Board Reports
# 2013 Board Calendar of Work

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From the Front Lines to the Front Desk

Libraries near military bases have taken the lead in working with military populations, but both active duty service members and veterans are living in communities throughout Illinois and elsewhere. In working with the U.S. Department of Defense MWR (Morale, Welfare and Recreation) Libraries, the Illinois Library Association (ILA) has developed a strong interest in the issue and begun gathering examples and ideas from libraries in Illinois and around the country.

Isolation is one of the most common problems faced by today's veterans, and libraries could play a valuable role in connecting veterans to the broader community. Erica Borggren, director of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs, has an eye-opening suggestion: instead of developing programs to attract veterans to the library, work with a small group or even a single veteran in your community to present programming to community members from a veteran's perspective. Borggren suggests contacting a local National Guard or Reserve unit and hosting a "meet a veteran" program as a simple and elegant way to begin. The interaction between veteran and civilian populations can start building the relationships that will grow into relevant and effective programming not only at the library, but also community wide.

MARRIED, WITH CHILDREN

The first step is getting a picture of today's military families — where they are, who they are, how many they are. Here's a demographic snapshot of US veterans and service members by the numbers:

1. 22.4 million veterans as of 2010 census, constituting about 7.5 percent of the total US population

2. 2.2 million service members (as of May 2010)

3. 55 percent of the force is married and 40 percent have two children

4. Only 37 percent live on military installations; 63 percent live in over 4,000 communities

5. Growing number of women service members and veterans

6. Since late 2001, National Guard and Reserve units have been activated and deployed overseas, with more than 300,000 called to action.

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"The interaction between veteran and civilian populations can start building the relationships that will grow into relevant and effective programming not only at the library, but also community wide."
As more veterans return from deployment, the numbers — and needs — are on the upswing. In Pierce County, Washington, for example, which houses the major Joint Lewis McChord Base, over 6,000 service members will be processed out in the coming year. While some will leave the immediate area, many will stay. Combined with service members returning to the area from other locations, an estimated 13,000 recently discharged veterans will settle in the state of Washington. In Illinois, both Lake and DuPage County are seeing increases in veteran populations, as are a number of other communities.

Veterans and active duty service members make up a diverse community of individuals — a range of ages, ethnic backgrounds, etc. — with shared experiences.

- Recently discharged veterans face a far different set of circumstances than veterans of long-standing. Not only are they younger, they are also in a much greater state of transition.

- In Illinois, the largest share those returning from recent deployment are National Guard or reservists.

- In the case of active duty service members, living on or off base creates a different set of available services and needs.

LIBRARIES AS LINKS, AND MORE

Developing a set of links to online information portals that are of particular interest to veterans could be a terrific cooperative project by a group of libraries, one that could be shared and then customized. This might be especially useful in the area of e-government access, i.e., forms, documents, government agencies, etc. The proliferation of information with no very clear pathway or central point is a huge challenge to those both seeking and providing services.

The linkage that libraries can provide includes both electronic access, as well as a wide range of programs and services that provide human connections. Illinois examples range from modest to more ambitious, at public and academic libraries, often involving schools and students as well as other agencies in the community.

- An area vet picks up books once a month from the Vernon Area Public Library in Lincolnshire and delivers them to the VA Medical Center in North Chicago. The Putnam County Library mounted a display of photos of veterans in the spring of 2011 and continues to post new photos all the time. In Wilmette, the library hosts monthly “Veterans’ Roundtables,” primarily intended for older vets from World War II and the Korean and Vietnam Wars. The Skokie Military Families Helpline, largely targeted at more recent vets, posts their information on Skokie Net, a service of the Skokie Public Library.

- Instead of having a book group meet at the library, why not schedule something at the American Legion? That’s what Arlington Heights Memorial Library (AHML) did in February with a discussion of the book American Sniper: The Autobiography of the Most Lethal Sniper in U.S. Military History by Chris Kyle at the local Legion club. The event was promoted at the library and in the community, and copies of the book were available for checkout. Refreshments and a cash bar rounded out the evening. According to Programs Manager Christina Stoll, “The program was a huge success, hitting our target audience of local veterans over fifty-five, who in the past have not typically attended library book discussions. The eighteen customers at the program were engaged in the discussion and came away wanting more programs like this.”

- In 2012, AHML worked with a nonprofit group, Veterans in Transition, to host a job seeker program focusing on resources for veterans. While the program was originally targeted at younger veterans recently returned from active duty, it drew an older audience as well of eight veterans, mostly over fifty-five. The speaker as able to adapt the program to a group discussion, allowing for personal feedback to each of the participants.
• Gail Borden Public Library District (GBPLD) in Elgin has been hosting a variety of veterans programs since 2008, when they participated in the Library of Congress Veterans History Project celebrating local veterans in a variety of ways, including multi-generational projects with middle school students and veterans. More recent projects include a variety of approaches, audiences, and community connections:

  – In 2012, GBPLD screened The Invisible War, a Sundance Film Festival Audience Award-winner dealing with rape in the military with a discussion leader from a veterans' mental health agency. The program was co-sponsored by a wide range of women’s groups in the community.

  – The library is also piloting monthly veterans’ employment workshops on Friday afternoons in partnership with the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) in Elgin.

  – In fall 2013, Tim O’Brien’s The Things They Carried will serve as the central theme for a series of programs, including a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, and has attracted volunteers from both Sam’s Club and Chase, who have returning veteran programs as employment priorities.

• There’s a mix of past and present in recent and upcoming programs at Booth Library at Eastern Illinois University, which recently received the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Education from the Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs. The university was cited for “going above and beyond basic veterans’ services while fostering a veteran-friendly atmosphere.” In April, the library hosted the Illinois Fallen Heroes Traveling Memorial Wall, co-sponsored by the Department of Veterans Services, inviting the public to find information on the wall about friends and family members. And an after-hours event at the library is planned for fall semester to welcome student veterans and their families. In addition to food and drink, library services and resources will be showcased, including the opportunity to meet with subject librarians. There will be story time and crafts for children and library card sign-up for non-student adults who can check out books and use the computer labs. The event is intended to provide opportunities for student veterans to socialize and make connections with other veterans on campus.

AWARENESS AND CONNECTIONS

At least in part because of its proximity to a major armed forces base, Pierce County Library in Washington became involved with wider community efforts to address the needs of military families. A comprehensive survey was undertaken in 2010–2011, identifying everything from where service members lived in the community to family size and interests, ranging from cultural activities to outdoor recreation to safety. See jblm-growth.com/plan.

Pierce County Library Director Neel Parikh was part of the planning team, and while library services per se are not a major part of the plan, the awareness and relationships that developed are significant. One outcome, for example, was installing a special reader on library computers that allows service members to access secure base computers. Parikh explains that this never would have happened without formal and informal connections that led the military community to the library and the library’s ability to be seen as a trusted and valuable partner. The library developed a number of specific resources, including a bibliography for children of deployed parents and resources for educators on how to work with children of military families. See http://military.mypcls.org/resources-for-military-families/ for more examples.

Other libraries close to major bases, such as San Diego Public Library, are providing thoughtful and useful guides to help recognize and address the diversity within the population. Librarian Kristen Mulvihill developed a simple slide share pointing out that the isolation following discharge from the military is something libraries can address, if they can find a way to make connections. Her slide share at http://www.slideshare.net/kmulvihill/veterans-and-public-libraries-in-san-diego offers a number of suggestions.

Eli Williamson, a decorated veteran who served in both Iraq and Afghanistan and now directs the Veterans Program for the McCormick Foundation, suggests an asset libraries take for granted has immediate value to local groups and organizations: “Libraries have infrastructure that veterans need, just in terms of things like meeting rooms. If we can let veterans know this is an available option, and they start to meet at the library, they’ll find all kinds of other services that interest them.”

The McCormick Foundation supports another important resource for Illinois veterans, one in which libraries may be able to participate. Illinois Joining Forces (IJF) is a network of public and not-for-profit organizations working together to improve services to Illinois’ military and veteran communities. The goal is to increase awareness and connections among member organizations to make it easier for people to find resources, reduce duplication, and increase overall capacity. Members collaborate via working groups and update their services and events on a online platform at www.illinoisjoiningforces.org. IJA and other library groups are entering into discussions with IJF to explore roles for libraries in working groups and welcome members to join in the conversation.
READS

The Mysterious Stranger
Author: Henry James

March 18, 2013

[The cover of the book is shown]
Paris comes to Pierce County through Pierce County READS

South Puget Sound News

March 18, 2013 By News Room Leave a Comment

Pierce County Library System is bringing Paris to Pierce County this spring with its community one book program: Pierce County READS. Now through May 17, thousands of people will come together as a community and read copies of this year’s Pierce County READS’ book the New York Times best seller and award-winning "The Paris Wife," by internationally known author Paula McLain.

“The Paris Wife” gives an intriguing account of one of the world’s greatest authors, Ernest Hemingway, seen through the eyes of his first wife, Hadley Richardson. This book has been very hot on the best-seller’s list, and with significant social media chatter, it soared and stayed at the top of the list. “The Paris Wife” garnered the Winner for Best Historical Fiction in the Goodreads Choice Awards, which is the only major book award that readers decide.

“Our libraries will be transformed with displays and events celebrating Paris—in the roaring '20s, the setting of Ernest and Hadley’s whirlwind Paris adventure,” said Neel Parikh, executive director, for the Library System. “We will bring post-World War I Paris to Pierce County. People can participate in 40 free events, and gain insights about Hemingway’s early years as his struggles to write and find fame.”

During the Pierce County READS program people may participate in events where they may learn how to write and get their book published, plan their trip to Paris, and make art deco jewelry.

In addition to the many hands-on activities, Pierce County READS will feature additional authors including: author and Professor Ann Putnam who will discuss the role of women in Hemingway’s life and works at King’s Books, Thursday, May 2, 7 p.m.; Kathleen Flinn,
award-winning author of two memoirs with recipes, who will inspire listeners to participate in her passion for home cooking at University Place Pierce County Library, Thursday, May 16, 7 p.m.; and Gregg Olsen, a New York Times best-selling author, who will talk about how he researches and writes about the lives of others at the Arts and Allied Health Building, Pierce College Puyallup, Friday, May 17, 12 p.m.

People may meet Paula McLain at a free event and book signing at McGavick Conference Center @ Clover Park Technical College, in Lakewood, Friday, May 17, 2013, 7 p.m. She will speak and sign books.

Pierce County Library and The News Tribune present the sixth annual Pierce County READS, sponsored by KeyBank Foundation and Pierce County Library Foundation. Twenty community partners are participating in Pierce County READS.
Pierce County Library System Holding
Library Card Design Contest

Bonney Lake – Sumner Patch, Gig Harbor Patch, Puyallup Patch, University Place Patch, Lakewood Patch

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- By Patch Staff
- Email the author
- March 25, 2013

Local students will put forth their best artistic efforts to create the next Pierce County Library cards during the Library’s card design contest.

