Pierce County Library in the News

- **Novel takes a look inside mind of Lincoln** (The Peninsula Gateway)—this is a local author review!
- **Register by April 3 for Pierce County Library’s 3rd annual Lakewood MakerFest** (South Sound Talk)—nice story with a picture.
- **The Boys In The Boat: The Pierce County Reads Book For 2015! Let’s Read!** (Sounds Fun Mom) – Note from COM: sponsored post—this shows how much play we’re getting by sponsoring posts on one of the highest-read “mommy blogs” in the area.
- KC Book Sale (Key Peninsula News – hard copy attached) Note from COM: it’s a full blown story with a picture!
- Hispanic Business Workshop Series - hard copy attached

Other Libraries

- **Puyallup to start search for new library director** (The Puyallup Herald)

What’s Happening

- **Pierce Transit has diverse CEO finalists: One private sector, one public** (The News Tribune)
- **Big corporations settle into Sumner warehouse space** (The Business Examiner)
- **Gateway Books: Can 'Bad' Books Inhibit Literacy?** (ParentMap Magazine)
Book sale exceeds Friends of the Library expectations

By Karen Lovett

In preparation for the annual sale, members of Friends of the Key Center Library packed, hawked and sorted their way through thousands of books, DVDs, CDs and VHS tapes. In addition to regular book donations, the organization had received an unexpected bounty from an unexpected source.

According to Rosina Vertz, the Key Center Library supervisor, a local online paperback bookseller discontinued his business of 20 years.

“He walked in here last fall and saw our sign needing paperbacks. He offered to donate 20,000 books. We stacked a lot in our garage. They are stored in homes all over the Key Peninsula. We came up with storage for 8,000 books.”

Carolyn Wiley, Friends of the Library vice president, was in charge of the sale.

“I was thrilled by the response for volunteer help,” Wiley said. “We had 16 people setting up. It took from 2 to 7 p.m. to set up. We had 8,000 titles from one donor. We’ve only exhausted two storage facilities of 55 boxes of books.”

Eager bargain hunters flowed in, often several times during the two-day sale, Feb. 6 and 7. Volunteers replenished empty spaces with new titles as tables were crammed with more books stored in boxes stacked beneath tables.

“All I do is read,” shopper, Jack Etzel, said. “I don’t watch TV. They’ve got good books.”

“I found a book on cats in the children’s section,” Heather Rogers said. “It sounded intriguing. I have four cats. I came for two hours to volunteer. I opened a book of poems. Some I’m giving to people who love gardening.”

“We love good books and love our library,” Tweed Meyer said. “I got one for my mother and one for my grand-daughter.”

“There was a constant stream of people all day long. A tremendous amount of paper went,” Wiley said. “What’s important is community support for the library. We have one of the smaller libraries in the county, but it is extremely high use. We (FOL) also support a preschool program and Second Saturday for Families and Kids.”

A youth program will be held once a month at the Red Barn. A new Lego science project has also been funded by FOL.

According to Maureen Rally, Friends president, 22 volunteers contributed 120 man-hours, which culminated in the most successful sale of the Friends of the Library to date.

“The final total was $879.05, approximately $100 due to membership renewsals. That’s a lot of sales,” Rally said. “Some books left over went to the Nativity House, a halfway house in Tacoma. One of our members volunteers there and asked for books. Another member volunteers at the Pierce County Jail and asked to have books donated there. We are very grateful to our volunteers,” she said.

Three local members still have books from the large donation stored at their homes. The next sale in September promises to be another blockbuster, organizers said.

Proceeds from Friends of the Key Center Library book sales are used to fund community programs like the winter concerts, flin: knapping, edible and medicinal plants, weaving, Taiko drummers and trips to the opera.

Upcoming programs will cover genealogy and the golden age of wood boat building. The general meeting in May features poetry and music.

Books are always for sale just inside the library doors; paperbacks on the carousel and hardbacks on the shelves against the wall are 25 cents. Hardcovers cost $1.
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