

Library Advisory Board Meeting

AGENDA

**Wednesday
July 6, 2016**

**7:30 pm
Board Room**

- 7:30 pm - Call to Order
- Introductions
- Community Comments
- Approval of June 1, 2016 Board Minutes
- Library Advisory Board Packet Questions & Comments
- Election of Officers
- Director's Report
- 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 – June 1, 2016
- Library Advisory Board Reports – June 2016

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LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
June 1, 2016

Board Present

Jacque Schreck, Chair
Jennifer Alexander, Vice-Chair
Mike Beilstein
Katherine Bremser
Karen Clevering
Diane Cygan
Eric Dickey
Scott Elmshaeuser
Norah Storniolo

Staff Present

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

Absent/Excused:

Paula Krane
Cheryl Maze
Anne Schuster
Steve Stephenson

Visitors:

Scott Harrington

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

Agenda Item	Information Only	Action
Call to Order	7:32 pm	
Community Comments	X	
Minutes: May 4, 2016		Approved.
Library Advisory Board Packet	X	
Philomath Library: Options from Architect	X	
Director's Report / Budget Discussion	X	
Division Manager Reports	X	
Board Reports		
♦Friends of the Library Board	X	
♦Foundation Board	X	
Information Sharing	X	
Adjournment	8:51 pm	

CONTENT OF DISCUSSION

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Jacque Schreck at 7:32 pm. Went around room with introductions.

II. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Karen Clevering moved to approve the May 4, 2016 meeting minutes. Seconded by Jennifer Alexander and the motion carried.

IV. LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD PACKET QUESTIONS & COMMENTS

Jacque asked what key code cards are. Shasta Barnes showed everyone the key tag cards, which are key chain library cards. Jacque asked what the workshop was that Bonnie Brzozowski attended. Carolyn Rawles replied that it was "Coding Your Library".

V. PHILOMATH LIBRARY: OPTIONS FROM ARCHITECT

Carolyn reported that the Library Foundation funded an architect to research options for the Philomath Library. That location is now on a flood plain, so expansions to the building would be problematic. Andrew Cherbas presented options via a PowerPoint presentation. He reported that there are two options and they are leaning towards the larger option, which is to build a separate building next to the existing building to be used as a meeting room. There will be trees that will have to be removed to accommodate this option. Jacque asked what size the room is. Carolyn replied that the dimensions haven't be determined yet. There will be a restroom and kitchen type area in it. Since it is a completely separate structure that will have access outside of library business hours, it needs to have bathrooms in it. Andrew stated that the current meeting room would be remodeled and repurposed for library space, by taking out the kitchen area and remodeling the other area. Andrew added that if we can split the new room into two spaces, that would be a good option. They want to put a door in the teen area to go straight out to the new building. Another option will be to cover the outside back patio with a partial concrete wall and cover. Carolyn added that it would be used for programs, etc. during decent and nice weather. This option could probably be installed quickly as it is the most inexpensive. Philomath has some money available and is open to the option to do something. She just wants the Board to review the options.

Eric Dickey asked if vandalism is a problem there at all, especially with the option for the open area in the back. Andrew and Carolyn stated that it is right next door to the police station, so that helps discourage those who might think to do so. Mike Beilstein asked if it floods, is the new option raised to let water flow below it. Carolyn replied that yes, that is the option. Eric asked if there is a plan to transfer the collection to the new building if there is a flood. Carolyn stated that the Mary's River is close behind the building in park. Scott Elmshaeuser asked if there is ADA access to the new option. Jacque asked if the new building would tie into the current architecture or would it be as it is in presentation and look different. She voiced her concern with the current plan having the new roof draining water towards the existing building. Karen asked who will be constructing the new building for the Library and how much does the Board have to do with this. Carolyn stated that the city of Philomath is responsible for the building, we just want the Board to review and advise on the options. Mike asked if besides meeting room space, is Philomath challenged with other space issues. Will the space opened up in the Library something they really need? Carolyn replied that they really need more program space and their collection size is kept pretty static.

The architect recommends the option presented as the least expensive option. If we added on and/or attached to the current structure, it requires a lot more retrofitting and changing of the building to meet the flood plain zones, etc. This new addition won't meet all needs, but it will meet most. The Philomath community loves their local library and she believes this is something that is definitely doable. Mike asked if the Foundation is going to be involved with this at all. Jacque replied that they are waiting to see, as the Foundation hasn't heard or seen any numbers of the options. Mike asked if the Foundation was involved in the building of the first branch building. Carolyn replied that she is not sure, Steve Stephenson would be the one to ask, as he was involved with that project. She does know that it was a Philomath community effort. The old building was next to the old Philomath police station and they really needed a new building. They got a federal construction grant, money donated from Beverly Cleary, fund raising, special exemption for volunteer working, etc. It's kind of a building that is very important to the Philomath community. Jacque stated that the architect of the originally building was one of the architects for the main Library in Corvallis. She is heartened, as we thought there wouldn't be an option to add on in any way at all. This is a very usable option. Carolyn stated that the next steps will be she and Andrew meeting with architect to go through options and get numbers. There is a lot of

support from Philomath City Manager and the staff out there are very embedded in Philomath. Eric asked if the money for this is already together. Carolyn replied that no, and one downside to this project is that Monroe and Alsea both have received block grants and the County sponsored those grants. Libraries can't qualify for those grants anymore and the income level in Philomath is too high. She believes Philomath will be able to get donations. The City of Philomath has been reserving some money for a while, so they have a little bit of money to put towards it if they choose to.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Carolyn reported that May was volunteer month and the City of Corvallis has provided a thank you gift for all of the Board members. She passed the Burst's chocolates and thank you cards to the members and she thanked them personally for their service.

Carolyn reported that Norah Storniolo is graduating high school and has decided to take a gap year and would like to stay on the Board if she can.

Cathi Roberts' last day will be this Friday. Her going away party will be Friday if any Board members would like to attend.