The free card design contest runs from Monday, April 8, through Friday, May 3. Any student in grades K-12 living or attending school in Pierce County is eligible to enter. The Library will make two different cards, one from each age category: grades K-6 and 7-12.

Entry forms are available at any Pierce County Library or online, search site: card design.

Students may submit entries to any of 18 Pierce County Libraries or by mail to Library Card Design Contest, Pierce County Library System, 3005 112th St. E., Tacoma, WA 98446.

Art must be original and not published elsewhere. Submitted art becomes the property of Pierce County Library. The artist’s name will appear along with the artwork on the printed card.

Professional artists will review entries and select finalists. People will select the winners from the finalists by voting online at the Library’s website later this year.

The student-designed library cards will be available for free, in addition to other designs that the Library offers. Kids, teens and people of all ages may get the new card, which will be available during the Library’s seventh annual card drive in October 2013.

With the Pierce County Library card people get an array of free services, including access to:

- One million books, movies, and CDs.
- Online help in real-time from professional homework tutors and job coaches.
- E-books, audiobooks and songs to download.
- Computers.
- Credible, reliable information from online e-sources—Consumer Reports, Morningstar Investment Research Center and Chilton car repair.
Young People Asked to Design New Pierce County Library Cards

Seattle’s Child posted on homepage Community News

http://www.seattleschild.com/article/young-people-asked-to-design-new-pierce-county-library-cards

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“This contest is a great opportunity for aspiring artists to feature their creative talents,” said Neel Parikh, executive director for the Library System. “Their artwork will go into the hands, pockets and wallets of people all over Pierce County, because we issue tens of thousands of library cards a year.”

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Winners of Pierce County Library contest will showcase work Thursday
Last updated: May 27th, 2013 12:34 AM (PDT)

The Pierce County Library System has announced the winners of its Teen Writing & Art Contest — Our Own Expressions. The winners will showcase their submissions in a free public event at 7 p.m. Thursday at Lagerquist Hall on the Pacific Lutheran University campus.

Poetry winners: Grades 7-8: Gabriel Carlson, Fox Island, first place; Tamminga Watchman, Gig Harbor, second place; Shane Lillie, Gig Harbor, third place. Grades 9-10: Brenna Peever, Spanaway, first place; Rachel Duerst, Tacoma, second place; Jocelyn Gonzales, Steilacoom, third place. Grades 11-12: Jack Chakerian, Gig Harbor, first place; Clay Snell, Tacoma, second place; Esther Lee, Lakewood, third place.

Short story winners: Grades 7-8: Virginia Davidson, Steilacoom, first place; Summer Ash, Gig Harbor, second place; Hailey Holm, Buckley, third place. Grades 9-10: Natalia Giovengo, Puyallup, first place; Matthew Pfefferle, Tacoma, second place; Meg Low, Puyallup, third place. Grades 11-12: Amanda Gordon, Fox Island, first place; Erin Haas, Lake Tapps, second place; Hansol Hyon, Lakewood, third place.

Photography winners: Grades 7-8: Dawson Dressel, Tacoma, first place; Mercella Washburn, Gig Harbor, second place; Delany Sager, Tacoma, third place. Grades 9-10: Nick Tollefson, Gig Harbor, first place; Mirna Ali, Tacoma, second place; Taylor DeSmet, Puyallup, third place. Grades 11-12: Esther Lee, Lakewood, first place; Jesse MacKinnon, Gig Harbor, second place; Ellen Carr, Lakewood, third place.

**Drawing winners:** Grades 7-8: Daniel Matsuda, Tacoma, first place; Grace Wilsie, Tacoma, second place; Leah Harlander, Gig Harbor, third place. Grades 9-10: Penny Mae Rhines, University Place, first place; Mikhaella Walden, Fircrest, second place; Lauren Sullivan, Gig Harbor, third place. Grades 11-12: Rachel Lynch, Tacoma, first place; Tamala Aown, Fircrest, second place; Jesse MacKinnon, Gig Harbor, third place.

Compiled by Mary Anderson, staff writer

Read more here: [http://www.thenewstribune.com/2013/05/27/v-printerfriendly/2613784/pierce-county-winners-of-library.html#storylink=cpy](http://www.thenewstribune.com/2013/05/27/v-printerfriendly/2613784/pierce-county-winners-of-library.html#storylink=cpy)
Lake Tapps Teen Writer Recognized in Pierce County Library Contest

Bonney Lake Sumner Patch

The library system's "Our Own Expressions" contest attracted almost 1,000 entries. Posted by Brent Champaco (Editor), May 12, 2013 at 07:44 pm

Comment Recommend

The Lake Tapps area has some talented teen artists, and one of them was recognized in the Pierce County Library System's "Our Own Expressions" contest.

The artists and writers demonstrated their creative skills through original poetry, short story, drawing and photography, submitting nearly 1,000 entries between Jan. 21 and Feb. 24.

Popular Stories

- Sumner Councilmember Nancy Dumas to Challenge Dave Enslow...
- Three People Pulled from Skagit River after I-5 Bridge...
- Charming 'Madame Hatter' Joins Downtown Sumner

In the end, a Lake Tapps teen took home an award. At a free public event, at Pacific Lutheran University, Lagerquist Concert Hall, on Thursday, May 30, at 7 p.m. the winning authors and artists will showcase their work. Pierce County Library Foundation will award the winners with cash prizes. The News Tribune, Pacific Lutheran University and Print NW help fund the contest. See the winning entries at http://www.piercecountylibrary.org/kids-teens/teens/teen-writing-art and copies of the booklet at Pierce County Libraries and the winning students' school libraries, after May 30.

"Students dazzle us each year with their amazing writing and art," said Neel Parikh, executive director for Pierce County Library. "It is a joy and an honor to encourage these promising teenagers to share their talents and continue their creative efforts."

Here is the full list of winners:

Poetry Winners

- Grades 7-8: 1st—Gabriel Carlson, Fox Island; 2nd—Tamminga Watchman, Gig Harbor; 3rd—Shane Lillie, Gig Harbor
- Grades 9-10: 1st—Brenna Peever, Spanaway; 2nd—Rachel Duerst, Tacoma; 3rd—Jocelyn Gonzales, Steilacoom
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Gig Harbor-Area Teen Writers, Artists Recognized in Pierce County Library Contest

Gig Harbor Patch

The library system's "Our Own Expressions" contest attracted almost 1,000 entries, and 12 of the winning ones were by students from Gig Harbor or Fox Island.

Posted by Brent Champaco (Editor), May 12, 2013 at 07:44 pm

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DuPont Library celebrates Ninth Anniversary on May 11

South Puget Sound News

May 10, 2013 By Cara Mitchell Leave a Comment

The Friends of the DuPont Library will celebrate the library’s ninth anniversary on Saturday, May 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. during an open house ceremony, and the community is invited to attend.

In celebration of the book selected for Pierce County READS 2013, “The Paris Wife”, by Paula McLain, the anniversary party will have a Paris theme. Entertainment and refreshments will be on hand for this free event. Have your Paris caricature drawn by artist Frank Frazee, and enter to win an autographed copy of “The Paris Wife”, which will be given away during the anniversary party.

In the nine years since the Pierce County Library system opened up the DuPont branch, over 7,000 library cards have been issued. In 2012, the DuPont Library’s circulation of all books, magazines, audio books, DVDs and CDs totaled 212,276.

But the library doesn’t just issue library cards. It also offers programs such as Fetch! with Ruff Ruffman for school age kids, and Family Game Night. New in 2013, the library launched an adult book club called The DuPont Reading Roundtable, which meets the third Tuesday of each month. You can find more information about these events during your next visit to the library.

Behind the scenes for many of these programs is an organization called The Friends of the DuPont Library. The 501(c)(3) community service organization supports and promotes the work and use of the library, hosts library programming and special events for all ages. In 2012, the Friends of the DuPont Library raised $3,561 through memberships, donations, book bags and book sales.
They can always use donations of new or gently used books, CDs and DVDs for their ongoing, in-library book sale. All funds that are raised directly support events and activities at the DuPont Library not covered by the Pierce County Library System. Not only can you support the Friends of the DuPont Library by donating your gently used books, but you can also become a member. Individual memberships are only $10, and a family membership is $15. Friends also accepts monetary contributions, which are tax deductible.

The Pierce County DuPont Library is located at 1540 Wilmington Drive, DuPont, WA, 98327.
Children can discover the love of reading during Story Time at local libraries

South Puget Sound News

February 26, 2013 By News Room Leave a Comment

Spring into free story times at the Pierce County Library System for events that will help children discover the love of reading. Young children will enjoy books, games, art and songs, to plant seeds for future reading success and enjoyment.

Story Time Events welcome children from babies to six years old: Baby Play and Learn (ages 0 – 24 months), Toddler Play and Learn (ages 2 – 3), Preschool Play and Learn (ages 3 – 6) and Family/Bilingual Story Time (for families with preschool age children).

Registration may be required. Contact library location for details.

Here is a list of local Pierce County Libraries offering Story Time for young children:

**DuPont Pierce County Library**, 1540 Wilmington Drive • 253-548-3326
- Babies, Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., March 14 – April 25
- Toddlers, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m., March 13 – April 24
- Preschoolers, Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m., March 13 – April 24

**Lakewood Pierce County Library**, 6300 Wildaire Road S.W. • 253-548-3302
- Babies, Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., March 12 – April 23
- Toddlers, Mondays, 10:30 a.m., March 11 – April 22
- Preschoolers, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m., March 13 – April 24
- Bilingual Story Time, Wednesdays, 4 p.m., March 13 – April 24

**Steilacoom Pierce County Library**, 2950 Steilacoom Blvd. • 253-548-3313
- Families, Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m., March 12 – April 23
University Place Pierce County Library. 3609 Market Place W., Suite 100 • 253-548-3307

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- Families, Saturdays, 10:30 a.m., March 16 – April 27
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- By Gig Harbor Patch Staff
- Email the author
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Gig Harbor Library is located at 4424 Point Fosdick Drive NW, 253-548-3305

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- Drop-In Help, Tuesday, May 7, 2 – 3 p.m.
- Online Learning, Tuesday, May 14, 2 – 4 p.m.
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- E-Books and OverDrive, Tuesday, May 7, 2 – 3:30 p.m.
- Practice Time, Thursday, May 9, 2 – 3:30 p.m.
- Download to Kindle, Wednesday, May 15, 10:30 a.m. – noon
- Computers for Beginners, Tuesday, May 21, 2 – 3:30 p.m.
- Navigating the Net, Wednesday, May 22, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

- Computers for Beginners, Tuesday, June 4, 2 – 3:30 p.m.
- Navigating the Net, Wednesday, June 5, 2 – 3:30 p.m.
- Word 2010 for Beginners, Thursday, June 6, 2 – 3:30 p.m.
- E-Books and OverDrive, Tuesday, June 18, 2 – 3:30 p.m.
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South Hill Pierce County Library, 15420 Meridian E, 253-548-3303

- Computers for Beginners, Wednesday, May 1, 9 – 10 a.m.
- Consumer Safety, Wednesday, May 1, 7 – 8 p.m.
- Navigating the Net, Wednesday, May 15, 9 – 10 a.m.
- Publisher 2010 for Beginners, Saturday, May 18, 9 – 10:30 a.m.
- Excel 2007/2010 for Beginners, Tuesday, May 21, 9 – 10:30 a.m.
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- Database Genealogy, Wednesday, June 5, 9 – 10 a.m.
- Download to Kindle, Saturday, June 8, 9 – 10:30 a.m.
- Word 2007/2010 for Beginners II, Tuesday, June 18, 9 – 10:30 a.m.
- PowerPoint 2010 for Beginners, Saturday, June 29, 9 – 10:30 a.m.

