

Library Advisory Board Meeting

AGENDA

**Wednesday
March 2, 2016**

**7:30 pm
Board Room**

- 7:30 pm - Call to Order
- Introductions
- Community Comments
- Approval of February 3, 2016 Board Minutes
- Library Advisory Board Packet Questions & Comments
- Strategic Plan Discussion – Goals & Objectives
- Director's Report / Budget Discussion
- Division Manager Reports
- Board Reports
 - Friends of the Library Board
 - Foundation Board
- Information Sharing
- Adjournment

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Documents for Meeting

- Library Advisory Board Minutes – February 3, 2016
- Library Advisory Board Report – February 2016

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LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
February 3, 2016

Board Present

Jennifer Alexander, Vice-Chair
Mike Beilstein
Katherine Bremser
Karen Clevering
Scott Elmshaeuser
Cheryl Maze
Steve Stephenson
Norah Storniolo

Staff Present

Carolyn Rawles, Library Director
Andrew Cherbas, Extensions and Technology Mgr.
Rachel Denué, Senior Administrative Specialist
Shaun Hearn, Circulation Supervisor
Carol Klamkin, Library Administrative Services Mgr.
Kristin Starnes, Adult & Youth AIC
Felicia Uhden, Access Services Manager

Absent/Excused:

Jacque Schreck, Chair
Diane Cygan
Eric Dickey
Paula Krane
Anne Schuster

Visitors:

Penny York, Ward 1 City Councilor

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Agenda Item	Information Only	Action
Call to Order	7:30 pm	
Community Comments	X	
Penny York, Ward 1 City Councilor – Vision Action Plan	X	
Minutes: January 14, 2016		Approved.
Library Advisory Board Packet	X	
Strategic Plan Discussion - Goals	X	
Director's Report	X	
Division Manager Reports	X	
Board Reports ♦Friends of the Library Board ♦Foundation Board	X X	
Information Sharing	X	
Adjournment	8:47 pm	

CONTENT OF DISCUSSION

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, Jennifer Alexander at 7:30 pm. Went around the room with introductions.

II. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Penny York commented that she really enjoys storytime at our library with her great granddaughter.

III. PENNY YORK, WARD 1 CITY COUNCILOR – VISION AND ACTION PLAN

Penny stated that she would like to discuss what we as a community will be working on in the next year and encourage everyone to participate. They have several goals, one being to develop a new Vision and Action Plan 2040 for the City of Corvallis. Penny stated that the 2020 Vision Statement is mainly for land use plans, but does include the Library. The new plan will be a starting point for an action plan for the community and how to implement it. It will have projects to track and things for the community to be working on. She commented that she sees that the Library is working on updating their Strategic Plan and asked them to think about what they are working on, as it could become a project in the Action Plan and give more opportunities for support and partnerships.

Penny handed out two items: 1) a Memo regarding Focus Areas, and 2) the 1.2.2 Our Planned Approach. She commented that they are working on figuring out how to track projects and how to gauge if they actually made an impact on the community. The information in the Memo is a draft of the focus areas of the 2040 plan. These areas are formed differently than before, they are based on 25 interviews consultants have conducted in the community, their work in other communities, what draws people in, and comments from the Steering Committee and the community. You will have opportunities to get your ideas into the Vision Statement itself by community workshops, surveys on the City's website, and participating. Mike Beilstein stated that, so far, they have received 23 applicants for the Steering Committee. Penny added that the commitment for the committee is only until the end of the year.

Cheryl Maze asked Penny if she could go over the handouts a little. Penny reviewed the phases on the 1.2.2 Our Planned Approach handout and explained that the Council has really been working at expanding networks in the community. Consultants worked hard at finding the best networks and groups in Corvallis. Penny encouraged everyone that if they have a group they feel might not get reached very easily, please contact her and she will pass it on to the consultant.

Penny reported that they are currently in Phase 2 – Vision Refinement, which is building the Vision Statement and working on community engagement. The timeline is to get this brought to the Council in November and completed in December before the current members change. They want to be able to finish the plan, adopt it, and next year they will focus more on implementation and community work to make sure the vision really happens.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Steve Stephenson moved to approve the January 14, 2016 meeting minutes. Seconded by Cheryl and the motion carried.

V. LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD PACKET QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Karen Clevering asked when the board packet is sent out to everyone. Rachel Denué replied that it is sent out via email the Friday before the meeting.

Jennifer asked Carolyn Rawles to clarify the definition of AIC. Carolyn replied that AIC means "Acting In Capacity" and that is what Kristin Starnes is doing at this time. She is AIC for the Adult and Youth Services Manager. Since there was not a successful recruitment for Mary Finnegan's position, there will be library staff "Acting In Capacity" until new recruitment is completed.

Jennifer stated that she had a good time at the Sip & Spell and it was a great turnout. She hopes to see more about the event in the next packet.

Katherine Bremser asked about Bonnie Brzozowski's webinar and what she had learned. Carolyn replied that she doesn't personally know much about it, but she will ask Bonnie and report back to Katherine.

Katherine asked if anyone was going to discuss the article in the paper about City budget cuts. Carolyn replied that yes, she will be discussing the budget during her report.

Scott Elmshaeuser asked if Theodore Gregg, who's obituary was included in the packet, was involved in the library and if so, how. Carol replied that he was involved with the Philomath Library. Steve added that he was strongly involved in getting it built.

VI. STRATEGIC PLAN DISCUSSION – GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Carolyn reviewed the updated Goals and Objectives. She commented that she included dates in all the objectives that didn't previously include one and also added a few good suggestions that Karen had made to target increasing access to the library for all people.

1.0 Community Catalyst

1.1.1 – Carolyn updated to include that at least one collaboration or partnership should focus on increasing usage of the library by an underserved population.

1.2.2 – Katherine asked if we should add something about making building modifications to this objective. Carolyn replied that is included in the 3.4.1. objective.

Katherine asked if she remembered correctly of a past discussion about potential money to hire a consultant for a marketing plan in the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Carolyn replied that she didn't believe that was what was discussed, as they have not included money in the budget for that. They will need to hire a consultant, but will potentially use gift money for that.

Steve asked in regards to a building consultant, are we talking about a consultant for all of the facilities or just the main location. Carolyn replied that the Board will need to decide what scope they want on that and ask if we are just looking at what to do with this building or what our overall facility needs are. Her idea was that it would be for just the main building. Steve agreed and thought maybe that should be clarified for the future. Katherine also agreed that it should be clarified so it is easier to read. Carolyn replied that she would make the change to state the Corvallis Library.

2.0 Equitable Access

2.3.2 – Carolyn updated to include that at least one project and/or program emphasizes increasing usage by underserved groups.

3.0 Infrastructure/Facilities

3.1.3 – Jennifer suggested adding 3.1.3 to the last bullet point. Katherine agreed and suggested adding the number for that into the timeline as well.

3.2.1 & 3.2.2 – Katherine stated she is curious how these two things relate to one another. Carolyn replied that the Library Management Team's training plan will mesh with the staff's plan. We want the staff's training plans to coincide and it needs to be within the context of the overall plan. There are staff that fall between cracks on training sometimes and this will help focus on catching that. Steve asked if that training is focused on just technology. Carolyn replied that no, it is any type of training, so broader than just technology. Katherine asked if it'd make sense to add in the context of the library's plan for staff to agree on. Carolyn replied that they could, but she doesn't feel it is necessary to go to that level of specificity. Staff will work with their supervisors to discuss what trainings are needed. Steve agreed.

