#### COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

# San Juan Island LIBRARY

#### FALL 2015

## FROM THE DIRECTOR:

In August you received the Library's 2014 Annual Report. What I hope you could see from the highlights, numbers, comparisons, photos and messages is how much the members of this community rely on the many different, ongoing programs and services the Library provides. If you missed the Annual Report, you'll find it on our website at <u>www.sjlib.org</u> under About/ Newsletters.

We know that the support we provide the community does not go one way. The Library could not do all it does for you without all that you do for the Library. We are strong partners in providing programs, materials, and services that benefit this community, and we rely on your strengths to help us do that. Thank you to the many people who already support the Library in some fantastic ways.

If you're asking yourself, "What can I do to support the Library?," here are some ideas to try:

JOIN the Friends of the Library. Their 2016 membership drive kicks off during National Friends of the Library Week from October 18-24. There will be a fun gradeschool activity on Tuesday, October 20 after school, and on Friday, October 23 there will be a fun Friendzy event in the evening. Join or renew your membership between October 18 and December 12, 2015 and be entered to win a special prize. Your membership will last until December 31, 2016, and you'll join the list of supporters in the Library's annual report next year! Membership dues support Library programs.

**VOLUNTEER** to help out with a Friends fundraising activity: sort books, transport books, set up, or be a cashier for the summer fair or winter book sale, donate an item for a holiday basket raffle, take a shift at the Treasure Cove store inside the Library, bake for a Friends fundraising event, volunteer to serve on the Friends board, or ask about many other opportunities. **SPONSOR** an Author: sign up to sponsor your favorite author. When they write a new book, you donate the price of one Library copy and get to be the first to read it!

**SPONSOR** a Magazine: offer to donate the subscription fee for



Library Director, Laurie Orton

your favorite magazine. You'll know you can always find it at the Library.

JOIN our outstanding volunteer force. What are your strengths? Could you be an English-language tutor? A Tech-Xpert who helps answer patrons' technology questions? A shelf tender who keeps a small section of our collection in order? A circulation volunteer who checks in returned materials and puts them back on the shelves? A book mender? A program leader or presenter? A program helper for a kids or adult program? We need all of the above!

**DONATE** to the Friends of the San Juan Island Library or directly to the Library to help pay for programs and supplies, equipment, or materials for the collection.

**LEAVE A LEGACY:** Remember the Library in your will. Consider making an endowment to the Library.

Later this year, we will be holding an Author Sponsor and a Magazine Sponsor drive. In November, watch for an opportunity to choose a magazine to sponsor. And in December, watch for a display in the Library that invites you to select an author to sponsor. Your sponsorships support your community and allow the Library's budget to stretch further to offer more resources for everyone.

We're proud to be partners with this strong, active community that supports education and culture, and is dedicated to making our community stronger. Won't you join us?

### WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesdays, 10 – 11:30 am TechTuesdays @ the Library. Get instruction, trouble-shooting or help with your technology questions. Bring your device, and a Library volunteer will be here to help.

Thursdays, 10 am Lapsit & Linger @ the Library. For caregivers, babies and toddlers. Stories, songs, playtime and socializing. In collaboration with the SJI Family Resource Center. Drop in! Free.

#### Fridays, 10:30 am

**Storytime & Playtime** @ the Library. Caregivers are invited to join their preschoolers for stories, songs, fingerplays, crafts, & socializing. No registration required! Free.

## Monthly Calendar of Events

First Wednesdays, 4 pm Friends of the San Juan Island Library Board's regular meeting to plan & discuss library support & fundraising. Open to the public.

#### Second Tuesdays, 3 pm

San Juan Island Library Board of Trustees regular meeting. Open to the public.

#### Third Thursdays, 7pm

*Literary Salon*. Drop in to visit with a group of folks who love books but don't want to join a book club. It's a great way to get ideas for what to read next or rave about a great book you have read. Sign up for emails!

## LIBRARY PROGRAMS ENTERTAIN & EDUCATE!

The San Juan Island Library strives to offer a variety of special and regular Adult Programs for the enjoyment of our patrons. For example, this autumn we are offering both new and returning events. The very popular series *Know Your Islanders Talks* has returned after a summer hiatus. This



monthly lecture series by island adventurers is cosponsored by the San Juan Island Trails Committee and will continue through the fall and early winter.

