



# Focus on Friends

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## Holiday Book Sale lights up with bargains

For the first time Friends of the Bend Libraries will be having a Holiday Book Sale. This sale starts December 3, 2011 and will replace our winter sale usually scheduled for January. It's an opportunity to purchase some pristine Christmas gifts, and at the same time support your local libraries.

The timing of the sale was selected to coordinate with the Bend Christmas Parade; maybe Santa will stop by to buy his Christmas gifts, too. We have collected numerous books, CDs,

and DVDs with Christmas themes to be sold at this sale. These and many other new donations are described on page 3.

Our Holiday Book Sale will be Saturday, December 3, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (FOBL members may enter at 9 a.m.). We will have a bag sale the next day, Sunday, December 4 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. A plastic grocery bag of books may be purchased for only \$4.

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## Annual meeting date announced

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The annual meeting of the Friends of the Bend Libraries will be Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Building Conference Room at 507 N.W. Wall Street. Enter by the side door off the big parking lot. Prior to a short business meeting, refreshments will be provided by the wonderful library staff. Guest speakers will be Ann Malkin and Raymond Miao, Bend's representatives on the Deschutes Public Library District Board. Bring any questions you may have for them.

A vote will be held on the new board members for 2012-13 and on next year's budget. See the President's Message on page 2 for more details.



## President's Message

*By Meredith Shadrach*

The Friends of the Bend Libraries are filled with the holiday spirit with a long list of upcoming events:

- Our first-ever December book sale with fabulous like-new gift ideas
- Decorating the circulation desks with poinsettias
- Honoring our volunteers at the annual Holiday Tea
- Trimming three Christmas trees (two of which collect your mitten donations for Family Access Network)
- Spreading out a "thank-you" feast for staff at both branches!

All this cheer continues in January, culminating in the annual FOBL meeting, where staff spreads out a feast for us! This year our meeting is Tuesday evening, January 10. Every member is invited and encouraged to come. It's in the Administration Building Conference Room. We meet at 6:00 p.m. and usually finish by 7:15 p.m.

I am pleased to say we will have a short presentation from our elected DPL District Board representatives (Bend has voted in two outstanding officials: Ann Malkin and Raymond Miao). We can get and give feedback about a multitude of library issues: the current budget, the

reduction of hours, the effect of e-books, etc.

After the Q & A period, we will move on to the real business of the meeting which is voting in our 2012 budget. We were thrilled to have a banner year in 2011. The book sale volunteers achieved \$40,000 in the income category by working all twelve months of the year with your incredible donations. The Friendship set sales records this fall thanks to the retail skills of the volunteers.

Next on the agenda is a recap what FOBL funded in 2011. Approximately \$40,000 for the East Branch is at the top of the long list of 2011 projects. We will also talk about the multitude of library requests for 2012. Of course, the FOBL board has approved every one of their requests, but we need our members to agree. Please come to the meeting, get your questions answered, and meet some new "Friends."

Come see us at the Holiday Book Sale, before or after the Christmas Parade on December 3, and find out more about why the Friends are HO-HO-Holiday Helpers! Hint: our great deals are even attracting a big man in a red suit!!!!



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## Book sale

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### Holiday Sale Highlights

We received a large donation of books on European royalty and America's rich and famous. Read about the kings and queens of Europe. In these days of the "Occupy Wall Street Movements," read about the **real** rich barons in the 1900's like Andrew Carnegie, John Jacob Astor, John D. Rockefeller, Jay Gould, and Cornelius Vanderbilt.

The children's section is filled with wonderful and enchanting books. There is a large selection of picture books and classics like *Mary Poppins*, *Raggedy Ann* books and many unique books.

Our mystery and sci-fi collection is filled with great books, many of which have been published in the last two years.

We replaced all the records we had left from the last sale with new donations. There are country, rock, pop and folk records.

We received over 100 45-RPM records, mostly rock and roll.

We obtained a large donation of books on the subject of book collecting, like *Books Are My Life*, *How to Run a Bookstore*, as

well as other useful titles.

The library donated to the book sale books about military aircraft and ships, including many Jane's reference books.

We have hundreds of CDs donated by individuals and the library. CDs include rock, children's music, classical, pop and folk.

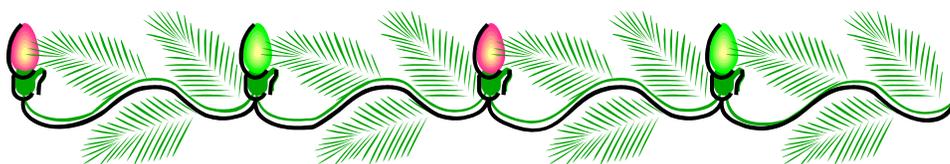
We have hundreds of sheets of classic and popular music to sell.

Don't forget to look at all our many DVDs and audio books on CDs.

Visit the special trade paperback novel section, which features recently published books priced at \$2 or less.

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.

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



## Shop the Friendship for the holidays

By Susie Byrne

If you are looking for unique gifts for your literary friends, be sure to drop by the Friendship. You'll find it 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 smiling volunteer happy to help you—along with unique gifts with a literary theme for both children and adults.

We have stationery and cards from local artists, puzzles, puppets and activity books for kids, and marvelous tote bags that hold much more than books. Our current selection of bags has some especially pretty designs and holds up to 45 lbs. They are perfect to use again and again at the grocery store. At press time, we are well stocked with that perennial favorite: *The Book Lover's Page-A-Day* calendar. The \$5.00 price will allow you to give one to all your book club buddies this holiday season. As always, you'll find a super selection of used books at prices that can't be beat. What a smart way to give a new author a try, or to pick up a few books for travel that can be left behind with no remorse!



