otherwise miss.

But I do see another problem that might be created. People like me might stop and listen to the music and perhaps hinder access to the library. However, I think I — and others like me — would stay off to the side and listen quietly.

In my opinion, the bigger problem is that many young people and too many

adults think they have rights but no corresponding responsibilities. Newspapers, TV and the newer media are constantly informing us of our civil rights, our human rights, our constitutional rights, etc.

But how often do we hear about our corresponding responsibilities?

In our younger years, most of us have done things that our parents and other adults find disagreeable. But perhaps if the parents of these young people expose themselves to the behaviors, they can come up with better long-term solutions.

Werner A. Mukatis
Corvallis

5/30/11

Ditto on that thanks to voters for supporting Corvallis library

Hat in hand, hand over heart, I warmly endorse Cristina White's letter of May 20 about our library ("Thank you to all the voters who supported the levy).

And add my thanks.

Please smoke and skateboard elsewhere, citizens of Corvallis.

'... angels live in libraries ... it's flagrantly obvious.'

In the movie, "City of Angels," it is merely suggested that angels live in libraries. In Corvallis, it's flagrantly obvious. Wings everywhere. Shhh.

Every penny spent on local libraries helps the entire world, eventually.

Some genius eventually will figure out that country jails, public libraries and community gardens could be inter-linked.

An old slogan from the 1960s goes, "Be reasonable. Demand the impossible." The passing of the library levy was possible only because the voters understood how to wisely spend their tax dollars — locally — to guarantee the future.

Geoff Taylor
Summit

5/30/11

6/1/11

Put up 'no loitering' signs in front of the Corvallis library to discourage 'scriggs'

Teenagers commonly refer to them as "scriggs."

They're the kind of delinquents who skip class, smoke, wear their pants low. They usually congregate around Avery Park in the middle of the night. But recently it has become impossible to go to the library without passing them on the stairs. Their incessant profanity and skateboarding has become unavoidable. They are drawn in with the promise of free Internet and comic books with the library's "teen scape" section and stay for the drug connections.

I have overheard them discussing the dealing of drugs multiple times. (One would imagine they could find a better place than next door to the police station.)

When Central Park became overrun with homeless people, they took out park benches. So why can't there be an easy solution for this? That's why I propose a "No loitering" on the library steps. Even if they don't follow it, it would sure be easy to clear the kids out with the threat of police involvement.

And any argument that says the teens are being given a safe environment to hang out is invalid because kids are going to do what they want, no matter where they hang out.

Brendan Murphy
Corvallis

6/2/11

Did lack of social service funding have domino effect on CSC cuts?

I wonder if the funding cuts, forcing Community Services Consortium layoffs, had anything to do with the fact that in the levy just passed, social services only received 5 percent or \$102,870 of the total and is now losing millions in state and federal funding?

The Osborn Aquatic Center will stay open with 23.03 percent, \$412,200, the Senior Center will remain open with 17.22 percent, \$308,200, and the library will remain open with 11.79 percent, \$211,000. These are all worthwhile and important services.

However, an additional 42.22 percent, or \$755,730 for services and books and material acquisitions was granted to the library.

I wonder if Benton County's most vulnerable citizens will find solace in having more books to read?

Ruth Roberts
Corvallis

RANDOM REVIEW

6/5/11

Come explore 'Surviving Paradise'

"Surviving Paradise: One Year on a Disappearing Island" by Peter Rudiak-Gould, will be reviewed by Roy and Sandy Rider at noon, Wednesday, June 8, at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 N.W. Monroe Ave.

This fish-out-of-water travel memoir tells of the young author's year on Ujae atoll, an extremely remote and tiny spot in the Republic of the Marshall Islands in the Pacific.

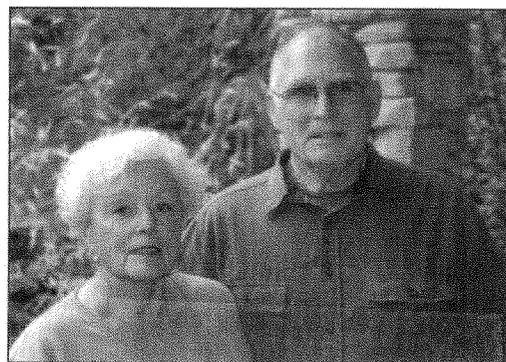
Rudiak-Gould, who volunteered to teach English, tells of how his extreme loneliness and isolation change over time as he gets to know the culture and people.

The author writes of his frustration at teaching a lan-

guage to children who have few common reference points with English-speaking cultures and of his often humorous experiences integrating with the locals by learning to spear-fish and participating in a variety of ceremonies and customs.

Roy and Sandy Rider are longtime Corvallis residents who spent many years teaching abroad as well as locally.

In 1969, Roy, Sandy, and their five children moved to Pohnpei, Micronesia, where Roy taught Industrial Arts and Sandy taught office skills at the high school and community college. They spent several years working in Saudi Arabia and Botswana, and both are currently retired.



Roy and Sandy Rider.

Energy efficiency loans

THE STORY: In February, a Gazette-Times article titled "Getting More Efficient" highlighted more than 10 energy-efficiency programs that local residents can take advantage of to weatherize their homes or businesses, save money and become more environmentally savvy. See the full list of programs at <http://bit.ly/corvallisenergy>.

THE LATEST: Low-interest loans are now available to Corvallis residents for household energy-efficiency projects through the Saving Energy Loan Fund. SELF is a federally funded program that provides loans of \$2,500 to \$10,000. Interest rates vary, and borrowers have five years to repay the loans. A free SELF Help Workshop will be held at 7 p.m. June 15 at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 N.W. Monroe Ave. For more information, visit www.energizecorvallis.org or call 541-758-NRGY.

— Nancy Raskauskas

6/5/11

Stormwater program topic of public forum

CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

Benton County plans to host a public meeting this week to discuss its efforts to limit the water quality impacts of stormwater runoff.

Most of that runoff goes directly into streams, and it can carry all kinds of things with it — from motor oil and antifreeze to fertilizer, weed killer and sediment — that can pollute the water or harm aquatic life.

The meeting is scheduled from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 N.W. Monroe Ave.

County officials plan to discuss the history of the county's stormwater management program, present a draft of a new ordinance aimed at detecting and eliminating illicit discharges into

the stormwater system and brainstorm ideas on how to improve water quality.

Guest speaker Robert Turner, the director of the Philomath-based OOZE Toxin Conservancy, is to talk about his organization's mis-

sion to help mitigate spills and enhance area watersheds.

For more information, contact Benton County water projects coordinator Adam Stebbins at adam.stebbins@co.benton.or.us or 541-766-6085.

6/7/11

Council votes to approve next year's budget

6/7/11

Motion to reinstate videos of public meetings fails

By NANCY RASKAUSKAS
CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

The Corvallis City Council finalized its 2011-12 budget Monday night, unanimously approving the plans forwarded by the Budget Commission on May 19 with only minor changes.

The changes allow programs that requested to forward small amounts of leftover funds into next year's budget.

The budget includes a new fund to track the revenue from the local option levy approved on May 17. The new fund was set up to provide transparency and track the use of those property tax funds.

In total, \$2.82 million associated with the services funded by the levy (library, aquatic center, senior center and social services) was added back into the proposed budget.

The budget for next year still includes approximately \$1.62 million in proposed cuts, including the elimination of the equivalent of 6.3 full-time positions. It also assumes a freeze on wages and benefits for all employees, for a savings of \$387,270.

An attempt to add in enough money to videotape City Council meetings failed Monday by a 7-2 vote.

The motion, introduced by Ward 2's Roen Hogg, came after public testimony from Janet Larkin who said that she watches the meetings faithfully on public access television and that "there is no substitute for a

IN OTHER MATTERS

• The council unanimously voted to appoint Assistant City Manager Ellen Volmert as interim city manager starting on July 1, after Jon Nelson's retirement. She will receive a temporary 5 percent pay raise to take on the additional duties. Volmert is not a candidate to fill the position permanently.

• Corvallis Mayor Julie Manning plans to send a letter to the Oregon Senate Redistricting Committee, supporting efforts to place Corvallis entirely into the 4th Congressional District. Corvallis for 10 years has been split between the 4th and 5th district.

primary source of information" and an "informed electorate."

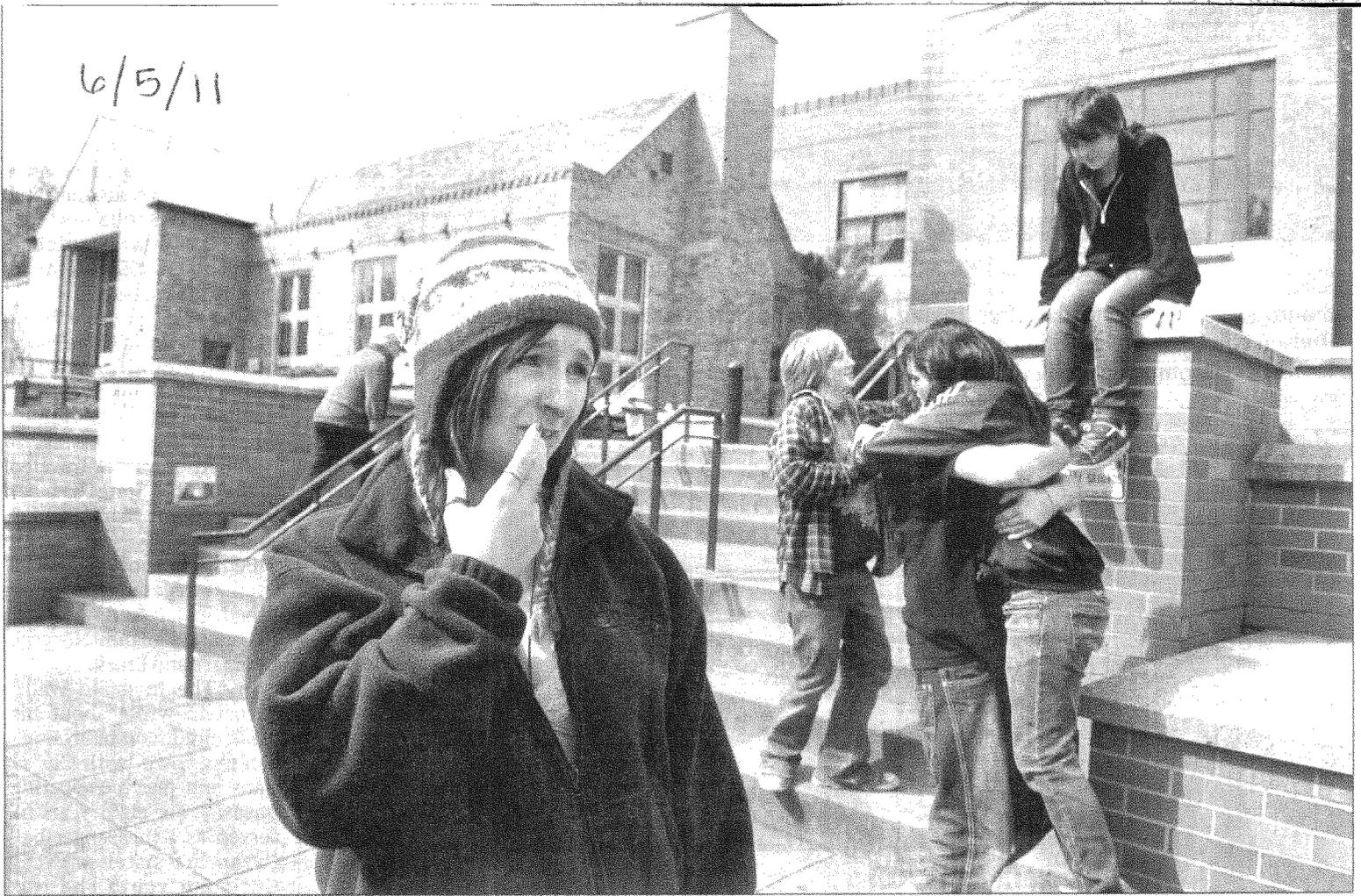
The cost of videotaping council meetings would have amounted to about \$17,000 in next year's budget (\$7,990 of that in general fund). Only Hogg and Jeanne Raymond (Ward 7) voted in favor of the motion.