3.4 - Katherine suggested maybe adding something about sustainability. Carolyn replied that these are mostly related to public service, because our role is to collaborate with building owners and we want to make sure we can provide our services through them. The City's sustainability goals are not county-wide and we are not responsible for those things at the branches outside of the City of Corvallis. It isn't something we could necessarily change if they don't want to follow the City's sustainability goals. Katherine replied that she understands, but the other piece is that Anne Schuster is really strong on sustainability, from a commissioner perspective it may be viewed important. Carolyn replied that the county doesn't own those buildings. We want to make sure they are safe and can be used in different ways. We can add sustainable if the group wants to. Jennifer asked what collaboration is needed to make sure the building is modern and able to provide services. Carolyn replied that the old Alsea library was in a small old building that used to be a bank that became infested with mold. We had taken the lead on moving the community to assess what the needs were. It is up to the community to accomplish that, but we can help get it started. Steve asked Katherine if she had a suggestion on wording for that. Katherine suggested just adding another word – meet user needs and are modern, safe, versatile, sustainable, and welcoming. Carolyn replied that adding sustainable should work. Steve agreed and stated that he feels sustainable doesn't mean much more than the other words in the sentence and that it would show we are recommending sustainability. Mike stated that to operate efficiently, he feels the existing language covers the same thing, he's not sure if it is needed to add sustainable. Karen asked if we are adding a new term, do we need to add a new bullet point to address that term. Carolyn replied that she doesn't believe they need to add a bullet point, as currently there are not points for each term.

4.0 Support for Learning and Personal Enrichment

4.1.3 – Katherine stated that she understands that it doesn't necessarily fit and apply, but it just struck her while reading it. With patrons being surveyed on their satisfaction of library materials, she wants to add materials and services. Carolyn replied that it is a specific goal related to the collection not materials and services. Jennifer added that it talks about programs down in 4.3. Carolyn added that we can always add surveys as we go. Scott added that in 4.3 it mentions programs. Carolyn stated we could add a general patron survey, but the surveys mentioned are very specific. Katherine realized that there is another survey in the goals, so it seems it is already covered.

4.2.1 & 4.2.3 – Karen stated that a difference between 4.2.1 and 4.2.3 is that one is about promoting community and being an advocate and the other promotes library services and taking on the leadership goal. When reworking them, maybe draw those out to make the differences more evident.

4.2.2 – Katherine stated that she understands that Carolyn was given guidance to put things in a timeline, but in the case of this objective she doesn't see how there can be a deadline. Carolyn replied that yes, she agrees, and the date she included is to be a deadline to make sure staff comes up with something by the date listed. Scott added that he sees this as more of a tool to make sure it gets done. Carolyn replied that yes that is exactly what it was for. Cheryl stated that she thinks it is good to have the date and timelines.

Carolyn went over the changes discussed and stated that she will make those changes and bring the updated draft to the next meeting. Katherine asked if they need to discuss the timeline, as she has some questions. She is curious with 2017 September and November, do they relate to two different numbers, as they seem like the same thing. Carolyn replied that they are two different objectives; 4.2.1 is more to use traditional means of publicity as opposed to marketing. They could blend them into one objective if it would be better. Katherine suggested just fine tuning wording on the September, but why give yourself two different deadlines if you don't need to. Carolyn replied that if it is not clear, staff will need to look at it and reword it as needed. Steve stated that you want pieces of it, you can't do it all at once or it makes it a meaningless goal. You have to pick it apart to things we can describe understand and achieve.

Steve stated that he thinks annually and biennial are good to have in the timeline. Katherine stated that one thing she did for herself and may be good to do for the Board, is to pick out the objectives that belong to the Board and those that Library staff will report on. She was thinking that this could potentially be added to their Board calendar. Carolyn agreed and stated that she will add it.

Katherine asked if updating the policy is included in the 2016 fines and fees. Carolyn replied that yes, it includes updating our circulation policy. Steve asked how much money it costs to take in the fines revenue and manage it, and wonders if it is about the same as we receive. Mike added that fines are an incentive, by just knowing they are there. Steve added that you can manage systems without having penalties.

Jennifer asked what the final steps will be for approving the goals and objectives. Carolyn replied that she needs to write some background information and then it will need to be adopted by the City Council. Carolyn asked if anyone has any edits, please let her know by the 15th of this month so she can update everything and have a final draft for review at the next meeting.

Katherine commented that she was impressed with the minutes and how they were clear as to what was discussed at the last meeting.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Carolyn reported that Carol Klamkin will be retiring in April and she is extra sad, as Carol is the last manager still here from when Carolyn started. Carolyn stated that Carol is very good at what she does and she has taken on a lot over the years, doing a ton of what makes our Library operate so well. There are a lot of details to keep this place moving smoothly and Carol does all of those things, as well as supervising the administrative staff. Carolyn wishes Carol wasn't retiring, but wishes her the best. Carol commented that one of her retirement goals is to spend more time at the Library so she hopes to see everyone around.

They are recruiting again to fill Mary Finnegan's Adult and Youth Services Library Division Manager position.

Carolyn and Andrew Cherbas met with the City of Philomath and discussed the library building there.

The preliminary budget numbers have been announced and the Library seems to be in a status quo position. The City announced position cuts and most are related to administrative work in City Hall, with the positions being non-union exempt positions. There have not yet been any AFSCME positions cut, nor any Library staff. The City Manager is hoping to cut one million dollars without impacting services to the public. Of the positions reported being cut, two of the people will be laid off and one person is retiring. The City Manager is going to meet with all departments in early March and go over budgets in detail. He really wants to understand all departments' budgets and services. After that, she will be able to discuss details about the budget.

Steve asked if the library is OK staffing wise this coming year. Carolyn replied that the City does plan on making cuts, but as to when or whom, she doesn't know yet. It is possible the Library may lose staff if they leave for some reason, regardless of her say.

They had a great in-service last week. It was a fun day and they learned a lot. She thanked the committee for all their hard work.

VIII. DIVISION MANAGER REPORTS

Extension Services: Andrew reported that all of the reviews he received back from in-service were good. He reported that Carolyn reviewed the entire Strategic Plan at in-service and everyone was very thankful for that. It was a little bit of an awkward day at the start, as the City Manager's email regarding

budget cuts was sent the evening before and the City Manager was on the agenda for first thing the next morning. That being said, Library staff handled the situation very professionally.

Andrew announced that the Monroe Library launched a Mini Maker program and it was very successful. He added that the Maker program is definitely growing and they met again to figure out how to continue to keep up with its growth. They are discussing doing a more focused program option, that wouldn't start until fall.

Circulation: Shaun Hearn reported that the new subs and new staff are doing well. The carpet replacement didn't go as planned, but ended up turning out well. There was also painting done.

Administration: Carol reported that she is working on the budget and administrative staff is doing a few more online demos on meeting room reservations systems. The ultimate goal is to make it easier for staff to reserve rooms and events and for the public to see if rooms are available and go online to request reserving rooms.

She thanked Carolyn for her kind words and added her personal thanks to the staff here.

Technical Services: Felicia Uhden reported that she has been having further discussion with finance in regards to the H T E and TLC reconciliation. The process is complicated and she had her first lesson this month on how to run the reconciliation.

Adult & Youth Services: Kristin Starnes stated that there were 143 participants for the Stuffed Animal Sleepover program.

One of their department goals is to reach out to schools this year. Kristy Kemper Hodge from the Youth department has a great partnership with Cheldelin School and they started a book club that has gone great so far. They also had a book swap and they have been asked to return for other events.

Sip and Spell was fantastic with 650 people attending and it bringing in about \$1,000 over costs.

Cheryl congratulated Norah Storniolo on her Future First Citizen award. She added that Jacque Schreck has also received that award in the past.

