



FROM THE DIRECTOR:

About this time last year, we were bringing you some pretty gloomy news about the status of our Library building. Namely, we were experiencing ongoing water incursion from above and below.

I am glad to report that much progress has been made on several fronts. In January of this year, the Board authorized an in-depth look at the stormwater issues at the back of the Library. Based on the expert recommendations in the report that was produced, stormwater upgrades were made around the northeast corner of the parking lot including a new perimeter drain and changes to the drainage across the parking lot. To date, this has proven to be a successful repair with no more flooding reported in our basement area. Great news for a building filled with paper and high tech equipment!

Next, the Board recently accepted a proposal to replace our leaking roof. Work is expected to begin this month and we hope the project will be completed by the end of the year. We expect this project to eliminate leaks in the ceiling, especially at the back of the Library in the adult Fiction area,



around the vaulted skylight in the center, and in the staff area.

In late spring of this year, the Library's main heating-ventilation-air conditioning system suffered an unexpected and catastrophic failure. Under an emergency order

from the Board, the HVAC system in the main part of the Library was replaced (while the building remained open) and new heating/cooling units were added to the staff area. The results have been more efficient cooling and heating throughout the Library.

Finally, we also replaced the worn carpet in the staff area this summer. The Library was closed during this project and we appreciate your understanding. Staff worked throughout the closure keeping up with interlibrary loans, returned items, furniture and painting updates to the Teen area, and staffing the Library's Fair booth. The result is a cleaner, more appealing staff area with a clearer demarcation between public and staff spaces.

Besides all of these upkeep issues, the Board has been busy continuing its work on visualizing a future for the Library building. At their last facility needs work session in September, the Board agreed that one of its important next steps in this process would be to survey the community to assess your needs and expectations for the Library's future. Please watch our social media sites and the Library website for more information about this upcoming survey. As a side note, we are working on a revamp of the Library's website, hopefully by the first of the year.

Public libraries are an important feature of a thriving community. As you've seen, our building is aging and will continue to experience more ongoing, extensive repairs while we keep up with the increasingly complex demands of the services we provide. The Board and I look forward to receiving your input on this critical issue of building needs.



Library Director, Laurie Orton

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesdays, 10 am - noon

TechTuesdays @ the Library.
Get instruction, trouble-shooting or help with your technology questions. Bring your device & passwords. A Library volunteer will be here to help. Free.

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 and visit with a group of book lovers who don't necessarily want to read the same book. 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!

WELCOME OUR NEWEST STAFF



Sue Vulgares recently joined the Library's regular staff as our full time Circulation Manager. You may have seen Sue in the Library over the last year helping out at the front desk as substitute staff. Now Sue is responsible for supervising circulation assistants and volunteers, as well as ensuring that you enjoy your customer service experience at the Library. Sue brings to the Library a wealth of knowledge and experience. In her nearly two decades on San Juan Island, Sue has worked for local organizations such as

The Whale Museum and the San Juan Islands Conservation District. Sue has a background in marine biology and ornithology. She is very knowledgeable about our unique environment as well as being adept at customer service. Have a circulation or Local Interest question? Just ask!

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.) & your passwords, and a Library Tech-Xpert will be here to help. You will learn by doing and get personalized attention for your tech needs. This is a drop-in time for your specific questions. Free - no registration required.



SAN JUAN COUNTY FAIR 2016

We had another wonderful summer at this year's Fair! Visitors to our booth had a great time with hands-on activities such as bookmaking and making book earrings, and also sharing with us their favorite title. Our Fair booth is a true team effort by Library staff and volunteers and we look forward to our special time in the Pavilion. This year, the Library was also closed during the Fair for a carpet replacement project. We appreciated your patience during that closure and we hope you were able to meet us at the Fair!

LEARN, EXPLORE, DISCOVER @ THE LIBRARY



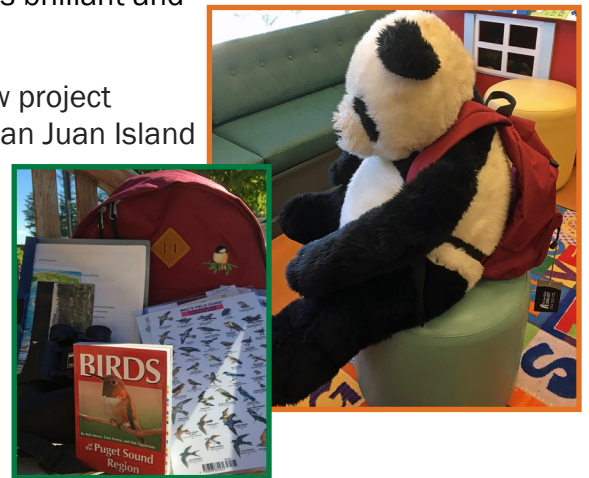
TRICK AND TREAT! Moving from Fall into Winter presents some exciting opportunities for programs at the Library. The autumnal rains bring out mushrooms, and on Friday, October 21st Kwiáht biologist Madrona Murphy will discuss **Fall Fungi** in this last in a series about seasonal plants and animals.