Summit Pierce County Library, 5107 112th St. E, 253-548-3321

- Drop-In Help, Monday, May 6, 2 – 3:30 p.m.
- Download to Kindle, Monday, May 13, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
- Drop-In Help, Monday, May 20, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
- Computers for Beginners, Monday, June 3, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
- Download to Kindle, Monday, June 10, 7 – 8:30 p.m.
- Drop-In Help, Monday, June 17, 2 – 3:30 p.m.
- Drop-In Help, Monday, June 24, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Parkland/Spanaway Pierce County Library, 13718 Pacific Ave. S, 253-548-3304

- Computers for Beginners, Tuesday, May 7, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Excel 2010 for Beginners, Thursday, May 9, 2 – 4 p.m.
- E-Books and E-Readers, Thursday, May 23, 2 – 4 p.m.
- Word 2010 for Beginners, Tuesday, May 28, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Computers for Beginners, Tuesday, June 4, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- PowerPoint 2010 for Beginners, Thursday, June 6, 2 – 4 p.m.
- Word 2010 for Beginners, Tuesday, June 11, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Excel 2010 Formulas, Thursday, June 20, 2 – 4 p.m.
- Computación para Principiantes, Jueves, 16 de mayo, 6 – 7:30 p.m.
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- By Bonney Lake-Sumner Patch Staff
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**Bonney Lake Pierce County Library**, 18501 90th St. E, 253-548-3308

- Downloadables Drop-In, Tuesday, May 7, 2 – 3:30 p.m.
- Computers for Beginners, Tuesday, May 14, 2 – 3:30 p.m.
- Navigating the Net, Tuesday, May 21, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

- Assess Your Collectibles, Tuesday, June 4, 2 – 3:30 p.m.
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- Excel 2010 for Beginners, Tuesday, June 18, 2 – 3:30 p.m.
- Practice Time  Tuesday, June 25, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

**Buckley Pierce County Library**, 123 S. River Ave., 253-548-3310 or 360-829-0300
- Computers for Beginners, Thursday, May 2, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Navigating the Net, Thursday, May 9, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Word 2010 for Beginners, Thursday, May 16, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Excel 2010 for Beginners, Thursday, May 23, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

- Computers for Beginners, Thursday, June 13, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- Navigating the Net, Thursday, June 20, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- PowerPoint 2010 for Beginners, Thursday, June 27, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Sumner Pierce County Library**, 1116 Fryar Ave., 253-548-3306

- E-Books and E-Readers, Tuesday, May 14, 5 – 6:15 p.m.
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- E-Books and E-Readers, Tuesday, May 28, 5 – 6:15 p.m.

- Excel 2010 for Beginners, Tuesday, June 11, 4:30 – 6 p.m.
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Pierce County Library offers free computer and e-reader classes

South Puget Sound News

February 19, 2013 By News Room Leave a Comment

The Pierce County Library is offering free computer classes that teach basic computer skills, as well as Excel, Publisher, PowerPoint and Word, this March and April. Participants will be able to find help with choosing and using an e-reader, and in downloading free e-books from the Library. Learn about apps, online genealogy resources, consumer safety and navigating the Internet.

Register for classes at a Pierce County Library or sign up on the Library’s online calendar.

Lakewood Pierce County Library: 6300 Wildaire Road S.W. • 253-548-3302

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- Navigating the Net, Thursday, March 7, 2 – 3 p.m.
- E-Books and E-Readers, Monday, March 11, 2 – 3:30 p.m.
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- Download to Nook, Monday, March 25, 2 – 3:30 p.m.
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- Word 2010 for Beginners, Tuesday, April 16, 2 – 3:30 p.m.

University Place Pierce County Library: 3609 Market Place W., Suite 100 • 253-548-3307

- Online Travel Planning, Saturday, March 9, 2:30 – 4 p.m.
- Consumer Safety, Tuesday, March 12, 3 – 4:30 p.m.
- Download to Nook, Tuesday, March 19, 3 – 4:30 p.m.
- Assess Your Collectibles, Friday, March 29, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Download to Kindle, Thursday, April 4, 4 – 5 p.m.
Pierce County Library to Honor Bonney Lake, Buckley Residents for National Volunteer Week

Bonney Lake Sumner Patch

Library volunteers including Bonney Lake’s Bryn Lee and Alice Brynestad of Buckley donated more than 5,900 hours in 2012.

- By Akiko Oda
- Email the author
- April 15, 2013

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Pierce County Library System will be recognizing its volunteers and thanking them for their service next week for the National Volunteer Week, April 21-27.

In 2012, volunteers at Pierce County Library System gave 5,941 hours and kept books and materials orderly and clean, took photos at events, and offered other valuable and greatly appreciated help.

Bonney Lake resident Bryn Lee and Alice Brynestad of Buckley are just two of the many volunteers who lend a hand.

They were two of the top ten volunteers in 2012. Lee gave 80 hours while Brynestad donated 76 hours.

The following individuals gave the most hours in 2012:

- Alice Holloway, Puyallup resident, 105 hours
• Bob Arrell, South Prairie resident, 101 hours
• Emma Dix, University Place resident, 92 hours
• Kaitlyn Griffith, Fox Island resident, 89 hours
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Pierce County Library to Honor Gig Harbor Residents for National Volunteer Week

Gig Harbor Patch

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• By Akiko Oda
• Email the author
• April 15, 2013
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UP Patch

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University Place resident Emma Dix is just one of the many volunteers who lend a hand. Dix was one of the top ten volunteers with 92 hours in 2012.

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Pierce County Library to Honor DuPont Resident for National Volunteer Week

Lakewood Patch

Library volunteers including Louise Bollman of DuPont donated more than 5,900 hours in 2012.

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DuPont resident Louise Bollman is just one of the many volunteers who lend a hand. Bollman was one of the top ten volunteers with 66 hours in 2012.

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Pierce County Library to Honor Puyallup, Orting Residents for National Volunteer Week

Puyallup Patch

Library volunteers including Puyallup’s Alice Holloway and Margi Pratt of Orting donated more than 5,900 hours in 2012.

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- Email the author
- April 15, 2013

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Puyallup resident Alice Holloway and Margi Pratt of Orting are just two of the many volunteers who lend a hand.

During the past five years, Holloway volunteered more than 640 hours at South Hill Pierce County Library. In 2012, she donated the most hours with 105 hours of unloading books and other materials, making labels and performing other tasks. Pratt was also one of the top ten volunteers with 87 hours in 2012.
“I feel I am helping my community when I volunteer at the library,” said Holloway. “I love it because I am a people person, and I enjoy learning about the variety of things I didn’t know existed in the library!”

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Pierce County Library System applauds and thanks volunteers

South Puget Sound News

April 19, 2013 By News Room Leave a Comment

Volunteers at Pierce County Library System enhance the Library’s service to communities. From April 21-27, people throughout the United States will acknowledge National Volunteer Week, and the Library System is giving special recognition and saying thank you to all of its volunteers.

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In addition it is highlighting the Top Ten Volunteers—individuals who gave the highest number of hours in 2012. The following individuals gave the most hours in 2012:

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Local writer, award-winning radio and TV personality Dorothy Wilhelm at the DuPont Library

South Puget Sound News

March 5, 2013 By News Room Leave a Comment

Dorothy Wilhelm

Meet award-winning radio and TV personality Dorothy Wilhelm during a free event at DuPont Pierce County Library, on Saturday, March 16, at 10:30 a.m.

Wilhelm will talk about her new book, “No Assembly Required,” and about training porcupines—the right way to handle the sticky situations and prickly people in life. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

She has played many roles in her life: humorist, motivational speaker, author, radio and TV show host, The News Tribune columnist, army wife, widow and mom. Wilhelm lives in DuPont, Wash.

Friends of the DuPont Library sponsor this free event. The DuPont Pierce County Library is located at 1540 Wilmington Drive in DuPont.
Meet award-winning Northwest author at University Place Pierce County Library

South Puget Sound News

May 9, 2013 By News Room Leave a Comment

Best-selling local author Jim Lynch will speak and sign books during a free event at University Place Pierce County Library, 3609 Market Place W., on Tuesday, May 21, at 7 p.m.

Lynch will talk about his new book, “Truth Like the Sun,” set in Seattle during the 1962 World’s Fair. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Friends of the University Place Library sponsor this free event.


Lynch lives in Olympia, Wash., with his wife and daughter.
Jim Lynch Author Event
At University Place Library

May 21 * 7 pm.

Meet bestselling author Jim Lynch as he talks about his new book, *Truth Like the Sun*. At UP Library.

Learn more...
Meet local history and memoir authors at University Place Library

South Puget Sound News

March 7, 2013 By News Room Leave a Comment


Two local authors will talk about their books—a personal memoir and a community history—during free events at University Place Pierce County Library in March. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

On Thursday, March 21, at 7 p.m., Professor and writer Ann Putnam will talk about her book, “Full Moon at Noontide: A Daughter’s Last Goodbye.” Putnam’s story chronicles the heartbreak, and captures the moments of grace, in caring for her aging parents. She teaches creative writing and women’s studies at the University of Puget Sound. She has published short fiction, personal essays, literary criticism and book reviews.

The Friends of the University Place Library sponsor this free event.
Author Arne Handeland new book, “University Place,” a new volume in the award-winning local history series, Images of America.

On Sunday, March 24, at 2 p.m., Teacher and author Arne Handeland will talk about his book, “University Place,” a new volume in the award-winning local history series, Images of America. Handeland was born and raised in a family with deep roots in University Place, and taught history at Curtis junior and senior high schools for 41 years. He researched extensively, interviewed local residents and compiled more than 200 vintage photos for the book.

The University Place Historical Society sponsors this free event.

The University Place Pierce County Library is located at 3609 Market Place W., Suite 100.
Discover the beauty of the Pacific Islands

Tacoma.com

Discover the beauty of the Pacific Islands cultural event will take place on Saturday, May 11, at 2 pm at the Tillicum Pierce County Library located at 14916 Washington Ave. S.W. Lakewood 98498.

