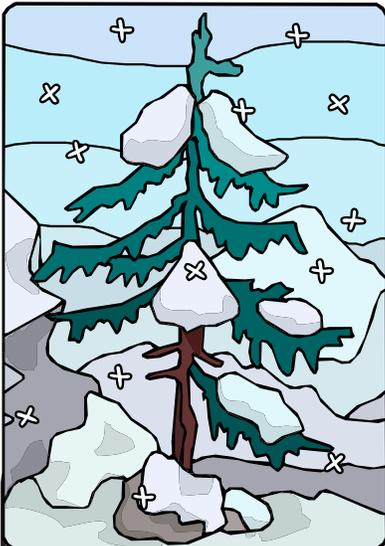


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Friends of the Bend Libraries Winter Book Sale

Our Winter Book Sale is fast approaching! Our sorters have been working very hard to give you the best shopping experience possible.

We have a huge selection of fiction. For you romantic souls, we have moved and expanded the Romance Section. The Classics section has a nice assortment of short stories, poetry and plays. Plus, we continue to have hundreds of books of all sizes and shapes in History, Travel, Inspiration, Parenting, Cookbooks, DIY and much, much more.

Once again, the Children's Books will have their own room, which opens at 9:00 a.m. on January 24.

Please check out our Winter Book Sale Flyer in this newsletter.

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Upcoming Deschutes Public Library District Closures

Wednesday	December 24, 2014	Christmas Eve
Thursday	December 25, 2014	Christmas Day
Wednesday	December 31, 2014	Close at 5 p.m.
Thursday	January 1, 2015	New Year's Day
Monday	January 19, 2015	MLK Day
Monday	February 16, 2015	Presidents' Day
Sunday	April 5, 2015	Easter
Monday	May 25, 2015	Memorial Day

See you at the Library!
Jo Caisse/Downtown Bend Library Manager
joc@deschuteslibrary.org
541-617-7070



Friends of the Bend Libraries

BOOK Sale

Saturday, Jan 24 from 9 am to 4 pm

9 am to 11 am - FOBL Members Only

11 am to 4 pm - General Public

Sunday, Jan 25 from 1 pm to 4 pm

\$5 Grocery Bag Sale, Large totes \$6 and up

Library Admin Building Basement

507 NW Wall Street, Bend, OR 97701

website: www.fobl.org 541-617-7047

BOOKS - DVDs - CDs - Audio Books

Arranged by categories

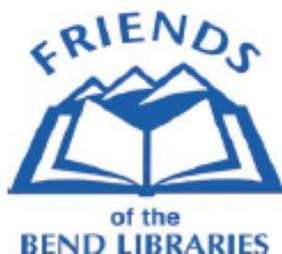
Recent Best Sellers * Mysteries * Oregon and Northwest

Art and Photography * Romance * Biography

Sports * Non-Fiction * Classics * Cookbooks * Crafts

A large selection of Children's Books are upstairs and priced at
\$0.25

Children's Classics are downstairs at regular prices.



Next Sale Dates:

Saturday, Apr 18th

Sunday, Apr 19th

Art Committee News

Themes for the 2015 FOBL art displays on the second floor of the downtown library were decided recently by the art committee. They include the current exhibit “Pets R US,” which runs until the end of February. That will be followed in March by art based on themes and ideas from the “Novel Idea” book. In June, “My Oregon” allows artists to focus their creativity on various aspects of our beautiful state. “Angles and Curves” will offer another interesting challenge in September.

This year for the first time, wall-hanging size quilts will also be included in the March “Novel Idea” display. If you are a quilter who would like to be included, contact Denise Mahoney (jmahoney@bendcable.com) for size limitations and information about how to participate.

Remember, if you are interested in viewing or purchasing the works of local artists, be sure to visit the downtown library’s upstairs gallery throughout the year.

Annual Meeting Announced

The annual meeting of The Friends of the Bend Libraries will be at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2015 in the Brooks Room of the Bend Library.

There will be refreshments and a short business meeting during which new board members for 2015 will be elected.

Don’t miss this opportunity to chat with other Friends, as well as the FOBL board members.



President's Message

We'll be electing another slate of Officers to the Friends of the Bend Libraries Board at the annual meeting this month, and I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank those members who have agreed continue to serve in 2015, those who have given their time and effort in 2014, and to welcome a familiar face who will be re-joining our Board next year.