After the budget was finalized, councilor Dan Brown (Ward 4) stated for the record that "the budget does not meet city's policies for reserves," which protect the city's credit rating, emergencies and spread out funding for future capital needs, such as fire trucks.

"Although the budget is balanced ... it is in an insecure state," he said. "The public needs to know ... we need to get back to prudent reserves. The city has a big task ahead of us."

Contact city reporter Nancy Raskauskas at nancy.raskauskas@lee.net or 541-758-9542. Follow her on Twitter @NancyR10.

6/5/11



Scobel Wiggins/Gazette-Times

Audrie Hageman, 18, hangs out at her regular spot, the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, on April 28 while she figures out what she is going to do when her baby comes.

The kids at the library

Restless youth, patrons make uneasy neighbors

BY EMILY GILLESPIE
CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

Standing among a group of friends who are smoking cigarettes and laughing on the front steps of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, Audrie Hageman notices that passers-by sometimes don't meet her eye and that they alter their path when entering the library.

"They just don't like our lifestyle," she said.

Hageman is one of a loose-knit group of young people — there are about 15 regulars — that occupies the steps and sidewalk in front of the library most afternoons.

"We're not the best influence," she acknowledged. "A majority of us live on the streets or would rather live on the streets."

Hageman is 18 and has no fixed address. At the time of a recent interview with the Gazette-Times,

HOW TO HELP

To donate to the Jackson Street Youth Shelter, visit www.jsysi.org. A memo can be added to specify that donations go toward the transitional living center. To become an outreach volunteer, call the shelter at 541-754-2404.

she was about seven months pregnant and was sleeping on friends' couches, at various shelters or outside, curled up on the sidewalk or under a bush.

Although she doesn't always know where she'll be spending the night, she does have one place in her life that is familiar and constant — the steps of the library.

"It's like home base," she said.

Hageman explained that most of the group — not all of them are homeless — meet at the library because everything they need is

within a one-block radius: the transit station for transportation, the library for restrooms, First Christian Church for meals, the community corrections office for meetings with probation officers and New Beginnings for rehabilitation treatment.

"It's a place I feel comfortable," 17-year-old Angel Hart said. Hart said that her family has not had a stable living situation since November. Sometimes she stays where her parents are staying, and sometimes she stays with a friend.

"Sometimes I'm homeless, sometimes I'm not," she said.

Although the library steps may provide a sense of security to young people like Hart and Hageman, there is a simmering tension between library patrons and the group, which can admittedly be rowdy at times. At the same time, the group's constant presence at the public facility also highlights a

gap in the community safety net — limited resources available for homeless young adults.

Running the gantlet

Brian Corrigan, 35, lives in Philomath but used to go to the Corvallis library all the time because his young daughter liked the large children's book selection. Now he goes to the Philomath Community Library, despite the smaller shelf space devoted to Dr. Seuss and Curious George, because he doesn't want his 6-year-old to be exposed to the group's vulgarity.

"They sit out there and they smoke and spit and swear," he said. "I don't want her to hear all of that."

Running the gantlet of boisterous teens can be intimidating at times, Corrigan said, especially for people with kids.



Angel Hart, 17, hangs out with her friend "Snooki" Alexander as Justin Hill rides his board over for a visit last Thursday. Scobel Wiggins/Gazette-Times

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"My 6-year-old daughter hears it and asks, 'What are they saying?' I try to explain it ... but she shouldn't have to try and comprehend something like that," he said.

Corrigan said he understands that some of the group are homeless and may have nowhere else to go, but he wishes there could be some sort of solution to the problem.

Hart, however, said she doesn't understand why people would have a problem with her and her friends.

"I watch my language when there's little kids around. We're just sitting here and talking, and they assume we are bad," she said. "They were young, too, and just need to loosen up about it and not be intimidated by it."

Some passersby can be quite hostile, she added, sometimes intentionally bumping into the youths as they pass, with no apologies.

"Of course, there are going to be some knuckleheads," she said as the boy in the group fell off his skateboard, setting off a round of loud laughter and yelling.

Tensions decreasing

Library administrators have been trying to address the issue. They've been working with Corvallis police, the Benton County Parole and Probation Division and the Jackson Street Youth Shelter to make sure that both the community and the youths achieve what they want.

Curtis Kiefer, youth services division manager at the library, said the tensions have actually decreased over the past year.

Last spring, he said, the library would double the staff at reference desks so there would be extra people to deal with issues that arose from the homeless young adults that occurred inside the library's walls.

"They would eat food, use loud, abusive language — just general acting out and run-

ning around," Kiefer said.

The staff has since gotten stricter about enforcing the library's code of conduct. Kiefer said the number of complaints has decreased and the youths loitering in front of the library aren't breaking any laws.

"Many of them are not bad kids," he said. "They just have no structure in their lives."

Jennifer Chen, a lead case worker for the Jackson Street Youth Shelter, has been working with the young people at the library for the past three years. Primarily, that means making sure the teens know about the resources that the shelter offers.

The shelter serves youths ages 10 to 17 — occasionally taking in some 18-year-olds — who are homeless, run-aways or in other crisis situations.

"They seem receptive to it, but they question establishment," she said. "They've been independent for long enough that they don't want to give up some of the things that they are involved in."

The rules at the youth shelter, for example, prohibit smoking, drinking and the use of cell phones and iPods.

Those things "get in the way of what the youth are here to do," Chen said. "We're not a hangout. We're here for assistance, and they need to be working toward something such as getting back to school, scheduling a GED test."

Before she turned 18, Hageman said, she chose to hop from couch to couch instead of finding shelter at the nonprofit because of the restrictions.

"The atmosphere, I just don't like it," she said.

A gap for teens

Jackson Street's executive director, Ann Craig, said some of the kids who congregate outside the library could be helped by the shelter. But she also said there's a gap for teens who are just

old enough to be considered adults but still need help in their transition to independence — a gap that homeless young adults like Hageman fall into.

"It's a good age. It's an exciting age of transition," Craig said. "(But) these youth don't, for the most part, have family support that we all need as we're transitioning."

She identifies the age group as typically between 18 and 24 and said that their needs can be hard to define.

"The difficulty is that people have this idea that you turn 18 and you're an adult. They're not children, and you can't treat them as children, but they're not suddenly adults," she said. "You need more than shelter; you need guidance."

Craig said the group at the library exemplifies a hole in the local support network for the homeless population.

To help this group, staff members at the Jackson Street Youth Shelter have a long-term plan to open a transitional living center. They have been building relationships with the young people who congregate in front of the library and plan to hold focus groups to talk about what their needs are.

The project is in its very early stages. The agency has applied for grants but has yet to secure a large chunk of funding. Shelter Director Kendra Sue Phillips is trying to raise funds locally to show that the community has bought into the idea. To launch that effort, the shelter is researching the issue locally.

"We need to be able to get statistics: how many there are there, what are their needs," Phillips said.

Through this outreach effort, Jackson Street staff have identified at least 15 to 20 homeless youths who are underserved, and Phillips said the problem is bigger than that.

"There is a growing fad where people take in a youth

(and these people) are not appropriate role models," she said. Essentially, these teens couch-surf through living situations that don't really foster independence and can sometimes be destructive.

"There's more (homeless young adults) out there," Phillips said. "We just don't know where they are."

Short-term solutions

The short-term solution is to provide this population with resources that address immediate needs, Phillips said.

"Youth who we have served in the past, who are 18, 19, 20, come get food, clothes, take showers, do their laundry," she said. For shelter, however, the agency makes a lot of referrals to Community Outreach. "Some of them get in, some of them don't."

The Jackson Street Youth Shelter has 12 beds and Community Outreach has room for up to 70 people, serving men and women who are 18 and older as well as families.

Craig said she hopes a solution emerges quickly.

"I hope it's sooner rather than later because we could use it right now," she said.

For now, Hageman said she is doing fine living on couches and getting food and clothes when she needs them.

"I take pretty good care of myself," she said.

Hageman is on the Oregon Health Plan, which covers her medical appointments and doctors' appointments. In the coming month, she plans to get an apartment with money from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, a federal program aimed at helping low-income families with dependent children.

"After I get settled, I'll hopefully take it more seriously," she said.

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Workshop explains loans for energy-efficiency projects

CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

Have an energy efficiency project you want to complete on your home, but budget constraints are holding you back?

Low-interest loans are now available to City of Corvallis residents for household energy efficiency projects through the Saving Energy Loan Fund (SELF).

A "SELF Help" Workshop will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 N.W. Monroe Ave., for city residents who want to know more about the loan fund. Following a brief presentation, volunteer energy advocates will be on hand to provide free assistance to those who are interested in signing up for the program.

SELF is a federally funded local energy loan program that provides loans of \$2,500 to \$10,000 for energy efficiency projects. Multiple efficiency projects may be bundled into a single loan. Interest rates vary depending on the loan amount, with the loan paid back over five years.

Qualifying projects can include weatherization, space heating, water heating and solar electric.

These loans are available for a limited time only.

SELF is made possible by a collaboration of the city of Corvallis, the Corvallis Environmental Center, and the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition Energy Action Team. For information, visit www.energizecorvallis.org or call 541-758-NRGY.

Go to the Teddy Bear Picnic

Thursday is the day the teddy bears have their picnic, and the children of Corvallis are invited to bring their plush stuffed animals and join in the fun.

The annual Teddy Bear Picnic will begin at 10 a.m. Thursday at Central Park, Southwest Monroe Avenue and Eighth Street.

This year's musical program will be presented by Corvallis' own Mud Pie Divas, and the Holly Hobbie picture book characters Toot and Puddle will make a special appearance.

The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. There is no charge to attend.

6/22/11

Free meals offered to children

Food provided to ensure nutrition

CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

The Corvallis School District is offering free meals this summer to children 18 and younger at specified sites in Corvallis, Philomath and Adair Village. The program is available to all children, regardless of income.

All sites will provide lunch, while a few will offer both breakfast and lunch. Meals must be eaten on-site, and parents or guardians are welcome to purchase a breakfast for \$1.75 or a lunch for \$3.

Each meal includes an entree, milk, fruit and/or a vegetable, and a bread item. Local fruits and vegetables are served when available.

The Corvallis School District has been offering this program since 1995 to benefit children and ensure they are getting at least one balanced meal every day during the week.

