



Focus on Friends

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Spring Sale overflows with bargains

The Spring Book Sale will be one of the best we have had in many years. Since the December sale, we have received two large donations of recent mysteries, military history books, children's books, and much, much more.

Our Spring Book Sale will be **Saturday, March 31, 2012** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. FOBL members may enter at 9 a.m. The **bag** sale will be the next

day, **Sunday, April 1** from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. A plastic grocery bag of books may be purchased for only \$4.

The location for the sale is in the Library Administration Building next to the Bend Downtown Library parking lot on Wall Street. Look for signs on the day of the sale.

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By Brigitte Dysart

On the second day of the book sale, customers can fill a grocery bag with books and pay only \$4.00.



President's Message

By Meredith Shadrach



Bend is having its normal fits-and-starts spring weather. One day sunny and 60°, the next 30° with a skiff of snow! It is too early for yard work, so grab a book and read, read, read! Please join your Friends at the huge book sale on March 31 and April Fool's Day to replenish your winter stash of must-reads. No foolin'—you can buy a bag of books for only \$4 on April 1.

I'm hoping for warm spring weather on April 25-27, when library folk from all over the state will converge on the Riverhouse Convention Center. It's one of the very few times the Oregon Library Association will hold its annual conference in Bend. It seems people west of our mountains don't like the snowy roads any more than I do. Your Friends of the Bend Libraries will sponsor one of the breaks in between conference sessions, and several volunteers from our board will attend. The list of workshops sounds fascinating. Three of my favorites from the list of thirty choices are: "Boomers: At the Heart of Your Library"; "Embedded Librarians"; and "Early Literacy Outreach Using Volunteers." If you have an interest in attending the conference, go to the website

www.olaweb.org and click on "Conferences." Since Deschutes Public Library is the host, they need volunteers to work a two-hour shift. Volunteers will direct the attendees from room to room, offer suggestions on restaurants, and give other info on the wonders of Bend. Please call Cathy Zraggen at 541-312-1094 or email her at the LaPine Library cathyz@deschuteslibrary.org. if you are interested in volunteering.

I hope to see all members at the 9:00 a.m. preview sale on the 31st! My fingers are crossed for warm weather, as we have lots of books to sell on the front sidewalk because there are too many new donations to fit downstairs.

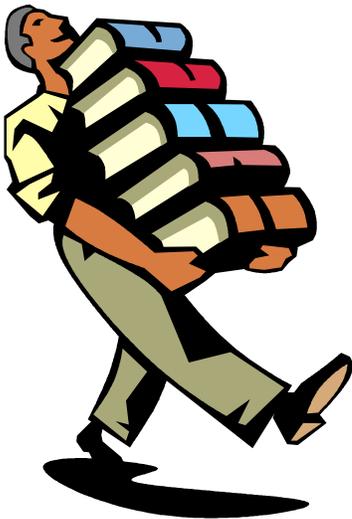
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Book sale

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Spring Sale Highlights



The mystery section has many new authors like Jo Nesbo, P.D. James, Erik Larson, Arnaldur Indridason, Trevor Scott, Jennings Mankell, and Bernard Cornwell.

The large print books section is full.

The children's section is overflowing with all types of books for all age groups.

Over 100 comic books were donated.

In the media section, there is a large selection of music CDs. Over 6 shelves of DVDs were donated along with a large collection of folk music, LP records and large selection of 45-rpm rock records.

The library donated numerous CD audio books. You now can listen to your favorite books while driving.

The classics section includes numerous great authors such as Shakespeare, Somerset Maugham and many more.

A member donated a large number of quilting and sewing books.

A donor gave the FOBL numerous military history books on WWII and the Civil War.

We have a large section of specially priced aviation and auto repair books.

The science section has been expanded to include books on bird watching, and astronomy.

The SciFi, Paranormal/Fantasy section has been expanded with exciting books by recent authors.