The parking lot has been revamped with removal of the parking meters and installation of a kiosk pay station by the back door of the Library. The meters had problems of falling over and malfunctioning, so Public Works suggested a pay station. Some benefits of the pay station are that: you can now pay with a debit or credit card; it's easier to maintain; it's located right by the back door, so you need to pass it when entering the Library; the collection of money will be easier; and the pay station will make it more clear if you have paid or not. They are not enforcing the pay parking at this time, but they will enforce starting next week. They want patrons to get use to the new system before ticketing them for something that might just be confusion of the new system. There are still meters are still located in the garage. Felicia Uhden was in charge of this installation while Carolyn was on vacation. There have been several questions and concerns and feedback as to what they think about it. One person asked if there was going to be a cover over it so they don't have to stand in the rain with books, and that is a good idea.

Carolyn stated that yesterday the Library had an infestation of bees in the Belluschi wing. They had a bee keeper come and research the situation. Felicia added that there were hundreds of bees. Both the bee keeper and a OSU professor came and they both didn't believe there was a queen bee, as the bees seemed confused. The bees left the building safely and on their own. Carolyn commented that if the bees would have been here long enough to make wax, it would have been a problem because it would attract them forever.

Carolyn gave an update on the Youth and Adult Services Manager recruitment. She stated that after two unsuccessful recruitments, and after Carol Klamkin's position was cut, she has decided to restructure the Library staff. The new restructure and organization has been approved by the City Manager. The new model will emphasize the commonalities between Youth and Adult Services. This will allow us to have better coordination system wide. There will be two new Supervisors who will be more direct working supervisors, who will have program planning, desk shifts, etc. This will give us enough funding to give us a professional cataloger into Tech Services and to add some other additional part time staff. Catalogers are really hard to find – Felicia has this background, so this new position will free up her time and allow her to train a Librarian for this. Some staff will get additional hours, and some part-time will go to full-time. She feels really good about this new organization and with the recent changes, Felicia and Andrew have been taking on more and more responsibilities and will both be promoted to Deputy Directors. Carolyn stated that they will have to create and change job description and there will be internal promotions and reorganizations, which may create some other openings that will be open to the public. There will be a lot of shifting around in the next few months. Jennifer Alexander asked if the Volunteer Coordinator position will be filled and what is the time line is for this type of change. Carolyn replied that the Volunteer Coordinator position is currently being

recruited. As for the others, they are in the process of creating and updating job descriptions to be approved. Over the course of the summer they will be doing whatever they need to do get this all reorganized.

Mike asked if this fits the FTE in the budget or does it take it over or under. Carolyn replied that yes, we are staying at the exact FTE as is in the approved budget. There will be some savings, but that will be used for casual staff. Jacque asked if this fits in with the parameters of the current levy. Carolyn replied that yes, and they also looked at the long range plan to make sure this all fits in with everything. Eric commented that this is almost a new organizational chart. Carolyn replied that yes, it's a complete reorganization and she has done this several times over the years. Scott commented that this is a really good job of being creative. The reorganization sounds good and very well thought out. Carolyn replied that she has a few concerns about supervising larger work groups, but she thinks it will be doable. We will try it and see how it goes. Jennifer asked if the new supervisor positions will still be doing their current job as well. Carolyn replied that yes, Supervising Librarians will still work as Librarians. Karen asked if this is a permanent change or just a temporary change. Carolyn replied that it is a permanent change, but we always evaluate and tweak things as needed with these type of major changes. Staff really wants to know what is going to happen, as it's been almost a year and there has been some uncertainty. Jacque pointed out that she feels that this points out the talented staff we have at the Library for them to be able to do this.

Mike asked why it has been so difficult to recruit management positions for the Library. Carolyn replied that supervisory experience to be a Division Manager is hard to find and at the exact same time we were recruiting, Eugene was recruiting for a job that only supervised Youth. It is hard to find someone that has a background in both Adult and Youth Services. Other things about working in Corvallis right now that may have made it less appealing to candidates is that there was news coverage about Corvallis planning to cut positions. We are not the only department having problems recruiting supervisors, Public Works has had problems as well. Corvallis has had several budget cuts over the last five years, so it has caused some concern for interested parties. It is a great community, we have a really great Library and it's still a great place to work, but budget cuts are a concern to all.

VII. DIVISION MANAGER REPORTS

Extension Services: Andrew reported that Summer Reading sign ups started today. This month they prepared 2,500 stuffed bags in Extensions, including 2,500 hundred flyers and four unique reading logs. It is a huge work load, especially in May. He thanks staff and volunteers for all the help. Kyra Cardella helped with the reading log, teen flyer and more. Mary Nevin does same as Kyra, as well as ordering all supplies. Rachel Denué created the reading logs. Kristy Kemper Hodge and Lisa Stout organized the entire team for the Summer Reading program. Kristin Starnes helped with many aspects as well. Jesse Adams put together the Maker programs. Bonnie organized the entire Adult Summer Reading program. They all do outstanding work and people really don't realize how much work it takes to get the three months of programs organized and going. Carolyn added that Andrew deserves a lot of thanks and a pat on the back as well for taking Summer Reading on.

They have offered someone the position in Philomath and that person has recently accepted. After HR processes everything and all is good, they can announce the new hire.

Adult and Youth Services: Kristin Starnes reported that they will be having their first Fun Run this month. Felicia will be there in costume. The Teddy Bear Picnic will be the Thursday before the Fun Run. In Youth, they will be working on their fall programming and they are trying to work closely within the strategic plan for that planning. One thing that kept coming up will be access and partnerships. Jacque stated she is glad to hear this, the Corvallis 2040 is also concerned with these things. Diane Cygan stated that she was at Muddy Creek school today and she wants to give kudos to the Library outreach crews, as they did a great job and had a routine that engaged the entire room about Summer Reading. Carolyn added that they are hoping to work more directly with teachers and schools as an outreach goal. It has been super successful.

Ruth Rose Hennessey went to a Book Fair in Guadalajara and purchased several Spanish books and they have just arrived. This program is partially subsidized by the American Library Association.