IX. BOARD REPORTS

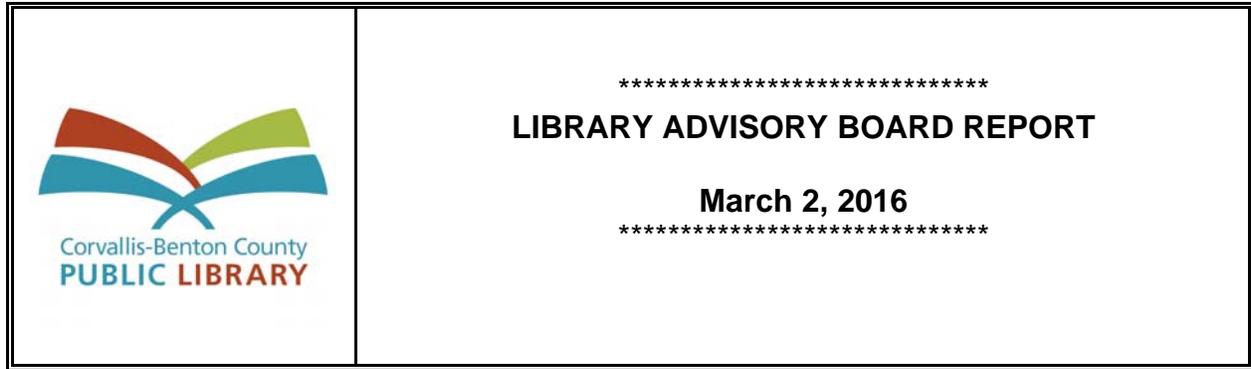
Friends of the Library – Carolyn agreed that the Sip and Spell event was a fun evening and as Kristin reported the turnout was great. The Book Sale is going to be the third weekend this month at the Benton County Fairgrounds.

Library Foundation – Steve reported that the Foundation will be meeting at the end of this month.

X. INFORMATION SHARING – None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be on March 2, 2016 at 7:30 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.



REPORTING PERIOD: February 2016

A. Division Highlights

Administration

- The proposed budget for FY 16-17 was finalized and submitted to the Finance Department. In March there will be an in depth review by the City Manager, before Budget Commission meetings are held in April
- Administrative Services Manager Carol Klamkin met with City Public Information Officer Patrick Rollens about changes he will be making in the City newsletter. The April issue of this online publication will reflect some of the changes.
- Administration staff had two online demonstrations of event and meeting room scheduling systems. Both of the products had many features that would work for the Library, but more testing and comparison will be done before selecting a system that would be the best replacement for our current Evanced system.

Access Services

- Lucky Day materials will now be available in branch libraries as well as at Corvallis.
- We continue working with the City's Finance Department on reconciling payments in TLC with the City financial system. We did the monthly reconciliation for January payments this time, instead of Finance staff. We continued to refine the financial collection policy and its associated documents.
- Access Services Manager Felicia Uhden participated in a webinar from The Library Corporation (TLC) about the upgraded software for loading catalog records into our system.

Adult and Youth Services

- David Kim brought a fortepiano for A Historical Performance: Old Pianos and New Musicianship, a program brought to the library by Corvallis-OSU Piano

- International. This beautiful performance brought out 75 people on February 6th.
- On February 10th Bob Lillie discussed his new book, *Beauty From the Beast: Plate Tectonics and the Landscapes of the Pacific Northwest*, that features information about the Cascadia subduction zone. There was a crowd of 100.
 - Maggie Stuckey and the First Alternative Co-Op brought Soup Night to the library on February 11th where they served Vegetable Mulligatawny Soup with Apple Salsa and fresh bread. Maggie discussed her book about community soup nights around the country to an audience of 45. The soup was delicious and the idea (community soup night) had a distinctly Corvallis feel.
 - Partnering with the League of Women Voters and the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, the library brought in Kristy Athens, an Oregon author and farmer, to lead an Oregon Humanities sponsored discussion: Good Food, Bad Food: Agriculture, Ethics, and Personal Choice. A crowd of forty discussed the ethics of our food decisions with Kristy on February 17th.
 - A group of five met for the Graphic Novel Book Club and discussed *Kill My Mother* by legendary artist Jules Feiffer. The Corvallis Book Club is experiencing some unexplained growth and is in hot demand recently; they discussed *Tales of a Female Nomad* with 17 people.
 - The library's new coloring program saw a slow down this month with only three people in attendance. The longer standing and continually popular Letter Writing Social will meet on the last Sunday of this month (the 28th).
 - The ESL Conversation Class led by Cheryl Stevenson averages 12 students per class and is continuing to see demand for a second, more structured class. We have agreed to offer a second class for intermediate students wanting to learn more grammar that will run every Monday from April 5th to June 6th. Both ESL Classes will break for the summer.
 - Reference Librarians Charles Dunham, Carrie Ottow, Kristin Starnes, and Bonnie Brzozowski with Community Library Specialists Mike Hanson and Kathy Koetz attended a ReferenceUSA training/refresher and learned about many enhancements to this fantastic patron resource including historic business searching, advanced search limiters to help marketing and business professionals and job seekers, and much more.
 - A group of 34 children met to discuss *There Is a Bird On Your Head!* by the popular author Mo Willems. The Beginning Readers Book Club has a steady and enthusiastic following of kindergartners through 2nd graders. In addition to a book discussion, each monthly meeting contains time for a story, jokes or riddles, and a book-related activity or craft. Next month there will be a new Beginning Chapters Book Club for children who are ready to "graduate" from the Beginning Readers Book Club and move up the next level.
 - The R.E.A.D. Dogs program was held on February 11th, offering another chance for children to practice their reading skills at the library.
 - Over 100 attended the Lego Club this month! Children were given the challenge to build something based on the theme of "flags". Books displaying the flags of different nations were provided for inspiration. Many of the participants' creations can be seen on display in the youth display boxes at the entrance to the children's area of the library.

- Weekend youth programming in February included Saturday Stories, ¡los Cuentos!, Family Music Fun with music educator Johana St.-Clair, and Science Saturday covering the topic of nutrition with OSU Extension Services. Sunday Play Days have continued to average 10-20 in attendance each week. Rotating play topics are introduced each week through dramatic play, toys, and literacy prompts.
- Reference Librarian Elizabeth Johnson and Community Library Specialist Julia Engle attended the Wilson Elementary Game Night on February 12th, along with other organizations like the Crescent Valley High Robotics Team. Families played a variety of board games brought by the library and learned about library programs. The library has been asked to return to Wilson Elementary in March to promote literacy during the school's Family Literacy Night.
- Minecraft Monday was held on February 22nd with 45 enthusiastic kids coming together to play Minecraft using the library's iPads in conjunction with the library's Minecraft server or on the Xbox. Lego Minecraft supplies were also on hand for creative builders.
- The Makers Club has seen an increase in younger attendees, in part due to outreach promotion at local schools and area Maker events like the WIN Expo at HP and Winter Wonderings courses at Oregon State University's Precollege program. Nearly 60 youth attended the Maker Club meetings in February to try out 3D printing, Arduino, robotics, Snap Circuits, littleBits, Cubelets, Makey Makeys, coding and strategy board games, bridge building with manipulatives, and Lego Mindstorms. This successful program is due in large part to the excellent volunteers that help staff the program and guide the children and teen participants.
- Reference Librarian Kristin Starnes attended a Public Library Association's *Lead the Change Maker Workshop* webinar on February 23rd. This webinar covered successful maker programs and spaces developed by school and public librarians across the country.
- Teen programming included Teen Writers group meetings on February 4th & 18th, Teen Advisors on February 12th, and Teen Takeover on February 19th. Reference Librarian Kristy Kemper Hodge also visited a Cheldelin Middle School class and the lunchtime Cheldelin Middle School Book Club on February 25th.
- Kristy Kemper Hodge attended Benton County Positive Youth Development's Teen Summit at LaSells Stewart Center on February 10th. This is a free one day conference for 8th-12th grade students in Benton County with the goal of offering workshops for youth to come together, network, and learn more about important issues that affect their lives. Kristy worked with volunteer Ken Olsen to provide a Maker workshop to teens attending this conference.
- Reference Librarian Kristin Starnes attended the Beverly Cleary Children's Choice Award Committee meeting at George Fox University on February 27th to discuss and select the nominees for the 2017 Award. This award is sponsored by the Oregon Association of School Libraries and the Oregon Library Association.

- Early Literacy Coordinator Peik-Kuan Lim provided outreach services and visits to 25 childcare centers, home daycares, preschools, a special needs preschool class at the Linn Benton Lincoln ESD, and community organizations such as Mari's Place at Community Outreach and Milestones Family Recovery during February.
- Kristen Starnes finished up her one-month stint as Supervising Librarian for the Adult and Youth Services Division. Bonnie Brzozowski took over mid-month.