Bringing a Halloween flavor to the Library during the last week of October are two special events. In the returning category is Russell Barsh, Director of The Kwiáht Center for the Historical Ecology of the Salish

Our annual autumn event will focus on slithery reptiles & amphibians. The 2013 program showcased bats!

Sea, who will preside over a celebration, lecture & slideshow of reptiles and amphibians. This is the third year in a row for a fun and fascinating autumn celebration co-hosted by Shona Aitken from Wolf Hollow. In previous years, there has been a special showcase of bats, a focus on flying squirrels, incredible decorations and even a costume party!

Something completely new this fall will be a presentation on the history of witchcraft by Dr. Robert Anderson, a San Juan Island resident. His program

will blend witchcraft with Robert Burns's "Tam O'Shanter," a narrative poem based on an old Scottish legend.

Programs for the rest of 2015 will also include the new and the familiar. Our semiregular origami workshops are scheduled to return in November, and popular local artist Cinda Sue Dow comes back to us with a fun new project to share that month as well.

For dates, times, and all the details, check our website <u>www.sjlib.org</u>, follow the San



Popular artist & instructor Cinda Sue Dow returns with a new project.

Juan Island Library on Facebook and Twitter, or sign up for email alerts about all of our Library events & programs. Give us a call at 378-2798 or stop by the front desk to register for programs and sign up for emails.

## LOOKING AHEAD: FACILITY NEEDS

### **Assessing Our Library Facilities Needs**

When the Library's Board of Trustees asks Library patrons what can be done to improve Library facilities, the two most common answers are "more quiet space" and "parking." In 2011, the Library surveyed the community in preparing its current Long Range Plan (for 2012-2017), and many respondents mentioned these and other facilities issues.

At the same time, the Library District is facing increasing costs from building maintenance, given the age and construction of the building. Currently, the Library is facing major projects like roof replacement, improving site drainage, and ongoing efforts to keep the basement clear of water and mold.

As a result, the Library District has begun a facilities assessment project whose purpose is to:

- Understand the community's needs for Library space
- Understand the mechanical and maintenance issues
  associated with our current building and site
- Outline the options available to the community for Library facilities

### **Facilities Assessment Process**

The Library District will be surveying the community again to gather information, to generate ideas, and to get your opinion about the options available to enhance Library facilities in the coming years.

Our process will include many opportunities for the community to participate:

- A written survey, mailed to community members who live in the Library District
- Public meetings and brainstorming sessions
- A committee of patrons, community members, and interested parties to work on facilities options with the Library's Board of Trustees

### **Minutes from Facilities Assessment Meetings**

Although specific issues are often discussed at the regular monthly Board of Trustees meetings (3 pm on the second Tuesday of each month in the Library meeting room), the Board also conducts dedicated work sessions. All Board meetings are open to the public and are advertised in the newspaper and on the San Juan County website.

The notes and minutes from Board work sessions are kept along with the regular Board of Trustees meeting minutes and can be found online. Additionally, links about work sessions and public forum meetings specifically about facilities assessment and planning will be posted to the Library's website <u>www.sjlib.org</u>.



## **YOUTH SERVICES**

## CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF AFTER SCHOOL READ ALOUD

The wonderful thing about stories is that many of them are timeless. They are told, retold and told again, allowing new audiences to discover their characters, settings, and narratives. These retellings through the years help to connect generations.



One such tale is that of *Peter Pan* by J.M. Barrie. Introduced in the early 1900s, Peter Pan has delighted people for more than 100 years. The book also is the featured selection for the 10th anniversary of our After School Read Aloud program with Kathy Babbitt.

Kathy started the program with only four children participating. Those four children are now high school students. Along with her mother and first volunteer, Dorothy, she created dioramas to accompany the story and baked homemade cookies for treats.

In fact, Kathy estimates that she has baked more than 17,000 cookies over the past decade. With additional funding from the Friends of the San Juan Island Library over the years, Kathy has added to the selection of refreshments juice, fresh fruit, cheese, crackers, and snacks for those with special dietary needs.