Technical Services: Felicia reported that they will be rolling out and unveiling the new books from Guadalajara. She processed them and Ruth Rose did a great job purchasing.

Felicia passed around a sample of the Speck Monitor that will monitor indoor air quality. These will soon be available for checkout.

Felicia commented that we are approaching end of fiscal year, so she is looking at a lot of budget numbers. They are talking a lot about the materials budget and wrapping those expenditures up for this year and turning their attention on how they are to spend next year. Carolyn added that we have to receive all items by June 30th for the fiscal year, so it is impossible to spend down to the penny. Ematerials are easy to receive, so that helps. It was somewhat difficult of a year, but the Librarians and Tamra Rider have all been doing a great job catching up.

Circulation: Shasta Barnes reported that they have been chugging right along. They will be recruiting for two Library Specialists. Circulation are the go-to-people for the new parking kiosk. Carolyn stated that if anyone asks about the money into the meters/kiosk, the Library gets that money to use towards books for the collections. Public Works will get alerted before the new kiosk runs out of paper or change and you can use credit cards and debit cards to pay, as well as coins. The same rates as the meters apply. Scott Harrington asked how Parking Enforcement will enforce this. Carolyn replied that they will be able to tell electronically, you do not have to put a slip on or in your car.

VIII. BOARD REPORTS

Friends of the Library – Jacque reported that Pastini's pasta-thon fundraiser's new additional date will be June 7th, lunch, dinner and take-out. June 8th, after Random Review, FOL will have their annual meeting where they will elect new officers. The next meeting will be June 20th after the annual meeting. They are considering having a retreat in August or September.

Library Foundation – Jacque reported that they met on May 29th and they discussed two memorials: 1.) the Lois Fenker family and friends have commissioned a local artist to create bench in her memory, which should be happening quite soon; 2) Thomas McClintock, they discussed three different possibilities (piano, remodel of meeting room upstairs, capital project to consider to enclose the top floor patio into a space like the Brookes Room). The next Foundation meeting will be their annual meeting on August 29th where they will elect officers. October 20th will be their donor recognition event.

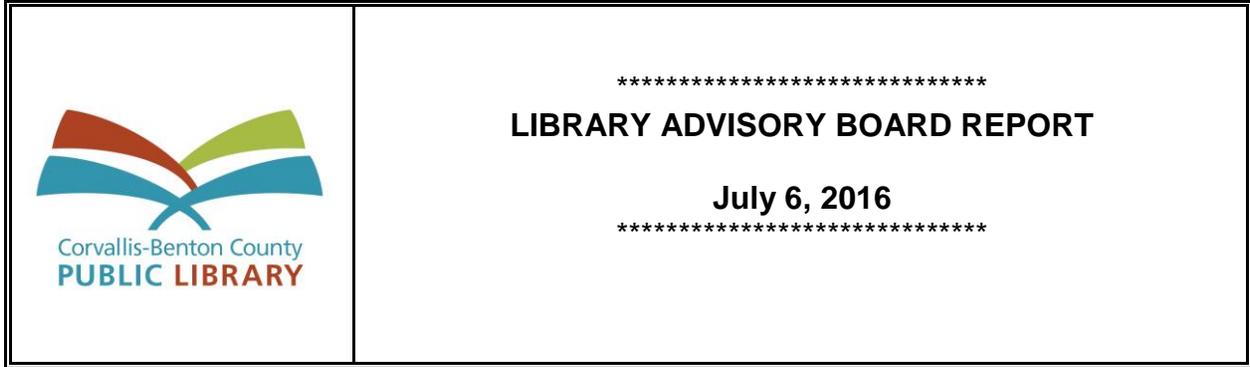
IX. INFORMATION SHARING

Jacque gave Norah a graduation card and thanked her for being on the Board and her enthusiasm for all the Board does. Norah thanked everyone and stated that it is fun for her to be a part of such inspirational Board members and staff. She added that the Summer Reading programs were the highlight of her childhood, so thanks to the Library for that.

Eric thanked everyone for letting him host a student and thanked for Scott for attending. Eric also gave thanks to Rachel for the good minutes she takes and stated that he used them as an example in his class.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be on July 6, 2016 at 7:30 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.



REPORTING PERIOD: June 2016

A. Division Highlights

Administration

- Recruitment for Volunteer Coordinator is in the interview stage. Work on library reorganization is underway, with several recruitments going on and new job descriptions being created. It is anticipated that most of the positions will be filled in July.
- Admin staff are busy with end of the year activities, ensuring that all end of year and beginning of year purchases are wrapped up or started.
- The new pay station for parking in the parking lot continues to experience issues, with lines at busy times. Staff are investigating options such as two free 15 minute spots for quick holds pick up and the possibility of adding a second station.

Access Services

- As we end another fiscal year, we have been keeping close track of the materials budget. We expect to be quite close to 100% expended by the month end. Overall, we expect the Library budget to be 98% expended by the close of FY2015-16.
- We continued to work with our patrons and staff at Public Works to transition from the old style parking meters to an automated pay station for the Library parking lot.
- Library Specialist II Deneige Barkley has resigned. The recruitment and the recruitment for a new specialist II position closed on June 28 with 97 applications received.
- The recently approved budget for FY 2016-17 included .25 LS II FTE, allowing Circulation to add a half-time Specialist (a net increase of 10 hours per week).
- June's 'under the quilt' lobby displays were about the ocean and, in time for Independence Day, grilling! The current display in the DVD area is Romantic Comedies.