### East Bend Branch

Don't forget to check out the ever-changing selection of sale books at the East Bend Branch. Friendship volunteer Sue Hagner does a fantastic job of keeping the bookcase stocked with well-chosen titles for purchase. Located just inside the front doors by the copy machine, the self-serve bookcase is easy to find and ready for your perusal. These books are in excellent condition and would make good holiday gifts. Stop by and check it out!

Thank you, Deschutes Public Library for honoring the Friends of the Bend Libraries with a beautiful plaque commemorating our donation to the opening of the East Branch. It is located on the wall by the FOBL self-serve bookcase.



## Bring your mittens, hats, and scarves

*By Paula Bradford*

It is time to gather up new mittens, hats, scarves and gloves for the many needy elementary children in our area. This year there will be **two** locations where you can drop off your donations. The Friends of the Bend Libraries will place a tree in the Downtown Library lobby and one in the East Bend Branch where you can hang donated warm mittens, scarves, hats, and gloves.

These donations will periodically be taken to one of the Family Access Network offices at a local elementary school in Bend and then distributed to children who can really use these warm items. Your generosity is very much appreciated—whether you buy them or knit them yourself! The trees will be up in early December and taken down in January. Thank you so much for your support once again!



## Get help at the Downtown Branch

*By Jo Caisse, Downtown Bend Library*

### **Tax Help**

Beginning in January, Partnership to End Poverty in association with AARP will be offering once again free tax preparation assistance. Certified tax preparation volunteers will be offering assistance in Downtown Bend's computer classroom. Please see the library website for more information

### **Social Services**

The recession has hit Central Oregonians very hard and we are seeing a significant rise in individuals and families who are at risk of homelessness and/or in need of social services. In an effort to meet the information needs of this growing

population and develop vital partnerships to achieve Library District goals, we have invited Deschutes County Outreach Coordinator, Sarah Elliott, to hold office hours in the Downtown Bend Library. Sarah is at the library on Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Sarah will offer customers a variety of services including assessments and referrals to community resources, Social Security assistance, Food Stamp applications, emergency and transitional housing, medical support; and mental health support.



## Library news

*By Jo Caisse, Downtown Bend  
Library Manager*

Happy Holidays to all of you! I hope you have time this busy holiday season to visit the Bend Libraries to catch some of the winter library programs.

### **East Bend Library**

Program highlights at the East Bend Library include: *Animal Adventures with the High Desert Museum*, *Library Rendezvous*, open computer lab, story times, Spanish story times, and Spanish computer classes. For specifics about these programs please visit Deschutes Public Library's website at <http://www.deschuteslibrary.org/> or contact the East Bend Library at 541.330.3760. Say hello to Barbara Baker, East Bend's new supervisor. Barbara has been with the East Bend Library since it opened this spring.

### **Downtown Bend Library**

Program highlights at the Downtown Bend Library include: story times, computer classes, open computer labs, *Library Rendezvous*, and the *Let's Talk About It: Making Sense of the Civil War Series*. Deschutes Public Library was awarded an American Library Association grant to make the Civil War Series possible. For specifics about these programs, visit DPL's website (<http://www.deschuteslibrary.org/>) or contact the Downtown Bend Library at 541.617.7050.

When visiting, the Downtown Bend Library, take a look at the window painted by Diana Popp in the children's



area. Thanks, Friends for funding this window décor!

### **Art Exhibit**

Thanks to all the Art Committee volunteers for their work taking down and setting up the new art exhibit at the Downtown Bend Library. The photography exhibit is quite lovely.

### **Book Sale Volunteers**

Big thanks to all the book sale volunteers for your huge efforts at the 2011 book sales. Wow! The results of the book sales have been incredible!

As we wrap up 2011, on behalf of the library staff, I want to thank you for your generous donations and support of the East Bend Library, Deschutes Public Library's collection and early literacy, Downtown Bend Library and all the other projects that you supported during 2011.

See you at the library!  
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541.617.7070



## Art of Photography is back

By Denise Mahoney

The Art Committee received eighteen photographs for the *Art of Photography* exhibit from eleven photographers on November 1, 2011. The show was hung November 3 and will be up until February 6.

The art committee has chosen themes for 2012 and they are:

- February to May is *Serenity*
- May to August is *Joys of Summer*
- August to November is *Portraits*

The committee may reassess the annual *Art of Photography* exhibit, which would normally be from November to February 2012, because of the low number of photographs submitted this time.

The Art Committee welcomes two new committee members, Anne and Brent Lake, who are volunteers with the Friends of the Bend Libraries.

## 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

President	Meredith Shadrach	541-678-5717
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Member-at-large	Paula Bradford	
Newsletter	Romona Greeno	
Publicity	Sue Hagner	
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.



## Renew memberships now

By Josie Lancaster, Membership Chair

Thanks to our FOBL members who have already renewed their memberships for the coming year. Thanks, also, 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, knowing that you are making a difference by helping to support our libraries. Of course, there's the added bonus of being able to browse and buy books one hour before the public at our four great book sales during the year. We're trying a

different schedule this year – adding one in December and eliminating the one in “usually frigid” January.

As you know, all the funds that we raise through membership, book sales and Friendshop proceeds provide financial support to the Bend Libraries. We are currently in the process of working with the library staff to determine the areas where our funds can be most helpful in the coming year. As a member of FOBL, you help to insure that our libraries remain thriving and vital community resources.

Again, thanks so much for your support.



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): *Friendshop, Book Sales, Other Fundraising*

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

