



FROM THE DIRECTOR

This spring season means new beginnings for your Library catalog.

We are happy to announce our adoption of a new Library computer software system coming on March 25. This change is necessary most notably because the vendor of our current system has ceased selling our product and is no longer offering maintenance and repair services. Such a complicated software and hardware system needs constant support.

After several months of staff research, live demonstrations, and reaching out to other libraries to find what works best for them, we're excited about our decision to go with Innovative's Polaris Library Systems and for the changes this new system will bring.

It will look similar to what you are used to, but you'll discover modern features that will bring our catalog up to date. One thing you'll notice are the rolling virtual carousels of new and featured books, audios and DVD covers on the front page of the catalog. Looking for something new? You'll find it here.

You'll find enriched content under items in the catalog, including sample chapters, tables of contents, large book cover images, professional reviews, and recommendations for other titles of similar type.

You'll also be able to post your own reviews and rate your books right in the catalog, and push them out to such social connectors as ChiliFresh and Facebook, and see other Library patrons' ratings and reviews, too.

Under titles, you'll link to the Library's Novelist Select service which gives detailed book descriptions, genres, intended grades or age groups, styles or tones of writing,

and a unique granular method to search for similar, altered, or entirely new types of books.

Now, hold onto your hats because our eBooks and eAudioBooks will be in our regular Library catalog. That's right. You will search for a title and see all copies that the Library has—in print, audio and digital formats. Place a hold or check out the item without leaving the catalog. Now that's convenient!

In addition to these exciting features, this system will give staff the ability to do more functions than are possible with our current aging system. Staff will experience big improvements in ordering and cataloging materials, in providing service to outreach audiences, in processing and loaning interlibrary-loans, and much, much more. We also believe that our circulation volunteers will take quickly to the clean, bright, easy-to-use check-in screens.

Please bear with us as we make this transition as smooth as possible for everyone. In anticipation of the change, all hold requests, purchase suggestions and interlibrary-loan requests will be suspended from March 16 through March 24 as we

ready our data for migration to the new system.

Please Note: The Library will close on Monday and Tuesday, March 23 and 24, for final implementation and staff training, and reopen for normal hours on Wednesday, March 25, with a brand new system to serve you. The two outside book drops will remain open for you to drop off returned materials during the closure.



Library Director, Laurie Orton

THE LIBRARY IS

OPEN

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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!

SHOW OFF YOUR ART @ THE LIBRARY

Share your art with the community. Show your work in one of our non-juried shows that happen quarterly @ the Library! The next show's theme will be "Windows to the World." Ready-to-hang art will be accepted April 26 from 10 am to noon @ the Library. Show themes change throughout the year. Questions? Call Diane at 370-5814.

VISIT THE PERMANENT ART COLLECTION @ THE LIBRARY

Since 1996, artists and art patrons have donated a variety of art to the Library. You can see many of these art pieces on display year round including the sculpture pictured at right. The Library's Art Committee has put together a colorful brochure available in the Library that describes the art included in the permanent collection. The Art Committee also organizes the community art shows featured in the Library. Want to get involved with the Library's Art Committee? Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Beth and express your interest, 378-2798.

On your way into the Library, you will pass **Birdbath** created by sculptor Tom Small and donated to the Library by Valena Dis-mukes in 1997. The piece was dedicated on October 11, 1997 to the memory of Mary and Colbert Broussard.



TECHNOLOGY HELP @ THE LIBRARY

In 2014 the Library offered 28 different workshops or instructional sessions in using digital technologies, an average of slightly more than 2 classes per month with a total attendance of 145 patrons. Small class sizes allow lots of personal attention. We offered a variety of instruction from how to use Facebook to how to borrow e-books from our library. We helped people get started using computers in a four-part workshop in partnership with Skagit Valley College, and we offered classroom help with Microsoft Office products Word and Excel.

We'll continue that impressive variety in 2015 and add new courses. You can bookmark our website www.sjlib.org and view the frequently updated list of Adult Programs or sign up for email alerts about Library programs. For years, patrons have been asking for help with digital photography, and with volunteer help, we're able to offer it this spring.

In fact, the willingness of skilled local teachers to share what they know is part of how we can offer this variety. And as technology continues to develop, the kinds of questions community members raise continues to diversify. So the Library is seeking to develop additional volunteer technology assistance with your help.

