



Focus on Friends

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New year brings book bargains

Thanks to our community friends, the FOBL has received generous donations. Our shelves are overflowing with great books. Most books are in like-new condition. You will find special values on books that are current best sellers as well as out-of-print and unique books.

the next day, Sunday, January 16 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. A plastic grocery bag of books can be purchased for only \$4.

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

The Friends of the Bend Library Winter Book Sale will be Saturday, January 15, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (FOBL members enter at 9 a.m.) There will be a bag sale

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Annual meeting announced

The 30th annual meeting of the Friends of the Bend Library will be Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Brooks Meeting Room. Prior to a short business meeting, refreshments will be provided by the wonderful library staff. Guest speaker will be new Bend Branch Manager, Jo Caisse.

Bring your questions about the new East Branch, your appetite, and your willingness to meet or share memories with your "Friends." A vote will be held on the new board members for 2011-12 plus the proposed FOBL name change. For an explanation of the name change, see the article on page 4.



President's Message

By Meredith Shadrach

What a year 2011 is going to be! We will jump into it full throttle on January 5th with our annual meeting, followed shortly thereafter by our huge Winter Book Sale on MLK Jr. Weekend. Last year the January sale got our worst weather, yet reaped our highest sales! I guess we should do like the Mt. Bachelor folks and "Pray for Snow!"

I do hope you can join us at the Downtown Branch on the 5th, even if it's dark, cold and frosty (the warmth of our friendship is guaranteed to please). Our Bend manager has agreed to update us on the East Branch, take our

questions, and maybe fill us in on some of the lesser-known services DPL provides.

I'll be giving a recap of the year and a presentation of our budget for 2011, so you will see big projects planned and completed. See the box below for a recap.

I know I speak for the entire board when I say thank you to all the tireless efforts of our volunteers. We have about 110 active participants out of nearly 300 members. We can vouch for the gratitude of the library staff, but why don't you come on the 5th and hear it for yourselves?



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Recent Projects Funded

- ❖ Renovation of Downtown Branch Children's Area \$15,000
- ❖ New furniture & display cases in Downtown Branch
- ❖ Sponsorship of *A Novel Idea*
- ❖ Sponsorship of SMART (Start Making A Reader Today)

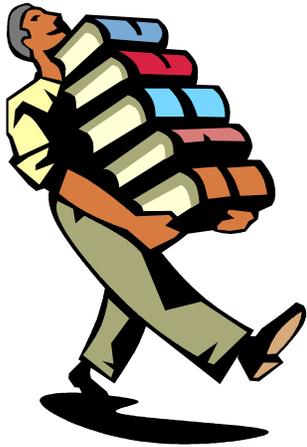
Projects Coming for 2011

- ❖ East Branch Children's Area furniture, FOBL pledge \$40,000
- ❖ East Branch Teen Area furniture, FOBL pledge \$10,000
- ❖ Downtown Branch Teen Area furniture, FOBL pledge \$2,000
- ❖ District-wide early literacy and materials budget, FOBL pledge \$12,000



Book sale

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Winter Sale Highlights

- Over a 1000 like-new hardbound mysteries and novels by award winning authors. Many are current best sellers.
- Over 200 Star Trek VHS movies, some unopened. Includes the original *Star Trek*, *Voyager*, and *Next Generation* series. Every episode of *Star Trek* ever produced!
- A large number of eastern religious books including many of Mata Amritanandamayi books
- Over 100 astrology books
- Many books on Jewish history, music and Hebrew translations
- Sheet music written for piano, guitar and other instruments.
- The special book section has many books on digital photography, aviation and rare and classic cookbooks.
- Current best sellers, award winning authors, box store specials, Oregon and Northwest literature, and biographies in the large Specials section
- Four donated boxes of rock & roll, jazz, and folk LPs
- Hundreds of donated rock, folk, classical, and pop CDs
- Hundreds of quilt, sewing, and needlepoint books from the library. Most are in excellent condition.
- Numerous decorating books including feng shui
- The Children's section has new graphic novels, new Disney books and many videos and DVDs.
- A large new selection of audio books, most on CDs.

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



What's in a name?

By Meredith Shadrach

We all know the Friends in our organization would smell “like a rose” no matter what we called ourselves, but the time has come to once again revise our official name to reflect the times. We started out in 1980 as “The Friends of the Deschutes County Library” and have gone through two changes to get to the FOBL you know and love. As of March 2011 there will be **two** Bend libraries (hip hip hooray for the East Branch). FOBL looks forward to supporting all the Bend branches of the Deschutes Public Library District.

We are asking our membership to agree to a name change: we want to become

the **Friends of the Bend Libraries**. It is just making “library” plural, but it means so much! It shows we support our libraries to the fullest, and we are inclusive of all volunteers and patrons, no matter what area in Bend they call home.

We ask all members to come the annual meeting on January 5th and vote. It takes a 3/4 majority yes vote of all the members present to change our constitution to reflect a name change. There are no other changes planned, and the fees to make this change with the State of Oregon are a mere \$55. The FOBL Board hopes you will join them in voting **yes** that night.



FOBL sells rare books at bargain prices

Friends of the Bend Library will offer something new at the Winter Sale on January 15. Shoppers will have an opportunity to purchase unique, out-of-print and rare antiquarian books at low prices without having to place a bid. These books can be found in the new **Unique Book Section** on the wall to the left as you come down the stairs into the Book Cellar. The books will be priced at between \$10 and \$25. These same books have Internet values from \$25 to over \$100. This is a great opportunity to add a treasured book to your collection.