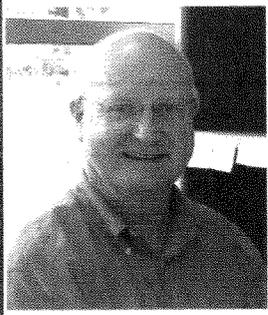
Here are the sites, dates and times for the summer meal program:

- Corvallis Boys & Girls Club, June 21 to Sept. 3, M-F: Breakfast, 8:25 to 9:15 a.m.; lunch, noon to 12:30 p.m.
- Lancaster Bridge, June 21 to Sept. 3, M-F, Lunch, noon to 12:30 p.m.
- Adair Village Park, June 21 to Sept. 3, M-F, Lunch, noon to 12:30 p.m.
- Corvallis Public Library, June 21 to Sept. 3, M-F, Lunch, 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.
- Philomath City Library, June 21 to Aug. 27, M-F, Lunch, 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.
- Clemens Primary School, June 21 to Aug. 27, M-F, Lunch, 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.
- Garfield Elementary School, June 28 to Aug. 27, M-Th. Breakfast, 8:30 to 9 a.m.; lunch, noon to 12:30 p.m.
- Lincoln Elementary School — June 28 to Aug. 5, M-Th.; Breakfast, 8:30 to 9 a.m.; lunch, noon to 12:30 p.m.
- Wilson Elementary School — June 28 to July 29, M-Th. Breakfast, 8:30 to 9 a.m.; lunch, noon to 12:30 p.m.

For more information, contact: Kathy Adair, Food Services Department, 757-5859, kathy.adair@corvallis.k12.or.us

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The Corvallis City Manager is retiring!

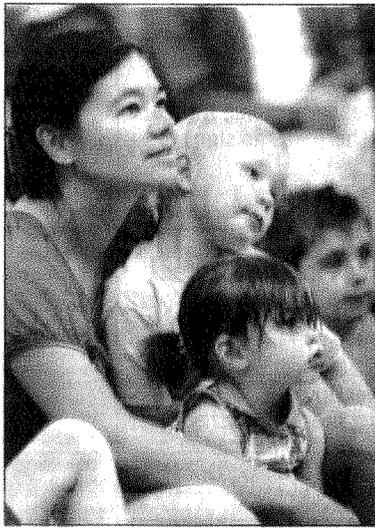


Come and thank Jon Nelson for his service to Corvallis!

June 29, 2011
4:00-6:00 pm
(presentation at 5:15 pm)

Library Meeting Room
645 NW Monroe Avenue

Mary Carter holds Harrison, 5, and Nya, 2, as they listen to the story of the 'Boy Who Cried Wolf' during the Chintimini Music Festival children's concert at the Corvallis-Benton Public Library Wednesday morning.
ANDY CRIPE
 CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES



Kids' concert a harmonious get-together ^{6/23/11}

By **GRADY GARRETT**
 CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

David Simmons knew what he was in for Wednesday. So hours before the Chintimini Chamber Music Festival's annual pair of concerts for children, he stuffed himself with pancakes.

"I had to make sure I wasn't crabby," said the singer, actor and radio personality. "I didn't want to waste an opportunity like this."

From 10 to 11 a.m., and again from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Corvallis-Benton County Library, Simmons narrated two of Aesop's Fables for children ranging in age from infants to grade-schoolers. Four musicians provided music to build the drama and keep the kids engaged.

The youngsters — some sprawled across the floor directly in front of Simmons, others bouncing up and down

on their mothers' laps — hung on to every word of "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" and "The Tortoise and the Hare."

Babies cried. Kids couldn't resist shouting out. But it was all part of what made the atmosphere a kid's event.

"It's a different energy than you get with adults," said Adam Esbensen, who played the cello. "It's fun to see the kids' reactions, to see them

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FYI

The Chintimini Chamber Music Festival, which began June 17, has three concerts remaining: Friday and Sunday at First Congregational United Church of Christ and Tuesday, June 28, at Corvallis High School. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. For details, see the festival's website, www.chintimini.org.

Concert: 'Into it'

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 jumping up. It makes it more fun for us."

Simmons, who was narrating Chintimini's children's concerts for the fourth consecutive year, agreed.

"Yeah, the kids goof off, but you can see they're really into it," he said.

For Mary Carter and her children, ages 2 and 5, the concert was a return engagement.

"The kids were enthralled last year, so I knew it'd be a lot of fun to come back," Carter said.

Carter's son Harrison, 5, said the "wolf story" was his

favorite part, but despite urging from his mom, he shied away from giving a reason other than he "just really, really liked it."

"The fact that they combine music and storytelling really helps the kids appreciate music," Carter said.

Seema Bharwani, who moved to Corvallis from Rhode Island less than a month ago, brought her 10-month-old daughter to the concert to meet other young mothers and perhaps start building a network of friends.

"It was fun, a good way to bring people together," Bharwani said.

We hereby deliver:

• **ROSES** to summer music. For the first week of summer, which officially began Tuesday, we were treated to the usual Tuesday evening Corvallis Community Band. The band's annual weekly concert series started June 14. This week they aptly played summer-themed music; next Tuesday they will perform patriotic songs in anticipation of the Fourth of July weekend.

Wednesday brought a kid's concert and stories at the library; Thursday brought Corvallis' own Mud Pie Divas (driven inside by a few droplets of rain at the Teddy Bear Picnic).

One of the best things about living in the mid-valley is that in the summer, you never have to go far or wait too long for quality, free music. Strike up the band — and maybe turn up the heat, just a skosh.

And speaking of the sun ...

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6/24/11

Teddy Bear Picnic Moves Indoors

6/24/11



ETHAN ERICKSON | CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

More than 350 people packed in to attend the Teddy Bear Picnic Thursday at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, including Sarah Mason of Lewisburg, with her two girls Wren, 5, and Phoebe, 23 months. Wren picked out pink 'twin' teddy bears for her and her sister to bring.

A gathering of furry friends

Kids bring stuffed buddies to kick off library's summer reading program

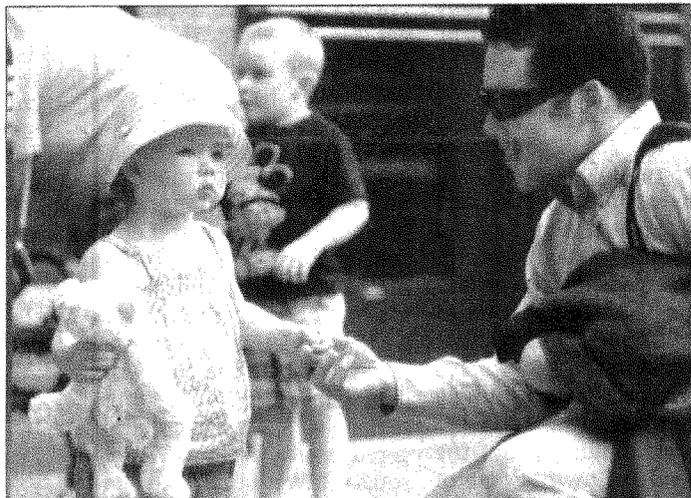
By **NANCY RASKAUSKAS**
CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

In 14 years of summer Teddy Bear Picnics by the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, only one other time did weather force the event indoors. But it happened again Thursday.

Coincidentally, the Mud Pie Divas were the band the last time that happened, about a decade ago. On Thursday, band members joked that they should change their name to The Rainmakers.

"We weren't quite able to have a picnic outside today, but we'll have one right here," Loretta Brenner of

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Keith Okerstrom encourages his daughter, Elise 2, pink teddy bear in hand, to meet the storybook mice Toot and Puddles in front of the library on Thursday.

Picnic: Teddy Bears go inside

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the divas told a room packed to the brim with young ones, before starting off the event with — what else? — a rousing version of “Teddy Bear’s Picnic.”

Jeni Wells-Whitney sang and played along with Brenner on kazoo, cymbals and mandolin. The two divas brought a huge pile of teddy bears of their own to the picnic, which filled the front of the stage in the library’s main meeting room.

The event is part of the library’s summer reading programs, sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Keith Okerstrom brought his daughter Elise, 2, to the concert with a pink teddy bear in tow.

“She picked it out. She wanted to bring more than one — and a couple of dolls,” he said, as he lifted her up so she could see over the crowd. “She comes to most of the library events. She likes to listen she’ll probably sing songs later.”

After the songs, a hesitant Elise got a chance to meet larger-than-life versions of storybook mice Toot and Puddle — well-known to children from the books by author Holly Hobbie.

More than 350 people packed in to attend the Teddy Bear Picnic, including Sarah Mason of Lewisburg, with her two girls, Wren, 5, and Phoebe, 23 months. Wren picked out pink teddy bear “twins” for her and her sister to share the morning with.

Wren’s favorite song came from original lyrics concocted for the tale of “Little Red Riding Hood” acted out with Brenner as a wolf in grandma’s clothing and Wells-Whitney as the title character.

“We come to the library every week,” Mason said. “I didn’t use the library very much until I had kids. ... I’m so glad that the public has been supportive of the library,” she added, referencing the recently passed local

SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

Curious George summer reading program (Ages 5 and younger)

- **“Mother Goose Asks Why,”** 10 a.m., July 7, 14 and 21, Main Meeting Room. Family projects that link reading and science.
- **“World Puppet Adventures,”** 10 a.m. July 13, Main Meeting Room. Watch a show and make a puppet.
- **“ABC 1-2-3” with Cinda Tilgner,** 10 a.m., July 28, Main Meeting Room. Early literacy program with shapes, colors, numbers, nursery rhymes, music and movement.
- **La fiesta de su biblioteca,** 11 a.m. to noon, July 9 and Aug. 13. English/Spanish story time.

“One World, Many Stories” summer reading program (Ages 5-12)

- **“My First Book Club,”** 11 a.m. Friday, July 8 and 22.
 - **“Beginning Chapters Book Club,”** 3:30 p.m. Monday, July 11 and 25.
 - **Lego building event,** 3:30 p.m. July 12 and 26.
 - **La fiesta de su biblioteca,** 11 a.m. to noon, July 9 and Aug. 13. English/Spanish story time.
 - **R.E.A.D. Dogs,** 3 p.m. every Tuesday and Wednesday, July 5-6, 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27. Registration required.
 - **Thursday programs,** 3:30 p.m.: Leapin’ Louie Show, July 7; Tears of Joy Puppet Theatre presents “Who’s in Hare’s House?” July 21; and summer reading celebration with Jay Frazier’s Balloon Magic, Aug. 11.
- Information: www.thebestlibrary.net/kids or 541-766-6794.

Teen summer reading program (Ages 12 to 18)

- **Teen game nights,** 5 to 7 p.m. Mondays, June 20 and July 18. With Xbox, Wii and PlayStation, board games and snacks.
 - **Teen animanga extravaganza,** 2 to 5 p.m. Mondays, June 27 and July 25. Pizza, Japanese snacks, anime movies and surprises. Attendance limited, registration required.
 - **Teen book club,** 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, Youth Activity Room. With “Awaken” author Katie Kacvinsky.
 - **“Luxe Late Night,”** 7 p.m. to midnight, July 29. Activities will include PlayStation, Xbox and Wii games, scavenger hunt, air-brush tattoos, button making, crafts, karaoke, computers, makeover supplies, food and more. Registration and permission slip required.
 - **Teen writers’ group,** 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays.
- Information: www.thebestlibrary.net/teens or 541-766-6794.

All ages

- **Lunch at the library,** 12:15 to 12:45 p.m., Mondays to Fridays, June 20 to Sept. 2. The Corvallis School District invites everyone age 18 and under for free meals. Parents can purchase a meal for \$3. Lunch must be eaten on site.

The Corvallis-Benton County Public Library is located at 645 N.W. Monroe Ave.

option levy measure that Corvallis voters approved last month.

Bears of all colors and shapes were in the majority on Thursday, but kids also brought a menagerie of their favorite stuffed friends, ranging from Clifford the Big Red Dog to a penguin and even a possum.

The Teddy Bear Picnic

helped kick off the library’s annual summer reading program. More than 100 youths, up to age 18, already have signed up to participate in program since June 1, Youth Services Division Manager Curtis Kiefer said Thursday. (See sidebar).