Extension Services

- The Philomath Community Library (PCL) held a successful teen book club. Six teens discussed the graphic novel *Nimona*.
- Librarian Ashley Folgate visited Kidco Head Start at the Philomath Center. Twenty-four people were in attendance.
- The PCL held a sharpie tie dye art lab for kids. Twenty-two patrons attended the event.
- Back in January, the Monroe Community Library (MCL) held a town hall meeting with Senator Merkley that drew people from all over Benton County as well as surrounding counties. A library tour was provided to the Senator and the word is he was very impressed with the facility.
- The monthly Art Explorers program at the MCL, hosted by Ashley Folgate, continues to be well attended.
- The MCL had a new main lobby light fixture installed. The light fixture was paid for by the South Benton Library project. Its design was inspired by the historic train depot that now makes up the MCL's meeting room space.
- The Bookmobile attended the Garfield Elementary Book Exchange. This is the second year we have attended this event. Forty-seven people visited the Bookmobile and learned about the various services it provides.

Technology

- Public 3D printing continues to go well. Our third 3D printer is now online and helping with the workload.

B. Other

- The annual Friends of the Library Big Book Sale was very successful, with initial estimates of around \$30,000 in sales.
- Public Works Building Maintenance staff were busy with a variety of projects: carpet replacement in the public computer area, a new drinking fountain in the basement near the Board Room, a new awning on the front patio over the book drop, interior water line repairs, along with the myriad miscellaneous repairs and tasks that they do every month around our building.

CORVALLIS-BENTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

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7:00 PM Spelling Bee Begins

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Today

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• The League of Women Voters is hosting a legislative town hall from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 N.W. Monroe Ave. Scheduled to be on hand to discuss the Oregon Legislature session will be state Sen. Sara Gelser and state Reps. Andy Olson and Dan Rayfield. The five-week session begins Monday. The league plans to hold a second session March 5.

• Ward 5 Corvallis Council Mike Beilstein will be the government comment corner guest from 10 a.m. to noon at the library.

City manager planning cuts, layoffs



Mark Shepard

Shepard says budget proposal will cut \$1 million

JAMES DAY
CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

Corvallis City Manager Mark Shepard said Thursday night that the 2016-17 budget he will present in April will include \$1 million in cuts and will call for layoffs and other job cuts.

With the end of the city's local option levy looming in 2018 and millions of dollars in additional PERS charges on the horizon, Shepard said getting the city's house in order would send a strong signal to the public.

"This is not pens, pencils and

paper," Shepard told the Budget Commission at the Madison Avenue Meeting Room. "We need to find a way to do business with fewer people. Layoffs are inevitable in this process. I understand the stress that this puts on the organization, but we need to take action now, particularly with the PERS charges that we know are coming

"We need to send a message to the community that we will do everything we can before going out for another levy. And if we do nothing that would just mean more drastic change later."

Shepard said he hoped to make the \$1 million cuts this year and next year without reducing current service

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levels. He did not have a number for the job cuts but said that the budget proposal he and Finance Director Nancy Brewer are crafting is far enough along that some employees will be advised that their jobs are being eliminated before the budget is presented April 12.

The city currently has 435 employees and annual general fund expenditures of approximately \$45 million.

Shepard's remarks were preceded by a PowerPoint presentation from Brewer that indicated the city's contribution to the Public Employment Retirement System will be \$1 million more than projected in 2017-18, with the additional amount rising to \$1.5 million by 2018-19 and perhaps \$2 million by 2020-21.

In addition, the city's local-option property tax levy, which helps fund library services, Osborn Aquatic Center, the Corvallis Senior Center and added 7.5 new positions, including three police officers, expires June 30, 2018. The five-year levy, passed by the voters in 2013, adds approximately \$3.6 million to the city's general fund each year.

Shepard, however, noted that it passed by a far narrower margin than the three-year levy that

Here is a look at the series of meetings that will be held as the city of Corvallis develops and passes its budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year:

April 12: The spending package is presented to the Budget Commission

April 14: The commission hears department presentations from public, works, the police and human resources

April 18: The commission hears department presentations from fire, parks and rec, finance and IT

April 21: The commission hears department presentations from community development and the library

April 28: Public hearing and deliberations on the proposed budget

May 3: Date reserved to complete deliberations if necessary

June 6: City Council to hold public hearing and deliberate on budget proposal

All meetings will be at 7 p.m. at the downtown fire station, 400 N.W. Harrison Blvd.

preceded it and with possible ballot measures from the school district, Benton County for a new jail and a taxing district for the OSU Extension Service nothing is certain in terms of voter willingness to pay more in taxes for services.

Shepard's proposal received a generally favorable — but nowhere near unanimous — response from the commission, which consists of the nine city councilors and nine citizen members.

"This is good, sound, prudent fiscal management," said Curtis Wright, chairman of the commission. "We should definitely do it this year ... we should have done it 10

years ago."

Ward 5 Councilor Mike Beilstein disagreed.

"The approach is wrong," Beilstein said.

"The problem is not that we are spending too much money ... it's that we don't have enough income. It's creating a mind-set of getting rid of government. We need to be more aggressive in searching for new revenue."

A city task force chaired by Ward 9 Councilor Hal Brauner is looking at ideas for new revenue, but the group has not yet made any recommendations to the council.

Other commissioners expressed concern about the impact of layoffs.

"Layoffs should be a last resort," said Rich Carone, a high-tech entrepreneur and longtime commission member.

"Attrition is better. You lose so much when you do layoffs."

"It's not always possible with retirements and (not filling) vacancies," Shepard said. "It would be disingenuous of me to say we can do this without layoffs. It will be a difficult effort, but I think we can do it."

Other recommendations in Shepard's proposal:

- Break out Human Resources and Information Technology as separate departments. HR currently is part of the city manager's office and IT is part of the Finance Department.

- Create a capital/equipment reserve fund for major purchases such as a fire vehicle.

- Appropriate funds for the City Council to use at its discretion and thus eliminate times in which the council might "raid" a departmental budget when an emergency arises.

The commissioners also re-elected Wright as chairman and elected Brauner as vice chairman. No other candidates were nominated.

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Mayor Frank Thayer enjoys the view from Monroe's newest park. After years of stagnation, the south Benton County community may be poised for a housing boom. Photos by Andy Cripe, Mid-Valley Sunday

An arrested development

After riding out real estate crash, Monroe may be ready for growth

BENNETT HALL
CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

Eight years ago Monroe was poised for a housing boom, with developers pitching plans to build as many as 200 new homes in this one-stoplight town, which straddles Highway 99W about midway between Eugene and Corvallis.

That much construction

would have been enough to nearly double the community's population of 680.

But those plans never got off the ground. Instead, like most residential development schemes around the state and across the country, they got shelved when the real estate market collapsed in 2008. Since then Monroe has lost nearly 10 percent of its population, which is down to 620.

Now, however, the situation may be about to change. The housing market has come back strong, and Monroe's relatively cheap land and

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Monroe's red-brick City Hall is part of the community's small-town appeal.

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off-the-beaten-track locations are once again making it an attractive place for residential construction — and development plans are once again in the works.

Case in point: Red Hill Estates, a subdivision on the south end of town that was approved in 2008. It never got built, but the Salem developers behind the project kept filing for land use extensions, and the city kept granting them. Now, after an eight-year hiatus, they're ready to move ahead.

The 22-acre site, just west of Monroe Grade School, was initially approved for 92 lots. But with 9 acres of wetlands on the property, that number will have to come down some, according to Keith Whisenhunt of Project Delivery Group, a consultant on the project.

"The number of lots is still being determined as we go through the permitting process," Whisenhunt said.

"It will be likely four to six months before we can begin construction," he added, "(but) I think there will be some activity on the site this season."

The exact mix of housing types will ultimately be determined by market demand, but Whisenhunt said the developers behind Red Hill Estates are envisioning a subdivision of budget-priced single-family homes, most likely in the range of 1,400-1,600 square feet with three bedrooms, two bathrooms and two-car garages.