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



Exciting new things coming to the Friendshop

By Vivien Yap

With 20 dedicated volunteers working an impressive 1,086 hours, the Friendshop was able to stay open more often and enjoyed a good year. A special shout out to Maryann who worked an impressive 141 hours at the shop, not counting the time she spent on the phone with our suppliers, unpacking and arranging merchandise.

Joining Maryann on the Friendshop volunteer honor list are: Sue, Amy, Norma, Dee, and Joyce. These incredible ladies are always smiling, great with customers, and so willing to dedicate their time and effort for the Friendshop and the greater good of this community.

We would also like to thank Meredith and Clairece. With them at the helm, the Friendshop has grown, attracting more volunteers, becoming more relevant to our customers, and more importantly bringing in more revenue and making sure that every cent is spent on the Bend Library.

Starting January 2011, the Friendshop will feature a monthly theme where we will display books and items relating to the theme. The objective is to make the Friendshop exciting and to attract more patrons to the shop while sticking to our core value, which is to encourage reading and promote literacy. The theme for January is Mysteries. For every used

mystery book purchased, customers will get a chance to enter a drawing and win a **mysterious** prize. Do come by as often as you like and check out what we have to offer.

In addition, we plan to continue the popular 50-cent paperbacks. If you are going on a trip, come and pick up some books that you could leave at airports or hotels for others to pick up and read.

If you would like to be volunteer with a great and very fun group of people at the Friendshop, call 541-617-7047, or ask one of our volunteers for an application.



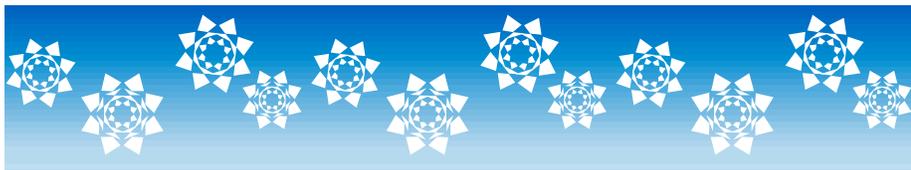
Dee Caskey is one twenty volunteers who keep the Friendshop stocked and opened.



Art exhibits change

by Denise Mahoney and Laurel Francis, art committee co-chairs

The current exhibit at the Bend Library is the annual *Art of Photography*. It will be on display until January 31, 2011. The next exhibit will be *The Painterly Tradition*. Work (no photography) will be accepted for the new exhibit on Tuesday, February 1, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Hutchinson Room. The exhibit will be end on May 2.



About FOBL

The Friends of the Bend Library 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 library lobby, 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 library, assisting with children's and young adult programming, and organizing and hanging quarterly art exhibits.

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Meredith Shadrach	541-678-5717
Vice President	Paula Bradford	
Secretary	Sally Griffin	
Treasurer	Laurie Olson	
Art Committee	Denise Mahoney	
Book Sales	Rob Byrd	
Friendship	Clairece Brickell	
Membership	Josie Lancaster	
Newsletter	Romona Greeno	
Staff Liaison	Jo Caisse	

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



Bend Library sees changes

By Jo Caisse, Bend Library Manager

Today, I looked out the south facing window on the first floor which is decorated with a sweet winter scene. The window painting is just one of the many contributions that the Friends funded in 2010. Thank you for your support this past year.

2011 will bring a new East Bend Library to our community and again the Friends are providing support for this new library.

Recently we have a couple of new additions to the Bend Library. At back of the Bend Library, check out the new materials return bin. People now have the convenience of driving up to the outside bin to drop off their library materials.

In the Bend Library lobby the digital signage is in place which markets the Bend Library events as well as

what is happening throughout the District.

In January, look for the programs around the theme “Know Boomers.” January also brings various computer classes as well as book discussion groups. For little ones and their caregivers, Bend offers a variety of story times. Bend also offers programs for elementary aged children and teens. Library staff offers a monthly bilingual (Spanish/English) program for families. You can find all the events taking place at the Bend library at www.deschuteslibrary.org on the events calendar.

I hope the New Year brings you many great new books to read and terrific library programs to attend!



Laurie Olson and Paula Bradford join other FOBL volunteers in decorating the Bend Library Christmas tree.



Renew membership now

By Josie Lancaster, Membership Chair

Thanks to all of our FOBL members who have already renewed their membership for the coming year. Welcome to our new members who have just recently joined. We value each and every one of you!

If you have not yet renewed your membership, we encourage you to do so with the handy form below. You can then sit back and relax, ready for the first book sale of the year on January 15 and 16. There will be three more great book sales during the year and as a member, you get to browse and buy one hour before they open to the public.



As you know, all the funds that we raise through membership, book sales and Friendship proceeds provide financial support to the Bend Library. In the past, FOBL has financed major projects in the Downtown Branch. With the addition of the East Bend Branch, FOBL has budgeted even more funds dedicated to the Bend libraries in 2011. As a member of FOBL, you help to make all that possible.

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

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

2011 membership expires 12/31/2011

Membership Application Form

(Personal data for the use of FOBL may, if needed, be shared with the 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 _____