Contact city reporter Nancy Raskauskas at nancy.raskauskas@lee.net or 541-758-9542.

Library Board Report

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REPORTING PERIOD – July 2011

A. Department Highlights

Administration

- Library Management Team had several discussions about staffing levels, in light of recent retirements and vacant positions. Several recruitments were initiated.
- New time sheets were developed and systems put in place to more easily track and record hours worked by staff whose positions are funded by the levy.

Library Services

Access Services

- Youth groups always enjoy “behind the scene” tours. Two groups visited Technical Services this month. Although these visits are brief, Library Specialist III Denise Swearingin interacts well with young children and can make a disc cleaner fascinating.
- Preprocessing services provided by our vendors are still being fine-tuned.
- There were 411 applicants for the two shelver positions open in Circulation. We will be testing over 350 of them the first week in August.
- Three staff from Circ attended the OLA Support Staff Division annual conference.
- Two Circ staff attended a workshop at the SSD conference in simple quick mending techniques that will help speed the repair of materials in the library.

Adult Services

- Reference Librarian Sharon Grant accepted a position as digital branch manager at the Kitsap Regional Library. Her last day was July 19.
- Reference Librarian Carrie Ottow attended Digipalooza in Cleveland, Ohio. This is Overdrive’s International User Group Conference for partner libraries.
- Carrie Ottow just completed her term as Chair of the statewide Oregon Digital Library Consortium which provides downloadable audio and ebooks.

Extension Services

- Summer Reading programs have been well received at all branches.
- The Extensions office has been preparing for the eventual integration of Floating Collections sometime in the Fall. Floating collections means that items remain at the branch where they were returned.
- The Community Library Specialist position for the Bookmobile has closed and we will be doing interviews August 10th and 11th.
- The Extensions Librarian recruitment has closed and we will be reviewing applications shortly.

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Youth Services

- Forty-eight teens attended a fun-filled evening at the Luxe Late Nite at the Library. They ate pizza, did a scavenger-hunt, played video games, made Twinkie sushi, and generally enjoyed themselves.
- On average, 45 meals are served each day at the Library through the free lunch program.
- Over 1,300 children in Corvallis have participated in the Library's Summer Reading program to date.

B. Other

- The World of Ideas noon lecture series attracted 273 attendees for its four programs. The series was co-sponsored by the Library, Benton Historical Museum, and LBCC Benton Center and was funded by John Croy and an anonymous donor.

To Dana and all of
the Reading to Dogs
Volunteers

Everything went even
better than we had
hoped! Annie took
a lot of pictures and
the kids read in
Korean or English.

So thank you again!
Gloria, Annie, John, Cheryl,
Lilly, Ann, and Michelle

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Hidden Treasures
(T. N. P. 280)
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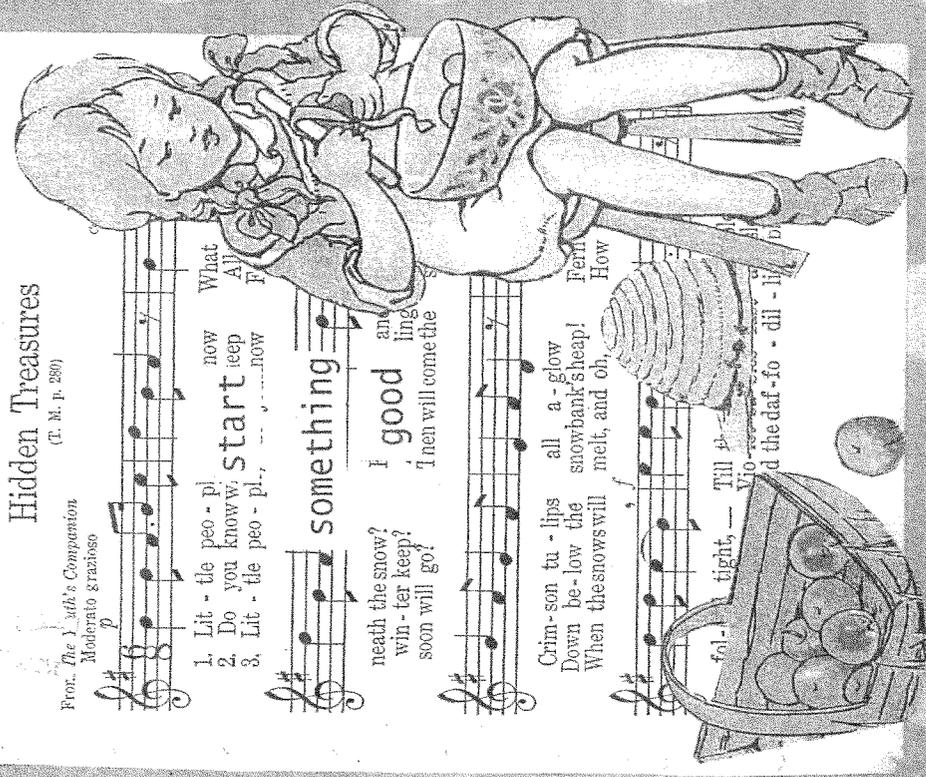
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City wishes Nelson 'Happy Trails'

6/30/11



ETHAN ERICKSON | GAZETTE-TIMES

City Manager Jon Nelson is greeted by well-wishers at a farewell reception in his honor at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library on Wednesday in Corvallis.

A large crowd of well-wishers lined up Wednesday afternoon to give retiring Corvallis City Manager Jon Nelson a big send-off at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.

There were four cakes, a bowl of punch and a proclamation. Against the backdrop of a revolving slide show that featured Nelson attired as a cowboy and as a "Conehead," Nelson endured good-natured ribbing and tributes from the likes of Mayor Julie Manning, former mayors Charlie Tomlinson and Charles Vars, police offi-

cers, city councilors, co-workers and even a judge.

More than a dozen city managers from around the state, both current and recently retired, were in attendance.

The event ended with Manning playing "Happy Trails" on the piano and the visitors joining in.

Nelson, whose last day on the job is today, will be the subject of an upcoming Gazette-Times article about his 18 years as city manager.

—Corvallis Gazette-Times

Jon Nelson retires after 18 years

BY NANCY RASKAUSKAS
CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

Through four mayors, 10 editions of the City Council and 50 different elected officials, one thing has remained constant — the quiet leadership of Corvallis City Manager Jon Nelson, who retired Thursday after 18 years as the city's top administrator.

Earlier last week, the main meeting room of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library was filled with well-wishers at a farewell reception for Nelson, who oversaw four city departments and 400 employees as well as giving guidance to the city's elected volunteers.

At the event, Mayor Julie Manning read a proclamation detailing some of Nelson's achievements and said it's the longest one she expects to make during her time as mayor. (Go to the online version of this story to read the whole proclamation. But set aside some time — it runs nearly 600 words.)

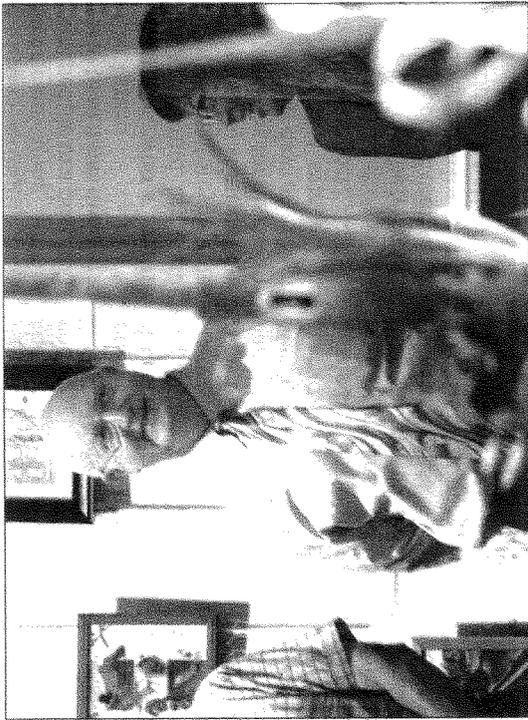
As manager, Nelson tackled the big stuff — the creation of Riverfront Commemorative Park and two new fire stations, land acquisitions and building new sewer and water infrastructure — and smaller items as well, including skate parks and dog parks and responding to citizen complaints on everything from turkeys to uneven sidewalks.

Nelson, 55, also oversaw subtle cultural changes, such as the state's first smoking ban in bars and restaurants, a living wage ordinance; partnerships with other government entities for countywide ambulance service and 911 dispatch; and a cooperative agreement with the Corvallis School District to run Osborn Aquatic Center.

A quiet style

Nelson left a distinctive mark on governance in Corvallis with his quiet management style and mentorship of countless elected and appointed volunteers.

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Ethan Erickson/Gazette-Times
City Manager Jon Nelson was honored during a farewell reception at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library on Wednesday. Nelson has been known as a quiet force during 18 years of service.

Library hosts lecture series

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CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

The Corvallis-Benton County Public Library is offering a free lunch-hour lecture series on Tuesdays through July called "The World of Ideas." All are from noon to 1 p.m.

Today's lecturer, Ron Lansing, will address "The Land, The Law, and Nimrod O'Kelly" at the library at 645 N.W. Monroe Ave. He will recall the story of an 1847 Oregon pioneer, Benton County land claimant and Oregon's first reported murderer. He went to — and walked down from — the gallows three times in the streets of Marysville (now Corvallis) — and he proceeded to turn himself in to the Portland State Penitentiary.

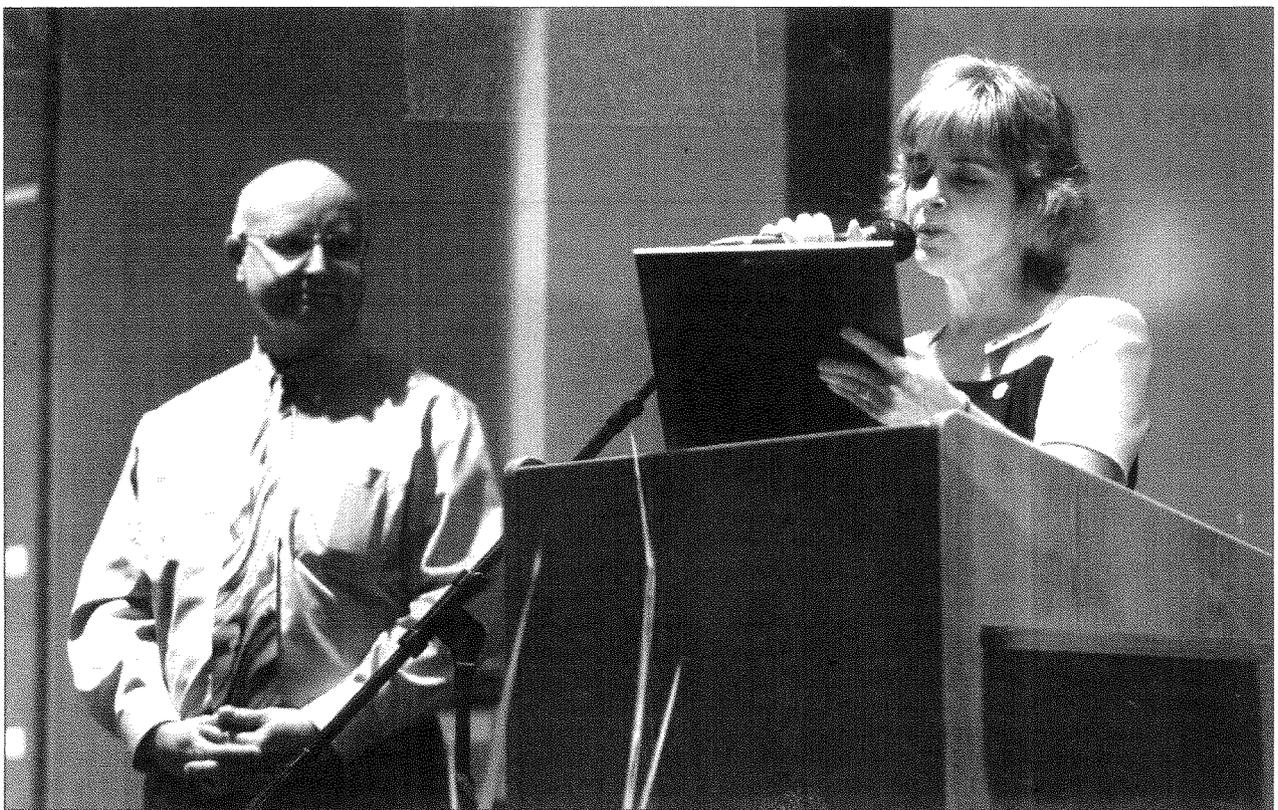
On July 19, David Lewis is scheduled to present "Canoe Restoration at the Grand Ronde Reservation," a presentation on the Grand Ronde Tribe's restoration of canoes and the ceremony associated with canoes. In March 2011, the tribe installed a Canoe Exhibition at the Mission Mill in Salem that featured a canoe from a cultural site in Tangent.