Besides local residents, potential customers would include young families who might have jobs in Corvallis, Eugene or Junction City but would be willing to commute from Monroe if that means getting into a house they can afford.

"Our clients' thought is that this would be ideal for entry-level homebuyers," Whisenhunt said.

Other potential projects appear to be stirring as well.

City Administrator Jim Minard said he hopes to see building permits next month from a developer who wants to build a 38-lot subdivision on an old farm property in town, and there are rumblings about a revival of plans for a 60-lot development on the site of the former brickyard on the city's north end.

"A couple real estate guys have been sniffing around on that one," he said.

The brickyard subdivision is another project, like Red Hill Estates, that was cleared for takeoff but failed to launch after the real estate crash in 2008. Although virtually no new housing has been built in Monroe since then, Minard thinks things could be very different this time around.

"Success builds on success," he said. "You start building one house, two houses, then three houses and somebody says, 'Hey, what's going on?'"

Setting the stage

While housing starts have been few and far between in recent years, Monroe has not been idle. Frank Thayer, who has served as the city's mayor since 2005, rattles off an impressive number of infrastructure projects that have been checked off Monroe's to-do list.

The year he took office, the Oregon Department of Transportation repaved Highway 99W, the city's main drag, adding new sidewalks and intersection bulbouts.

In 2009, the city completed a \$2.2 million project that largely solved Monroe's longstanding water woes, replacing an antiquated water treatment plant that pumped out discolored, unpleasant-tasting water and couldn't keep pace with high summer demand.

With nearly four times as much output, the new plant has plenty of capacity and has eliminated the taste and color issues. At the same time, the city improved its water storage and distribution system and added 13

new fire hydrants.

And in 2010, Monroe dedicated a new wastewater treatment plant, another improvement that was needed to support anticipated population growth.

"When the Red Hill development first started, we didn't have all this in place," Thayer said. "We do now."

Monroe has also added to its menu of amenities.

In 2013, a five-year community effort came to fruition with the completion of a \$2.4 million library and meeting complex built around a beautifully restored railroad depot.

A \$50,000 ODOT grant and plenty of volunteer elbow grease produced major improvements to City Park, including a completely refurbished baseball field. The diamond was christened T&T Field in honor of local residents Tim Warden and Tim Nash, who led the charge for the project.

And Monroe has a brand new park, as yet unnamed, near the top of a wooded hill on the west side of town. It has a scattering of benches, a couple of picnic tables and a commanding view that overlooks

the city's small downtown district and stretches east to the Coburg Hills and Cascade Mountains.

Rolling with the punches

There have also been setbacks, of course.

In recent years Monroe lost its only gas station, and D's Diner, one of only two restaurants in town, shut its doors.

Wilbur-Ellis closed down its fertilizer plant on 99W, taking away some badly needed local jobs and leaving a large industrial property standing vacant in the heart of town. Thayer would like to see another industrial user on that site — perhaps a warehousing operation — but there are no immediate prospects of a new employer opening there.

"One of the things we've always looked for is anything we can do toward economic development," he said. "We pretty much had resigned ourselves to being a bedroom community."

But there are stirrings on the commercial front as well.

Dollar General, a national chain of discount variety stores, has expressed an interest in building a store in Monroe, and city officials have been negotiating with Benton County in hopes of getting a good deal on 2.7 acres of former railroad right of way just north of the library.

And just this week, Julie Marone, the original proprietor of the Long Branch Saloon, started giving the town's only remaining eatery some competition with the opening of a brand new venture called Racks on 5th.

With seating for more than 60 patrons, Racks dishes up what Marone calls "traditional American food" for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Once her liquor license comes through, she'll also have a wine room and offer a selection of microbrews on tap.

While she hopes many of her old Long Branch customers will come to see her at the new place, she's optimistic that Monroe's economy is solid enough to support two dining establishments.

"I wish we could bring in some more businesses and jobs," she said. "I don't exactly know how to do that, but I've got a few jobs here."



Andy Cripe, Mid-Valley Sunday

An empty log truck rumbles through Monroe on Highway 99W. Known locally as Fifth Street, the two-lane highway is the town's main drag.

Small-town charm

Ask Minard to predict Monroe's future, and he'll admit the community still has a ways to go.

"It looks like a work in progress," he said.

But when he surveys the current situation, he sees promise in the plans for new housing construction that are being reactivated after lying dormant for the last several years. And he sees opportunity in Monroe's enduring small-town charm, a laid-back, friendly lifestyle that holds a powerful appeal for many of today's city dwellers.

"It's kind of like Mayberry," Minard said. "It's a small town. People know their neighbors, people look out for their neighbors, people take care of their neighbors. ... People are just trying to get back to these places."

He knows some local residents don't want their little town to get any bigger. But he also thinks some measure of growth is inevitable, and he points out that expanding the tax base will bring benefits for the whole community.

"Obviously, there are going to be those that don't want to see anything change," Minard acknowledged.

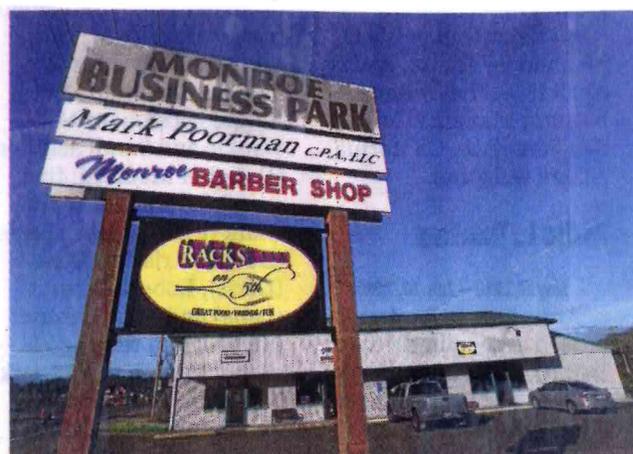
"But from the city's perspective, we've got several million dollars' worth of improvements to the water and sewer systems that everybody's paying for on their water and sewer bills. From my perspective as a city administrator, every house we get is that much less burden on everybody else."

Monroe



Andy Cripe, Mid-Valley Sunday

A quiet Monday afternoon in Monroe. While the town has lost nearly 10 percent of its population since the housing market crashed in 2008, it now appears poised for growth.



The opening of Racks on 5th marks a rare new business startup in Monroe.

Monroe



Photos by Andy Cripe, Mid-Valley Sunday

Julie Marone, owner of Racks on 5th, goes over last-minute plans with manager Kayla Brown on Monday afternoon as they prepare for their first day of business on Tuesday morning.



Traffic rolls past the Monroe Community Library. Completed in 2013, the \$2.4 million library and meeting complex is built around a beautifully restored railroad depot and has become a centerpiece of this small south Benton County community.

Library to host discussion on racial diversity

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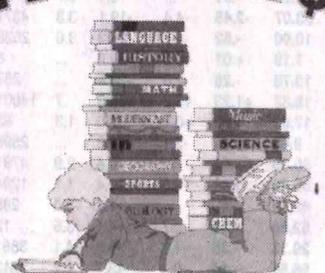
The Corvallis–Benton County Public Library will host a talk on the future of racial diversity in Oregon by Willamette University professor Emily Drew this coming Sunday.

The event, scheduled for 2 to 3:30 p.m., is free and open to the public and will be held at the library's downtown location at 645 N.W. Monroe Ave.

The event is hosted by the Corvallis chapter of Showing Up for Racial Justice and sponsored by Oregon Humanities.

For more information about Corvallis SURJ or this free community discussion, please contact Faith Reidenbach at 541-609-8420 or CorvallisSURJ@aol.com.

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Bee event again casts its spell

When organizers at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library first pitched the idea of a spelling bee for adults, here were two of the primary worries: Who would sign up to spell? And who would come watch?