For more information please contact Rob Byrd, FOBL's Book Sales Chair via email robertbyrd@bendbroadband.com or phone (541-389-1622.)

Oregon Library Organization
Conference in Bend April 25-27
www.olaweb.org



The Friendship is well stocked

By Susie Byrne

“In the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours.”

–Mark Twain

Although Mr. Twain was referring to the New England climate when he made that remark, he might well have been describing spring in Central Oregon. There are glorious days ahead, but right now, while Mother Nature is still showing us 136 different ways to get wet and cold, stop in the Friendship at the Downtown Branch and let us show you 136 different ways to lose yourself in a good book!

The shop is bursting with a wonderful selection of gently used books, and at 50¢ to \$1 each, they are priced to sell. If you don't see what you are looking for, tell a volunteer and we will do our best to include your favorite author or genre as we restock our shelves. We want to stock what interests you. For example, given the tremendous popularity of the *Let's Talk About It: Making Sense of the American Civil War* program, we made sure to stock many good, used books on the Civil War. We've sold dozens of titles, but at press time our selection is still good. There are books on specific battles and campaigns like *Return to Bull Run*, *The Campaign of Chancellorsville*, and *High Tide at Gettysburg*. Biographies include *McClellan*, *Sherman and Grant* and *A Rebel War Clerk's Diary*. Books on naval operations during the war include *Under Two Flags: The American Navy in the Civil War* and *By Sea And By River*. Other intriguing titles like *No Better Place*

To Die and *Grey Ghosts and Rebel Riders* are available in hardback, paperback and audio-book formats.

There is also a new selection of beautiful greeting cards from local artists. Stop by and check them out—you may be pleasantly surprised at the quality and price of these little works of art. If you're looking for a unique gift, pick up a selection of these blank or all-occasion cards and tie them up with a pretty ribbon. They make a terrific gift for anyone and are especially appreciated by those who may not always have the time or ability to shop for one-of-a-kind items.

Notice our little shop closed during library hours? That means we could use you! We are staffed entirely by volunteers, and we love welcoming new faces. We're **flexible** with morning and afternoon shifts, **fun** and **friendly**. Did we mention that we're operated by the Friends of the Bend Libraries, with 100% of the shop's profit helping to support our libraries? If you're interested in becoming a Friendship volunteer, please call 541.617.7047 and leave a message, or stop by the shop and pick up an application. It's a simple process and after a check of your references and some training, you'll soon be. Give us a call—you'll be glad you did!



Sandra Turek joins FOBL Board



My name is Sandra Turek and I am originally from New Jersey. My husband, Frank, and I moved to Arizona where we both attended Arizona State University and earned our Masters' degrees. I worked for the Veteran's Administration Medical Center for 30 years and was the Assistant Chair of the Audiology and Speech Pathology Department. Through the years, I worked for my professional organizations in both elected and appointed positions. I also worked with the Arizona State legislature in the writing and passage of my profession's licensure legislation.

In 2007, Frank and I, along with our two Puli dogs, retired to Bend to enjoy the great Bend lifestyle. I

volunteer at the East Bend Library on Tuesdays and the Downtown Branch on Thursdays where I provide computer assistance and help with the Open Lab. Currently, I am the chair of the Old Farm District Neighborhood Association which keeps me very active in our community.

I look forward to serving on the FOBL Board with the other dedicated board members to continue its commitment to the Bend libraries.

Novel Idea kicks off

By Jo Caisse, Downtown Bend Library Manager

This year's Novel Idea selection is *Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles. The Novel Idea kick-off for this annual event will happen on Saturday April 14th at the Downtown Bend Library. The author will be presenting twice in Central Oregon. His first presentation will be on Friday, May 4th at the Tower Theater at 7:00 pm. Tickets are required for the May 4th presentation and become available beginning Saturday, April 14th at the Tower Theater's box office and/or website. Amor Towles' second presentation will be on May 5th at 7:00 pm at the Sisters High School

Auditorium. No tickets are required at the May 5th presentation. For more information on the many programs planned for this year's Novel Idea, please checkout Deschutes Public Library's website <http://www.deschuteslibrary.org/>. Anyone interested in reserving a Novel Idea book club kit for a book club, can contact Liz Goodrich, Community Relations Resource Specialist, at 541.312.1032 or lizg@deschuteslibrary.org.