Lewis' presentation will address the cultural restoration process, which the Grand Ronde is engaged in and the recent exhibition.

On July 26, Jon Lewis will present "If History Has Taught Us Anything ... Francis Coppola, Paramount Pictures and The Godfather."

Lewis' presentation begins with a study of the film's audacious visual style followed by a discussion of the film's troubled production history and concludes with a long look at the history of gangsters on film and in Hollywood.

The lecture series is sponsored by the library, Linn-Benton Community College, the Benton County Historical Museum and John Croy of Edward Jones. For more information, call the library at 541-766-6793.



Ethan Erickson/Gazette-Times

Corvallis Mayor Julie Manning presents a plaque to Jon Nelson during a farewell reception held for Nelson on Wednesday. Manning issued a proclamation designating June 29 Jon Nelson Day.

Nelson

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"I spent four years as mayor, and that man saved my bacon numerous times," Charlie Tomlinson told the crowd at Wednesday's farewell party. He learned, for instance, that "the delete key is on the keyboard for good reason."

Nelson's infectious humor, commitment to the community and his humanity made working with him a joy, Tomlinson said.

Mark O'Brien, the current City Council president, said Nelson had been helpful in his personal development as a councilor.

He remembered writing an email to Nelson asking, "What's the city going to do about this?" and having Nelson write back: "Mark, you are the city."

"I never forgot that," O'Brien said.

A Gazette-Times article some 15 years ago, three years into Nelson's tenure as city manager, noted some differences between Nelson's approach and that of his predecessors.

One key difference: Nelson's low-key style.

At the time of the article, then-Mayor Charlie Vars said: "Jon is self-effacing and quiet for a good reason. A city manager should not get out in front. They are hired by the council to manage the city organization consistent with council goals."

At last week's reception, Vars continued his praise for Nelson: "There is no man that has been a city manager who has been more attentive to community groups that are forward-looking and collaborative," Vars said on Wednesday.

Kathy Louie, who has held the dual role of city recorder and assistant to Nelson for more than a decade, spoke on behalf of the city staff at the event.

"What you might not know is that I gave myself two years for that job," she said to Nelson. "I stayed because you are really a remarkable city manager. ... I know that many staff feel the same way."

Funding tension

Although Corvallis has struggled through the recession with the rest of the nation, Nelson said the community is fortunate to have a "four-legged stool" to rest on with Oregon State University, the medical sector, high-tech companies and tourism. Most cities strive for just three strong economic areas, he said.

"We power through downturns," he said. "Going up to a higher elevation (than just the current economic situation), it's very cyclical. This is the fourth time I've been through this

cycle (of recession) with the city. This is the harshest, but it's not something that is new."

The City Council's goals of economic development and financial stability aren't new either, he said. What changes are the perspectives of elected officials.

The incoming council sets its priorities. Then, he said, it's the job of the city manager and staff members to work hard to achieve them.

"If the mindset is we just need to fix this once and for all, that's a sign of not listening, of not understanding," he said. Current state and federal laws guarantee that there will always be tension in the way that the city funds its services.

"The system of funding city government in Oregon has built-in conflict," Nelson said. "Seventy percent of our costs, in the tax-supported portion of the budget, are people costs. And those people costs come with requirements on public bargaining and public employees retirement benefits that do not always match up with the revenue side.

"You can't control all your costs, and nor can you control the revenue side without votes for new revenue," he said.

Nelson's time as manager included several disappointments at the ballot box, such as voter rejection of a downtown urban renewal district, a telecommunications tax, an operating levy and a bond measure to expand the Senior Center.

This spring, however, he was gratified by a strong "yes" vote from Corvallis residents on a three-year, \$5.6 million dollar property tax levy to help fund the operations of the library, the Osborn Aquatic Center and the Chintimini Senior Center, in addition to some allocations to social service organizations.

In the heart of the valley

Corvallis was a dream position for Nelson, who had always hoped to end up in a university town with his family. In his late 30s at the time he was hired in Corvallis, he considered himself a longshot for the position.

Nelson grew up in Aberdeen, S.D., and had his first real job selling concessions at football and basketball games.

He gained the foundation for his city manager skills at Moorhead State University in Moorhead, Minn., and at graduate school at the University of Montana in Missoula, where he earned a master's degree in public ad-

ministration.

He dabbled in business, law and political science along the way. And he spent eight years managing the city of Pendleton, drawing admiration and virtually no critics, before being hired by Corvallis in May 1993.

Nelson and his wife, Priscilla, have three children — Sam, 24, Katie, 21, and Caleb, 18, who attended Corvallis schools. Nelson said his family has been his rock through the years.

Nelson's retirement coincides with 30 years of working in municipal government and the graduation of his youngest son from Crescent Valley High School. It seemed a fitting time to move on, he said.

Nelson attributed his longevity with the city to a dedicated staff, a culture of transparency and a willingness to engage the public.

"I pay attention to the Citizen Attitude Survey," he said. "We do get good marks. It shows we're in touch with our customers. Our customers at the end of the day like choice.

"The environment in Corvallis is very special," Nelson said. "I tell my kids, 'You were raised in a virtual reality!'"

A wave of retirements

Long-tenured Public Works Director Steve Rogers also retired on June 30, as did Police Chief Gary Boldizar, although the chief plans to stay on with the city as a contract employee for a transition period of about six months.

About 60 percent of the City Hall staff is within three to five years of retirement, Nelson said. "We're an aging organization. We recognize that."

The good news, though, Nelson said: "We are very deep in talent in every department."

Assistant City Manager Ellen Volmert will take on the role of interim city manager this summer. The city expects to hire a new manager by late fall and is in the midst of a national search.

As for Nelson, he plans to stay in Corvallis and spend some time biking, reading and playing golf, while he figures out his next steps. He said he'll miss the fellowship of working with the city staff but is looking forward to a break from the 55- to 60-hour weeks he has put in for so many years, often attending late meetings and returning to work early the next morning.

"I don't feel like I have work left undone," he said. "I've tried to work as hard as I can. No regrets there."

Educators share their home cultures

By GAIL COLE
CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

The Corvallis-Benton County Public Library's conference room was abuzz with conversation Wednesday evening as about 40 people from the Corvallis community mingled with 21 international educators who teach English in their native countries.

Hosted by INTO-OSU, the university's English language school and pathway program for international students, the meet-and-greet enabled the educators to have a brief break from their education training held at Oregon State University and to show off traditional dress and items from their cultures.

For example, Delia Trupas of the Philippines brought along items made of bamboo and beaded jewelry made by the country's native tribes.

Trupas and the 20 other educators all teach English language and western culture classes to young people as part of the Access Microscholarship Program, a U.S. State Department initiative. Since Access was founded

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Tahera Ahmadi of Afghanistan represented her native country Wednesday afternoon during the Culture Face to Face event held at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.



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ETHAN ERICKSON | CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMESGAO ZEKUN, OF CHINA, HAS HER PICTURE TAKEN WITH DELIA TRUPAS, A TEACHER FROM THE PHILIPPINES, DURING THE CULTURE FACE TO FACE EVENT HELD AT THE CORVALLIS-BENTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY ON WEDNESDAY.

Cultures: Educators visit

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in 2003, about 55,000 students from 70 different countries have attended classes through the program.

Each member of the training group was nominated through the U.S. embassy in their respective country to take part in the training session.

Although Trupas has taught English in the Philippines for nine years — including two as an Access educator — the two-week-long training that began July 6 marks her first visit to the United States. She was excited to provide a snapshot of the Philippines to the community.

The exchange is similar to the language and cultural lessons she teaches her students through the Access program.

"It promotes mutual understanding be-

tween the U.S. and our country," Trupas said.

A few table spaces down from Trupas, Tahera Ahmadi from Afghanistan was playing traditional Afghan music for passers-by, featuring a stringed instrument that sounded similar to the sitar.

Like Trupas, Ahmadi has taught Access classes for two years, which have in turn inspired some of her class to also give back. She knows of three of her former students who've informally taught English to young people in refugee camps nearby her city of Herat.

"What they've learned, they try to transfer on," Ahmadi said.

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Budget Commission deserves our respect

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Appreciation needs to be extended to the citizen volunteers who served on the Corvallis Budget Commission this past year.

The importance of ordinary residents giving up their free time to be a part of local government should not be underestimated. It is the foundation of our democracy. In particular I would like to thank and acknowledge the contributions of my friend Jacques Schreck in serving as Budget Commission Chair.

Jacques had a really tough job from last fall into this May, but she accomplished it with great decorum and skill. All who live or work in Corvallis should be grateful for the dedication and volunteerism of citizens such as Jacques Schreck.

David Low
Philomath

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Sustainability Coalition meets Wednesday

CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

The Corvallis Sustainability Coalition will host its quarterly gathering from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the main meeting room of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library at 645 N.W. Monroe Ave.

Judy Corwin, director of marketing and public relations for The Corvallis Clinic is scheduled to talk about sustainability programs and practices at the clinic.

Alana Kenagy of the HOUR Exchange, a nonprofit that provides education and tools to promote a sustainable local economy through

the use of local currency, also is set to appear.

Other coalition partners also are scheduled to appear. The quarterly meeting is free.

The Corvallis Sustainability Coalition is a network of about 200 organizations and hundreds of volunteers. The coalition is working on a variety of projects in 12 topic areas to move toward goals outlined in the Community

Sustainability Action Plan that was developed in 2008. For more information, see www.sustainablecorvallis.org or email info@sustainablecorvallis.org.

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Finalists for city manager announced

CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

Six finalists from four western states have been chosen from a nationwide search for the job of Corvallis' new city manager. Corvallis' most recent city manager, Jon Nelson, retired at the end of June, and Assistant City Manager Ellen Volmert is serving as interim city manager.

The finalists were selected from a pool of 86 applicants. They are:

- David Andrews, the assistant town manager/finance director, Town of Paradise Valley, Ariz.

- Teresa Battuello, assistant city manager, City of Bothell, Wash.

- Amy Brown, acting city administrator, City and County of San Francisco, Calif.

