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SPRING BOOK SALE

Submitted by "The PWRR Group" (if curious, ask at the Book Sale)

SPRING BOOK SALE Saturday, March 2, 10:00am – 4:00pm (members get early entry at 9:00am) and BAG SALE Sunday, March 3, 1:00-4:00pm. For the bag sale bring your own tote to fill for \$5 or we can give you a plastic bag to fill for \$4.

Sales are always located in the "Book Cellar" at the Library Administration Building, 507 NW Wall St. (one block South of the Downtown Branch Library). Entry is on the south side of the building, look for signs on the sidewalk.

No worries fellow Bendites, the Friends have PLENTY of books to get you through the rest of this looong, cold winter. In fact, since there was no book sale in January, we have shelves full-to-bursting with fresh donations.

HIGHLIGHTS:

*A local publisher donated SEVERAL PALLETS-FULL of brand-new trade paperbacks in all genres. Some of these treasures are even autographed!

*BIRDWATCHERS Nirvana in two sections! We have field guides by the galore---both in the regular "Animals/Birds/Science" section AND in the "Specials" by the Nature books (two full shelves that are labeled "Birds").

*YOGA section has volumes on both Pilates and Yoga: look for the "Sports" shelves.

*FISHING & HUNTING books are also located in the "Sports" section, near a TOP ROW of "Adventure Specials" (our favorite title so far is Sex, Death & Fly-fishing).

*EIGHT SHELVES of DVD movies @ \$2.00 (this is a price reduction, so check it out!)

*SCI-FI & Fantasy Section has many FIRST EDITION CLASSICS plus many volumes from the Stephen King "Darktower" Series (not to mention popular author Diana Gabaldon).

*CHILDREN'S area has both Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew books in the large section, but be sure to check out the "Children's Specials" area on TOP OF THE FICTION SPECIALS. There are so many classics and vintage children's books that many shoppers overlook because they focus on the big section by the elevator. Ditto with the "Young Adult Specials" where we shelve graphic novels and popular YA authors.

Keep in mind that the orange-stickered "Specials" are generally priced at \$1.50 or \$2, which is barely higher than the non-Special price of \$1 per book. So if you are looking for a title, author or topic, be sure to check the entire Book Cellar, or ask one of our FRIEND-ly volunteers in the blue aprons.

Questions? Write us at foblibrary@gmail.com or leave a message at 541-617-7047.

Art Committee, Denise Mahoney, Art Committee Chair

The Friends of the Bend Libraries Art Committee is very pleased to announce a great turnout of art for the "Earth, Water, Sky" exhibit. We had 54 entries by 34 artists representing almost every type of art and interpretation of the theme, either all three in one image or one or two expressed. Abstract to realism, shell collection story or mirrors, photography, painting, collage were submitted. The art is displayed all around the walls of the second floor and in the computer rooms until May 5, 2013. The art is for sale unless indicated by an NFS (not for sale) through artist contact information provided on the printed wall I.D. tags.

The next exhibit will be "Anticipation" which will hang from May 8 to August 4, 2013. Entries may be submitted in person on May 7, Tuesday, 3-6pm in the Hutchinson Room on the second floor of the library. Paintings, collages, photographs, drawings: any medium that can hang on a wall must be 16"x20" or larger outside dimensions of frame or stretched canvas with a wire for hanging on the library's hanging system. NO SAWTOOTH hangers.

The August to November exhibit theme will be "Community" and November to February 2014 will be "Gratitude."

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Meredith Shadrach

Welcome, Friends, to our first newsletter for 2013 and (soon) our first big book sale of the year (March 2 & 3). We hope you will enjoy this first "Focus on Friends" with its new editor, Margarita Bull. The Board so appreciates having a willing volunteer to take on a major task like the newsletter, and we want to give a special shout-out to Romona Greeno (who edited this publication for 6 years, and rotated off the Board due to a term limit in December).