Jackie Lesage, organizer of the event, explained: “The event primarily focuses on exposing various cultures within the Pacific Islands highlighting the following three islands: Guam, Micronesia, and American Samoa. Since the Tillicum School District comprise of Pacific Islanders, Hispanic, African American, and Caucasians with demographics showing a high concentration of Pacific Islanders. It made perfect sense to highlight some Pacific islands, where library patrons come from. For some people, the islands that are being showcased are not well known and it’s worth increasing the community members’ knowledge to the neighbors that reside in the area. In future events, we will be highlighting other Pacific islands so that each island is given the time to show case its culture in a way that is honoring to the people and informational to community members. The exciting thing about this event is that it is bridging cultures and building relationships by sharing the uniqueness, as well as similarities of people through culture and the love of learning and reading.”

There will be free food sampling and recipe sharing at the event, as well as crafts and games. Copies of printable recipes can be found here: Pacific Island Recipes

Jackie explained the crafts and games at the event: “For the country of Guam, community members will be making a bracelet made out of palm leaves called “putseras” and a whistle called “bibek.” These items are made by children to fill their time and play with. We will also be
playing "chonka." For the American Samoa, we will be making flowers out of foam for the kids (foam is used because there is no availability of fresh flowers from plants around our homes that are usually free) called "Fugalaau Mo Lou Ao" which means a flower piece for your head. Our island embraced the beauty of flowers by wearing it on our head and if you’re single, you wear the flower on your right ear and if you’re married on the left. It is a simple touch to an island beauty. Micronesia’s craft that will be highlighted is a ball made out of ribbons called “baat” and is often played by the children of Yap which can occupy hours of their time. Creating and making crafts is part of the island culture for the islands being showcased. It allows for creativity and the usage of natural resources that are abundant on the islands. Pacific Islanders have certain artifacts and cultural crafts, games, and food which may be unique and similar. The beauty of sharing this is to allow community members to enter a world of rich knowledge, embrace the differences, and work together for greater understanding of others. For the Pacific Islanders, God’s provisions is enough for all if we take care of one another, use our resources with care, and utilize the gifts and talents the Lord provided to illuminate hope and life in our community.”

The event will last 2 hours and will include: free food sampling, dance, storytelling, crafts and games. There will be books for elementary children to purchase for $10 per book written by Chamorro authors from the island of Guam.

“This event is a family affair focusing on children from preschool to college from the very young to the elders or mature at heart. This is an opportunity to learn more about your neighbors who are from other areas of the world. It allows for relationship building and building one’s knowledge regarding various cultures which people may know a lot or very little of,” said Jackie. “The Pacific Islanders have much love for family, and are known for their hospitality. They will go to great lengths to provide a feast for their guests. In the midst of cultural celebrations, it is the presence of an abundance of carefully prepared island dishes that will be sure to please the palate,” she concluded.

For more information about the event, contact Jackie Reyes Castro Lesage via telephone at: 253-778-5642, the Samoan National Nurse’s Association at: 253-301-3872 or visit: www.sonna.org and/or Facebook at Samoan National Nurses Association (SNNA).

By: Carly Calabrese, staff for Tacoma.com
Gig Harbor Library Offers Free Interactive Concert

Gig Harbor Patch

The Harmonica Pocket, an entertaining musical group, will keep families singing, dancing and reading with "A is for Apple"—an interactive concert and more.

- By Gig Harbor Patch Staff
- Email the author
- April 30, 2013

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Tunes of all types will set toes to tapping during a free musical event at Gig Harbor Pierce County Library, on Friday, May 17, at 10:30 a.m.

The Harmonica Pocket, an entertaining musical group, will keep families singing, dancing and reading with "A is for Apple"—an interactive concert and more.

The group will share imaginative renditions of American folk classics and original songs from their award-winning albums.

All ages will enjoy this event rolled up with hula hoops, ukuleles, Dr. Seuss and apples!

Friends of the Gig Harbor Library sponsor this free event.

Related Topics: Concert, Gig Harbor Pierce County Library, and The Harmonica Pocket
Winners of Pierce County Library contest will showcase work Thursday
Last updated: May 27th, 2013 12:34 AM (PDT)

The Pierce County Library System has announced the winners of its Teen Writing & Art Contest — Our Own Expressions. The winners will showcase their submissions in a free public event at 7 p.m. Thursday at Lagerquist Hall on the Pacific Lutheran University campus.

Poetry winners: Grades 7-8: Gabriel Carlson, Fox Island, first place; Tamminga Watchman, Gig Harbor, second place; Shane Lillie, Gig Harbor, third place. Grades 9-10: Brenna Peever, Spanaway, first place; Rachel Duerst, Tacoma, second place; Jocelyn Gonzales, Steilacoom, third place. Grades 11-12: Jack Chakerian, Gig Harbor, first place; Clay Snell, Tacoma, second place; Esther Lee, Lakewood, third place.

Short story winners: Grades 7-8: Virginia Davidson, Steilacoom, first place; Summer Ash, Gig Harbor, second place; Hailey Holm, Buckley, third place. Grades 9-10: Natalia Giovengo, Puyallup, first place; Matthew Pfefferle, Tacoma, second place; Meg Low, Puyallup, third place. Grades 11-12: Amanda Gordon, Fox Island, first place; Erin Haas, Lake Tapps, second place; Hansol Hyon, Lakewood, third place.

Photography winners: Grades 7-8: Dawson Dressel, Tacoma, first place; Mercella Washburn, Gig Harbor, second place; Delany Sager, Tacoma, third place. Grades 9-10: Nick Tollefson, Gig Harbor, first place; Mira Ali, Tacoma, second place; Taylor DeSmet, Puyallup, third place. Grades 11-12: Esther Lee, Lakewood, first place; Jesse MacKinnon, Gig Harbor, second place; Ellen Carr, Lakewood, third place.

Drawing winners: Grades 7-8: Daniel Matsuda, Tacoma, first place; Grace Wilsie, Tacoma, second place; Leah Harlander, Gig Harbor, third place. Grades 9-10: Penny Mae Rhines, University Place, first place; Michaealla Walden, Fircrest, second place; Lauren Sullivan, Gig Harbor, third place. Grades 11-12: Rachel Lynch, Tacoma, first place; Tamala Aown, Fircrest, second place; Jesse MacKinnon, Gig Harbor, third place.

Compiled by Mary Anderson, staff writer

Read more here: http://www.thenewstribune.com/2013/05/27/v-printerfriendly/2613784/pierce-county-winners-of-library.html#storylink=cpy
King's Books e-news and website, May 2013 “More May Events!”
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THINGS TO DO TODAY & THE REST OF THE WEEK

TODAY

Tacoma Reads Together discussion with mayor at King's Books
Join in a free community conversation with Mayor Marilyn Strickland and Erik Hanberg, chair of Tacoma Reads, at 7 p.m. tonight.
This year’s selection, “Wonder” by R.J. Palacio, facilitates the topics of kindness, compassion and understanding. It is at King’s Books, 218 Saint Helens Ave., Tacoma.

Classic 1980s ‘Flashdance’ opens at Paramount
The 1980s cinematic phenomenon “Flashdance” is now live on stage at the Paramount Theatre, 911 Pine St., Seattle. The musical tells the story of Alex, a working-class girl from Pittsburgh, striving to make her dream of becoming a professional dancer a reality. Showtimes are 7:30 tonight, Wednesday and Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday and 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday and 1 and 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $30-$85 and available online at stgpresents.org.

Learn computer basics at Graham Library
If you struggle with your computer or are new to computers then tonight’s free Computers for Beginners class is right up your alley. It will cover basic computer skills and concepts, including identifying the parts of a computer, understanding basic computer terminology and navigating a window using a mouse and keyboard.
It’s from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Graham Library, 9202 224th St.

FRIDAY

Mary Chapin Carpenter in concert at Benaroya Hall
Mary Chapin Carpenter plans to head up to Seattle to take in five-time Grammy Award, two-time CMA award and two-time Academy of Country Music award winner Mary Chapin Carpenter. She will perform an acoustic evening at Benaroya Hall, 200 University St., Seattle. Joining her will be Shawn Colvin in the 8 p.m. show Friday. Tickets are $38-$54 and are available online at benaroya.org.

Live music covers jazz and blues in Olympia
Check out the music scene in Olympia. Here are a couple of venues hosting music tonight:
■ Vince Brown will play solo jazz guitar from 6-8 tonight at the Swing Wine Bar & Café, 805 Columbia St., SW, Olympia. There is no cover charge. Call 360-357-9464 for details.
■ The Royal Lounge, 311 Capitol Way N., Olympia, hosts Wednesday Night Blues with live music. Tonight features John “Scooch” Cusano and the 88’s, 7-11 p.m. There is a $5 cover. Call 360-705-0760 for more details.
TODAY

Free computer classes offered at libraries
If you're looking to expand your computer skills, Pierce County Libraries offers a variety of free computer classes from Microsoft Office products to e-book downloads. Check your local branch for details. Here are few scheduled for today:

- Computers for Beginners: Learn basic computer skills and concepts, including identifying the parts of a computer, understanding basic computer terminology and navigating a window using a mouse and keyboard. 2-3:30 p.m., Summit Library, 5107 112th St. E., Tacoma, 253-549-3321.
- Excel for Beginners: Learn how to create a workbook and apply formulas to cells. 1-2:30 p.m., Graham Library, 2202 224th St. E., 253-548-3322.
- Download to Kindle: Learn how to download library materials. 2-3:30 p.m., Lakewood Library, 6300 Wildaire Road SW, 253-548-3302.

Join guided bird walk at Adriana Hess Wetland Park

Wetland Park home on a guided walk through the park at the Bird Walk with Joe McGuire at noon today.
Meet at the Adriana Hess Wetland Park and Audubon Center, 2917 73rd Ave. W., University Place.
It's free; no registration needed. Call 253-966-8279 for more information.

Author talks about politics in Civil War era
Meet and listen to author Richard Etulain, professor emeritus at the University of New Mexico, when he discusses his new book, "Lincoln and Oregon Country Politics in the Civil War Era," a cross-continental history demonstrating Abraham Lincoln's strong connections with the Oregon Country on various political issues, including Indian relations, military policies, civil and legal rights, and North-South ideological conflicts.
He will speak at noon at the State Capital Museum, 211 21st Ave. SW, Olympia. A $2 donation is suggested at the door. Call 360-753-2580 for more information.
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THINGS TO DO TODAY & THE REST OF THE WEEK

TODAY

Learn about native plants at Gig Harbor free clinic
Discover the local plants that work best in our climate at a Native Plant Identification Clinic from 9-11:30 a.m. today.
As part of Native Plant Appreciation Week, today's free clinic will help you understand and best use native plants in your landscape.
It's being held at Seaham Homestead Park, Seaham Drive NW and 78th Avenue NW, Gig Harbor.

May Day celebration to include singling, dancing
Join in Puget Sound Revels' celebration at the free outdoor May Day celebration for all ages today. There will be singing, dancing, flower crowns and more to welcome lovely

email and find great reviews before making big purchases or hiring local services at the consumer safety class at 7 tonight. It's at South Hill Pierce County Library, 15420 Meridian Ave. E; 253-548-3303.

Learn Microsoft Excel at a beginner's class at 7 tonight. It will be at Graham Pierce County Library, 9202 224th St. E; 253-548-3322.