- Steven Franks, director, community resources, Orange County, Calif.

- Graham Mitchell, city manager, City of Lemon Grove, Calif.

- Jim Patterson, city manager, City of Sherwood, Ore.

In the next phase of the search process, the finalists are scheduled to visit Corvallis on Aug. 4 and 5 to par-

ticipate in a series of interviews with the City Council, city staff and community members.

The finalists also are expected to attend a public reception from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Aug. 4 in the main meeting room of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 N.W. Monroe Ave.

The finalists will give brief remarks beginning at 6 p.m. and comment cards will be provided so audience members can share their thoughts with Mayor Julie Manning and the City Council.



ANDY CRIFE | CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

Louanna Oliver of Alsea participated in the protest of proposed riparian rules in Benton County at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library on Tuesday evening.

Protesters decry riparian rules

Rural landowners challenge county over property rights

By **BENNETT HALL**
CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

A county rulemaking process that has been stirring up discontent among rural property owners drew its first full-fledged protest Tuesday evening.

About 40 people gathered at 5:30 p.m. outside the Corvallis library, where a public meeting was scheduled for 6:30 to discuss proposed land-use regulations designed to protect water quality and fish habitat by establishing “riparian corridors” around streams in unincorporated Benton County.

Most were county residents, landowners who will be directly affected by the new rules. But some came from other parts of the state to protest what they see as an all-out assault on private property rights.

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For the most part the demonstrators were quiet, preferring to let their signs do their talking with slogans such as “My Fish Feel Fine,” “Keep Your Hands Off My Waterfront,” “Benton County USSR” and “My Land Is Tainted – ‘Tain’t Yours.”

Mimi Stout, an Alsea property owner who helped organize the protest, said she didn’t think county officials were getting the message she and others had expressed at previous public meetings.

“The planners aren’t listening to us,” she said. “Everybody said they didn’t want it, and they wrote the rules anyway.”

Jeff Boatwright, whose family owns property in the Alsea Valley, said the proposed rules are “based on green fantasies” rather than sound science.

“The water quality is just fine in the Alsea Valley,” he said. “They can’t even show us any examples where it’s a problem.”

Some protesters went so far as to call the rules part of a United Nations conspiracy to usurp American sovereignty and individual property rights under the guise of environmental sustainability.

“Their goal is to take over the world by taking over the water, the land and the food,” said Shaylor Scalf of Junction City, who’s been fighting a similar rulemaking process in Lane County.

Much of their discontent followed them inside the building.

Community Development Director Greg Verret and other county planning officials provided an overview of the riparian protection rulemaking process, which began in 2009 and has included 16 public meetings to date.

Tuesday’s meeting had been billed as an opportunity for citizens to provide suggestions for revising the draft rules, which will be presented to the county

ON THE NET

Find a copy of the draft code and other information about the county’s riparian zone protection efforts at www.co.benton.or.us/cd/riparian.

planning commission for review and ultimately sent to the Board of Commissioners for possible adoption.

Some of the 90 or so audience members did just that, but many were more interested in challenging the legal and scientific basis for the rules and questioning the county’s authority to impose them.

Verret said the county was obliged to create the regulations to comply with state land use goals and federal clean water law, but that he and his staff were making every effort to create a flexible framework that property owners could live with.

“It’s a balance between local control and state requirements,” he said. “This is a complex societal balancing of values and costs.”

But for many in the room, it all boiled down to one issue: the sanctity of private property. Several people said they wouldn’t mind voluntary programs to protect the environment, but they resented being told what they can and can’t do on their own land.

Protest organizer Mimi Stout was one of the last people to speak Tuesday night. She and her husband, she said, have taken good care of their riverfront property in Alsea, and they should be able to use it as they see fit.

“My husband and I were even baptized in our river,” Stout said. “And I’d like to be able to sit there and say I’ve worked for 40 years to make this nice – it’s mine, and I want to be able to enjoy it. That’s what I’d like to see in the code.”

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A. Department Highlights

Administration

- The committee for Fall Staff In-Service Day had its first four meetings. Planning for a full day of programs on October 19 is coming together. Library Director Carolyn Rawles-Heiser and Management Assistant Carol Klamkin are the co-chairs.
- As part of the Library's sustainability efforts, we recently purchased our own larger "dumpster" for garbage and decreased our pickup service from twice a week to once a week. Adam Steele, from Public Works, had been monitoring our trash volumes for the last year. He determined that owning our own dumpster instead of renting it and decreasing pickup frequency will save the Library approximately \$1750 per year! This change was possible because the Library is doing a great job of recycling and composting, and much less goes to the landfill than in the past.
- Letters were sent to eight non-profit organizations to confirm their reservations for booth spaces in front of the Library during Fall Festival: Responsible Mothers & Others, Senior Dog Rescue, Benton County Democrats, Home Life, Corvallis to the Sea Trail, Planned Parenthood, ACLU & NAACP, League of Women Voters, and Environmental Action Council of Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.
- Senior Administrative Specialist Janelle Cook completed her first *Check It Out* newsletter as the new editor, taking over from Carol Klamkin. Not only did she coordinate all the article submissions, she did all the graphic design to revise the layout, and dealt with the printer.
- Senior Administrative Specialist Erin Kahle compiled the list of donors who gave to the Library, Friends of the Library, and Foundation from July 2010 through June 2011. Six hundred forty-five donors are named on the list, which is included in the September/October edition of *Check It Out*.

Library Services

Access Services

- Circulation welcomed Simon Tatom, a new Library Specialist II. He transferred to the Library from Public Works.
- Circulation finished the recruitment for two shelvers who will start in September. More than 400 people applied for the two half-time positions.
- Library Specialist III Tammy Rider is serving on the community-wide Random Review committee. They have completed their selection process and have a new year of great reviews planned.

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Adult Services

- Librarian Alexandra Regan also served on the Random Review committee. See notes above.
- We completed our annual review of the magazine collection, cancelling low use titles and adding a few new titles.

Extension Services

- We are excited to announce that Peggy Giles will be the new Bookmobile driver. We will now be looking to fill Peggy's previous position of Courier Driver.
- The recruitment process for the Extensions Librarian is coming along.
- Suzy Conway in Philomath retired at the end of August and we will be filling her half-time Librarian position in the near future.
- The Bookmobile had almost 700 visitors at the Benton County fair. We were very pleased with the turnout and will definitely be going back next year.

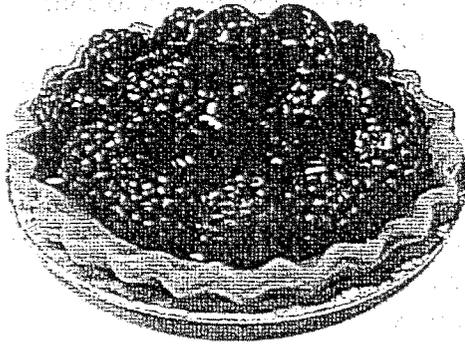
Youth Services

- The Library once again worked with Parks & Recreation to host Last Chance Camp the last week of August. This has been a successful collaboration in past years.
- The Library held its final 2011 Summer Reading program on August 11th. Kids enjoyed a magic show and balloon sculptures. Readers who completed the program were able to receive their certificates.
- Youth staff are modifying work schedules to better reflect operational needs on our busiest days.
- Youth staff are looking at how best to staff the teen area after school by being proactive.
- Staff are working on a major promotion of library databases specifically designed to help with homework assignments for the month of September.

B. Other

- The Friends of the Library and the Foundation installed a new display area in the lobby. It is located near the entrance to the 50¢ Book Shelf Room.

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CLINIC HOURS

The Alsea Clinic will be open each day of the week, Monday through Friday, as of Monday, August 22. Each year, the clinic saves money by operating on a four-day per week schedule for most of the summer. Once school gets close to opening, however, and sports physicals are in demand, the clinic returns to its normal full-week schedule.

Appointments for sports physicals may be made by calling 541-487-7116.

Rosie & Adrian Stone's Canning Classes



Learn from the Experts!

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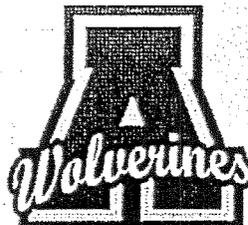
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or call the church office (541) 487-4442 and leave your name
and telephone number.

School to Operate Monday through Thursday; No School on Fridays



Alsea School will still operate on a four-day week, but the schedule for this year will be Monday through Thursday, with school closed on Friday. (That is different from last year, when the school was closed on Mondays, which coincided with the schedule of the Alsea Library.) *

New Superintendent Marc Thielman was on vacation as the *Valley Voice* went to press, but more information about the schedule will be available soon.

Library Lines *With Mary Rounds*

Alsea Community Effort has become a Linn-Benton Food Share Partner! This means that kids and adults can always ask for snacks at the library after school or during library programs or any time you are hungry! Hooray for Food!

Visit the library to see some lovely art work created by kids and adults at our wonderful summer programs. The meeting room sports a paper cut-out mural that will be sure to cheer you up with its bright colors and imaginative additions from many hands. Window art glows with sunlight. Chalk sunflowers in black paper frames, from realistic to abstract, adorn the walls.

Mae Hitchcock had young artists replace last year's giant tissue-paper flower tree with a Flower Fairy Tree which not only has your usual fairies-in-flower-skirts gracing its boughs, but a spider fairy, a mermaid fairy, and a dragonfly. Too bad for us—the alien space creature fairy and the scorpion fairy went home with their creators.

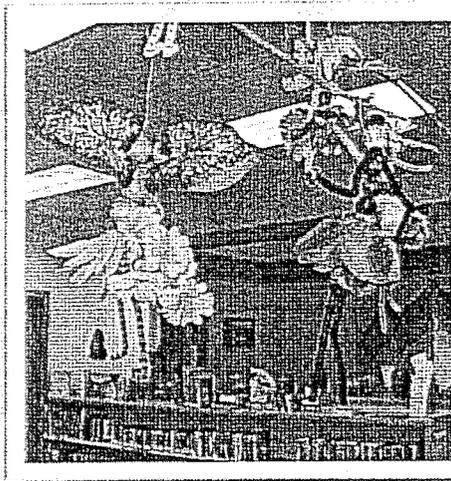
Stepping stones made with the help of Jessie Barnhouse are on display on the front porch walkway. Artists at Jessie's series of four hand-built clay exploration workshops produced whimsical creatures, masks, mermaids, bowls and vases, and more. Firing the ceramics is yet to be completed. This spring Jessie created a series of ceramic pieces just for Alsea Community Library. These striking and inventive works are now hanging in the children's area. As you will see when you come in to view Jessie's art, several young readers helped her with the project. Look for more about Jessie and her art in future Alsea Valley Voice articles.

Drama Boot Camp with Davey Porter the last two weeks of July were great fun, if fun can be judged by the peals of laughter and the clapping coming from the meeting room. Working on improvisational skills and delivering monologues kept participants on their mental toes and was highly entertaining. Need to find a theatrical agent and know what to expect him/her to do for you? Want to know what dramatic ingredients go into a funny scene in a movie? Just quiz a Boot Camper.

Here's a great book for you readers interested in acting: *Acting and Theatre*, by Cheryl Evans and Lucy Smith, Usborne Publishing. This is a book for kids and young adults but it has tons of info packed into its slim pages. From helpful tips on learning lines to basic makeup and lighting, to theatre games and improvisation activities, to history of drama, this book is a gem. And, hey—you always wanted to know about the Theatre of Cruelty and the Theatre of the Absurd, didn't you?

TEENS—it's not too late to read or listen to 10 books, manga, comics, magazines or audio books and get your name placed into the drawing for movie gift certificates from Carmike and Regal cinemas.