The upcoming seasonal transition of the Autumnal Equinox combined with eerie events such as All Soul's Eve (Halloween) and All Souls Day were the inspiration for a creepy 'bookended' October here at the Library. We kicked off the month with Thérèse Finn's Classic Film series featuring a trio of horror films. The month ends on a spine-tingling note with a **Frankenstein**

Finale! We'll be showing the original 1931 movie (starring you-know-who) on October 28th, Humanities Washington scholar Lance Rhoades' will present **Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein: Anatomy of a Masterpiece*** on Saturday, October 29th, and we cap it all off with Mel Brook's brilliant and irreverent ***Young Frankenstein*** on Sunday, October 30th.

TAKE A HIKE! This summer, the Library launched a new project made possible by the generous support of the Friends of the San Juan Island Library: **Birdwatching Kits**, available for a one-week loan!

Great for beginners and experienced birders alike, the Library Birdwatching Kit comes in a convenient backpack, including a pair of Bushnells binoculars, a folder of handy information about trails, common birds, wildflowers & trees, and a "Birds of the Puget Sound Region" bird book. These kits are perfect for hikes and general wandering. One borrower even spotted some local whales!



SUPERHEROES! Over the spring and summer and thanks to speakers coming to us from Humanities Washington, the Library was able to offer fascinating programs ranging from **Historic Fruit** to **Entomophagy (Eating Bugs!)**. In addition to Lance Rhoades' *Frankenstein* talk in October, two other Humanities Washington programs are planned for November: Dennis Dauble on the **pros and cons of Dam Removal** on Wednesday, November 16th and T. Andrew Wahl on **Superhero America** scheduled for Saturday, November 19th.



Speaking of Superheroes, have you checked out the **new graphic novel section** in the Library? Located near the end of the Nonfiction section (beyond the 900s), this area is devoted to a more comprehensive collection of Graphic Novels and Comics. We're looking forward to expanding this collection.

YOUTH SERVICES

TEEN SPACE REDUX WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS

With lots of creativity, teen feedback, one motivated Eagle Scout candidate, and a little help from our Friends of the Library group, the Library's Teen Space has a new, spruced up look.

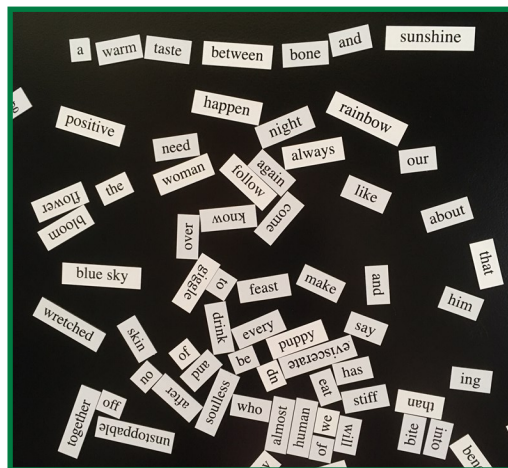
We mostly repurposed old furniture and painted the walls to create an inviting space for teens to study after school, connect with friends, find Library materials and just hang out in a cozy, comfortable area. The Friends of the Library helped fund new seating and a new shelf. A local Eagle Scout candidate provided hours of labor as a community service project.

In addition to featuring WiFi, the new space has nonfiction and fiction books, DVDs, manga, a digital charging station, audiobooks, a poetry wall, a chalkboard column, games, and a variety of magazines. Also, with parental permission, teens can check out laptops and receive Library cards to borrow Library materials and access the Library's online resources such as language learning programs, driver's education, and SAT practice tests. For help with any of these services, please ask Library staff.

We're especially excited that the space will also include artwork from local schools to highlight the talented artistry of our community's local middle and high school students. The redecorated Teen space is now open!



Popular Magazine Titles



Magnetic Poetry Expression Wall



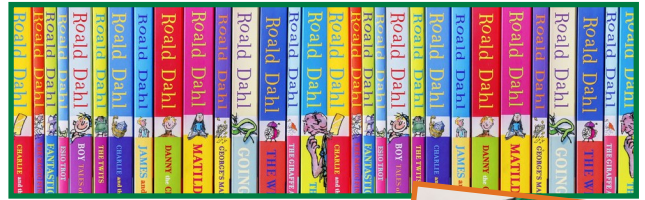
Repurposed Old Shelving from Storage

Thanks to the Friends of the San Juan Island Library for their generous financial support of programs and services for families, children, and teens.

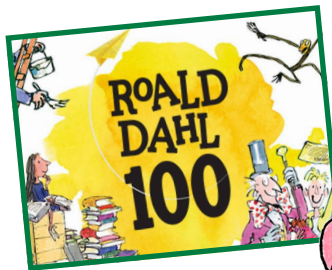
SPECIAL NOTICES

100 YEARS OF ROALD DAHL

In September, we celebrated 100 years of Roald Dahl with a celebratory birthday party and the acquisition of reissued books by the acclaimed author. Dahl was born on September 13, 1916. He penned more than 30 books and screenplays in his lifetime. His stories include such classics as *Matilda*, *James and the Giant Peach*, *The Fantastic Mr. Fox*, and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.