Concert band to play free concert tonight
Listen to the Pacific Lutheran University Concert Band at 7 tonight at Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Building on the PLU campus in Tacoma. Call 253-535-7602 for details.

Poetry is the topic of film and discussion in Olympia
Discover the life and work of five of the most influential poets writing today when the Olympia Poetry Network shows the free film "The Poet's View, Intimate Film Profiles of Five Major American Poets," created by The Academy of American Poets.
Those profiled are John Ashbery, Louise Gluck, Anthony Hecht, Kay Ryan and W.S. Merwin. Group conversation around these interviews will follow the viewing at 7 tonight at Traditions Cafe, 300 Fifth Ave. SE, Olympia; 360-701-2030.
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TUESDAY

Pierce County Libraries offer computer classes
Pierce County Libraries offer a variety of free computer classes from advances to beginning. Brush up on your skills or learn something new. Call each library for more information or to register. Here are a few classes happening Tuesday.

- Navigating the Net. Learn the basics of the Internet, including navigating a Web page, using a search engine, applying search strategies and evaluating online information. 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesday, University Place Library, 3609 Market Place W., Suite 100, 253-548-3307.
- Online Learning. Discover the world of online classes through programs such as Coursera, iTunesU and Khan Academy. No tuition required. 2-4 p.m.

Take advantage of computer classes offered at Pierce County Libraries.

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Tuesday, Gig Harbor Library, 4424 Point Fosdick Drive NW
Gig Harbor, 253-548-3308
- Computers for Beginners. Cover basic computer skills and concepts, including identifying the parts of a computer, understanding basic computer terminology and navigating a window using a mouse and keyboard. 2-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Bonney Lake Library 18501 9th St. E., Bonney Lake, 253-548-3308.
- E-Books and E-Readers. Discover the e-readers compatible with the Pierce County Library’s e-book resources and learn to download and install the software needed to get started. 5-6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sumner Library, 1116 Fryar Ave., Sumner, 253-548-3306

Tacoma’s bicycling history highlighted in talk
Did you know that bicyclists helped pave the way for Tacoma’s first roads? Or that Tacoma was once the cycling capital of the Pacific Northwest? Learn these facts plus more at the free presentation, Tacoma’s Remarkable Bicycle History at 6 p.m. Tuesday. Listen to Tacoma’s Active Transportation Coordinator, Diane Wiatr as she shares the role that cycling has played in Tacoma’s history. She will be at the Tacoma Public Library Main Branch, Olympic Room, 1102 Tacoma Ave., S., Tacoma.

PLU orchestra, choirs to perform in concert
The PLU University Symphony Orchestra will perform Beethoven, Choral Fantasy and Symphony No. 9 with the PLU Choir of the West and Choral Union in an 8 p.m. concert Tuesday. It will be at Lagerquist Concert Hall, Mary Baker Russell Music Building, Tacoma. Admission is $8, $5 seniors, $3 alumni and free to PLU community and for 18 years and younger. Call 253-535-7411 for more information.

Thurm’s Finger Lickin Chicken & Ribs, 3709 S. G St., Tacoma. There is no cover charge, and the groups plays 7:30-10:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Jazz and blues take over Uncle Thurm’s in Tacoma
Listen to the jazz and blues sounds of the G Street Jazz & Blues when they play at Uncle
**THURS, MAY 16**

**FILM**

Appropriate. One meaning, multiple nuances. Ugh: It is not appropriate to use outside voices inside. Dos: It is very appropriate to yell "Yeehaw!" every time you agree with film reviewer Robert Horton at the Olympia Timberland Library. Horton will pull up a bale of hay Thursday and explain how the Western movie was America's bedrock mythology for the first 70 years of his history, but during the hippie era the genre the "revisionist" Western took up a fiercely critical argument with the past. In the disillusioned age of the counterculture and Vietnam, you could no longer distinguish heroes from villains by the color of their hats. Horton thinks because of the dramatic changes seen in Westerns, the genre forces us to look critically at our own myths: Why do we need the clarity of "good guys" and "bad guys" at certain times? Why do we sometimes embrace a more ambiguous view of human nature? How do these movies challenge us — and what happens when a movie forces us to question our long-cherished beliefs? Will Horton hear from you?

**FRI, MAY 17**

**WORD**

Ernest Hemingway was a megalomaniac. We know this from Woody Allen's Midnight in Paris flick. Hemingway was also suffering from depression, and ultimately committed suicide at the age of 61. There has been much written about this great American writer, but not through the sensibility of his wife or lover — until Paula McLain's novel, The Paris Wife, which captures the love affair between Hemingway and his first wife, Hadley Richardson. McLain paints a real sense of their daily life — Hemingway's charisma, genius, stinginess and cruelty that apparently could erupt with no warning — and the citizens of Pierce County know this. For the past two months, thousands have been reading the book as part of the Pierce County READS program. Friday, McLain will drop in on the Lakewood community to discuss the book, and the life of the famous couple.

**PAULA MCLAIN, 7 p.m., McAlvick Conference Center, Clover Park Technical College, 4500 Stelasco. Blvd. SW, Lakewood, 253.589.5783**

**SAT, MAY 18**

**EVENT**

Get your Gilligan on Saturday when the Port of Olympia resurrects the Swantown Boatswap and Chowder Challenge. Boat connoisseurs will be able to peruse boats listed for sale, pick up parts and accessories all while enjoying a little bit of live music and chowder from Thurston County eateries. The chowder contest starts promptly at 12:30 p.m. when 12 local restaurants — including Fish Tale Brew Pub, The Sidewalk Cafe, Tugboat Annie's and Lucky Eagle Casino — will serve their finest clam chowder and compete for "Best Chowder" honors, voted
Meet Maple, the tail wagging K-9 tutor

Library program provides non-judgmental audience for children and teens practicing reading and speech skills

By Theresa De Lay
Staff Writer

The life of a registered therapy dog isn't all cute kids and relaxing moments in the library; there are extensive tests and yearly physical exams that must be passed. Maple was born for the job though, said owner Ann Josten.

Four years ago, Josten realized she wanted a puppy she could train for the Read to a Dog program at local libraries. She soon found a 9-week-old, fox red Labrador retriever named Maple. Josten and Maple spent the next three years training and when she was ready, Maple applied for registration through Therapy Dogs International (TDI).

According to TDI, the test consists of 13 individual exercises and a comprehensive health exam by a qualified veterinarian, including up-to-date shots.

Maple now wears a tag and red bandana that identify her as a registered therapy dog.

As a therapy dog, Maple participates in the TDI program, Tail Waggin' Tutors. Maple visits the Sumner Pierce County Library Read to a Dog event every other Friday during the school year. Kids of all ages and reading levels come to visit her. Some read to her, some just show her pictures and often times, older kids end up helping younger kids when they have trouble.

Maple's presence can be a stress-reducing factor and provides a non-judgmental audience for the children, said Josten. The program has become a valuable tool for helping children and teens practice their reading skills.

Josten said that Maple makes such a great therapy dog because she is sweet, calm and isn't frightened easily by new experiences.

Maple will be at the library 4 p.m. Friday, May 17. Prior registration is not required.
Author Richard LeMieux to speak at University Place Library

South Puget Sound News

May 30, 2013 By News Room Leave a Comment

Author Richard LeMieux will speak and sign books during a free event at University Place Pierce County Library, 3609 Market Place W., Suite 100, on Thursday, June 13, at 7 p.m.

LeMieux will talk about his book “Breakfast at Sally’s: One Homeless Man’s Inspirational Journey.” Books will be available for purchase and signing. Friends of the University Place Library sponsor this free event.

In the book, LeMieux describes his odyssey and the quirky, diverse and endearing cast of characters he met among Bremerton’s homeless people. He wrote the book on a secondhand manual typewriter wherever he could, including a picnic table in a public park. His story offers a rare inside look at how one man—beaten down and alone—reconnected, found good people and ultimately, with

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Free computer classes offer insight to e-readers

You have that new e-reader and are figuring out how to get books to enjoy. Check out the free computer classes offered by Pierce County Libraries that will show you how. There are two classes Thursday:

- Download to Kindle, 2:30-4 p.m., University Place Library, 3609 Market Place W., Suite 100, University Place; 253-548-3307.

Local theater productions in Olympia

Local theater is alive and well in Olympia. Here is what is playing now:

- "Legal y Blonde: The Musical" is a Capital Playhouse production. Showtimes are 7 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Head out to the Capital Playhouse, 612 Fourth Ave. E., Olympia. Tickets are $30-$55; call 360-943-2744 for more information.
- "Gloucester Blue," a dark comedy by Israel Horovitz, is presented by Harlequin Productions through June 1 at State Theater, 202 Fourth Ave. E., Olympia. Tickets are $31 for adults, $28 for seniors and military, $20 for students. Go to harlequinproductions.org, or call 360-765-0151.
- South Puget Sound Community College’s production of "View of the Dome" tells the story of an idealistic young Washington attorney trying to make a difference. It is running now through June 2 at the Minnaert Center for the Arts Black Box at SPSCC, 1011 Mottman Road SW, Olympia. Tickets are $12 for adults; $7 for students, seniors and military. Pay what you can for Thursday performances. Go to wcpa.squarespace.com for tickets.

Comedian Nick Vatterott comes to Tacoma

Get your laugh on when Nick Vatterott comes to Tacoma Comedy Club, 933 Market St., Tacoma.

He was billed as one of the "break-outs" at Montreal’s Just for Laughs Comedy Festival and recently has performed on "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon" and "Conan." He also shot a stand-up special for Comedy Central as well as produced and performed in Comedy Central’s new series, "Mash Up."

He will take the stage for five shows - 8 p.m. Thursday, 8 and 10:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets are $10, call 253-282-7203 for more information.
COMMUNICATIONS

- Congratulations from:
  ♦ Pat McCarthy, PC Executive
  ♦ Pierce College Library Staff
  ♦ Mary Ann Woodruff, Foundation Board Member
  ♦ Fort Vancouver Library Staff

- Friends Steilacoom/DuPont OOX Reception
Dear—

I have to tell you that I watched your v-tube with the First Lady & agreed with her comments about your team at the P.D. Library. You have been a great innovator. I am delighted that you received this recognition. Well deserved. Out
From Pierce College Library

Woo! Congratulations

...or the National Medal of Service? What a

criminal justice law and

...as learned.

Great job, Victoria.

Congratulations

on winning the Council Award.

Immediate congratulations on your achievement.

Great job!

Stay well! 

Congratulations and

Great work.

Thank you for your service.

Your family is

...and work.

You've done a job well done.

Innovative and

...for your efforts.

Great job, Victoria.

Congratulations on

...and dedication.

...and achievement.
Mary Ann Woodruff

With admiration,

are so good at insulating.

Congratulations Neel! What a pleasure it is to support the work you

and reminds me I can have a go at ever so many activities and ideas.

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I'm sure Mrs. Obama knows if (but she may not have the opportunity

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Pierce County Library System stronger.