The **USED BOOK SALE** shelves at the library are chock-full of recent donations, and regular-sized paperbacks can be had for a mere 25 cents. Hardbacks are \$1.00. Trade paperbacks (the bigger ones) and larger paperback gardening, cookbooks, and how-to craft books are from 50 cents to \$1.00, depending on how new they are. The money all goes to the Friends of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, who then generously fund programs presented by our local Alsea artists.



Flower Fairies hanging from "tree" in children's area includes a spider fairy, a mermaid fairy, and a dragonfly.

August Events for All Ages:

Art with Mae Hitchcock, Tuesdays, Aug 2 and AUG 9, 12 noon 'til 2 pm

Heartland Humane Society, Wednesday, Aug 17th from 1 to 2 pm and again on Wednesday, Aug 24th (After school's first day!) at 3:30 pm

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Library insulated from market's realities

Tony Vlastelica's letter of May 10, "City services are nice but not at these prices," on the high cost of salaries paid to 24 professional employees of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library (\$1,500 to \$9,600 a month plus PERS) provides a clear contrast between how corporate America operates as opposed to public employee America.

Excluding the university, Corvallis has had two organizations in the book, video and record businesses: Borders bookstore, which sells them, and the public library, which provides them as a public service.

In 2006, Borders and its Waldenbooks outlets had more than 1,300 stores worldwide. Five years later, and even with the elimination of almost 1,000 outlets and its acquisition by another corporation, Borders' remaining assets are being liquidated under Chapter 7 bankruptcy. Why?

The three main factors are high union costs, a bitter adversarial position between management and employees, and the corporation's failure to adjust to changing technology and conditions.

The library, on the other hand, has had its operations endorsed by the voters with a bond issue, yet the library suffers from two of the factors that destroyed Borders. It, however, needs no examination of reducing labor costs through consolidation, adjusting to changing technology or eliminating benefits to reduce costs.

With voter endorsement of the status quo, the library — like almost all government agencies — will not have to change to seek to become more efficient or reduce costs. It will continue into the future relatively unchanged, even as the employees of Borders seek new jobs.

And some actually wonder why government spending has increased.

Robert Nelson
Albany

Read To Me

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JESSE SKOUBO | CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

Sydney, a 9-year-old Australian shepherd, and owner Jennifer Gervais of Corvallis listen to Julia Weldon, 7, of Corvallis as she reads Wednesday afternoon as part of the Reading Education Assistance Dogs, READ, program at the Corvallis Library.

Reid Kerr, 8, of Corvallis meets Toby, a Havanese, and owner Claudia Jump of Philomath before reading at the library. The READ program brings in canine reading partners twice weekly during the month of July as part of the library's larger Summer Reading Program. About 100 children participated in July. For more information on the continuing summer programs, call Youth Services at 541-766-6794, or see the calendar on the library website at www.thebestlibrary.net.



Summer free lunch program thriving

Federal program provides free lunches to children 18 and under at various Benton County locations

By RAJU WOODWARD
CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

Visiting the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library is one of 7-year-old Quinn Wahl's favorite activities. This summer, he and his four siblings have been weekly visitors to the library at 645 N.W. Monroe Ave. And here's one of the reasons Quinn enjoys his library visits so much: He can eat lunch there.

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A6: Find a list of dates and places for the free summer meal program

Abby Wahl, with her children Quinn, 7, Mila, 5, Desmond, 3, and twins Emery and Eli, 15 months, sit down to eat lunch with other families at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library on Tuesday afternoon in Corvallis.

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Lunch: Summer

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"It's a lot of fun being able to eat here," Quinn said Tuesday afternoon as he munched on some graham crackers. "I like talking to other kids, too."

For the second straight summer, the library is serving as a host site for the Corvallis School District's summer meal program, which started June 21 and runs through Sept. 3.

Children 18 and under, regardless of income, can receive a free lunch at different locations throughout Benton County. Two of the sites (the Boys & Girls Club of Corvallis and Lincoln Elementary School) also offer breakfast. Parents and guardians can choose to buy breakfast for \$1.50 or lunch for \$3.

Each lunch features a main entree ranging from ham and cheese sandwiches to chicken nuggets, a vegetable, a piece of fruit and milk. One of the few requirements of the program is that all meals must be eaten on site.

The summer meal program is funded by federal money and aims to ensure that children get at least one balanced meal every day during the week. The Corvallis School District has run the program since 1995.

Marv Newcombe, the Corvallis School District's food services supervisor, said the summer meal program has expanded in recent years — from six sites in 2008 to 15 this year.

Sites are chosen based on how many students are enrolled in the free and reduced meal program during the school year and census data.

"We are serving about 1,000 meals daily now," Newcombe said. "We've expanded our numbers of sites because we are trying to make sure more kids, especially those who are low-income, get meals they need."

In addition to schools, libraries and parks, Newcombe said the program is also offered at summer schools at Corvallis and Crescent Valley high schools and Oregon State University's KidSpirit program.

And the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library has become one of the more popular summer meal program sites now that more people know about the program.

"We're getting about 30 to 40 people every day," said youth services librarian Ruth Rose Hennessey. "Thursday tends to draw the most because that's when we hold story time."

On a recent Tuesday, for example, children began lining up in front of the activity room doors near the

SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM

Here are the sites, dates and times for the summer meal program:

- **Corvallis Boys & Girls Club**, runs through Sept. 3, M-F. Breakfast, 8:25 to 9:15 a.m.; lunch, noon to 12:30 p.m.
- **Lancaster Bridge**, runs through Sept. 3, M-F. Lunch, noon to 12:30 p.m.
- **Adair Village Park**, runs through Sept. 3, M-F. Lunch, noon to 12:30 p.m.
- **Corvallis-Benton County Public Library**, runs through Sept. 3, M-F. Lunch, 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.
- **Philomath City Library**, runs through Aug. 27, M-F. Lunch, 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.
- **Clemens Primary School**, runs through Aug. 27, M-F. Lunch, 12:15 to 12:45 p.m.
- **Garfield Elementary School**, runs through Aug. 27, M-Th., Lunch, noon to 12:30 p.m.
- **Lincoln Elementary School**, runs through Aug. 5, M-Th.; Breakfast, 8:30 to 9 a.m.; lunch, noon to 12:30 p.m.
- **Wilson Elementary School**, runs through Friday, M-Th. Lunch, noon to 12:30 p.m.

youth area in the library.

Within 10 minutes of the doors opening at 12:15 p.m., the 50 lunches that were prepared by Wendy Coskey had been served to children and some parents. Each lunch included a hot dog, celery, orange, graham crackers and milk.

Coskey, a summer meal program site coordinator for the Corvallis School District, said that the number of people has increased every week this summer.

"On Monday we had 65 people show up," Coskey said. "That's a record for us here. It's definitely becoming more popular. You can tell because it gets pretty crowded in here fast."

Coskey said that on a daily basis about two to three parents purchase meals to eat with their children. She said the most popular menu item is chicken nuggets, which are usually served twice a month.

And the summer meal program is a hit with parents, too. Juan Li was helping her 2-year-old son, Cyrus Chen, eat his hot dog Tuesday.

"It's very convenient," Li said. "Here he can focus more on eating his lunch. Then when we get home, it's easier to get him to fall asleep for nap."

Abby Wahl, Quinn's mother, also praised the summer meal program's benefits.

"It's nice not having to cook or prepare a meal every once in a while," Wahl said. "The kids like it because they get to meet new friends at the library."

Readin' and strummin'

Final summer reading program at library features a ukulele

By RAJU WOODWARD
CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

PHILOMATH — Songs and magic highlighted the final summer reading program Thursday at the Philomath Community Library.

Using an ukulele, Cinda Tilgner led about 40 children through classics such as "Old MacDonald had a Farm" and "The Wheels on the Bus" inside the Philomath City Council's meeting room.

Tilgner, who is from Mount Hood, has performed for 30 years, mostly in educational settings and at retirement homes. But she also knows her way around an audience of children.

Between songs, Tilgner performed magic tricks, enlisting the help of some of her young audience members. One trick involved placing three pieces of cloth into a hat — then pulling them forth as a whole U.S. flag.

Tilgner's appearance marked the last of five reading programs hosted this summer by the Philomath Community Library. Other programs included scribe drawing and silk hoop painting.

Similar programs were held at libraries in Alsea and Monroe. The programs are



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Cinda Tilgner, performs for a room full of children and parents Thursday afternoon at the Philomath Public Library.

sponsored by Friends of the Library, a group that helps support library programs and services in Corvallis, Philomath, Alsea and Monroe.

"The attendance has been pretty consistent," Philomath Community Library reference librarian Suzy Conway said. "All of our entertainers have been great."

Tilgner engaged participation by everyone in the audience, including parents. Each was handed rhythm instruments including tam-

bourines, percussion instruments made of wooden dowels called claves, and even plastic fruit.

Joanna Catton, 7, helped Tilgner perform "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" using bells. The Philomath Elementary School second-grader said she was excited to see Tilgner play the ukulele as well.

"I play with my ukulele at home sometimes," Joanna said. "I'd like to learn how to play it as I get older."

Letter about library missed key points

Robert Nelson's letter of July 26, "Library insulated from market's realities," said "Excluding the university, Corvallis has two organizations in the book, video and record business: Borders, which sells them, and the public library."

He compared the cost of doing business between corporate America and public employee America.

Mr. Nelson omitted several successful private-sector book and music stores in Corvallis: The Book Bin, Browsers Bookstore, Grass Roots Books & Music and Happy Trails, among others, are all private-sector businesses in Corvallis that seem to be succeeding even though they are not part of "public employee America." Without acknowledging the success of those local stores, Mr. Nelson's arguments are invalid.

Regarding Kevin Horrigan's comments in his July 27 column, "The man who killed Borders," that in 2005, 61 percent of college seniors did not read for pleasure:

I had no time to read for pleasure when I was a science major at OSU. After graduation, it was amazing: I had time to read novels again! Judging readership based on college seniors majoring in the sciences is not a valid measurement of the popularity of books.

Louise Marquering
Corvallis

The Corvallis City Council cordially invites you to a reception for
City Manager Candidates

Thursday, August 4
5:30 to 7:00 pm
Candidate Introductions
at 6:00 pm

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Candidates for Corvallis city manager meet public

By NANCY RASKAUSKAS
CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

Five finalists for the city's top administrative position did their best Thursday to give Corvallis citizens a strong first impression during a public reception at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.

The next step comes today, as Mayor Julie Manning and the City Council will spend all day conducting back-to-back interviews with the applicants, who came from a pool of 87 applicants.

Depending on how quickly the council can come to a consensus, the new city manager could be announced as early as Monday, said Ellen Volmert, the interim city manager.

Jim Patterson, the current city manager of Sherwood and the lone Oregonian in the running, was the first to introduce himself in front of a crowd of about 75.

He wasted no time reminding the audience of his in-state ties and the fact that two of his three children, who were in attendance along with his wife, Valerie, are Oregon State University Beavers.

Patterson praised Corvallis' involved citizenry, saying that as many people came out to listen to city manager candidates Thursday as he might see at a

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meeting about chickens inside the city limits in Sherwood (presumably a controversial topic).

"This place has a clear vision," he said referring to the city's Vision 2020 statement. "I welcome the opportunity to help Corvallis move closer to the goals that have been defined."

Breaking from his prepared remarks for a moment, he also pointed out a former Sherwood colleague in the audience — new Corvallis Schools Superintendent Erin Prince, whose previous job was with the Sherwood School District.