Adult and Youth Services

- June 1st marked the beginning of the Summer at Your Library program for all ages the library. Children, birth through 5th grade, are invited to participate in the “On Your Mark, Get Set...READ!” summer reading program. Participants receive a free book bag, reading log, and a free book (while supplies last) when they sign up for the reading program. Those completing their reading goals will be entered into a drawing to receive prizes. Youth in grades 6th through 12th are invited to participate in the “Get in the Game, READ!” teen summer reading program. Teen participants receive a free book bag, reading log, and free book (while supplies last). The adult program participants will fill out up to three reading and activity logs and return them to the library by September 7th for the chance to win prizes.
- Youth Services librarians visited Franklin School, Cheldelin Middle School, and Linus Pauling Middle School to promote the Summer at Your Library program.
- Wilson Elementary School’s 1st grade visited the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library on June 7th to celebrate their school’s Million Minute reading goal. Activities included behind-the-scenes library tours and listening to stories read by celebrity readers. The celebrity readers included Corvallis Mayor Biff Traber, Corvallis City Manager Mark Shepard, Library Director Carolyn Rawles, State Librarian MaryKay Dahlgreen, employees from the City of Corvallis Police and Fire Departments, and Jacqueline Barrington and Dustee the R.E.A.D. Dog.
- Fourth graders from Garfield Elementary School and Jefferson Elementary School visited the library in June for tours and a special library visit.
- Youth Services Librarian Elizabeth and Community Library Specialist Julia Engel took the book bike to Scout-O-Rama on Saturday, June 4th, at Central Park. It was a really hot day, but they connected with 34 attendees at the event.
- The Corvallis Library is a free lunch site this summer again. The free lunch program, provided by the Corvallis School District, started on June 20th and has averaged between 34-50 lunches given each day.
- The annual preschool event of the year – the Teddy Bear Picnic – was held indoors on June 23rd due to the rain. 350 people attended the picnic, featuring music by award-winning children’s musician Nancy Stewart and costumed book characters Elephant and Piggie.
- Over 300 participants registered for the first ever Bookin’ It Fun Run on June 25th! The event included a 5K run/walk, a 1 mile family run/walk, summer reading registrations, special guests Elephant & Piggie and Mack the Knight from the Corvallis Knights baseball team, the bookmobile, and the book bike.
- Teen summer events are off to a great start. 37 teens attended the first Teen Throwback Movie Day (Jurassic Park) on June 21st. Teen Takeover Mini Golf event on June 28th had 31 in attendance.

- June 4th local photographer and teacher Kat Sloma came to the library again to offer her Compelling Composition class. Registration filled up quickly for the 30 spots available and 28 people attended.
- Substitute Librarian Loretta Rielly took over for Bonnie at the Graphic Novel Book Club meeting this month (June 7th) while she was on vacation. Loretta led a lively discussion of *Woman Rebel: The Margaret Sanger Story* by Peter Bagge.
- Reference Librarian Lindy Brown took the book bike out to the Wednesday morning Farmers' Market on June 8th from 10:30am-12:30pm. Lindy interacted with 35 people promoting Summer at Your Library for All Ages to everyone!
- The Corvallis Book Club met on the 15th to discuss *Salvation on Sand Mountain* by Dennis Covington. Eight members were in attendance.
- The 14th annual Model Train Show was a huge hit (as always!). 291 people stopped in on Friday the 17th and 311 on Saturday the 18th to see the little world of trains the Albany O-Gaugers create in the Main Meeting Room. The O-Gaugers collected 153lbs of food for the Linn-Benton Food Share at the show!
- This summer we are trying something new for the 3rd Tuesday coloring program for adults: we're putting coloring supplies and coloring sheets out on tables throughout the library and inviting adults to de-stress and color (just a note that kids can color anytime in the library and supplies are at the kids coloring station!). Four people colored with us the evening of the 21st.
- The monthly Letter Writing Social brought 7 people together to celebrate the epistolary tradition on June 26th.

Extension Services

- The Monroe Community Library kicked off their Summer Events program with a fantastic Teen Mini golf program and amazing J kickoff party. The J kickoff party featured an inflatable bounce obstacle course. The teen program had 35 participants and the J program had 280.
- The Philomath Community Library kicked off their Summer Events program with similar success. Their kickoff party attracted 254 participants and their Teen Mini Golf attracted 19 participants.
- Morgan Chester is the new Community Library Specialist in Philomath and her first day was June 16th.
- The Summer Events program is off to a great start J signups stand at 1430, EL signups are 699 (total J signups 2129) and YA signups are at 264. Total signups are at 2393. For comparison, the 2015 total for signups was the following: J signups was 2278, YA was 309, and total signups was 2587.

6-2-16

Library offering photo workshop Saturday

CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

The Corvallis-Benton County Public Library is hosting a photography workshop from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the library, 645

N.W. Monroe Ave.

Local photographer Kat Sloma will conduct the workshop, which will focus on creating photos with compelling composition.

Workshop participants should have working knowledge of their digital cameras and bring sample photographs for an exercise. The workshop is free

but limited to the first 30 to register.

Call 541-766-6793 or email askalibrarian@corvallisoregon.gov to register.

5-25-16

Draft vision document sparks lively discussion

Plan includes metrics to measure progress

JAMES DAY

Corvallis Gazette-Times

The Imagine Corvallis 2040 vision and action plan project released a draft of its vision statement during a special Corvallis City Club meeting Tuesday night at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.

The event drew a crowd of 40 people that engaged in a spirited discussion of the document and the project in a two-hour event in which several people ... stayed in the library meeting room to continue the dialogue.

"It's a nice structure that gives

us the bones," said Doug Zenn of HDR Inc., the lead consultant on the project, which is replacing the earlier Vision 2020 statement with a vision and action plan that will include metrics with which to measure progress.

"We will collect potential actions to put underneath these visions," Zenn said. "A whole community effort is needed to implement it, not just the city — with a capital C — of Corvallis."

Members of the project's steering committee presented an overview of the draft document, which is broken up into six focus areas: engage and support, learn and thrive, innovate



JAMES DAY, GAZETTE-TIMES

Clockwise from left, Lauren Urey Kathy Thompson, Ann Mbacke, Annette Mills and Rick Kleinosky discuss the draft vision statement for the city of Corvallis at Tuesday's City Club meeting at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.

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and prosper, create and celebrate, plan and change and steward and sustain. Each focus area contains a “core vision idea” and six to eight other concepts.