We're looking for people who like interacting with others who are comfortable using technology. The Library will provide training and support. With more technology volunteers, the Library will be better able to offer assistance ranging from making a ferry reservation to downloading an e-book to an iPad, Kindle, or mobile device. If this sounds interesting to you, apply to become a Library tech volunteer! Call Beth @ 378-2798.

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH @ THE LIBRARY!

April is National Poetry Month and the San Juan Island Library is ready to celebrate! First, the Library is one of five local organizations partnering with the San Juan County Land Bank in commemorating its 25th anniversary with the development of poetry trails. The Land Bank has selected easily accessible paths that will sprout with signs in strategic locations filled with inspiring poetry. The Library served as the collection point for nature-themed poetry by local and other poets and is helping in the final



Janée J. Baugher

selection. These special trails will celebrate the Land Bank as well as National Poetry Month. Learn more at www.siclandbank.org.

Adult Programming at the Library has hosted several of the Washington State Poet Laureates. The State's first poet laureate, Sam Green who hails from Waldron Island, first came to the Library in 2008 and had return visits in 2012 and again just last spring. In January, the 2012-2014 poet laureate Kathleen Flenniken visited the Library followed in May by the current poet laureate Elizabeth Austen. This year, we are hosting two Washington poets during National Poetry Month. Janée J. Baugher, a Seattle-based poet, will lead a workshop on Saturday, April 18th, and

conduct an open mic session directly after. Ms. Baugher has published two poetry collections: *Coördinates of Yes* and *The Body's Physics*. On Friday, April 24th, Anacortes poet Michael Daley will do a reading of his work by the fire. His first collection is called *The Straits*, and in 2007 he published *Way Out There: Lyrical Essays* with Pleasure Boat Studio of New York.

Though April is a particularly special time for poetry, it is embraced at the Library every day of the year. For those who yearn to write poetry, you can find writing guides in the 808.1 section of the non-fiction collection. In this aisle, there are also volumes representing a wide range of styles and authors with selections from American poets in the 811 section and British poets in the 821 section. You can also peruse periodicals such as *Poetry* and *Poets and Writers* found at the front of the Library. Or explore our online literary databases for more poetry. For example, you might search by author in the online database *Literary Reference Center*. You might also explore *Academic Search Premier* for all kinds of articles on



Michael Daley

poetry. One can search for a particular poet, a certain title, poetry critiques, or just poetry in general.

If you have been busy writing your own poetry, the Library invites you to the **Open Mic for Writers** held every second Saturday of the month around the fireplace. Original poetry is often part of this informal reading of local writers' works. Come share with your neighbors or just listen.

It's easy to take part in National Poetry Month this year. Discover life's (and poetry's) possibilities @ the Library!

LEAVE A LEGACY

Remember us in your will. Ensure the Library continues to provide excellent service, programs, and collections to our community for generations to come!
Every amount helps.

Contact Library Director Laurie Orton, 378-2798, lorton@sjlib.org. Thank you!

YOUTH SERVICES

TEEN ZOMBIE MOVIE WINS AWARD—DEBUTS AT LIBRARY FRIDAY, MARCH 27 AT 7 PM



Watch the premiere of *Hide and Shriek*, a short, original movie filmed at our Library as part of the Library's "How to Make a Zombie Movie" class.

Our group of teens wrote, acted, and filmed the story with the help of Conrad Wrobel, a Seattle-based filmmaker and zombie aficionado.

The premiere screening of the film is open to the public. Popcorn and refreshments will be served. The "How to Make a Zombie Movie Class" was part of our Library's 2014 Teen Summer Reading Program.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS: HOLIDAY SPECIAL EVENTS



Halloween Costume Party

The Library celebrated the holiday season with special events for all ages.

To get things started, we hosted a preschool Halloween Costume Party.

Our pint-sized guests, and some adults too, came dressed in a

delightful variety of costumes.

There were superheroes, princesses, and even tigers.

Then in December, the preschoolers made gingerbread houses to display at the Library. The older children made holiday ornaments and we ended the season festivities with our annual Santa Storytime.



Gingerbread House Construction

Miss Kathy Babbitt was our darling host for the morning Santa event, and local musician Gabe Maas played guitar for a series of group sing-a-longs. Of course, our special surprise guest was Santa, always a hit with the children!



Santa & a friend visit @ the Library

For more information about programs and services for children, teens, and families, please stop by or contact the Library today, or visit our website at www.sjlib.org. Phone: 378-2798.