Bonnie Brzozowski, a reference librarian at the library, and a crew of stalwart volunteers plunged ahead to organize the first Sip & Spell. Along the way, they enlisted my services as emcee. (I was more than happy to be asked, in large part because it removed any



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pressure I might feel to enter the bee and fail miserably in an early round.) About a year ago, we gathered at the Old World Deli and waited to answer those first two questions.

No worries: Nearly 80 spellers plunked down their hard-earned cash to enter and the event played to such a standing-room-only crowd that Brzozowski and crew decided that not only did Sip & Spell require a sequel, but also a larger venue. (Many thanks to Ted Cox and the

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Old World crew for being such gracious hosts for the inaugural event.)

Brzozowski and crew decided to host the 2016 event at the Whiteside Theatre in downtown Corvallis. They enlisted my services again as emcee. A high-powered panel of pronouncers from the Oregon State University School of Writing, Literature and Film — Elena Passarello, Keith Scribner, Jennifer Richter and Karen Holmberg — joined the effort. (If you think it's hard to spell words you've never seen before, try to pronounce them.)

We all gathered last Saturday night at the Whiteside and waited to answer those two big questions: Who will spell? And who will watch?

Again, not to worry: More than 80 spellers signed up to take their best shots. And the event attracted some 600 spectators.

When the dust had settled, nearly four hours later, Andrea Seavers was the winner after correctly spelling "legerdemain" in the final championship round. Dave Mellinger and Jim Rankin were the runners-up.

And we had almost run out of words.

We weren't surprised that the event attracted first-rate spellers. But we did become alarmed after the first two rounds eliminated only a fraction of the contestants, in part because we thought it unlikely the Whiteside would let us stay through Monday or Tuesday. So we jumped sooner than planned into the list of really hard words: Yeuk. Kinkajou. Sesquipedalian. Rijsttafel. Apoggiatura. Otorhinolaryngology. (If you're thinking, "Hey! Those words aren't so hard,"

then let me suggest that you plan on signing up next year for the bee.)

The hard words did some damage. But, still, as 10 p.m. came and went, a dozen spellers remained. And we had just 24 words remaining for the championship rounds. (Spelling bees

have run out of words in the past and have had to crown multiple winners.)

But we had just enough words to get through the bee and crown Seavers our champion. She won her title without buying any of the legal

"cheats" that give contestants, for example, 30 seconds to try to look up a word in a dictionary or the right to ask a friend to spell the word. (A couple of times, a contestant asked another contestant to spell a word, testing the boundaries of friendship.)

I am torn about Seavers' cheat-free performance: First, I'm awestruck that she did it. But the cheats are the main way the Friends of the Library makes money from the event. So here's a proposition for Seavers, if she chooses to defend her crown next year: You can go cheat-free again. But I'll fund the Andrea Seavers Sip & Spell Scholarship, in which we buy a full set of cheats for another contestant who's a little low on cash. Everybody wins!

See you next year. In the meantime, some practice words: Quidnunc. Sangfroid. Interrobang. Borborygmus. You know, they're spelled just like they sound. (mm)

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ANDY CRIPE, GAZETTE-TIMES

Andy Chiappisi, a volunteer with Friends of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, scans the bar code of a donated book so she can check on the Amazon website to determine the book's value. Chiappisi and other volunteers are preparing for the Friends' big book sale, which begins Friday at the Benton County Fairgrounds.

The value of volumes

Volunteers assess worth of books for weekend library sale

ANTHONY RIMEL
Corvallis Gazette-Times

Andy Chiappisi used a bar code scanner plugged into a laptop to look up the price of Wendell Jamieson's "Father Knows Less, or, Can I Cook My Sister?" on Amazon.com.

The result?

Anyone intrigued by the title could order a used copy of the book for just 1 cent, and the obligatory \$4 in shipping.

Which means that Jamieson's ode to odd questions his son asked him is destined for the 50 cents book sale room in the

downtown branch of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.

Decisions like this are made every weekday by Friends of the Library's volunteers, who sort donated books in the downtown library's basement. The most valuable donated books (generally those worth \$6 or more) are sold on the group's Amazon store. Others are sold from the library's 50 cents sale room, and moldy or severely damaged books are recycled.

But many others are stored in the group's warehouse for its book sales, the largest of which begins Friday at the Benton County Fairgrounds.

More than 1,300 boxes of books, DVDs and CDs will be on sale at the event, which last year

raised around \$30,000 for the Benton County library system.

Chiappisi, who determined Jamieson's book was best suited for the sale room last week, described volunteer sorters as being "on the front lines." They sort about 30 boxes of books each week.

"Evaluating books is something I love to do," she said.

Chiappisi, a former librarian in Corvallis, has volunteered as a sorter for six years. Lloyd Klemke, who was also working Wednesday, has done it for 15 years.

"This is a pretty fun job if you love books," he said. "We see a lot of garbage, but we see a lot of amazing books."

One of his better finds was a copy of a book on coffee by the

late Corvallis resident Michael Sivetz, which sold for more than \$300.

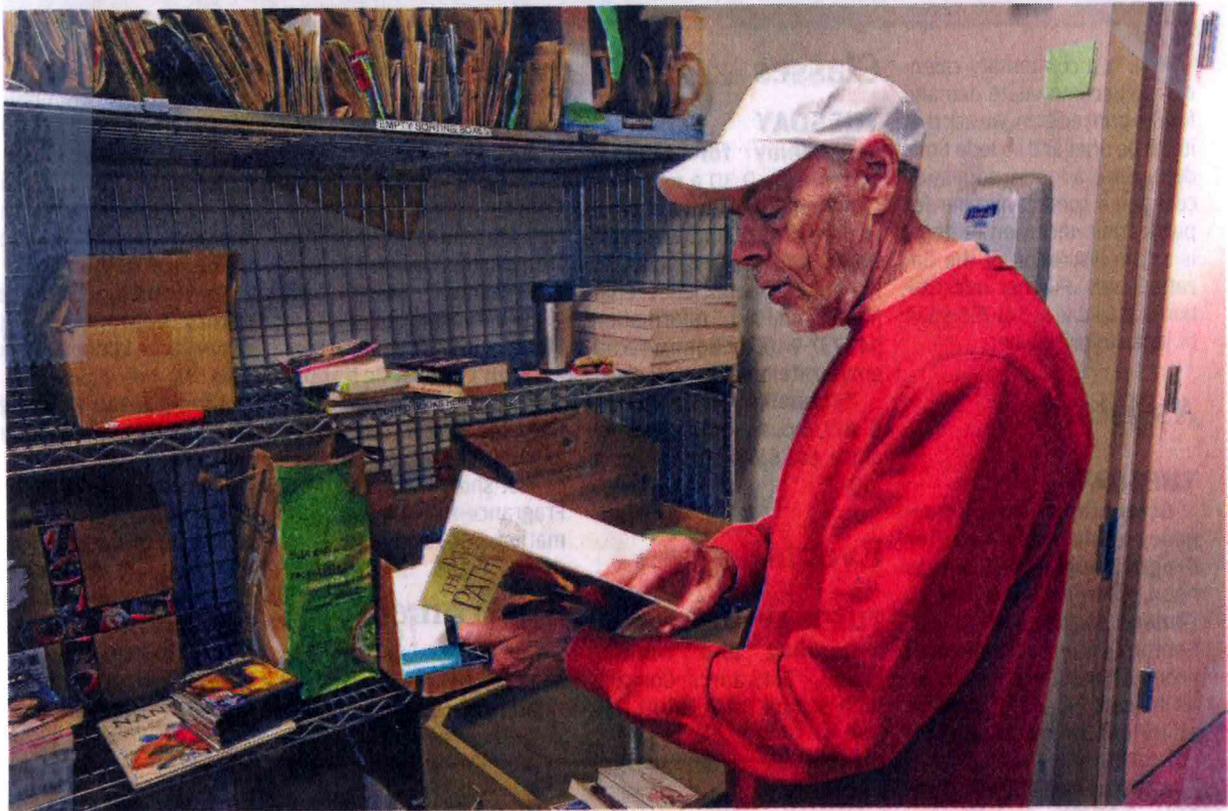
"When you find something interesting that pans out to have some value, that's rewarding," Klemke said.