Participants discussed the draft at their tables in classic City Club fashion and then came to the microphone to pose a series of well-thought-out questions, from the macro level of what was learned from the Vision 2020 process to the micro level of why a particular apartment complex was allowed to be built on Northwest Circle Boulevard and whether the expression “in-kind” should be included in the draft.

Among the highlights:

■ Former Planning Commission member Jennifer Gervais noted that the project should have done more targeted outreach to glean feedback from youths, retirees and the homeless.

■ Moderator Kent Daniels chimed in by asking how the project will get from vision

VISION UPDATE

Here are the core ideas that are included in the Imagine Corvallis 2040 draft vision statement that was unveiled Tuesday:

1. Diversity, equity and inclusion
2. Equitable accessible health care and education
3. Economic diversity and innovation
4. Community identity and involvement in the arts
5. Well-planned city
6. Planning for growth and livability

Online: See this story at Gazette-Times.com for a .pdf of the draft vision statement.

to action and how the city will make sure the actions get done.

■ Nick Houtman, longtime City Club official, said at his table the idea of how to increase collaborations was discussed. He noted possible linkups with other counties. “We’re all in little pockets.



Placards which took the data gathered by the Imagine Corvallis 2040 vision project used bigger, bolder type to note topics that came up more frequently than others in the three workshops that were held in March.

JAMES DAY, CORVALLIS GAZETTE-TIMES

We need to work better as a community,” said Houtman, who was greeted with whoops! and a high five on this way back to his table.

■ Trish Daniels, a former councilor and Planning Commission member, noted that housing came up as an issue in the proj-

ect’s data on all six focus areas. “We need to think of some new angles,” Daniels said. “This issue keeps coming to the top ... and it’s been doing that since the 70s.”

The Imagine Corvallis 2040 steering committee and its consultants will

continue to refine the draft vision statement that was unveiled Tuesday night. The group hopes to have an action plan and metrics ready for the City Council to consider before the end of the year.

One councilor, Penny York of Ward 1, is on the project’s

steering committee. York also was the key advocate that led to the vision process being established as a council goal. Four other councilors — Zach Baker (Ward 3), Barbara Bull (Ward 4), Bill Glassmire (Ward 7) and Frank Hann (Ward 8) — were on hand for the discussion.

Council to consider city's new budget

JAMES DAY

Corvallis Gazette-Times

The Corvallis City Council will consider its budget plan for the 2016-17 fiscal year at its meeting Monday at the downtown fire station, 400 N.W. Harrison Blvd.

The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m., with the public hearing on the budget set to begin at 7:30 p.m.

The council session will include a "community comments" section in which public testimony will be taken on subjects other than the budget plan. Public comment will be taken on the spending plan during the public hearing. Residents also can submit testimony in advance at www.corvallisoregon.gov/publicinput.

In other public meetings:

Saturday

■ The Corvallis Police Department will host a "coffee with a cop" event from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Coffee Culture outlet at 1195 N.W. Kings Blvd. The goal of the program is to break down the barriers between the department and residents and give community members an opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions.

Tuesday

■ The Benton County Board of Commissioners will hold a work session and meeting at 9 a.m. in the county boardrooms, 205 N.W. Fifth St. The agenda will include a presentation on water system funding and discussions of an enterprise zone application for 4 Spirits Distillery, a change in annexation law, technology upgrades in the Sunset Building and a supplement-

tal budget \$1.2 million for the county health program.

■ The Corvallis City Council will hold a work session at 3:30 p.m. at the Madison Avenue Meeting Room, 500 S.W. Madison Ave. On the agenda is a discussion of the problem of unimproved streets, an update on the work of the task force examining the city's goal of a sustainable budget and a review of the third-quarter operating report. The council cannot make a decision at a work session, but public testimony will be taken on the agenda items. Residents can submit testimony in advance at www.corvallisoregon.gov/publicinput.

■ The Corvallis Downtown Parking Committee meets at 4 p.m. at the downtown fire station.

■ The Philomath Park Advisory Board meets at

5 p.m. at City Hall, 980 Applegate St. to discuss Music in the Park and parks grants.

Wednesday

■ The Corvallis Planning Commission will hold a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the downtown fire station to continue its deliberations on Oregon State University-related amendments to the city's comprehensive plan. Special meetings also are set for June 22 and June 29.

Thursday

■ The Civic Beautification and Urban Forestry Department Advisory Committee meets at 9 a.m. at the Parks and Recreation Department, 1310 S.W. Avery Park Drive.

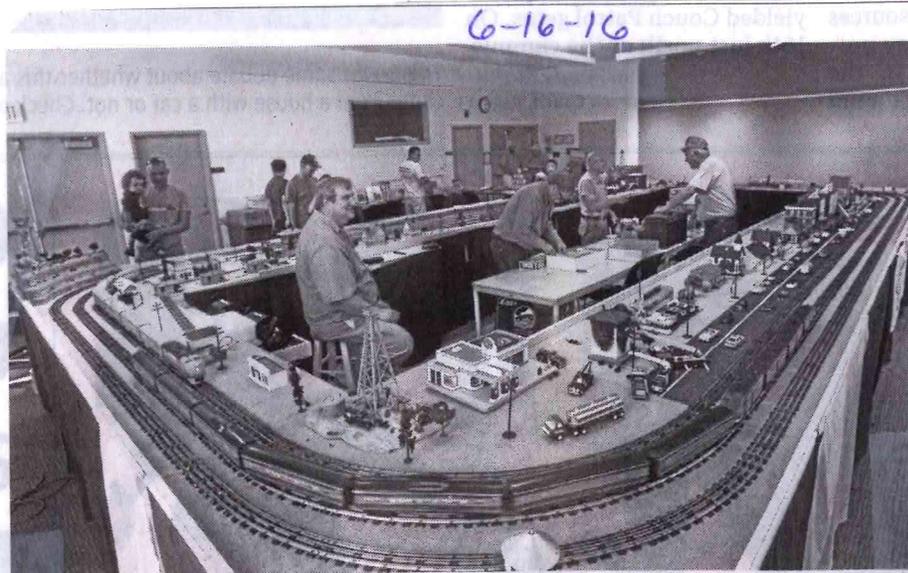
■ A public forum looking at the issue of considering local alternatives to incarceration will be held from

5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 N.W. Monroe Ave. The event is organized by the King Legacy Advisory Board and Corvallis Showing Up for Racial Justice. The event includes a showing of a TED talk followed by a facilitated discussion and an opportunity to sign up for a summer study/action group that will look at ways to improve the criminal justice system

June 11

■ Ward 1 Corvallis Councilor Penny York will be the government comment corner guest from 10 a.m. to noon at the library.