Graham Mitchell, a former city attorney and the current city manager of Lemon Grove, Calif., gave more off-the-cuff remarks next, admitting that he got his first glimpse of Oregon on Wednesday as he drove south from the Portland airport on Interstate 205.

"I do appreciate your warmth and your hospitality," he said. "I'm grateful to be here. Grateful for the quality of life that Corvallis offers. ... All the factors (that cities strive for across the nation) are here," he added.

Amy Brown, acting city administrator and past deputy administrator of the city and county of San Francisco, came next.

After getting her start as an attorney, she had a varied career in public service — which she called a personal calling, while at the same time making a humorous reference to Amy Poehler's driven character in the television comedy "Parks & Recreation."

Striking a more serious note, she said, "I really am very committed to public service, committed to the highest ethics in public service. I think that starts at the top — certainly with the mayor and the elected officials — but also with the city administrators."

With her appointment in San Francisco soon coming to an end she just started looking for a new position.

"This is actually the first one that I applied for and I'm very honored to be among your finalists," she said.

"When I started looking into the values of the city and the things that you have going on here I was struck by a lot of similarities," she said. "We have very engaged active citizens ... we are very committed to historic preservation ... we are very committed to being green and sustainable. There are a lot of things that actually are similar despite the huge size differences."

Terrie Battuello, the assistant city manager of Bothell, Wash., praised the city's community values.

"I am a very strong collaborator," she said. She cited past work developing energy districts, LEED-certified buildings and working in economic development (specifically farmers markets and the recruitment of grocery stores).

"The scale and the structure of the Corvallis government really echoes my past in my hometown of Bremerton where we have a nine-member council ... and a university (University of Washington — Bothell).

David Andrews, the assistant town manager and finance director in Paradise Valley, Ariz., took a moment to make his wife Salette blush by wishing her happy birthday in front of the crowd and mentioning their three grown children and the family's two rescued dogs.

Andrews spoke of his 20 years' experience in local government in southern Arizona, which included 18 years in the town of Oro Valley, near Tucson. That city saw transformative growth, from a population of about 7,000 to 41,000, under his tenure.

"I got a real strong background in financial management, economic development, intergovernmental relations, regional cooperation, communications, transparency — a lot of the issues that were identified in the position profile as important to the mayor, council and community."

Why does he want the Corvallis job? "Why not?" he said. "My wife and I came in last night. ... We went to a couple of your restaurants, we saw some of the nightlife. You have a healthy, vibrant downtown. You are what so many cities and towns around this country wish that they could be."

"What I see is that, in terms of economic development it's not necessarily about high-growth and getting big and tax incentives and those kinds of things. It's about quality of life, walkability and sustainability, working with the university and knowing what you want to be."

One finalist, Steve Franks of Orange County, Calif., was absent on Thursday. He dropped out of the running at the last moment because of a family medical emergency.

The new manager will succeed Jon Nelson, who retired on June 30 after a nearly 19 years with the city and 30 years working in municipal government. Nelson's annual salary was just over \$164,000 at the time of his retirement.

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Nine-year-old Helen Panshin of watches as Jay Frazier performs magic at the Corvallis library. Helen said she read about 20 books during the Kids Summer Reading Celebration this year.



Presto A reader!

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Jay Frazier, of Creswell, displays some of the books on magic available at the Corvallis-Benton County Library during his magic show that concluded the Kids Summer Reading Celebration on Thursday afternoon at the library.

Magic show provides finale to library's summer reading program for kids

By GRADY GARRETT
CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

As the Kids Summer Reading Celebration came to a close Thursday at the Corvallis-Benton County Library, Jay Frazier pulled out three playing cards for one final magic trick.

As he had for an hour, Frazier amazed the audience of about 50 children when he deftly turned one of the three cards, an ace of spades, into a library card.

"A library card is a true magic card," Frazier told the audience. "Whenever you read, you will learn things; you will be inspired, and you will have fun."

And with that, the summer reading program, which began with registration June 13 came to a close less than a month before the start of school on Sept. 6.

Thursday's finale and the magic show

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JAY FRAZIER
MAGICIAN

was a celebration for the children, age 5 to 12, who completed the summer reading program as well as any other youngsters who wanted to attend.

The children who participated received a reading packet at the start of the summer designed to encourage them to read during their summer vacation. It included a checklist of things participants needed to accomplish in order to collect a certificate, which included a

\$3 gift card to the farmers market, at the program's end.

"Kids were encouraged to read at least 10 different genres, checkout different data bases and read in different parks," Youth Services Division Manager Curtis L. Kiefer said.

In addition to encouraging and providing incentive for kids to read at home, the library put on nearly a dozen summer reading programs throughout the summer, including the Chintimini Chamber Music Festival, the Leapin' Louie Show, the Lego Building Program and several book clubs.

The "Friends of the Library" funded the summer reading program, paying for the performers and supplies that made the activities possible.

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Kiefer said 1,500 children participated in Corvallis with about 2,000 young readers throughout Benton County.

Helen Panshin, 9, estimated she had read at least 20 books. The Corvallis resident and soon-to-be fourth grader at Garfield Elementary School, said her

favorite books were about dogs and horses.

Noah Tom, an 8-year-old at Adams Elementary School, estimated that he read six to eight books this summer. His mom, Sue Lee, said she likes the program and has encouraged her son to participate for several summers now.

"I think it's neat because

he had to read different kinds of books wouldn't normally read," Lee said. She's brought Tom, as well as her 3-year-old son, Sam, to several programs this summer.

Tom and Helen agreed on their favorite part of Thursday's final program:

"The magic part was the best!"

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DeFazio schedules town hall visits

CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

Rep. Peter DeFazio, who now represents more of Corvallis in the 4th Congressional District, will visit Corvallis on Thursday as part of a series of town hall meetings.

The new congressional boundaries approved by the Oregon Legislature move Oregon State University and portions of Corvallis out of the 5th Congressional District represented by Kurt Schrader to the 4th Congressional District represented by DeFazio.

The hour-long event is

scheduled for 5:30 p.m. in the main room of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 N.W. Monroe Ave.

At 1:30 p.m., DeFazio is scheduled to appear in Albany for a Town Hall meeting at the City Council chambers, 333 Broadalbin St.

DeFazio recently unveiled a proposal to drastically redraw federally managed forest boundaries to allow more logging in some areas and less in others.

The talks are free, and the public is invited.

DeFazio bashes Obama's leadership

4th District Democrat gets warm welcome at Corvallis town hall

By NANCY RASKAUSKAS
CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

Rep. Peter DeFazio's first Corvallis appearance since his district was redrawn to include more of Benton County brought out supporters in numbers Thursday evening.

An overflow crowd of more than 175 people attended a town hall at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.

DeFazio started by saying he doesn't approve of the leadership of fellow Democrat, President Barack

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Rep. Peter DeFazio greets Muriel Lawrence, of Corvallis, before entering the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library. Lawrence was one of a handful of pickets showing their support for Medicare.

MARK YLEN
ALBANY DEMOCRAT-HERALD



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Obama:

"President Obama had said numerous times that he would not support an extension of the tax cuts — the Bush tax cuts — for the wealthy. Unfortunately, in the end he caved in," DeFazio said. "We not only got an extension of the Bush tax cuts (in December 2010)... but we got a new tax cut ... which is a 2 percent reduction of the Social Security tax."

"Since Social Security is self-funded, we're giving \$110 billion in tax cuts to people who pay Social Security, but we're borrowing \$110 billion from China to put into Social Security," he added. "The theory is that puts a lot of people to work, I don't think it puts anybody to work."

DeFazio said he's lobbying his congressional colleagues to invest in infrastructure projects to help get people back to work. Possible Oregon projects mentioned included repairs to jetties at coastal ports and updates to Willamette River system dams, which can't operate at full capacity because of structural wear from age.

Philomath resident Jeff Lamb was one of many to step up to the mic to ask DeFazio about his policies. Lamb criticized the Democrats in Congress for allowing Republicans to "win the political narrative" by simply repeating its messages until the public thinks it is fact.

"I feel like my president has rolled over on me," said Lamb, who also spoke of the importance of the contract of Social Security. "If Congress rolls over, then we have defaulted in spades. If you guys don't change the narrative, you're going to lose the Senate and the White House."

DeFazio echoed his own frustrations, saying that this year he left Washington D.C., with high blood pressure for the first time in his life.

He said that the president is expected to unveil a jobs plan after Labor Day. "I have some faint hope that this time the president will present

something concrete, to make a bad pun," DeFazio said.

DeFazio explained his "no" vote on the 2009 Stimulus Bill, saying that the plan included \$340 billion in tax cuts that he didn't support and that only 7 percent was designed to put people back to work.

DeFazio called the recent debate of the debt ceiling limit routine:

"To say the United States of America isn't good for its debts is a pretty dangerous thing, and luckily nobody really believed that."

He chastised Standard & Poor's for recently downgrading the government's credit rating from AAA for the first time. He also spoke out against the new 12-member bipartisan "Super Congress" created by the vote on the debt ceiling earlier this month, that has the ability to quickly fast-track legislation through both chambers. He called for more transparency.

DeFazio got loud applause when he said the U.S. should end its military presence in Iraq and Afghanistan to save \$1 trillion dollars over 10 years. And he said it's high time for the Pentagon to get a full financial audit.

DeFazio also voiced his support of repealing Medicare Part D "to give seniors a better benefit at a much less cost."

Outside the library, more than a dozen people from the Mid-Valley Health Care Advocates group held up signs in support of Medicare and against cuts to Medicare or Medicaid.

Group spokeswoman Betty Johnson thanked DeFazio during the town hall, for his advocacy efforts to increase the Medicare reimbursement rates for Oregon physicians, which are low in comparison to other states — particularly on the East Coast — leading many physicians to no longer accept new Medicare patients.

Corvallis was the site of DeFazio's 14th and final town hall during a tour of his home district this month.

4th Quarter YTD Statistics Summary

	FY 10/11	FY 09/10	% Change
Circulation			
Main	1,445,939	1,493,722	-3.20%
Extensions	180,153	180,634	-0.27%
Library2Go	27,644	16,774	64.80%
Total	1,653,736	1,691,130	-2.21%
Registered Borrowers	50,631	49,961	1.34%
Holds			
Placed	278,931	320,703	-13.03%
Filled	285,677	308,997	-7.55%
Billing Notices Processed	4,589	5,096	-9.95%
Fines Collected	\$75,873	\$56,590	34.07%
Net Lost & Paid	\$16,320	\$15,675	4.11%
New Out of County Cards			
Paid	17	20	-15.00%
Free	146	154	-5.19%
Total	163	174	-6.32%
Loans to other Libraries	1,740	4,226	-58.83%
Loans from other Libraries	631	4,768	-86.77%
Visits*			
Door Count	842,817	926,028	-8.99%
Remote Usage	1,048,113	949,484	10.39%
I-tiva	10,877	10,070	8.01%
Total	1,901,807	1,885,582	0.86%
Staff Public Interactions			
Ref/Info Questions	241,059	239,863	0.50%
Directional Questions	48,516	48,269	0.51%
Meeting Room	977	1,093	-10.61%
Volunteers	322	284	13.38%
Volunteer Hours	16,043.25	14,806.00	8.36%
Items Added	41,991	50,248	-16.43%
Items Mended	17,003	10,680	59.20%
Items Discarded	35,515	47,775	-25.66%
Total Items in Collection	345,279	347,465	-0.63%

NOTE: *FY 10-11 Hours reduced @ Corvallis Public Library
from 69 per week to 56 per week, including closed on Sundays.