Nominated for president is **Meredith Shadrach**, who has been an enormously valuable asset to our organization since 2007. **Sandra Turek** has graciously agreed to continue managing the Friends' Website maintenance and to serve another year as Vice President. I'm up for election as your Secretary, as is Treasurer **Laurie Olson**, who will no doubt continue to do a terrific job keeping our finances organized. **Sally Griffin** will apply her considerable talents to promoting our activities as Publicity Chair, and we are very fortunate to have **Sue Hagner** returning as Book Sale Liaison and Friendship Manager. **Jan Cigoy** will continue the great job she does making all our volunteers feel valued and appreciated by chairing the Recognition committee. You'll still renew your Membership with the friendly and efficient **Diane Kirpach**, and we are so pleased that **Denise Mahoney** is rejoining the Board as Art Committee Liaison. We truly appreciate the efforts of **Jennifer Wegner**, **Sue Clarke** and **Margarita Bull**, who have contributed much to our success in 2014, and we thank them for their service.

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 interest. We look forward to welcoming you!

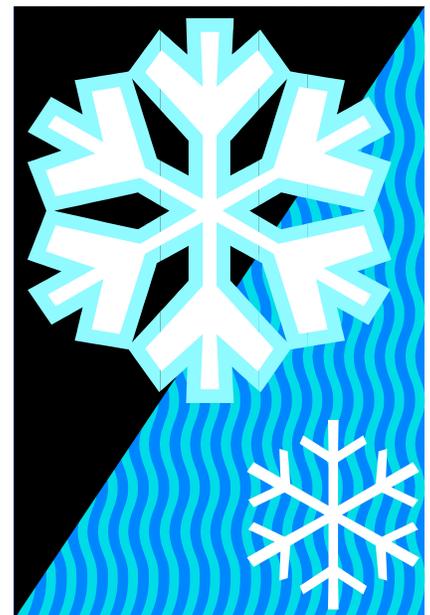
Directed Contributions to Friends of the Bend Libraries

Do you just LOVE our two Bend Libraries? Are you quite proud of these two wonderful community facilities and wondering what you can do to help support them?

You can join the Friends, of course. All of our membership income, fund-raisers and Book Sales and Friendship profits go directly to benefit the libraries. But there is another way to help, too. You can choose to make a "directed contribution" to FOBL by donating funds and designating a specific area that the Friends' efforts support, such as Collection Development, Youth Initiatives, including the new Children's Early Learning Spaces, and yearly Summer Reading Programs, or the Book Page Newsletter, or the Novel Idea program. Such a donation can be made by or on behalf of someone especially interested in helping fund some ongoing library projects, or as a memorial or tribute to honor the memory of past family members.

As an example, FOBL recently received a generous contribution from the family of a retired Bend couple who happen to love our Libraries, and are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary. The folks requested that their family recognize their special event by contributing funds in their name to the Library's collection development. The Friends are indeed thankful for such thoughtfulness.

If you are looking for a way to contribute, or would like more information about this idea, feel free to contact the FOBL Treasurer, Laurie Olson, at 541-383-4412. Thank you for thinking of the Friends!



Please Help FOBL Keep Our Costs Down

A Message from Your FOBL Board...

We are so glad you enjoy reading our newsletter, Focus on Friends. We are able to send Focus to most of you by email, and appreciate that because we save a lot on postage costs. If, by chance, you are among the few still receiving the newsletter by USPS, and you have email capabilities, please contact us to switch to email distribution. Thank you for understanding and for your continued support!

Early Learning Spaces

There is some wonderful energy and excitement going on in the Downtown Bend and East Bend libraries, thanks to the new early learning spaces that are now open for play and discovery. These spaces feature manipulatives to spark imaginative play, puzzles for figuring out words and sounds, erasable writing tablets, and activities that help improve motor skills. There's a giant doll house, a costume bin, ball tracks, building blocks, and sorting games for shapes and letters.