Thanks to the Friends of the Bend Libraries for their generous donation for the 2012 Novel Idea.



Library news

*By Jo Caisse, Downtown Bend
Library Manager*

2012 Summer Reading Program

Our annual Summer Reading program is just around the corner. This year's theme is all about night and will start mid-June. The Summer Reading Program is for all ages. Stay tuned to the Deschutes Public Library's website for more information on all that's happening this summer. Again, due to the generous donations of FOBL, I know we'll have another super summer program.

BookPage

BookPage is now available at the Downtown Bend Library. This great publication recommends the best books for readers of all types and is funded by the Bend Friends!

Art Exhibit

Thanks to all the Art Committee volunteers for setting up the new art exhibit, *Serenity*, at the Downtown Bend Library. We have received many compliments from the public on this beautiful new exhibit.

2012 Oregon Library Association Conference

The 2012 Oregon Library Association will be April 25-27 in Bend. It has been many years since this annual state conference has been on this side of the mountains. For more information on the conference, please visit the conference website at

<http://www.olaweb.org/page/conf2012>

The conference keynote speaker will be Robert Killen, Executive Director, City Club of Central Oregon. If you are interested in attending, you can register on the conference website. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Cathy Zraggen/DPL's La Pine Supervisor at 541.312.1094 or cathyz@deschuteslibrary.org.

The Bend Friends have also contributed funds to sponsor one of the conference's breaks—thanks so much!

See you at the library!

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Find *Serenity* at the library

By Denise Mahoney

The current art exhibit at the Downtown Bend Library is titled *Serenity*. Forty entries depict 28 artists' ideas of serenity in a wide variety of mediums. This exhibit will be displayed until May 7.

The next exhibit will be *Joy of Summer* and is open to all media. Artwork can be brought to the Downtown Branch Library on May 8 and will be hung May 9. The *Joy of Summer* exhibit ends August 6. Entry forms will be in the library foyer and near the upstairs reference desk by mid-March.

About FOBL

[The Friends of the Bend Libraries](#) is a non-profit organization that supports, enhances, and promotes the Bend Branches of the Deschutes Public Library District. Fundraising projects include quarterly book sales, revenue from the Friendship in the Downtown Bend Library lobby, the self-serve bookcase at the East Bend Library, income from the FOBL membership dues, and projects for special library related causes. It has funded projects such as purchasing workstations for the handicapped in the Downtown Branch, buying furniture and shelving for East Bend, assisting with children's and young adult programming, and organizing and hanging quarterly art exhibits.

BOARD MEMBERS

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Questions? Please leave a message on the Friendship phone (541-617-7047) and a volunteer will return your call within a few days.



Renew membership before next sale

By Josie Lancaster, Membership Chair

We'd like to thank those who have renewed their membership in FOBL this year and welcome those who have become new members. We know that you appreciate our libraries as much as we do.

Our first sale of the year is at the end of this month and we know that you won't want to miss all the great books and bargains that will be on display for you. If you haven't yet renewed, please consider doing so with the handy form below.

We value each and every one of our members and your support is a very tangible way of supporting our libraries and keeping them strong.



Make check payable to: **FRIENDS OF THE BEND LIBRARIES**
 Indicate **Membership Level**
Mail to: 601 NW Wall Street, Bend, OR 97701

good to 12/31/2012
 (expires end of each year)

Membership Application Form

(Personal data for the use of FOBL may, if needed, be shared with the Deschutes Public Library and the Deschutes Public Library Foundation)
 (Email is used for delivery of Newsletter and other announcements)

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, Other Fundraising*

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