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Frankly, I have little time to be on the Foundation Board but the

Dear Neel,
Nee!

Congratulations to you and your staff for the IMLS Honor! You have reason to feel very proud of this important accomplishment.

Nancy Tessman and the Staff at FVRL.
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May 11, 2013

Neel Parikh
Executive Director
Pierce County Library System
3005 112th Street East
Tacoma WA 98446-2215

Dear Ms. Parikh,

We invite you to join us in honoring our community’s young artists and writers.

Nineteen teenagers from Dupont, Lakewood, Steilacoom and adjacent areas of Tacoma were among the hundreds of young people who recently entered the Pierce County Library System competition for young artists,”Our Own Expressions.” While not all won places in the competition, we know they are all winners: constructive young people who are doing creative work.

Friends of Dupont Library and Friends of Steilacoom Library are honoring the young artists and writers at a reception on Monday, May 20, from 6 to 8 PM at the Steilacoom Historical Museum, 1801 Rainier Street, Steilacoom. You’ll have an opportunity to see some of the artwork and hear or read the stories and poetry produced by the talented teens.

The students are:

Derek Allen   Collin Beckman   Yvonne Breithaupt
Whilaminna Brock   Ebony Bryant   Gareth Cody
Virginia Davidson   Jocelyn Gonzalez   Hansol Hyon
Bianna James   Deshawn James   Paria Karbassi
Gloria Kilonzo   Alex Merk   Sarah Mernaugh
Kadence Mitchell   Renee Taylor   Taylor Vance
Katy Wright

Join with us to honor these fine young people. Please respond to Debbie Johnson at 253-964-3699 by May 18.

Sincerely,

Beverly Jensen
President,
Friends of Steilacoom Library

Debbie Johnson
President,
Friends of Dupont Library
OTHER LIBRARIES

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Puyallup director visits Texas' George W. Bush Presidential Library

BOOKS: Tim Wadham enjoys his work on board with Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries

BY ANDREW FICKES of the Herald

Tim Wadham, the director of the Puyallup Public Library, enjoyed a unique opportunity last month when he attended the dedication of the George W. Bush Presidential Library in Dallas.

"It was certainly an experience that made you feel very patriotic," Wadham said.

He said it was the first public event in which the four living past presidents and President Barack Obama were together. On display April 25 was a love for country that transcended partisan politics, he said.

"No matter your political persuasion, there is still a common love for country, and that was brought up by all the presidents," Wadham said.

Wadham traveled to Dallas earlier that week as a member of the board of directors with the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries. He has been on the board, by invitation from Laura Bush, since the start of the foundation in 2001. Each year, the foundation distributes more than 200 grants that total $5,000 each to school libraries in high-poverty regions of the United States.

"Mrs. Bush wants to put books directly in the hands of children," Wadham said. "Some libraries desperately need to update their collection."

Wadham said it's evident that, from reading more than 600 applications each year, poverty is everywhere.

"Poverty knows no geographical or racial limits," he said. "Since the recession hit in 2008, the snapshot of poverty has been increasingly bleak."

Wadham said libraries are not fully funded in some school districts, and others have removed qualified school librarians and replaced them with clerks.

"Many school librarians don't have the professional training to select good books," Wadham said.

In some school libraries, collections still include books about man going to the moon and historical books about the 48 states.

Wadham said the Puyallup School District libraries are considered an integral part of the student curriculum.

"In Puyallup, there are certified school librarians, and (the district) does emphasize quality school libraries," he said. "Libraries are seen as the heart of the school. This is the exception, rather than the rule."

Wadham said he's enjoyed his time on the board for Laura Bush's foundation.

"To be involved nationwide is knowing what's going on in school libraries, and doing something to get good books in the libraries," he said.

Wadham added many school librarians write in their grant applications about societal problems in their community that exacerbate poverty.

"Often, the majority of children at those schools come from single-parent households or where one parent may be incarcerated," he said.

As he reads applications, Wadham said he often finds himself wishing he could do more.

In his time with the foundation, Wadham has had the opportunity to get to know Laura Bush as well as former president George W. Bush. Wadham said the former first lady is a former school librarian who has a master's degree in library science.

"Laura is truly a real librarian," Wadham said. "She always asks us what we're reading when (the board) gets together. She is also very generous."

Wadham said he has met George W. Bush on three occasions.

"He is very likeable, personable and disarming," Wadham said. "You may disagree with him politically, but he is hard not to like."

Wadham said he hopes to visit the George W. Bush Presidential Library next spring when he returns to Dallas. The library opened to the public on May 1.

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Puyallup library encourages children to ‘dig’ for good books

**ACTIVITY:** Part of summer reading will be a visit from Seafair Pirates on June 21.

**BY ANDREW FICKES of the Herald**

The Puyallup Public Library’s “Dig into Reading” summer program for children will provide a host of incentives and weekly suggested books on topics like burrowing critters, underground worlds and buried pirate’s treasure.

“It’s a good way to keep kids excited about reading during the summer so they maintain those all-important reading skills and keep them interested and engaged at the library,” youth services librarian Bonnie Anderson said.

Children 12 and younger who spend time reading, listening to an audio book or are read to by an adult can enter weekly drawings for prizes. After a child has completed 10 hours of reading, they receive a free book and an entry to the Northwest Trek and Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium.

“For some kids, 10 hours is nothing; they can do it in a day,” Anderson said. “But for some, it’s a struggle to read 10 hours over the summer, so that’s why there is a variety of prizes and programs and weekly drawings to keep them coming back and making it fun.”

The program will run from June 17 through Aug. 17.

Last summer, 1,882 children signed up, and 882 reached the goal of at least 10 hours of reading.

At 3 p.m. June 21, the Seafair Pirates will visit the library to start the nine-week programming. The pirates will read to children, fly their flag, play a game of “stump the pirate” and create pirate makeovers.

Additional programs throughout the summer will be provided, including a visit from art teacher Kim Zeiger, who will teach students how to draw textured sand castles.

Anderson said she’s been with the library since 1989 and has been part of each summer’s reading program.

“I love to share the excitement of reading,” Anderson said. “If you get that one kid who is a little hesitant, and then the light goes on and they get it, then it’s all worth it.”

There will also be teen and adult reading programs this summer.

The theme of the teen program will be “Beneath the Surface.” It will start June 17 and is open to those who are 12 to 19.

Most teen programming will be at 3 p.m. on Wednesdays. The first will be a handy craft on June 19 for Legend of Zelda fans.

Bonnie Svitazsky, the teen services librarian, said the League of Teen Advisors suggested the programming.

“There is a lot of enthusiasm that teens have,” she said. “When you get them into these programs, they are very enthusiastic and very giving.”

An adult reading program with the theme “Groundbreaking Reads” also will start June 17.

“If an adult is reading, their child will likely be part of the program,” said Beth Swartzbaugh, adult services librarian. “It gives their kids encouragement to participate.”

Swartzbaugh said adults can pick up a game board on June 17 at any of the library service desks, and they can mark off different categories when they complete certain readings. Weekly book recommendations will be offered.

“Everyone who submits a completed game board will receive a free gift card to Elements Frozen Yogurt and will be entered into a grand prize drawing for a Kindle Fire e-reading device,” Swartzbaugh said.

Pre-registration is not required for the adult program.

Pre-registration for the children and teen programs is June 1.
Holy bookmobile — library lands on creative way to deliver books

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by Judy Oehling
Planning editor

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Holy bookmobile! Seattle Public Library launches new program this summer.

SEATTLE — The Seattle Public Library is working on a pedal-powered bookmobile to deliver books this summer at local parks and events.

The eco-friendly bookmobile boasts a custom built-bike trailer designed to carry library books and DVDs, which are placed in a waterproof box for transport and are protected with a built-in umbrella so they can be displayed without getting damaged.

The Books on Bikes pilot program launches this summer. SPL will be releasing additional information on May 21, including a schedule of where the bookmobile bikes will be this summer.
Classic literature still matters in today's world

BY TIM WADHAM, Puyallup Library Director

Dan Brown's new book, "Inferno," is out this month. In anticipation of this latest blockbuster, the plot of which turns on knowledge of "Dante's Inferno," I began to wonder how many of us have actually read Dante.

Even if we haven't, we probably have at least a vague sense of what it means if someone compares a particularly terrible experience to being in the ninth circle of hell. And then I began to think about all of the classics we are supposed to know, and how they inform our cultural literacy.

The idea is there is a core of literary works that connect us with a common language and frame of reference. If someone says, "To be or not to be," we understand that it comes from Shakespeare's "Hamlet," and we understand the context of Hamlet soliloquizing as to whether or not he should go on living.

But if someone says, "Big Brother is watching you," do we make the connection with "1984" by George Orwell? That's one we read in high school, and I remember my classmates and I wanting to put up signs around the school that said, as in the book, "War is Peace. Freedom is Slavery. Ignorance is Strength."

Thankfully, we didn't, and I'm not sure what the consequences would have been if we had.

So, do we really need to read the "classics?" And what is a "classic," anyway? Do the "classics," however you define them, still matter? I perfectly understand "Wuthering Heights" is a pretty long and difficult slog through the literary morn.

I find it helpful to remember that today's classic is often yesterday's popular literature.

That's certainly the case with someone like Charles Dickens. His books were the bestsellers of his day. I have always loved the story about "The Old Curiosity Shop," which was serialized in a British magazine.

As the story goes, a huge crowd of people was waiting at a New York dock when the ship that carried the issue of the magazine with a critical installment of the story arrived. The people on shore, wanting so badly to know the outcome, called up to the boat and asked, "Is Little Nell dead?"

"Spoiler alert, indeed. And so, I believe the answer is: yes. We still need the classics. They give us a sense of the richness of language, and the variety and depth of human experience through unforgettable and complex characters. But we don't need to be literary snobs. Classics are not just books written by authors who have long since died.

There are many contemporary books that speak with the sort of power and authority you would associate with a classic. A book that comes to mind is Cormac McCarthy's "The Road," which one critic said felt at times like the pronouncements of an Old Testament prophet — in a good way, of course.

One of the great things about a public library is that you can find not only the latest bestsellers, like Dan Brown's "Inferno," but also multiple translations of "Dante's Inferno."

Try the translation by American poet John Ciardi. It actually makes Dante comprehensible and interesting.

Happy reading!

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UPDATED: Council shoots down de-annexation from KCLS

By BRIAN BECKLEY
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Renton is still part of the King County Library System ... for now.

After a 90-minute Committee of the Whole discussion and nine comments from the public, the Renton City Council on Monday essentially rejected a de-annexation vote, but due to procedural issues, the council chose to pull it from the agenda rather than vote it down.

However, the council was unanimous in discussion that de-annexation from KCLS was not the right move at this time.

The motion was brought forward as a means of discussion to allow the council to look at all possible options regarding KCLS and the rebuilding of two libraries in the city.

During a presentation at the meeting, the administration advised against de-annexation.

"We looked and worked through this issue and I can tell you at this current time the administration doesn’t see benefits to withdrawal," City Administrator Jay Covington said.