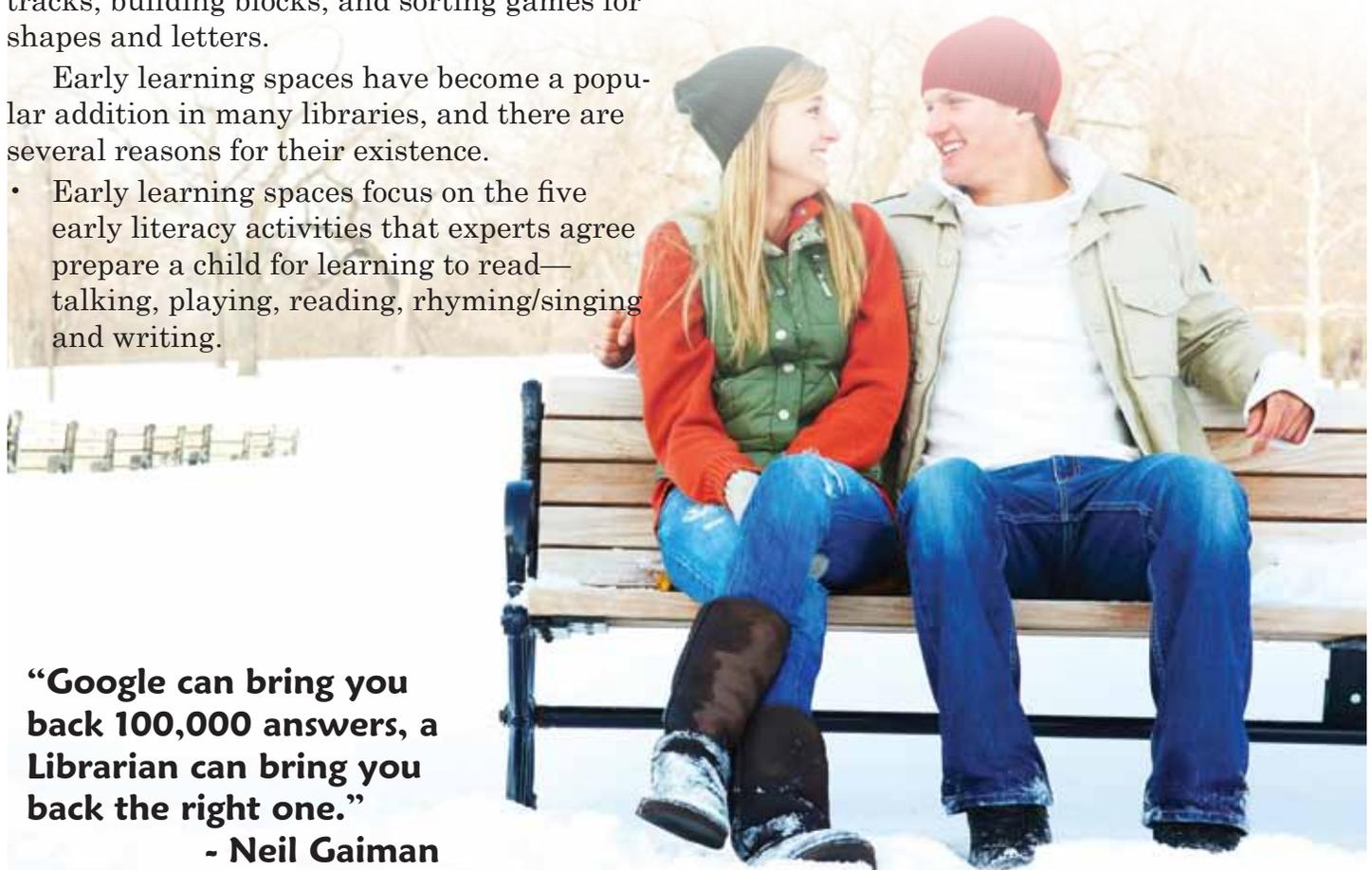
Early learning spaces have become a popular addition in many libraries, and there are several reasons for their existence.

- Early learning spaces focus on the five early literacy activities that experts agree prepare a child for learning to read—talking, playing, reading, rhyming/singing and writing.

- They provide activities that address the three main methods of learning—visual, auditory and tactile.
- Early learning spaces encourage a child to be curious and to socially interact with others, both of which are essential skills for school readiness.
- They provide a safe environment for families and encourage them to visit their library often.

The furniture panels and manipulatives were paid for by a grant from the Oregon Community Foundation, as well as donations from the Friends and the Library Foundation. Each space also features an Imagination Station, sponsored by a local business. East Bend's first sponsor is Longboard Louie, and children can make tacos and learn about money. Downtown Bend is currently applying for a sponsorship that will hopefully be approved in February.

Be sure to stop by and watch all the fun. You might even want to join in!

