



# Focus on Friends

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## Winter book sale offers bargains



The FOBL 2009 Winter book sale is Saturday, January 17th. Doors open to FOBL members at 9:00 a.m. Sale hours for the general public are from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Josie, the membership chair, will have 2009 membership renewal forms at the door. For your convenience, a renewal form can also be found on page 7 of this newsletter.

Generous donations continue to provide thousands of books and multimedia from which to choose.

Highlights of items received since October:

- an excellent selection of photography books—all priced 1/2-off
- herb books
- a very nice variety of coffee table books
- literally thousands of cookbooks
- an abundance of newer mysteries in excellent condition
- Biography is completely full and reflects a wide range of fascinating characters

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## Annual meeting announced

The annual meeting of The Friends of the Bend Library will be at 6:30 pm on January 12, 2009 in the Brooks Room of the Bend Library.

There will be a short business meeting during which new officers for 2009 will be elected. For more information on nominees, see the President's Message on page 2.

The new director of the Bend Library, Todd Dunkelberg, will be at the meeting and will be speaking briefly.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet Todd and chat with the FOBL officers.

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## President's Message

By Susie Byrne

We'll be electing another slate of officers to the Friends of the Bend Library Board at the annual meeting this month, and I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank those who have once again agreed to serve.

Nominated for president is **Meredith Shadrach**, who has done an outstanding job in 2008 as treasurer, and will no doubt continue to do so as your leader in 2009. **Paula Bradford** has served as our much appreciated member-at-large since 2007 and is nominated for vice president. I'm up for election as your treasurer, and **Joyce Ownby**, our current vice president, has graciously agreed to accept the nomination as secretary. If you're thinking this is sounding a bit like musical chairs, you're right—all candidates are currently FOBL Board members and are running unopposed. **Sara Johnson** will trade her duties as Secretary for those of member-at-large. We are pleased to welcome **Rob Byrd**

to chair the newly created Special Projects Committee. We are fortunate to have valued Committee Chairpersons **Josie Lancaster** (membership), **Denise Mahoney** (art committee), **Romona Greeno** (publicity), **Clairece Brickell** (Friendshop) and **Kris Jett** (book sales) remaining at their posts for 2009.

I would personally like to appeal to you to consider getting involved in the leadership of Friends in the coming year. It is interesting and rewarding work, but it does need an infusion of new faces and ideas occasionally. Your involvement beyond dues paying will enhance the potential for this organization to actively contribute to the well being of our Library—and you'll enjoy working with an absolutely wonderful group of people as well. Listed within this newsletter is the contact information for each officer and committee chair. Please feel free to let them know of your active interest. We look forward to welcoming you!



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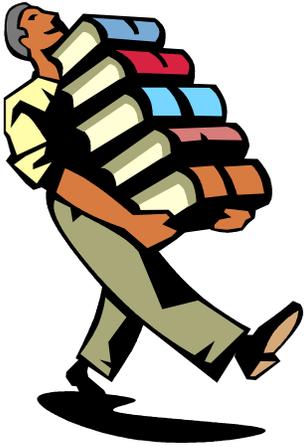
"The richest person in the world—in fact, all the riches in the world—couldn't provide you with anything like the endless loot available at your local library."

Malcom Forbes



## Book Sale

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- hundreds of specially priced first editions
- several hundred LP's
- comics from the 80's & 90's
- in Romance: Debbie Macomber, Nora Roberts
- in Sci-Fi/Fantasy: Star Wars Spacecraft, Dragonology, Lemony Snicket

We have easily a hundred paperback copies of *The World To Come* by Dara Horn at 75 cents each. This book was Bend's Novel Idea selection for 2008.

There are still hundreds of children's books-on-tape; these items are now reduced to only 10 cents a piece. Videotapes also are 10 cents.

We have many free books and *National Geographic* magazines on hand.

Please take a look in the Friendshop at our selection of gift-quality and/or popular donations for sale during all open Friendshop hours.

## New library director hired

*By Heather McNeil*

After conducting a thorough national search that concluded with an extensive interview and assessment process, the Library District Board unanimously agreed that Assistant Director Todd Dunkelberg's skills and abilities were the best fit for leading the District forward. Todd will begin his duties as Library Director on January 2, when Michael Gaston retires. Todd has been with the district for almost 10 years, serving as children's librarian and branch manager in Redmond, as well as the Assistant Director for the District. Todd also recently completed the Certified Public Library Administrator program.



*Joyce and Ned help decorate the Bend Library Christmas tree.*



## Friendshop participates in SMILE Central Oregon

SMILE Central Oregon is a program recently begun by Dr. Juliana Panchura of Central Oregon Orthodontic Specialists, with the goal of making orthodontic treatment available to anyone who desires it. They have established relationships with numerous community organizations to help their patients fulfill their desire to participate in community service and at the same time “pay” for a portion of their orthodontic treatment.

The program was designed to offer significantly discounted fees (up to 50%) for the work patients (or a family

member) perform as a volunteer for an approved organization. Volunteers receive a voucher worth \$10 for each hour of community service performed. As an approved non-profit organization, The Friendshop at the Bend Library is proud to be participating in this worthwhile program.