With the retirement of our Recognition and Book Sale Chairs, we have "new blood" filling many positions. Jan Cigoy will be introduced in our next "Focus" as she takes over for Paula Bradford (another term-limit retiree). Our book sale duties are being completed by a team in 2013: Sue Hagner, Bunny Cools, Amy Griffin, and Thom Porterfield. If you run in to any of these fine volunteers, please give them a pat on the back (because that is all the "salary" they will ask for or get!). There will always be new challenges to face in any Friends group, and we are lucky to have so many capable volunteers to see to them.

At our Annual Meeting in January these wonderful workers were applauded. We also discussed a major issue facing our library system, as well as libraries across the country: the difficulty of getting eBooks into the Collection. DPL Staff described that the current climate with some book publishers has them reluctant to allow public libraries to purchase their titles in eBook format. Sometimes the publisher prohibits the purchase, or limits the number of times one purchase can be checked out, or increases the price drastically for libraries. This has resulted in some of the libraries' patrons being unable to check out their requested books.

The Friends believe publishers should be encouraged to have reading materials available to the public in ALL formats, and to that end we urge our members to read more on this issue at two websites:

DPL's www.deschuteslibrary.org/onlineresources/whydontyouhavesomebooks.aspx
and the American Library Association's "E-books and Library FAQs"
<http://goo.gl/tCPpp>

A perfect example of the struggle to get a popular title into the eBook collection is the choice for this April's Novel Idea: *The Snow Child*, written by Eowyn Ivey in 2012. The publisher, Hachette Book Group, will only allow their older titles to be purchased by public libraries in electronic format. The Deschutes Public Library Foundation has been promoting this book tirelessly since December, and has purchased a very large quantity of paperbacks and audio books for the Collection. If you tried to download it to your e-Reader from the DPL, you could not find it. I have written the publisher to express my personal dismay at their policy, and I respectfully suggest you do the same (contact email david.young@hbusa.com). Thank you for your advocacy in support of our libraries.

LIBRARY NEWS

Looking for support with your digital downloads? Deschutes Public Library has developed several library programs and services to help you access Deschutes Public Library's Digital Downloads.

Deschutes Public Library's Digital Download page

Deschutes Public Library's Digital Download site is your gateway to the digital downloads available at Deschutes Public Library. On this site you will also find tutorials that walk you through the check out and download process. Please note at the bottom of each Digital Download page, there is a message that thanks the Deschutes Public Library's Friends groups for their support with this collection. www.deschuteslibrary.org/onlineresources/digitaldownloads.aspx

Digital Download Classes

Classes are offered at both the East Bend and Downtown Bend Libraries to help you with your digital downloads through Deschutes Public Library. The classes require registration. Please register by accessing Deschutes Public Libraries online calendar or by calling 541.617.7050

Open Computer Lab

If you are unable to attend one of the library's Digital Download classes, the library also offers open computer labs at both the East Bend and Downtown Bend Libraries. Staff is on hand not only to provide support with your digital download questions but also to help you brush up on computer skills. Downtown Bend's Open Computer Lab happens on Thursdays from 2-3:30pm. East Bend Library's Open Computer Lab occurs every other Tuesday from 2-3:30. Check Deschutes Public Library's online calendar or call 541.617.7050 for East Bend Library's Open Computer Lab dates.

Know Coffee, Know eBooks

Looking for help your digital download and a cup of coffee? Join the Deschutes Public Library's Community Librarians at the Bend Bellatazza (869 NW Wall Street) for ereader assistance. The Community Librarians are at the Bend Bellatazza every Wednesday from 1:30-2:30pm.

Tech Showcase

Trying to decide on an ereader device? Deschutes Public Library has put together a Tech Showcase for you to try out different devices. The Tech Showcase is available at Downtown Bend. Take an ereader device out for a test drive!

Freegal-Downloadable Music

Download up to three songs per week with your Deschutes Public Library card and PIN.