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Visitors got a close look at model trains during last year's Oregon Electric O-Gaugers Train Club show at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library. This year's show runs Friday and Saturday.

Model train show slated for library

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The annual model train show sponsored by the Oregon Electric O-Gaugers Train Club of Albany is set for Friday and Saturday at the

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 N.W. Monroe Ave.

The event runs 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Donations of canned or

boxed goods will be accepted and donated to the Linn-Benton Food Share.

The show is sponsored by the library and the Oregon Electric-O Gaugers Train Club.

CHECK IT OUT

WHAT: Chintimini Chamber Music Festival

WHEN: The festival this year features five concerts.

- Friday, June 17, 7:30 p.m., First Congregational Church, 4515 S.W. West Hills Road, Corvallis
- Tuesday, June 21, 7:30 p.m., First Congregational Church
- Friday, June 24, 7:30 p.m., First Congregational Church
- Sunday, June 26, 4 p.m., Ashbrook Independent School, 4045 S.W. Research Way, Corvallis
- Wednesday, June 29, 7:30 p.m., First Congregational Church

The festival also features these free concerts for children:

- Thursday, June 23, 12:45 p.m., KidSpirit, Oregon State University Women's Building
- Monday, June 27, 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 N.W. Monroe Ave.
- Tuesday, June 28: 10:30 a.m., Monroe Community Library, 380 N. Fifth St., Monroe.

HOW MUCH: Tickets are \$24 for single concerts and \$95 for the series. For ticket ordering information and program notes, go to the festival's website, www.chintimini.org.

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Library series to review rowing book

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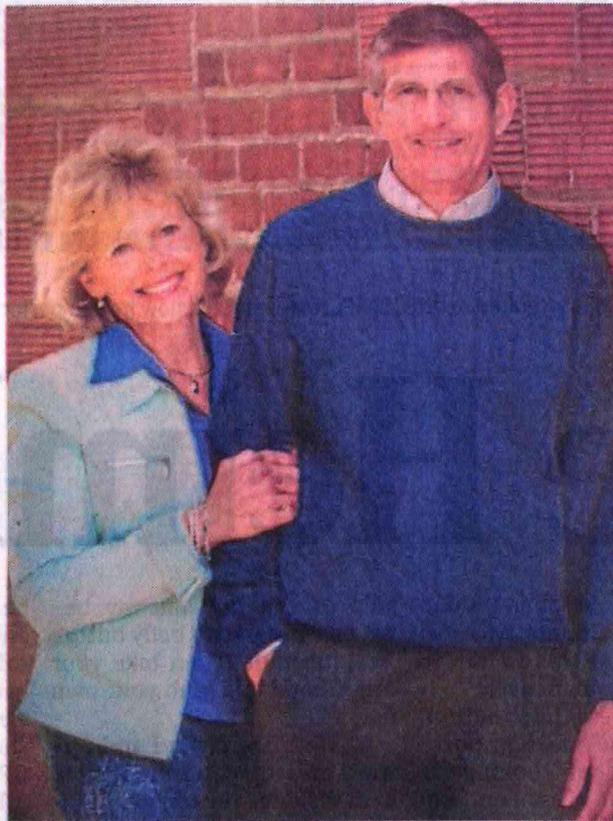
"The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics" by Daniel James Brown will be reviewed by Robert and Susan Poole at noon Wednesday at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library in the final Random Review session of the season.

Washington author Brown has written a popular and award-winning book about how nine working-class rowers from the University of Washington captured the gold medal at the 1936 Olympics. The story was brought to life by Brown's interviews with rower Joe Rantz, who shared his memories shortly before his death, as well as interviews with crewmates' friends and families.

The book follows an unlikely group of eight rowers as they became a team as freshmen and grew up together during the Depression. Rich with detail, engrossing explanations of rowing technique and strategy, and nail-biting race scenes, the book reveals a world that most of us are not familiar with.

Bob and Susan Poole have been involved in boating and rowing for much of their lives. Both are members of the Corvallis Rowing Club and keep up their fitness with weightlifting, running, and strength conditioning.

Bob Poole has had a successful competitive rowing career, competing in the Nike Master World Games, Northwest Regional Regattas, U.S. National Masters, Canadian National competition, and Head of the Charles Regatta. He attended the University of Oregon Medical School



Susan and Bob Poole

(now Oregon Health & Science University) and graduated magna cum laude. He retired from The Corvallis Clinic in 2005 after practicing as a urologist there for 26 years.

Susan earned a pharmacy degree from Oregon State University in 1969 and worked as a pharmacist at OSU for many years until she retired in 2005.

Both Bob and Susan are active volunteers in the community. Susan has received many awards, including Corvallis First Citizen, Corvallis Senior First Citizen and the Hans Neukomm Leadership Award. Bob has served on several boards and committees including the Corvallis Clinic Foundation, the Greater Corvallis Rotary Club, and

IF YOU GO

The June Random Review session runs from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 N.W. Monroe Ave. The free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and is free to the public. Coffee, tea and cookies will be served. A hearing loop system is available. If any member of the public has a disability and needs accommodations to attend this event, call 541-766-6928, allowing 48 hours' notice for this service.

the Center for Nonprofit Stewardship.

Up next: This is the final program of the season. The Random Review program will resume in September. The list of books and reviewers scheduled for the 2016-17 season will be released sometime before then.