For more information about this program, please check out the FAQ page at <http://www.smilecentraloregon.com>.

## Mitten Tree is big success

*By Paula Bradford*

Once again, the people of the Bend area have responded to our annual Mitten Tree with lots and lots of scarves, mittens/gloves and hats for needy elementary school children! The Friends of the Bend Library (sponsors of this event) are leaving the Mitten Tree up until January 5, 2009, in order to provide as many children with warm outerwear as possible. Thanks to everyone who donated goodies to this project!



## Art exhibits announced



*by Denise Mahoney and Loretta Slepikas, art committee co-chairs*

On November 5 the 2008 annual Art of Photography exhibit was hung on the walls of the second floor of the library. We only have about two dozen photographs so all the available spaces are not filled, but it's a very nice exhibit. It will be up until February 2, 2009.

The committee has chosen the 2009

exhibits as follows: February 4 to May 4 will be "The Painterly Tradition"—only painting , no photography; May 6 to August 3 will be "Images of Other Lands", open to all media; August 5 to November 2 will be "Portraits", open to all media and last November 4 to February 3, 2010 the annual Art of Photography.

## Friends make library a special place

*By Heather McNeil*

Happy New Year to all you wonderful Friends! I am the Bend Library's liaison to the Friends, as well as Youth Services Coordinator for the Library District, and co-manager of the Bend Public Library. I wanted to start off the new year with a huge THANK YOU for all that the Friends provide to make the Bend Library such a special place.

During the past year, due to your generosity, we have been able to purchase furniture for the teen and adult areas; enhance the Family Space in the children's department with cuddly stuffed animals and interactive toys; and provide a free book to every teen who joins the summer reading

program. (Children also get a free book, but that is paid for with a Ready to Read grant from the Oregon State Legislature.) I am especially grateful for the Friends' support of the 2009 Early Literacy Conference. You led the way with the first contribution!

It has been my great pleasure to be the liaison for several years. I am thoroughly impressed by the dedication of the Board, the energy of the Book Cellars, the friendliness of the Friendshop, and the support from all of you. I look forward to continuing to work with the Board on the projects you decide to financially support in 2009.



## Visit the Friendshop

*By Clairece Brickell*

Thanks to our loyal customers and our fantastic volunteers the gift shop has had a good year.

Come in and see our educational toys for children. We have building blocks for the small children with letters and a cool cow on one side. We have wooden maps of the USA for the older children that will help them with their Geography. We have realistic snakes, large paper doll books of ballerinas and some with history themes and more. Come in and take a look around.



## About our organization

The Friends of the Bend Library is a non-profit organization that supports, enhances, and promotes the Bend Branch of the Deschutes Public Library District. It has used its fundraising projects and the sale of used books for such projects as purchasing workstations for the handicapped in the library, assisting with children's and young adult programming, and organizing and hanging quarterly art exhibits.

Our fundraising projects have included the quarterly book sales in the administration building, revenue from the Friendshop in the library lobby, the income from the Friends membership fees, and special projects for special library related causes.

### BOARD MEMBERS

President, Susie Byrne	322-0342
Treasurer, Meredith Shadrach	678-5717
Secretary, Sara Johnson	389-2234
Book Sales, Kris Jett	317-0774
Member-at-large, Paula Bradford	383-0941
Membership, Josie Lancaster	318-8557
Friendshop, Clairece Brickell	388-5632
Art Committee, Denise Mahoney	389-9846
Newsletter, Romona Greeno	389-5036
Staff Liaison, Heather McNeil	617-7099



## Renew membership now

By Josie Lancaster, Membership Chair

Since Friends of the Library membership runs from January to December, it is once again time to renew. Thanks to all of you who have already renewed your membership for 2009 and welcome to those who have recently become new members!

Your membership is important so that FOBL can continue to fund Bend Library requests for the coming year. As you know, the level of Friends support of library programs depends on funds raised through memberships,

Friendship proceeds, book sales proceeds and donations. We hope to increase the level of our support this year, so encourage your friends, relatives and neighbors to become members of the Friends of the Bend Library. We are all be very proud of our library and, with your help, we can make it even better!

Renew now to be ready for the first book sale of 2009 on Saturday, January 17.



Make check payable to: **FRIENDS OF BEND LIBRARY**  
 Indicate **Membership Level** on "memo" line  
 Mail to: **601 NW Wall Street, Bend, OR 97701**

2009 membership expires 12/31/2009

## Membership Application Form

(Personal data for the use of FOBL may, if needed, be shared with Deschutes Public Library Deschutes Public Library Foundation)

Membership Level (circle one)

**Student** \$5/person    **Senior** \$5/person    **Individual** \$10/person    **Family** \$15/one address  
**Contributor** \$25    **Sponsor** \$50    **Patron** \$100    **Benefactor** \$250+

**YOUR NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

Call me to **HELP** with (circle 1 or more): *Friendship, Book Sales, Membership, Newsletter, Website, Other*

**OFFICE USE ONLY:** date rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash, Ck# \_\_\_\_\_ **NEW** **Renewal** **Initials** \_\_\_\_\_