"It's like Las Vegas," said Chiappisi. "It's like 'woo-hoo, it's worth \$50!'"

Klemke said evaluating the books is interesting and educational.

"We get a lot of stuff that's not very good. That comes with getting stuff that's good."

Volunteers such as Chiappisi and Klemke work year-round as sorters, selecting books that will later be included in the sale events.



ANDY CRIPE, GAZETTE-TIMES

Lloyd Klemke, a volunteer for Friends of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, sorts books last week. The sorting is an essential part of the Friends of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library's big used-book sale, which begins Friday.

Books

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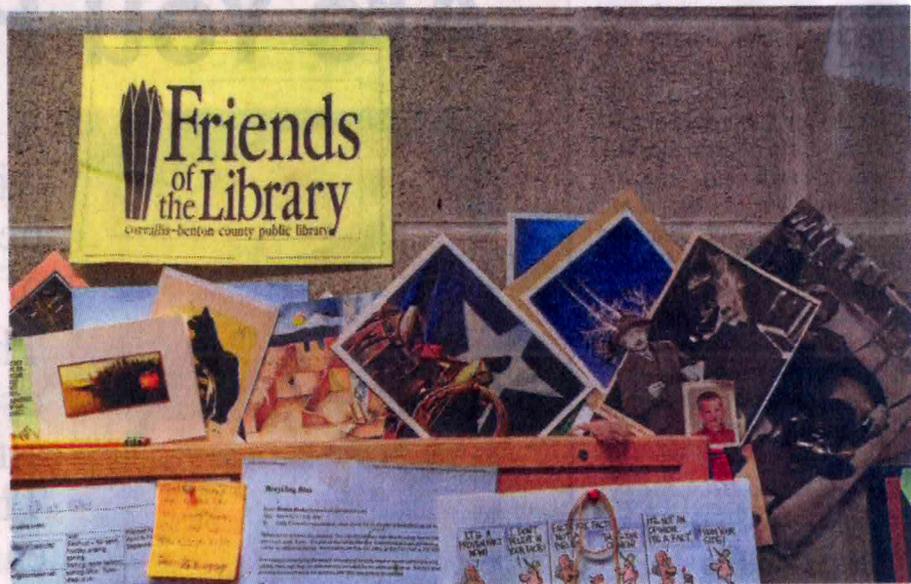
Katherine Inman, co-chair of the book sale, said judgment plays a big role in determining where each donated book should go.

"That's why we have such experienced volunteers, so they can make the judgments," she said.

However, the sorters are not the only volunteers needed to make the sale a reality; Inman said the three-day event requires about 150 volunteers.

She said the sale is, aside from member giving, the biggest way the group raises money each year. Inman said the library's activities are funded through the money the friends group donates; this year, the group has committed to raise \$92,000 for the library.

"This is a concrete way to support our library," she said of the sale.



ANDY CRIPE, GAZETTE-TIMES

Volunteers have started a collection of photos and bookmarks that they've found in books donated to the Friends of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.

The sale opens early for members of the Friends of the Library, from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday (although people can join the group for \$10 at the door) then opens to members of the general public from 6 to 9 p.m. Prices are reduced

on the Saturday, when the sale runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Sunday, the group lowers prices even further and allows people to fill boxes with books for \$8 or fill bags for \$5. Sunday hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information about the sale, visit <http://friendsofthecbclibrary.org>.

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Thomas Coshow McClintock

Oct. 6, 1923 – Feb. 4,
2016

Thomas Coshow McClintock, professor emeritus of history at Oregon State University, died at home in Corvallis on Feb. 4, 2016, of complications following a stroke. He



was 92. Tom was a loving husband, father, and grandfather; a meticulous scholar and revered teacher of American history; a lover of music (opera in particular); an avid gardener; and an engaged community leader. Tom was born in Lebanon, on Oct. 6, 1923 to John and Leone Coshow McClintock. He had an older brother, Leighton (always known as Mac), and two sisters who died in childhood. Tom was a fourth generation Oregonian, two of his maternal great-grandparents having come west on the Oregon Trail in 1847 and 1851 and his great-grandfather having founded the Thomas Kay Woolen Mill in Salem. The family lived in various cities in the Pacific Northwest as his father was transferred every few years as part of his job with Standard Oil. Tom graduated from Beaverton High School in 1942, and started his college education at Oregon State. World War II intervened, however, and by 1943 Tom was with the Army's 11th Armored Division in Europe. He was wounded in the Battle of the Bulge, losing an eye to German shrapnel. Tom returned to Oregon State after the war, but later transferred to Stanford, receiving his BA in 1949. He spent a

year at Columbia University, receiving an MA in history (1950), moved on to the University of California at Berkeley, and completed his PhD at the University of Washington (1959). Tom joined the history department at OSU in 1959 and was a fixture there for 30 years. He served many years as department chair, where he earned the respect of his colleagues for his open-minded approach and his commitment to academic freedom. He also was associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts (1985-89). He particularly loved teaching the history of the westward expansion and the "Great Americans" course – a survey of American history through biographies – that he took over from his friend Tom Meehan.

During graduate school at UW, Tom met Patty Kennelly of Hillsboro, Oregon, who had spent two years at OSU before transferring to UW to work on a teaching degree. They married in 1954 and the family soon grew to include Mary Louise (b. 1956), Megan (b. 1958; died 2000), and Anne (b. 1960). Corvallis was home for Tom and Patty's family, but they were also able to spend a year in Britain (1970-71) while Tom was a visiting professor at both the University of Manchester and the University of Stirling. Tom and Patty came to love Britain, and London in particular, and Tom spent several productive and happy semesters as an honorary research fellow at the University of London.

Tom was a quiet, competent, inclusive leader of dozens of committees, commissions, task forces and work groups at OSU, in state and local government, and with various community groups. To name but a few, he served for more than 20 years on the Oregon Geo-

graphic Names Board and was a member of the Oregon Board of Education, the Corvallis-OSU Symphony Board, and the OSU Faculty Senate. Tom was particularly proud of his long service, including as chair, of the Corvallis School Board; his work as a board member of the Benton County Historical Society; and his decades of service as board member and chair of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, including leading the effort to fund and construct a major addition, completed in 1992, to the historic Belluschi building. Tom's love of the library was demonstrated in his thoughtful 2008 book, *The Best Gift: A History of Corvallis-Benton County Public Library*. Consistent with his careful scholarship and his desire to put slices of history in context, the book begins with the invention of writing around 3500 BC and does not mention libraries in Corvallis or Benton County until chapter 4!

Tom and Patty defined community service and involvement. They were stalwarts of First United Methodist Church, and Tom sang bass in the choir for decades. Even in his 90s, he could be seen planting flowers in front of the church in the spring. Tom and Patty opened their home to many foreign students studying at OSU and funded scholarships in music and history. They developed close friendships through their church, bridge group, a "gourmet" dinner club, croquet tournaments, and open houses.

No summary of Tom's life would be complete without mentioning politics – and his letters to the editor. Although an even-handed teacher, Tom was a life-long liberal Democrat who reg-

ularly fired off pointed, well-crafted letters to the editors of the Gazette-Times and the Oregonian, many of which were printed. Even as his memory faded some in his last year, he made clear where he stood on Obamacare, John Boehner, and Justice Clarence Thomas.

Tom was proud of his wonderful daughters and grandchildren. Tom and Patty's daughter Megan died of colon cancer in 2000, a shocking blow to the family, but softened by their strong relationship with Megan's partner, Julie Shapiro, their children, Eli and Leah, and Julie's wife Shelly Cohen. Tom's close-knit family also includes Mary Louise and her husband, Tom Balmer, and their children, Rebecca and Paul; and daughter Anne, her husband, Vincent Corbière, and their children, Thomas and Julien. The grandchildren have fond memories of their grandfather's limited, but enticing, cooking repertoire (meatloaf, chocolate chip cookies, chocolate-peanut butter balls and cranberry sherbet); his devotion to the Saturday morning broadcast of the Metropolitan Opera; his croquet and card skills; and his fondness and talent for arts and crafts projects.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library Foundation or the Thomas and Patty McClintock Symphony Scholarship Fund at the OSU Foundation.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 12, at 4 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Corvallis.