Word of the After School Read Aloud program quickly spread and filled to capacity annually with more than 35 children in attendance. This year has been no exception. Registration for the program filled within 15 minutes.

Thanks to continued interest in reading stories aloud, a whole new generation of island children will hear classic tales, making After School Read Aloud one of the Library's most treasured programs, worth repeating to make it a community tradition.

- Melina Lagios, Youth Services Coordinator

For more information about Library programs, please stop by or contact the Library today, or visit our website at www.sjlib.org.



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS: SUPER SUMMER READING

Our Summer Reading Program

theme was "Every Hero Has a Story." We held six professional

performances, special super herothemed storytimes for little ones, a *Dr. Who Comes to Friday Harbor* film project with teens, and created super hero cuts-outs, among other programs.



We are pleased to report that more than 340 children and teens participated. A total of 68,280 minutes of reading time was recorded for the months of June and July.

This popular annual program is made possible by generous support from the Friends of the San Juan Island Library.

## SPECIAL EVENT COMING THIS FALL

## HARRY POTTER'S HOGWARTS SCHOOL

Hey, Harry Potter Fans!

Watch for open admissions to our Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and

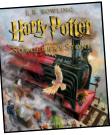


Wizardry. This special event, to celebrate the new release of the Harry Potter illustrated book series, will be o

trated book series, will be open to students in grades 3rd-6th.

There will be book giveaways, "butterbeer," Quidditch-style games, and lots more fun inspired by the popular and beloved Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling.

Come dressed in your favorite "Hogwarts



House" colors! This event will be held in the Library Meeting Room.



The date will be announced through our website and email notification. To sign up for notices or for more information, please stop by or call the Library, 378-2798.



## FALL PROGRAMS

## SPECIAL STORYTIMES FOR PRESCHOOLERS AND TODDLERS



#### Pajama Campfire Storytime Friday, Oct. 6 at 7:00 PM

Wear your favorite PJs for this campfire fun evening storytime with special guests, refreshments, and activities.

#### Halloween Storytime Friday, Oct. 30 at 10:30 AM



We invite little ones to dress in their Halloween costumes. Treats and craft to follow the 30 minute program.

#### Gingerbread Storytime Friday, Dec. 11 at 10:30 AM

Make a gingerbread house and hear gingerbread stories and songs. Light refreshments served.





#### Santa Storytime Friday, Dec. 18 at 10:30 AM

Our annual Santa Storytime will feature special musical guests and of course, the man in the red suit for photo taking. Light refreshments served. Thanks to the Friends of the San Juan Island Library for financially supporting programs and services for families, children, and teens.

## BOOK CLUBS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

The Library's two literary clubs for children and teens happen monthly throughout the school year. Participants receive a paperback copy of the



book, then meet for discussion over pizza and watch the movie adaptation of the story.

This Fall, the children's group, 5th-6th grades, will read Inkheart by Cornelia Funke and Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo. The teen club, 7th-9th grades, will discuss The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins and The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne.



**GES** Due to space limitations, the Library requires preregistration for both book clubs. Registration is monthly. To register your child or teen, or for more information, please call

or stop by the Library today, 378-2798.

## ART BLOCK PRINTING FOR CHILDREN SATURDAY, OCT. 24 1:30-3:30 PM LIBRARY MEETING ROOM

For students in grades 3rd-6th, learn the art of block printing illustration.

Alice Hibberd will instruct on how to use the tools to make creative, original designs.

All materials are provided, including samples for inspiration.

Registration is limited to 15 students. Please call or stop by the Library today to register, 378-2798.



Please register in advance for this program. Thank You!

#### **New Non-Fiction**

### **TECH TUESDAYS**

#### Tuesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 am Get Help on Tech Tuesdays

Drop by the Library on Tuesday mornings to get instruction, trouble-shooting or help with your technology questions. Bring your device (laptop, Kindle, smartphone, tablet, etc.), and a Library staff person or volunteer will be here to help. You will learn by doing and get personalized attention for your tech needs. Free!