All songs are in standard MP3 format and can be kept for as long as you like.

www.deschuteslibrary.org/onlineresources/freegal.aspx

Deschutes Public Library Staff

The library staff is available to help you with your questions about digital downloads. Stop by any of our libraries, and staff will be happy to show you how to access library digital downloads.

For more information about dates and times of library offerings go to www.deschuteslibrary.org/calendar or call 541.617.7050

More Deschutes Public Library Offerings This Spring

Author! Author! Literary Series-Author, Stephen Greenblatt Coming In March

Did you know revenue from the Author! Author! Series ticket sales provide funds to enhance the Library's services and programs?

Stephen Greenblatt, author of *The Swerve* and *Will in the World*, is the next author in the series to present on March 7, 2013. For ticket information, visit the Deschutes Public Library Foundation website at www.dplfoundation.org.

Free Tax Preparation Assistance Sessions

The United Way of Deschutes County is offering free tax preparation assistance sessions for Central Oregonians at the Downtown Bend Library from February 2-April 15. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call 541.389.6507.

Animal Adventures at East Bend Library

Join the fun with some critters from the High Desert Museum. For more information contact the East Bend Library Staff at 541.330.3760

Deschutes Public Library District Closure Schedule February through June, 2013

March 31

April 11

May 28

See you at the Library!

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The Friendship at the Bend Library

Easter weekend....Spring Break....Memorial Day.....is there a road-trip with the kids in your future? If so, be sure to drop by The Friendship at the Bend Library before you head out of town. (You'll find us on your left as you enter the main doors of the Downtown Bend branch – just look for the “OPEN” flag.) Inside, you'll find a “Friend-ly” volunteer, happy to help you with your purchase – and some great ideas for passing those hours in the car!

- We have a super selection of Dover Activity Books, including Dot to Dot, Sticker Pictures, Drawing, Coloring, Paper Dolls, Search-a-Word, Spot the Difference and Picture Puzzles.
- Want to make your journey a learning experience, too? Pick up a Pocket Naturalist Guide. Our selection includes Oregon Trees & Wildflowers, Edible Wild Plants, Oregon Birds, Oregon Wildlife, Birds of Prey, The Night Sky, Weather, Knots, and Animal Tracks.
- We carry a variety of small instruments sure to provide kids with hours of fun: Kazoos, Harmonicas, Flutes and Recorders.
- OK, that last one, maybe not so much for in the car! How about puppets, puzzles, moon balls and kaleidoscopes?
- And as always, we have an entire bookshelf devoted to used Children's books at VERY reasonable prices.

Speaking of used books, we're well stocked in that department, too! Our volunteers do a wonderful job of keeping us (and the shelf at the East Branch, too) supplied with well-chosen titles at prices that can't be beat.

From activities to keep the kids busy in the car, to postcards, greeting cards (some by local artists), tote bags, reading glasses, gently used books, or even a quick snack on your way out the front door, The Friendship at the Bend Library has you covered, and don't forget: ALL profits support YOUR library!

Dear Friend of the Bend Libraries:

FOBL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2013

If you have not yet renewed your Friends of the Bend Libraries membership for 2013, now is the time!

As you know, the main function of the Friends is to financially support the rich diversity of programs and services which our library provides for all the citizens of Bend. The level of that support depends on funds raised through membership dues, Friendshop proceeds, book sales proceeds and donations.

With your continued support the library that we all appreciate and enjoy can become better and better. Everyone agrees that the Friends' book sales are the best bargain in town and that, as an FOBL member, getting in an hour before the sale is open to the public is an added bonus. So, make a copy of the attached form, fill it out, mail it and your check to the address on the form and be ready for the first Friends' book sale on Saturday, March 2nd, 2013, and, of course, the bag sale on Sunday, March 3rd.

If you have already renewed your membership, pass this application on to someone who might be interested in joining.

Hope to see you at our Book Sale on Saturday, March 2nd.

Karen Hotaling,
FOBL Membership Chair

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

good to 12/31/2013
(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(60+)** \$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): *Friendshop, Book Sales, Other Fundraising*

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