Mary Alice Morlan Heinrich

**May 23, 1922 – Feb.
13, 2016**

Mary M. Heinrich, 93, died at about 7:43 a.m. Saturday, February 13, 2016, in her home in Corvallis, Oregon, after a four day illness.

She was born on May 23, 1922, in Elizabeth, Colorado, to Samuel Erwin Morlan and Ethel Maria Angle Morlan. She married Albert Carl Heinrich on May 26, 1958, in Fairbanks, Alaska.

She was raised in Gunnison, Colorado, and attended what is now Colorado State University, where she received a bachelor's degree, and Oregon State University, where she received a master's degree.

She worked as a teacher, a university professor, and as the Supervisor of Home Economics for the Territory of Alaska.

She lived in various small towns in Colorado, and in Fairbanks, Alaska; Seattle, Washington; Missoula, Montana; Ithaca, New York; Calgary, Alberta; Dharwar, India; Mysore, India; and Corvallis, Oregon.

Her much loved husband, Albert, died on February 14, 2010.

Her parents passed on before her, as did her sister, Dorothy Morlan, who died in childhood; and her brothers, Erwin Angle Morlan of Houston, Texas, and Harvey Byers Morlan of Denver, Colorado.

She is survived by her son, Steven Allan Heinrich, of Corvallis, Oregon, and her stepson, Gordon Heinrich, of Anchorage, Alaska.

She is also survived by her nephews, James Erwin Morlan and Douglas John Morlan of Denver, Colorado, and David Byers Morlan of Grand Junction, Colorado, and her niece, Dorothy Karan Morlan Houghton of Houston, Texas.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 19, 2016, at Fisher Funeral Home in Albany, Oregon.

Mary was a loving and inspiring wife, mother, teacher, and friend. Like all good teachers she was interested in the individual, how they were doing, and what their plans were. Her words of wisdom were always available if wanted, and were never thrust on the recipient. They were always valuable and delivered with good humor and dignity. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

One of her younger friends wrote, "She was one of the most insightful and kind persons I have ever known."

Memorial contributions may be made to the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library and sent in care of Fisher Funeral Home, 306 Washington St. S.W., Albany, OR 97321 (www.fisherfuneralhome.com).

Library worker puts 60 years on the books

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COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — When Carrie Ingle started working at the downtown Columbus library in March 1956, she used a manual typewriter to prepare each catalog card and meticulously glued protective jackets to new books before they were shelved. Banned from the modest collection in those days was J.D. Salinger's "The Catcher in the Rye," deemed too crude and racy.

Sixty years have come and gone, and the 77-year-old Ingle still is working full time behind the scenes, surrounded each day by stacks

of brand-new books in what is now one of the country's busiest big-city library systems. The card catalog cabinets are long gone, and patrons can now log in to the library's online system and reserve one of 139 copies of "The Catcher in the Rye" or download an electronic copy to their phones.

When Ingle was hired on as a high school senior for \$75 a week, Dwight D. Eisenhower was president; Elvis had just pushed "Heartbreak Hotel" into the Top 10; working women dressed in skirts, men in suits; and the downtown library didn't

have air conditioning but did have a baby grand piano that anyone could walk in and play.

"Women were not expected to do as much," said Ingle, soft-spoken and on this recent day meticulously dressed with upswept blonde hair. "It really was a man's world for everything, but it didn't bother me."

Ingle is one of probably fewer than 25 people who have worked at U.S. libraries for more than a half-century and is among the longest-tenured ever, according to Julie Todaro, president-elect of the

American Library Association. That Ingle is still working and adapting to today's technology makes her longevity, in Todaro's words, "incredible."

Through the years she became a much-beloved and competent cog in the machine as she and the library grew up together. Now it's a network of 22 branches with 571,000 card holders and an annual circulation of more than 17 million.

"She loves her job, and she loves the library," said Julie Snyder, who was trained by Ingle when she came aboard 31 years ago

and remains a close friend. "She has a great work ethic."

In the 1950s, Ingle said, the cash-poor library was lucky to snag one copy of a best-seller. When the last Harry Potter book was released, trucks rumbled up and unloaded around 700 copies. The zealous demand for each of the J.K. Rowling tales is something that stands out in Ingle's memory of all those years and titles.

These days she still deals with vendors and cataloging of new books on computer in a cubicle plastered with photos of her great-great-

grandnieces and nephews. Other than some brief time off for surgery, she's called in sick only twice. She's never wanted to do any other job in the library than this one.

A widow, Ingle devotes much of her energy away from work to her role as a lay minister trained to teach caregivers how to give comfort to people who must deal with a dying or addicted loved one.

She's passionate about both jobs. She doesn't even talk about retirement.

"I'd rather," she said, "have my life very busy."

Library book found, 81 years overdue

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JENNIFER MOODY

Albany Democrat-Herald

ALBANY (AP) — D.W. Lovett, you have some explaining to do.

Carpenter Amy Schumann was working on a major renovation project at a home at 1405 Front Ave. N.E. in February when she found Lovett's old library book — about 81 years overdue.

"I was pulling out the dry-wall," she said, indicating the inner wood slats of the wall that faces Front Avenue near what had once been a front door. "We were ripping things out pretty quickly, and it kind of just fell out."

The book turned out to be a 1907 edition of "American Railway Transportation," written by Emory R. Johnson and first published in 1903. It was in near-perfect condition, down to the personal library card inside the pocket of the book's back cover.

Hasso Hering of North Albany, former editor of the Albany Democrat-Herald, is a fan of both railroads and old houses. He stopped by the renovation project on a bike ride and learned of the find from Sean Sullivan, founder and project manager for Superior Carpentry & Homebuilding, the firm working

on the house.

How and when the book made its way into the wall is a mystery, but Hering found out some details about its last borrower.

In later years, library books with a pocket in the back held a card specific to the book itself, with a stamp for each new borrower. But the card in the pocket of the railroad book belonged to the individual library patron — D.W. Lovett, in this case — and was stamped each time he took a book home.

Hering found Lovett to be a fan of nonfiction — he had requested and was granted a "special privilege" non-fiction card — and a conscientious patron who sometimes returned books just two days after borrowing them.

The stamps record the month and day Lovett checked out books, but not the year. However, two separate lines are marked "33." If that refers to 1933, Hering reasoned, based on the dates of the next series of stamps, the railroad book was checked out on April 24, 1935.

Assuming D.W. Lovett is the same Dallas Lovett who died in Albany in 1983, he's at least no longer on the hook

for his book fine. At the rate of 1 cent per day, which was what the Albany Public Library charged for overdue books at that time, Lovett could be hit with a fine of about \$295.

On its return in February, however, the library waived the fine and instead presented the book to Hering as a gift.

Hering said librarian Ed Gallagher, also a former Democrat-Herald employee, told him he didn't think the library needed to have the book back after all this time. "It's not exactly nighttime reading," Hering quipped.

How it got into the wall is anyone's guess. It's likely that Lovett lost the book himself, if he's the Dallas W. Lovett who was yardmaster for Southern Pacific in Albany in 1955. The U.S. Public Records index says he lived on East Water Avenue in 1930, about a block from the Front Street address, although he'd moved two miles away to Willetta Street by the next decade.

Sullivan thinks the Front Avenue house may have been connected to the railyard somehow in those early days, perhaps as a storage facility or as a home for railroad

workers, which could explain how it came to be lost there.

Sullivan said he and his crews also found a baseball bat in a ceiling, a corn seed planter in a small shed, a toy fire truck buried in the yard, seven or eight antique medicine-style bottles among other discarded items in the crawlspace under the main floor, and — in a crevice in an upstairs bedroom — a pristine bar of soap, still in its original box, with an undated note attached wishing the recipient a happy Father's Day.