#### KINGS MARKET REBATE PROGRAM

When you shop at Kings & receive receipts, don't forget to deposit them in the clear plastic collection box right inside the front door at the Friends of the Library's Treasure Cove. All proceeds the Friends receive from this program are used to fund Library programs such as the Children's Summer Reading Program and adult programs, workshops, and events. Every penny helps! Keeping an Eye Open: Essays on Art by Julian Barnes

The Laws of Medicine: Field Notes from an Uncertain Science by Siddhartha Mukherjee

A Gift from Bob: How a Street Cat Helped One Man Learn the Meaning of Christmas by James Bowen

The Dead Rabbit Drinks Manual: Secret Recipes and Barroom Tales from Two Belfast Boys Who Conquered the Cocktail World by Jack McGarry, Sean Muldoon & Ben Schaffer

> Lafayette in the Somewhat United States by Sarah Vowell

Pacific: Silicon Chips and Surfboards, Coral Reefs and Atom Bombs, Brutal Dictators, Fading Empires, and the Coming Collision of the World's Superpowers by Simon Winchester

#### **New Fiction**

After You by JoJo Mayes City on Fire by Garth Risk Hallberg Did You Ever Have a Family by Bill Clegg Fates and Furies by Lauren Groff Fear of Dying by Erica Jong Girl Waits with Gun by Amy Stewart

Not on Fire, but Burning by Greg Hrbek

Purity by Jonathan Franzen

Secret Chord by Geraldine Brooks

This is Your Life, Harriet Chance by Jonathan Evison

Zig Zag Girl by Elly Griffiths

#### **New DVDs**

Antarctic Edge (FIC) Bessie (FIC) Ex Machina (FIC) Fantail (FIC) First Peoples (NF) I'll See You in My Dreams (FIC) Jonathan Strange & Mr. Norrell (FIC) Love and Mercy (NF)

#### FRIENDS OF THE SAN JUAN ISLAND LIBRARY SUPPORTERS

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## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SUMMER BOOK FAIR!

Gorgeous end-of-summer flowers donated & arranged by Judy Bentzen & Louise Lelevich!

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Book bags still available for \$18 at the Treasure Cove!

Local musicians Katy & Jim Nollman entertained!



A bake sale! And handcrafted treasures galore!

Books for everyone!

New Book Fair a Success!! Friends of the Library thanks everyone who came, shopped, volunteered, & supported their first annual book fair that raised \$2750 for the Library! Special thanks to Book Fair vendors, authors, musicians, & artists who donated their special talents.

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FALL EVENTS

**UPCOMING EVENTS**: The Friends will be celebrating National Friends of the Library Week, October 18-24. FOL will kick off their 2016 Membership Drive (*envelope inside*) with a special drawing for those members who join between October 18 & December 12. Activities are planned for children & youth on Tuesday, October 20, and a special food Friendzy is planned



for Friday evening, October 23. Be sure and stop in the Library during the week to see the Friends' display and learn more about their goals & support of the Library.

HOLIDAY BOOK SALE: The Friends will be having their annual holiday book sale Saturday, December 12, from 10 am to 4 pm @ the Library. There will be many books to choose from - great for inexpensive holiday gifts or winter reading. Also, the Treasure Cove will be selling jewelry, CDs & DVDs, and other holiday items plus special paperback books 6/\$1.

**THANKSGIVING RAFFLE**: Watch for the Friends selling raffle tickets for their annual Thanksgiving Raffle at Market Place & at the Treasure Cove. This is a complete Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings that will be delivered the day before Thanksgiving. Not going to be on-island for the holiday? The dinner can be donated to another family! Donations welcomed!

#### **SUPPORT FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WITH A SMILE!**

**AN EASY WAY TO SUPPORT THE FRIENDS**: Amazon will donate .5% of the price of eligible purchases to charitable organizations of your choice. Why not make that the Friends of the San Juan Island Library? To do that you can either shop on *Amazon Smile* <u>smile.amazon.com</u> or click on the link found on the Friends page of the Library's website <u>www.sjlib.org</u>.

#### San Juan Island Library information:

Hours:	Mon., Wed., & Fri. 10-6	
	Tue. & Thur.	10-8
	Saturday	10-5
	Sunday	1-5

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