His 1982 title, *The BFG*, was adapted for the big screen this past year. The story features a big, friendly giant as the main character who has a kind-hearted soul despite his large, frightening appearance. As with many of Dahl's books, the colorful characters he created often become cultural icons. Think Willy Wonka, vividly portrayed in the original *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* film by the late actor Gene Wilder.



Dahl's imaginative characters and whimsical stories have stood the test of time and continue to be popular among new generations of readers. We recognize Dahl's impressive contribution to children's literature and thank him for providing us with many, many decades of pure literary enjoyment.

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

HOLIDAY STORYTIMES

Friday, Oct. 28 - Halloween Costume Storytime with Special Guests at 10:30 am. Wearing costumes is encouraged. Refreshments and activities will follow storytime.



Friday, December 2 - Gingerbread Storytime at 10:30 am. Our annual storytime will feature making a gingerbread village with Miss Kathy! All materials provided.

Friday, December 16 - Santa Storytime at 10:30 am.

It's the Library's tradition to host a sing-along with Santa and friends. Refreshments, activity and time with Santa will follow storytime. Bring cameras for photo taking.



LIBRARY STEAMSTERS

Our new after school maker space club for grades 3rd through 5th was created to explore all things S.T.E.A.M. That's Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics!

The club will meet two Thursdays monthly at the Library during the school year. Library staff and visiting educators will work with students on a variety of fun projects, including 3-D printing, video animation, circuitry, and other S.T.E.A.M.-based concepts.

Space in the club is limited, so please call the Library at 378-2798 to register your child for participation.



NEW NON-FICTION

Birth of a Dream Weaver: A Writer's Awakening
by Ngugi Wa Thiong'o

Get What's Yours for Medicare: Maximize Your Coverage, Minimize Your Costs by Philip Moeller

A History of American Sports in 100 Objects by Cait Murphy

If I Live to be 100: The Wisdom of Centenarians
by Paul Mobley

In the Land of Giants: A Journey Through the Dark Ages by Max Adams

A Life in Parts by Bryan Cranston

Play It Loud: An Epic History of the Style, Sound, and Revolution of the Electric Guitar by Brad Tolinski

Upstream: Selected Essays by Mary Oliver

NEW FICTION

El Paso by Winston Groom

Fields Where They Lay by Timothy Hallinan

Gambler's Anatomy by Jonathan Lethem

The Guineveres by Sarah Domet

Hag-Seed by Margaret Atwood

IQ by Joe Ide

Mister Monkey by Francine Prose

The Motion of Puppets by Keith Donohue

News of the World by Paulette Jiles

Smoke and Mirrors by Elly Griffiths

Today Will Be Different by Maria Semple

NEW DVDs

All the Way (FIC)

Dark Horse (NF)

Jericho (FIC)

Love & Friendship (FIC)

The Meddler (FIC)

Roots (FIC)

Weiner (NF)

What Happened, Miss Simone (NF)

NEW MAGAZINES

Brainspace

Owl

Young Rider

Pregnancy & Newborn

Working Mother

Food Network

Saltwater Sportsman

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THANKSGIVING BASKET RAFFLE

Watch for the Friends selling raffle tickets for their annual Thanksgiving Basket Raffle at Market Place October 28 & 29 and again November 14 & 15, and also at the Treasure Cove store in the Library. A complete Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings is in the offing and 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 are welcomed!

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. Thanks for your contributions. Every penny helps!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SUMMER BOOK FAIR!



Local musicians entertained!



Books for everyone!



Gorgeous end-of-summer flowers donated & arranged by FOL volunteers!



Another great Summer Book Fair! The Friends raised over \$2400, bringing in new memberships, and making more library friends in the community. The Fair had books for everyone, flowers, snacks, music, author talks, and more! Thanks for your support of the Friends of the SJI Library!

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FALL EVENTS

NATIONAL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEEK, OCTOBER 16-22: The Friends will celebrate the kick-off of their 2017 Membership Drive (*envelope inside*) in conjunction with FOL Week.

Remember – FOL Membership runs from January through December each year. Renew early and between October 19 & December 16 you can be in a drawing for a \$100 Gift Certificate to Griffin Bay Bookstore, plus a free Friends Book Bag.

Watch for details about the Friends of the Library Week on the Library's website and social media. **Highlights**

include: A Family Night with the Friends Wednesday, October 19 and the Edible Book Festival Saturday, October 22.

HOLIDAY BOOK SALE: The annual and ever-popular Holiday Book Sale organized by the Friends will take place on Saturday, December 10. You won't be disappointed with the book selections and holiday gifts available to help you complete your winter shopping list. Mark your calendars now for this festive fundraiser!



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 charitable organization the Friends of the San Juan Island Library? To do that you can either shop on **Amazon Smile** smile.amazon.com or click on the link found on the Friends page of the Library's website www.sjlib.org.

San Juan Island Library information:

Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 10am - 6pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 10am - 8pm

Saturday: 10am - 5pm

Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

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