Covington’s presentation included a brief how-we-got-here recap and offered four concerns the administration has with de-annexation: Level of service drop, serving the Cascade-Benson Hill area, increase costs from construction delays and the budget impacts of withdrawal.

The annexation discussion began in 2007, according to Covington, after the city annexed the Benson Hill area. A Library Master Plan was created that provided two options: Either improve services in the city system or annex into KCLS. The City Council opted for annexation.

In 2009 a pre-annexation agreement was struck with KCLS that transferred all library resources, materials and staff to KCLS in the event of annexation.

In February 2010 Renton voters approved annexation by the razor-thin margin of 53 votes. In March 2010 KCLS officially took over as the city’s library service provider.

In the "level of service" part of his presentation, Covington highlighted many of the additional benefits of being part of the larger district, including increased hours of operation — including being open on Sundays — access to a larger collection of items, eBooks and myriad others, including the Library-2-Go! mobile van, the summer reading program, resume help and tutoring.

He also said that prior to KCLS taking over, the downtown library’s meeting room was being used as storage space;

but since joining the larger district, the items stored there were moved off-site, thereby opening up the room for meeting space.

"There's a lot of services KCLS is providing that were not provided in 2010," Covington said. "It would be, in our minds, very difficult for us in a city-contained system to approach this level of service."

Covington also cited the Cascade/Benson Hill service area, which was part of KCLS and used the Fairwood library until the area annexed into Renton. At that time, they became part of Renton's system and service would have to be provided to that neighborhood if KCLS was not involved.

Covington's final reason, the budget concerns, were among those that led to the annexation to begin with. Covington reminded the council that following the annexation vote in 2010, all library materials, staff and other items were transferred to KCLS, meaning de-annexation would leave Renton with the building and that's it.

So if Renton were to de-annex, it would have to find money not only to run the library again, but also to re-purchase the collection. Covington said it was money the city simply doesn't have.

"There is no money sitting around," he told the council.

Covington also said that while the city had a reciprocal agreement with KCLS that allowed Renton users to access KCLS materials, he did not know if such an agreement could be worked out again and added that the cost of that agreement was one of the reason they annexed into KCLS in the first place.

Covington also called it "incongruent" that the city would want to de-annex because they were not happy with the services and then turn around and try to contract with KCLS for those very services they were supposedly unhappy with.

Covington also said the discussion in the city appears to be about the design process and not the services provided by KCLS, which was why they annexed into the district to begin with. Covington later said the design process was in the "bottom of the third inning" and that he was confident KCLS would provide designs the citizens could be happy with.

Following Covington's presentation, Council President Randy Corman said he thought this discussion "spiraled a little further than I intended." Corman said he brought up the option of de-annexation because he was hearing that the city had no options and he wanted to point out they did. But he also said he was "hopeful" the design situation could be worked out and did not think the de-annexation motion should be voted on until at least after next week's presentation from KCLS.

Councilwoman Marcie Palmer, who has been a vocal supporter of the Save the Cedar River Library ... Again! group, agreed that no decision should be made Monday because of next week's presentation.

"This seems out of order to me," she said, calling de-annexation one of the tools Renton should take into negotiations with KCLS.

Councilman Greg Taylor called de-annexation a "self-inflicted mistake," but reiterated that he was unhappy with KCLS regarding the designs for the downtown library.

"I don't feel like we have our community's backs in this fight," he said.

He also stated that the timing was not right from a "strategic standpoint" to have an up-or-down vote on this issue.

Councilwoman Terri Briere said she was "duly impressed" with the services being provided by KCLS, which she said were "far higher" than those the city could provide.

Briere also said the original library building has been renovated multiple times since it was built and said the prospect of a "more contemporary" and "classier" building over the river was exciting.
When the motion came up, however, the council opted to vote to simply remove it from the agenda and close discussion of the topic rather than voting it down.

Councilmen Rich Zwicker and Don Persson argued that the council should bring the measure to a vote and simply vote it down, since all seven council members were obviously opposed to putting it on the ballot.

Persson said it was unfair to KCLS to be left in limbo.

"I don't think we should go past tonight without making a decision on de-annexation," he said.

Zwicker agreed, going so far as to call de-annexation a "ridiculous idea."

"Service drives de-annexation," Zwicker said. "Service is excellent."

Councilman Ed Prince agreed the council should focus on the designs and use their power to shape the designs since the interlocal agreement requires the council approval, instead of playing a "game of chicken" regarding de-annexation.

In the end, the council voted unanimously to remove the item from the agenda and stated the matter was closed and there would be no further action from the council.

The council may re-visit de-annexation at any time.

KCLS is scheduled to present a new design to the council at the April 15 meeting. The council will review and make a determination on the designs April 29. The April 22 meeting was canceled.

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Local libraries offer chance to discover heritage and different cultures

By Meg Hughes Special to the Kitsap Sun Meg Hughes is a Reference Librarian at Kitsap Regional Library’s Poulsbo Branch. She enjoys exploring her Norwegian heritage.

Saturday, April 6, 2013

When I travel I frequently visit libraries.

I’m curious about the architecture, the physical space and how it is used, the collections, the programs and the services other libraries offer. From the Midwest to the Southwest, California and Hawaii to Ireland, France and beyond, I’ve gathered a collection of wonderful library experiences.

Throughout the Kitsap Regional Library system we are blessed with community branch libraries that offer specialized collections. Little Boston has a special Native American collection; Poulsbo a Scandinavian; Sylvan Way offers a genealogical center with its own specialized reference works; and Downtown Bremerton houses the Northwest Reference Collection of books, documents and photographs pertaining to the history of Kitsap County and Washington State.

Each of these special collections serves the interests of their communities and offer opportunities for research, entertainment and insight.

This is a good time of year to travel around Kitsap and become familiar with the amazing facilities and collections available in KRL’s branches. I invite you to start your journey by visiting Little Boston and Poulsbo. Before setting out on your jaunt go to www.KRL.org for branch hours and driving directions.

The Native American Collection at Little Boston honors the community’s Native American heritage with a collection of more than 700 books specifically on Native American topics.

The building, completed in 2007, is located within a much larger complex on the Port Gamble S’Klallam Reservation in north Kitsap. Little Boston is enhanced with Native American art and carries a subscription to “American Indian Art Magazine.”

A centerpiece of the Native American Reference collection is “The “Klallam Dictionary” by Timothy Montler. Klallam was an endangered language with very few speakers of Klallam as their first language when the author began recording the language from native elders in 1978. The dictionary was transcribed from about 9,000 pages of his handwritten notes and nearly 240 hours of audio.
Published in 2012, the result of this incredible effort is nearly 1,000 pages.

For a collection of readings on the diverse experience of the S'Klallam tribe choose "Shadows of Our Ancestors" edited by Jerry Gorsline. The readings are drawn from oral testimony, letters, journals and the research of anthropologists and historians.

"The Eyes of Chief Seattle" published by The Suquamish Museum is a catalog of the exhibition that opened in the Suquamish Museum in 1983. The photos depict clothing and household tools, fishing, basket making and weaving, canoes, treaties and their aftermath, Chief Seattle, the era of Indian boarding schools and the transition into labor and economy.

In an encyclopedic format, "Guide to the Indian Tribes of the Pacific Northwest" by Robert H. Ruby provides insight into recent cultural and economic issues that affect native communities.

The Native American collection also includes children's books such as "Totem Pole" by Diane Hoyt-Goldsmith in which a young Tsimshian Indian tells how his father carved a totem pole for the S'Klallam tribe.

DVDs, CDs and VHS tapes are also a part of the collection which is growing and expanding with the guidance of a tribal historian and with contributions from various funding sources.

KRL's Poulsbo branch celebrates its community's Nordic heritage. Norwegian inspired woodcarvings greet you at the door and the interior is decorated throughout in Scandinavian style.

Containing nearly 600 items, the Scandinavian Collection features works on Scandinavian history, literature and tradition. The nonfiction topics include Norwegian migration to America, travel guides, Swedish interior design as well as a variety of Scandinavian crafts, music and dance.

There are materials here for all ages. Included in the children's section is Richard Scarry's "Min Forste Ordbok" (My First Word Book). Containing pictures of common items labeled in Norwegian and English, it is a good introduction to learning both languages.

"Favorite Fairy Tales — Told in Norway" retold by Virginia Haviland provides short versions of traditional folklore. Of course there is a version of 'Three Billy Goats Gruff' and if you wonder "Why the Bear is Stumpy-tailed" or "Why the Sea is Salt", this book is for you. Recommended for budding storytellers, these stories are easy to learn and retell.

In the adult collection, you'll find a few shelves filled with novels by Scandinavian authors. Most of them are in English translation, such as "Kristin Lavransdatter" by Sigrid Undset, set in 14th Century Norway, and "Unto a Good Land" by Vilhelm Moberg, a tale of Swedish emigrants' journey to Minnesota in 1850.
"He Who Fears the Wolf" by Norwegian author Karin Fossum is a psychological thriller that appeals to fans of Henning Mankell. Mankell's "Den Urolige Mannen" (Danish translation) is here as well. There are also Norwegian translations of fiction by Kitsap authors Debbie Macomber and Susan Wiggs.

And if you want to read "Cannery Row" in Norwegian, "Late Menn Og Muntre Piker" by John Steinbeck, Poulsbo's Scandinavian collection is where you'll find it.

The Genealogy collection was established at Sylvan Way branch in 2012 when the library became the home of the Puget Sound Genealogical Society's Genealogy Center. Many of the original materials in the collection were donated by PSGS members when the organization was born in 1973.

Genealogy is one of the fastest growing avocations in the United States. Whether the trend is being driven by aging baby boomers finally settling down and seeking their roots, or younger adults interested in the cultural heritage of their grandparents is of little matter.

What's important is that this special collection can help you get started on your own family history, or it can help you find that missing relative you need to complete your family tree. The PSGS volunteers who staff the center every hour that the Sylvan Way branch is open delight in assisting visitors with their research.

The Northwest Reference collection is housed in the downtown Bremerton branch. Government documents from the city, county and state are located there. Histories of communities of all sizes, throughout the Pacific Northwest are available. The city directories extending back to 1942 aid in researching the homesteads and occupations of residents.

All four of these special collections welcome donations of materials. If you have materials suitable for one of these special collections, please contact reference services or the branch manager where the collection is housed.
Permanent library on Camano Island to appear on August ballot

Guest Editorial

By Jonalyn Woolf-Ivory, executive director, Sno-Isle Libraries

Camano Island’s storefront library at Terry’s Corner is a popular, busy place used by more than 2,600 people every week.

Children, families, retirees and others crowd into this small library in search of the latest best-selling book or other materials and to use library computers or the free Wi-Fi connection to the Internet.

Unfortunately, the storefront offers only limited space for books and library materials and little room for early childhood reading programs or activities for children and teens. There is no dedicated space for quiet study or meetings.