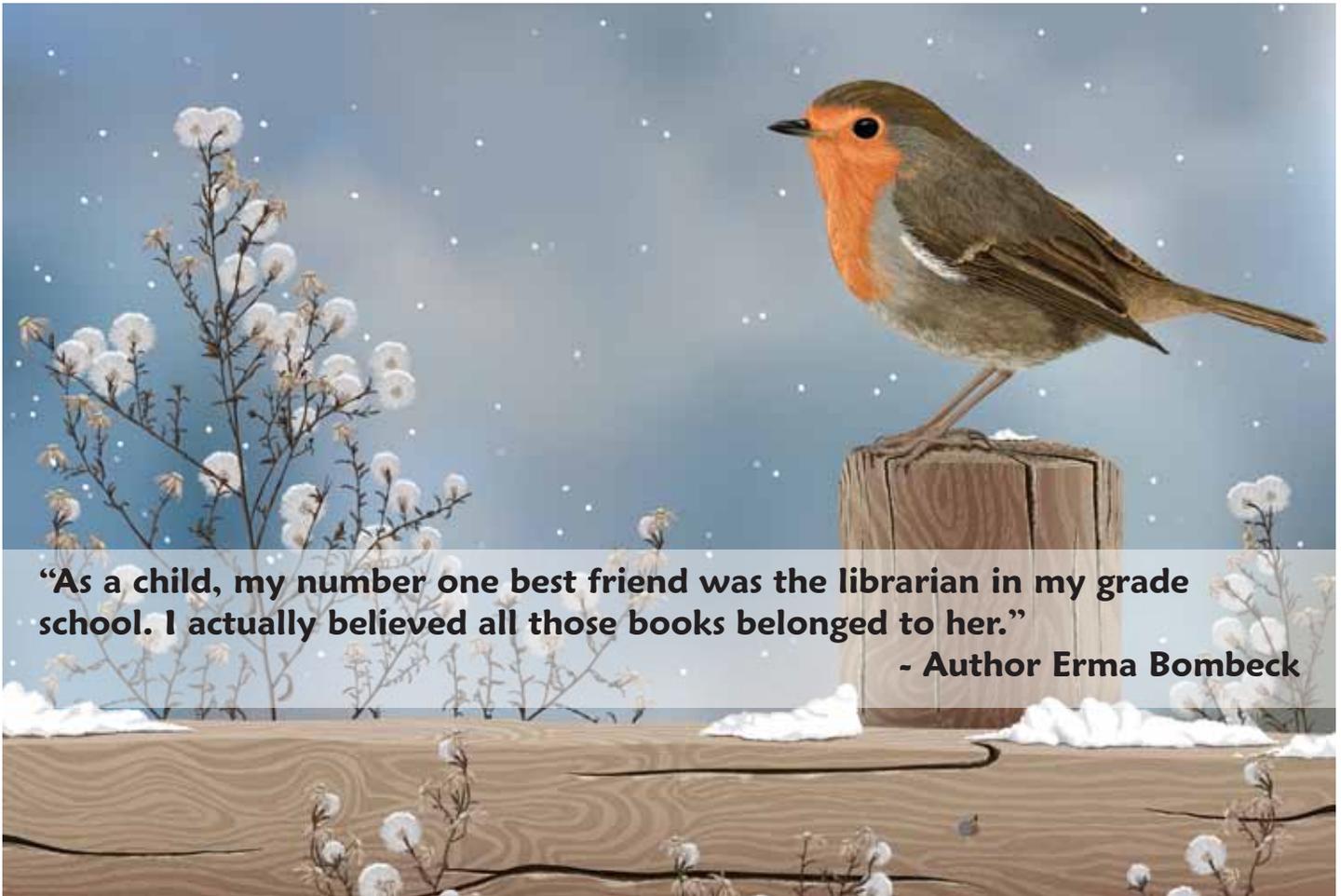


“Google can bring you back 100,000 answers, a Librarian can bring you back the right one.”

- Neil Gaiman

Volunteer Recognition Tea

Friends of the Bend Libraries held a Volunteer Recognition Tea at noon on Thursday, December 11. About 45 hungry folks attended, all of whom enjoyed the festive decorations and yummy treats while catching up on each other's news. We also browsed the book cellar for potential gifts and/or future reading material for ourselves. Special guest Deschutes Public Libraries Director Todd Dunkelberg expressed his appreciation for the volunteers' many efforts on behalf of the two Bend libraries. Todd also encouraged us all to visit the new Early Learning Spaces in the children's section at the downtown branch, which has been partially funded recently by the efforts of the many Friends volunteers. Thank you, Friends Volunteers!