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SUMMER BLOW-OUT Book Sale!
Friends of the Library, Fri., June 24, 3:30-5pm* Members Only - Become a member at the door! Sat., June 25, 10am-4pm; Sun., June 26, 11am-3pm. 645 NW Monroe, Corvallis. All books \$1 - \$2. Lower prices Sunday.

Kiefer's impact on young readers honored

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BRAD FUQUA
Philomath Express

A children's librarian for 36 years, Curtis Kiefer didn't pick up books himself during his childhood years.

"I was not a reader as a child," Kiefer said, "although I never remember not being able to read and we certainly had books around the house that we read. But I was not a library goer, not a library user. It was not until I was in college that I myself became a reader."

Reading evolved into a passion and became Kiefer's life's work, including 20 years with the Corvallis-Benton County Library. In honor of his significant contributions, Oregon Literary Arts this year presented Kiefer with the Walt Morey Young Readers Literary Legacy Award.

"(I was) very flattered ... it's a statewide award and to be honored by other writers and people involved in literacy and reading, it was a nice, nice honor," said Kiefer, 64, who left his position as youth services manager at the Corvallis library in 2014 and retired to Philomath.

Following college, Kiefer took a job teaching school for two years in the Bahamas.

"There were no school libraries and that was just a shock," he said. "I tried to help set one up in the high school I was teaching in and we did get something going, and that's when I decided I'd go to library school."

During the April 11 awards program, he was called a "visionary," which included the implementation of programs for children as young as 6 months while helping parents learn to support their children's language and cognitive development.

"Watching that 'a-ha' moment when kids connect words on the printed page with a story and the fact that they can do it themselves ... that's a wonderful feeling," Kiefer responded when asked why he found such enthusiasm with encouraging young readers. "And younger kids, preschool kids, are just little sponges, they're soaking up everything you say."

Ashley Folgate, extensions librarian at the Philomath Community Library, sees Kiefer as a role model.

He's a master storyteller and he still occasionally comes in and does storytime for us," Folgate said. "He's incredible to watch, even as a grownup doing

Who was Walt Morey?

Walt Morey (1907-1992), an Oregon native born in Wilsonville, won several awards for children's fiction. Perhaps his most recognizable title was "Gentle Ben," which served as the basis for the late 1960s television series of the same name and the 1967 film, "Gentle Giant."

In all, Morey published 17 books and won several awards. Among his other titles were "Kavik the Wolf Dog," "Canyon Winter," "Runaway Stallion," "Run Far Run Fast" and "Year of the Black Pony."

storytelling, he does a fantastic job with it."

Folgate started her tenure at the library in 2011 and Kiefer's approach rubbed off on her.

"He helped me shape how I do my storytimes," she said when asked about Kiefer's influence. "Just having good conversations with him ... we've talked and debated all kinds of things from using technology in storytime to using iPads in storytime. He was always willing to have those really deep conversations about serving children."

Kiefer remains active in the local scene with his work on the library's foundation board.

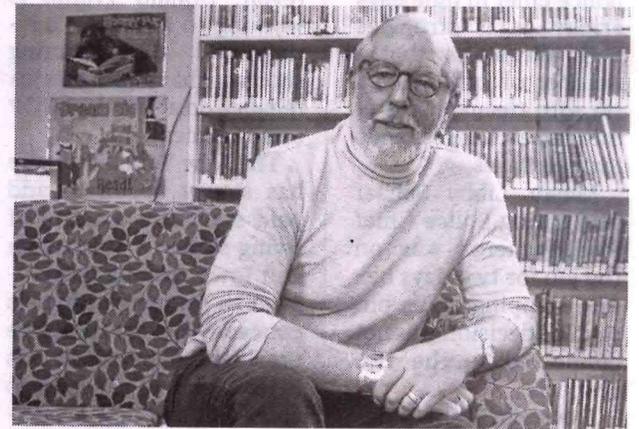
"I miss the interaction with the kids and one volunteer thing I still do is volunteer for bedtime storytime and helping supervise at various children's events, like the Chintimini Cham-

ber Music — we do two programs at the library and I'll work with them on that," he said. "Corvallis-OSU Piano International does programs at the library and I help out with that."

Besides his contributions on infant storytime, Kiefer also instituted programs for the developmentally disabled and led the inclusion of library services into assistance programs for families in crisis. He also worked to assure that the LGBTQ community was fully integrated into library services and LGBTQ youth had a safe place at the library.

With the multitude of distractions in the technology age, one might think it would be a challenge to attract young readers to physically pick up a book. But Kiefer doesn't see it that way at all.

"No, I think it's the second golden age of children's



BRAD FUQUA, PHILOMATH EXPRESS

Oregon Literary Arts this year presented Curtis Kiefer, of Philomath, seen here sitting in the children's section of the library, with the Walt Morey Young Readers Literary Legacy Award.

literature really from picture books through older fiction," Kiefer said. "Certainly there was great stuff before 'Harry Potter,' but 'Harry Potter' made reading very cool. Second-graders are trying to read 'Harry Potter' and that just set things in motion. Just watching how circulation grew over the years with children's materials, it was very exciting."

Today's technology has had an impact, primarily with nonfiction materials.

"You'd have the schools make an assignment on Mars, so every book on Mars or the solar system would go out and there'd be nothing,"

Kiefer said about past years. "Now kids just go online — and they can go online at the library. We have all sorts of electronic information they can get. So that's made a change as far as nonfiction materials are used."

Among Kiefer's other accomplishments during his noteworthy career was to help establish the Oregon Library Association's "Vision 2010" project. The effort embraced a strategy that still remains: "Nurture the joy of reading by providing every child with quality library services from both public and school libraries."

Library kicks off busy summer of reading events

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Officials hope to keep kids learning

ANTHONY RIMEL
Corvallis Gazette-Times

Corvallis gets a little quieter over summer. Schools sit mostly empty, Oregon State University's campus is less crowded, and parking gets a lot easier just about everywhere.