The 1,800-square foot Camano Island Pilot Project Library was established in June 2007 as a three-year library demonstration project. At the end of the three years, the Sno-Isle Libraries Board of Trustees agreed to a request by the Camano Island Library Friends for a limited extension of the library pilot project until measures for a permanent library could be placed before voters.

Earlier this year, more than 800 Camano Island residents participated in random phone and online surveys expressing their opinions of the current Camano Library space and services.

The majority of those who took the survey expressed the need for a larger, adequate library on Camano Island and cited the size of the current library as the biggest problem of the library.

In response, the Sno-Isle Libraries Board of Trustees voted March 25 to place two Camano Island Library measures on the Aug. 6 ballot for consideration by Camano Island voters and asked library staff to move forward with planning for a permanent Camano Library.

After considering several potential sites, we are looking at a low-cost location, the vacant building at Terry’s Corner, formerly known as the Islander Restaurant. Purchasing and renovating this empty space would provide approximately 4,900 square feet of library space.

It would also accommodate a much larger selection of popular reading and other materials and areas for early childhood and school-age learning activities, quiet study and reading, public computers and free use of Wi-Fi.

The first measure on the August ballot will ask voters whether a special library taxing district, called a library capital facility area (LCFA), should be formed.

The second measure will ask voters whether a 10-year, $2.3 million library bond should be issued to pay for all costs associated with establishing a larger, permanent li-
A scientist by day, and an author in the off-hours

Historic newspapers, including Tri-Cities, can be viewed, searched online

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The front page of the Columbia Courier on Friday March 27, 1903.

By Michelle Dupler, Tri-City Herald

On a spring day in 1905, the top story in Kennewick's first weekly newspaper was about the new marching band's uniforms, which promised to be the "nobbier ever."

A lot has changed in newspapers since those days.
The front page of the Kennewick Courier is a wall of text — no photos or graphics or even banner headlines — and more than half the page is ads, including a big ad for lots in a new housing division being developed by Howard S. Amon, who also happened to donate those stylish new band uniforms.

For people nostalgic for newspapers of bygone eras, a number of Washington newspapers past have been digitized by the National Digital Newspaper Program and can be searched and viewed on the Library of Congress’ Chronicling America website at http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov.

The latest batch of uploads includes the Kennewick Courier and its predecessor the Columbia Courier, which reported on life in the Mid-Columbia around the turn of the 20th century.

The 1905 Kennewick Courier page speaks of a simpler time when the town was small and the news was downright neighborly.

Front page stories that day included items about the "North Yakima Indians" leasing 1,500 acres to a beet sugar factory; the state population growing to 874,000; a new U.S. marshal being sworn in for Eastern Washington; and a notice that the Modern Foresters would meet every other Saturday in an office over a drug store until further notice.

The Columbia Courier was started March 27, 1902, by Elwyn P. "Pea" Greene, described as a "newspaperman from Milton, Ore.," who settled in Kennewick when the Northern Pacific Irrigation Co. started advertising farmable land the same year the paper was started, according to short essay on the paper’s history provided by the Washington State Library.

The Columbia Courier essentially was a business newspaper, embracing news about commerce and shying away from the overt political affiliations that were common for newspapers to hold in those days.

The paper changed ownership a few times in its early years, and became the Kennewick Courier under the leadership of Lauren W. Soth, who died during a typhoid outbreak in 1910, according to the state library.

The first edition of the Kennewick Courier published on April 28, 1905. The paper later merged with a rival in 1914 to become the Kennewick Courier-Reporter.

The paper is one of several that existed in Benton County in the early decades of the 20th century that are available through the Chronicling America website.

The papers are made available for free as a tool for educators, historians, genealogists or anyone interested in community history.

The website includes options to view the front pages of every edition and look inside with a browse function, as well as a search button and a link showing libraries that hold copies of the newspaper.

The Kennewick Courier, for example, is available on microfilm at the Mid-Columbia Libraries Kennewick branch on Union Street and Washington State University in Pullman.

The Washington State Library is helping the project by digitizing another 100,000 pages for the last phase of the project, which is sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and Library of Congress and includes newspapers published before 1922 that are in the public domain.

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Tacoma City Council to discuss libraries, city budget

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Tacoma City Council and the Tacoma Library Board are scheduled to meet Tuesday at City Hall to discuss the strategic plan for the Tacoma Public Library.

Immediately following the joint study session, City of Tacoma staff will provide an update on the close of the 2011/2012 biennium budget and re-appropriations, an update on the city's revenues and expenditures through the first quarter of this year, and information regarding a new performance measurement initiative.

Councilmembers will not take public comment during the study session, which will be held on Tues., April 30 at 12 p.m. in Room 16 of Tacoma Municipal Building North, 733 Market St. Audio from the meeting will be broadcast live on TV Tacoma and online at tvtacoma.com. On-demand audio archives are available on the Web within 24 hours of the meeting online at tvtacoma.com.
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California company proposes sports complex in Fife

Fife Free Press

By John Larson
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Image Gallery (3 Images)

At some point Fife could be a destination for soccer and softball teams, youth and adult from around the Northwest, that wish to play at a top-notch facility. The city provided Fife/Milton/Edgewood Chamber of Commerce with money to explore how that could happen. Fife City Council heard an update during a recent study session.

Aaron Williams, executive director of the chamber, said there is demand for more sports fields, both in Pierce County and in the region.

Sportsplex USA, a Santee, Calif. company that does consulting and develops sports complexes, was hired to do an initial study, with a report to be delivered in May. Sportsplex USA operates facilities in Poway and Santee, cities near San Diego. The Poway complex has three softball fields, two arena soccer fields, batting cages, a playground and sports pub. The Santee complex has three softball fields, two arena soccer fields, three full-size soccer fields, a football field, batting cages and sports pub.

Bill Berghoff, president of the company, gave a presentation. He has done a preliminary market analysis, met with stakeholders and visited facilities around the Puget Sound.

Interstate 5 running through Fife is a strong asset, as is the city's proximity to Sea-Tac International Airport, he told the council. Berghoff has identified two parcels that could be used
for a sports complex, one along 45th Street East and one along 48th Street East. The former would be preferable because it is not near homes, he explained.

Berghoff pitched the idea of four softball fields, seven soccer fields, batting cages and an establishment that would serve food and beverages with numerous televisions for watching sports. The softball fields could be converted to soccer for a tournament needing more than seven soccer fields.

It could be operated by Sportsplex USA or by another group, he said.

Berghoff toured a sports complex in Lacey used by teams from around the region. It has artificial turf on the softball infield, but the outfield is grass. Sportsplex uses artificial turf throughout. This could be a strong asset in the Northwest, where recreational teams sometimes play on soggy, muddy fields.

If Fife had such a complex, "we are confident we would own the market in this region," Berghoff declared.

The city would pay for construction of the facility. Berghoff was asked for a dollar figure. He said not enough research has been done to provide an exact estimate, but he mentioned $20 million as a ballpark figure.

Under the business model Berghoff presented, his company would manage the facility. The city would get a cut from food sales, sponsor signs, team fees and other sources of revenue.

Berghoff said teams in his two facilities pay a fee of $600 for a 10-week season. Sportsplex USA took over management of the Santee recreational softball league and boosted it from 35 teams to 200.

He said his staff is very motivated about making sure their facilities are heavily used. "We are very aggressive with our marketing."

At this point the city has not committed to getting involved in such a project. Councilmember Glen Hull mentioned attending a softball tournament at one of the Sportsplex facilities in 2011 and had high praise. Hull said the city would have to carefully examine the possibility of such a project in Fife. "This is a significant investment of taxpayer money."

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Launch into Literacy

Where

Children's Museum of Tacoma 1501 Pacific Avenue Tacoma, WA 98402
Get Directions (Google Maps)
http://www.playtacoma.org
253-627-6031

When

10 a.m.-5 p.m.
June 2, 2013

Price

Pay what you can

Description

Join us as we focus on childhood literacy. Enjoy story times daily with Daffodil Royalty, and Rhubarb from the Tacoma Rainiers acting out story time! Lily the Ladybug Librarian will be greeting kids, and Pierce County and Tacoma libraries will be available to sign up children and families for library cards. Supplies and instructions will be provided for parents and children to build literacy kits or make book marks. United Way of Pierce County will have information about Launch into Literacy and donations to support buying books will be accepted. This is event is open to all children, no registration is required. Presented by United Way of Pierce County.
Amazon donates 50 Kindles to Sumner School District

By Andrew Fickes of the Herald

More than 400 students at Maple Lawn Elementary School in the Sumner School District received quite a surprise Wednesday morning.

Staff members from the Amazon fulfillment center based in Sumner's industrial area brought 50 Kindle Keyboards — thin electronic reading devices capable of downloading up to 3,500 books. Each download takes about 60 seconds.

The donated e-readers will be distributed across five Title I schools in the district: Maple Lawn, Daffodil, Emerald Hills, Bonney Lake and Liberty Ridge elementary schools. Each school also will receive a $500 gift card from Amazon to help with book purchases.

"This is a wonderful gift to the district, and many children will benefit," said Joanne Streeck, an occupational therapist at the district who is a member of the district's technology team that helps students in special education programming.

The Kindles are meant to help students in special education who struggle with reading.

"With the text-to-speech feature, students can hear the word and see the word at the same time," Streeck said.

She added the Kindles will be able to add more capacity to a school's library collection. They can hold additional copies of a book that's in a traditional library and has a high demand, she said.

Mike McCartin, the principal at Maple Lawn Elementary, said he's excited for the opportunities the devices will make possible.

"There are times students struggle in reading because of the lack of experience and practice," he said. "This (technology) helps equalize access to books that some students wouldn't otherwise have had access to.

McCartin said many students already are familiar with e-reader technology, so incorporating the devices is inevitable.

"This gift makes sense," he said. "This is (the students') world. I want these in students' hands as much as possible. The beauty of it is, it gives students access."

McCartin said he envisions having an e-reader for each student in the school one day.

Dave Graybeal, general manager of the Amazon fulfillment center in Sumner, told students during the morning assembly that Amazon has delivered more than 1 billion products to customers since it opened the online retail company in 1995.

The 400,000-square-foot Sumner center opened in 2011 and employs 150 people.

Graybeal said donating Kindles to school districts nationwide is an important part of the company's mission to build partnerships with businesses and community members in areas where Amazon locates. Last year, Amazon distributed 895 Kindles to school districts.

"It is important to establish a good community partnership with the local schools and businesses in Sumner," Graybeal said. "This is a good step in the right direction."

This was the fulfillment center's first distribution to the Sumner School District. The company plans to continue to partner with the schools.

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Maple Lawn Elementary School students from left: Christopher Williams, Nico Skinner, Tyler Birdsall, Hannah Scheerer, Molly Engelhardt and Evan Kelly hold new Kindle Keyboards.

Mike McCartin, principal of Maple Lawn Elementary School, center, along with Sumner School District Superintendent Craig Spencer, right, accept the Kindle Keyboards from Dave Graybeal, left, general manager of the Amazon Fulfillment Center in Sumner.