“As a child, my number one best friend was the librarian in my grade school. I actually believed all those books belonged to her.”

- Author Erma Bombeck



Friendship

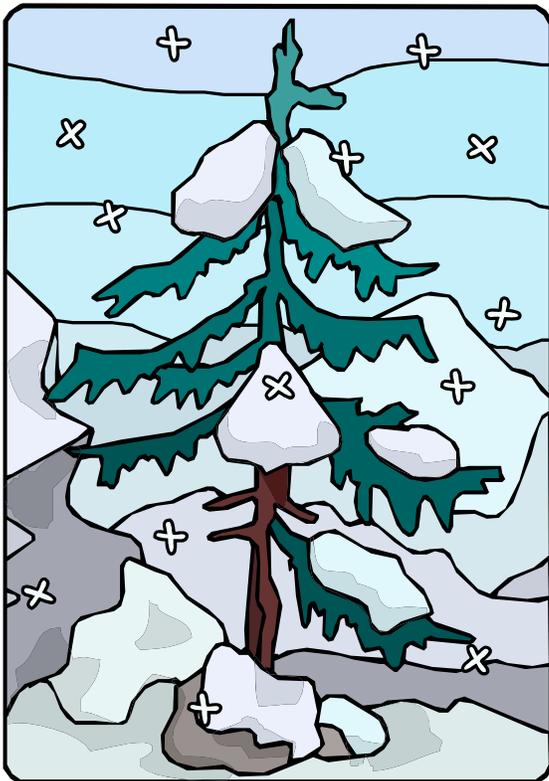
Our buyer, Maryann, has outdone herself with her latest acquisitions for the Friendship!

Come by and check out the Springbok puzzles, Dreamcatchers, Geodes, Baby Turtle Eggs, Baby Penguin Eggs and Wooden Snakes, plus all our great books, cards and snacks.

Meet Sherry Rice

My family moved to Bend in 1956 from Portland. I grew up working in the business my parents owned on Wall Street. After graduating from Bend High School (the only high school in town), I attended COCC for two years and then attended Southern Oregon State College and graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Education with a minor in Business. In the fall of 1973, I began teaching Business at Madras High School and continued teaching there until June of 2000. In 1976 I earned my Masters Degree in Business with a minor in Education through Portland State University. Throughout my teaching career, I taught numerous adult education evening classes through COCC.

After retiring from Madras High School, I taught part time at COCC for another four years until totally retiring in 2004. Since then, I spend my time volunteering for a number of organizations in town. I began volunteering in the Friendship in 2012 and have also cashiered for the Friends' book sales.



Board Members

President	Susie Byrne
Vice President	Sandra Turek
Secretary	Sally Griffin
Treasurer	Laurie Olson
Art Committee Liaison	Sue Clarke
Publicity Chairperson	Jennifer Wegner
Membership Chairperson	Diane Kirpach
Book Sale Chairperson	Sue Hagner
Recognition Chairperson	Jan Cigoy
Friendship Manager	Sue Hagner
Staff Liaison	Jo Caisse

Questions? Please leave a message on the Friendship phone (541-617-7047). A volunteer will return your call within a few days. Or send email to foblibrary@gmail.com.

Dear Friends,

We'd like to thank those who have renewed their membership in FOBL this year and to welcome those who have become new members. All of the funds that we raise through membership, book sales and the Friendship provide financial support to our Bend Libraries. As a member of FOBL, you help to ensure that our libraries remain thriving and vital community resources.

Haven't renewed yet? Fill out the form below and send it in with a check, or hand it to a Circulation Staff Member at either Bend Library. If you are interested in volunteering, circle the HELP section of the form or call our Friendship phone (541-617-7047) to leave your name and number. You will be contacted by one of our Volunteer Coordinators.

We look forward to seeing you at our Book Sales in 2015. Remember that we provide a special time especially for Friends members at our sales, and we have a special location for Children's books!

Thank you so much for your support!

Diane Kirpach
FOBL Membership Chair



“Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest.”
- Lady Bird Johnson

Make check payable to: **Friends of the Bend Libraries**

Indicate **Membership Level**

Mail to: 601 NW Wall Street, Bend, OR 97701

good to 12/31/2015
(expires at 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 _____ Email _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Call me to **HELP** with (circle one or more): Friendship Book Sales Other Fundraising

Office use only: date rec'd. _____ \$ _____ Cash, Ck# _____ NEW Renewal Initials _____