But while the rest of town has slowed down, the Corvallis-Benton Public Library is gearing up for its busy season. Library staff said that in addition to putting on summer reading programs for all ages, the library increases the number of events they offer during the summer.

"With the kids being out of school the library is a natural place for families to come," said Heidi Weisel, a youth services librarian.

One of the earliest examples of this was Thursday's Teddy Bear Picnic, an annual story time event that replaces its regular toddler story time.

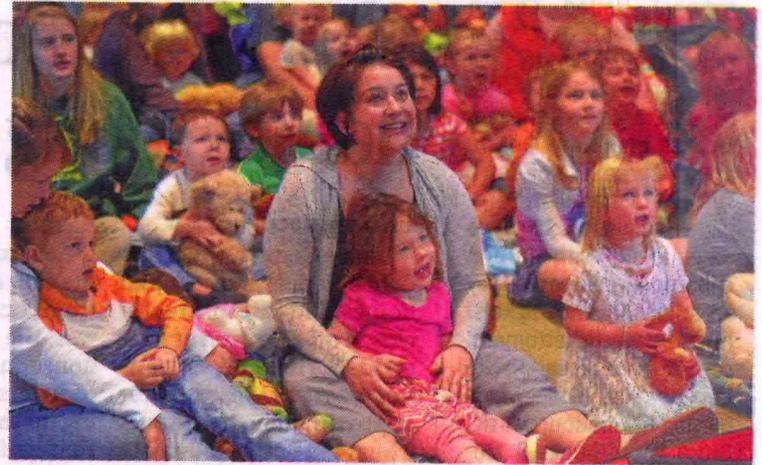
The library will kick off its summer events this Saturday with Bookin' It, a 5K fun run at the Riverfront Commemorative Park near the Farmers Market at Northwest First Street and Northwest Monroe Avenue. Registration for the 5K, which begins at 10 a.m., is free, and can be done online at <http://cbcpubliblibrary.net/bookinit/> or from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the course's start.

However, as of Thursday morning library staff said 260 of their capacity of 300 had already been filled. The event also includes a 1-mile family run at 10:30 a.m.

Weisel said library staff decided to do a fun run because it aligns with the athletic theme for this year's library summer program: "On Your Mark, Get Set... Read!"

She said the library system is part of a national library consortium that uses a united theme for summer library programs, and the branch libraries in the Benton County library system are also participating, some of them with themed events like field days.

Weisel said that in addition to



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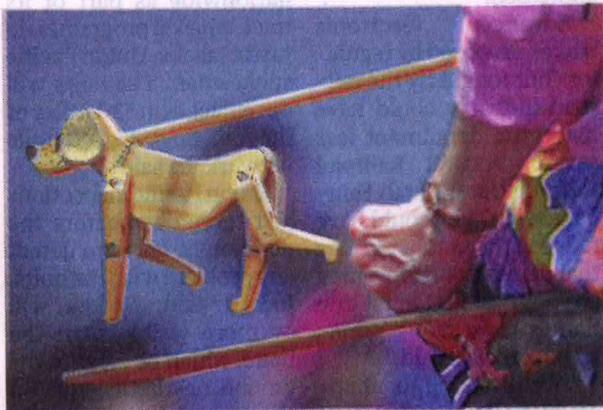
Three-year-old Elsa Spaulding and her mother Caroline drove down from Salem on Thursday morning to attend their first Teddy Bear Picnic at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.

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Singer-songwriter Nancy Stewart performed for a full room during the Teddy Bear Picnic on Thursday morning at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.



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Henry the limberjack dog joined Nancy Stewart for one of the songs she performed at the Teddy Bear Picnic on Thursday morning at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library.

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summer being a time when families are more available for library events, they can also help bridge the gap for kids who might fall behind during summer by giving them engaging activities.

Kids age 12 and under get a free book when they sign up for the summer reading program, while supplies last.

According to library statistics, the summer reading program had nearly 2,300 juvenile signups in 2015, and they had an attendance of more than 5,400 for juvenile events. This year, they've already had more than 1,650 juvenile signups.

Andrew Cherbas, extension services and technology manager for the library, said they could end up giving away 2,500 books to kids signing up this year.

Cherbas said a lot of the programming is around literacy, but it's also on broader themes of learning.

"It goes back to bridging the gap (during summer). Libraries are another institution of learning," he said.

The summer activities, including the free books, are funded by the Friends of the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, which is having a book sale Saturday and Sunday in the main library branch at 645 NW Monroe

Ave. Hours for the sale are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

Cherbas said the summer programming is something the library staff works towards year-round, planning begins in September.

"It's fun to see the buzz around the library," after all the work, he said.

For more information about summer programs at the library, visit www.cbcpubliblibrary.net or call 541-766-6794.

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Two-year-old Avery Prothero, her older sister Gwendolyn, 8, and their mother Lindsay pose with book characters Elephant and Piggie after the Teddy Bear Picnic at the Corvallis-Benton county Public Library on Thursday morning.



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Six-year-old Minnie Ball dances to a song during the Teddy Bear Picnic held at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library on Thursday morning.



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Jodi Robin helps her daughter Senia Robin, 7, and friend Samantha Mosbrucker, 4, check out books at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library after attending the Teddy Bear Picnic Thursday morning.

6-25-16

Volunteers honored Wilson's readers

The students at Wilson Elementary School completed a Million Minutes Reading Challenge during this past school year. To celebrate this achievement, the first graders from Wilson visited the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library in early June. The students toured the library and listened to stories read by community members. We would like to thank the following community members who participated and read to the first-graders:

Jacque Barrington and her READ dog, Dustee; Chandler Bolton, Corvallis police; Andrew Christoson, Corvallis police; MaryKay Dahlgreen, state librarian, Oregon State Library; Zach del Nero, Corvallis fire; Jim Patton, Corvallis fire; Carolyn Rawles, Corvallis-Benton County Public Library director; Mark Shepard, Corvallis city manager; Biff Traber, Corvallis mayor.

Thank you for taking the time to make this a great event for the Wilson Elementary School first-graders!

Heidi Weisel

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