EARLY LEARNING STORY AND PLAYTIMES HELD WEEKLY



At the San Juan Island Library, we support early learning and literacy by hosting two weekly storytimes for emerging readers. Early literacy skills are the skills that develop in infancy through the preschool years to help children become successful readers later in life.



On Thursday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00 am it's Lapsit and Linger for babies, toddlers and their caregivers. This program is offered in partnership with the San Juan Island Family Resource Center. Early literacy concepts are introduced through the sharing of books, songs, fingerplays and cooperative play.

On Friday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 am our Library hosts Preschool Story and Playtime. This storytime is designed for older preschoolers three to six years of age, though younger children also enjoy the experience. Each storytime consists of sharing books and stories,

fingerplays, and sing-alongs followed by interactive play and a craft the children are then able to take home.

Thanks to the Friends of the San Juan Island Library for financially supporting programs and services for families, children, and teens.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE SASQUATCH READING AWARD BOOK

It's time to vote for your favorite book as part of the Sasquatch Reading Awards. This reading enrichment program is held annually for students in grades 4th-6th.

Participants may cast their votes at the Library or Friday Harbor Elementary School until Friday, March 13. The winning book will be announced in April.

There are a total of 12 books in the running and students must read at least two of the books to participate.



HOLD THAT HOLD!

We're excited about our new Library computer software system and have been working hard to assure a smooth transition. We believe you'll find the new catalog easy to understand and use. Our ability to serve you will be improved – and we're looking forward to introducing you to some great new features. In the meantime, rest assured that:

- *You can continue to use the card you already have.*
- *Your library account information will transfer over.*
- *You'll still have access to your account information online from our website 24/7.*
- *All holds placed before the transition will continue to be filled after the change.*
- *As always, we're just a phone call or email away to help.*

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We appreciate your support as we make this exciting move, so let us know how we can help.

For questions about checkouts, renewals, or holds, please contact Kate, Circulation Coordinator, at 378-2798 or kmullen@silib.org.



Not to worry: our 2 outside book drops will remain open during the closure.

KINGS MARKET REBATE PROGRAM

When you shop at Kings & receive receipts, don't forget to deposit them in the clear plastic collection box on the Bargain Book Cart in the Friends of the Library 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!

NEW NON-FICTION

- Ten Million Aliens: A Journey Through the Entire Animal Kingdom* by Simon Barnes
- 88 Days to Kandahar: A CIA Diary* by Robert L. Grenier
- Lincoln's Greatest Case: The River, the Bridge, and the Making of America* by Brian McGinty
- The Powerhouse: Inside the Invention of a Battery to Save the World* by Steve LeVine
- The Age of Dignity: Preparing for the Elder Boom in a Changing America* by Ai-Jen Poo
- Future Arctic: Field Notes from a World on the Edge* by Edward Struzik
- The Blues: A Visual History: 100 Years of Music That Changed the World* by Mike Evans

NEW FICTION

- Epitaph: Novel of the O.K. Corral* by Mary Doria Russell
- John the Pupil* by David Flusfeder
- Leaving Berlin* by Joseph Kanon
- The Lost Child* by Caryle Phillips
- The Love Songs of Miss Queenie Hennessy* by Rachel Joyce
- The Marriage Game* by Allison Weir
- Man at the Helm* by Nina Stibbe
- A Murder of Magpies* by Judith Flanders
- Shame and the Captives* by Thomas Keneally
- A Spool of Blue Thread* by Anne Tyler
- World Gone* by Dennis Lehane

NEW DVDS

- Calvary (FIC)*
- Expedition to the End of the World (NF)*
- Force Majeure (FIC)*
- Last Days in Vietnam (NF)*
- Olive Kitteridge (FIC)*
- Selma (FIC)*
- Since Otter Left (FIC)*
- The Story of Women and Art (NF)*

FRIENDS OF THE SAN JUAN ISLAND LIBRARY BUSINESS MEMBERS

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NEWS & NOTES FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

UPCOMING BOOK SALE: The Friends will be having their first book sale of the year on Saturday, April 11th, from 10 am to 4 pm @ the Library. Books are sold at \$1.50 per inch. Last hour: \$1 per box of books! Want to give them a hand and help set up? Stop by the Treasure Cove to leave your name and get more information.

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** (smile.amazon.com) or click on the link found on the Friends page of the Library's website.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FOL'S RECENT WINNERS: Thanksgiving Raffle: Dot Vandaveer. Membership Kindle/Amazon Prime Membership: Kyle & Katie Loring.

FOL ANNUAL MEETING: All members of the Friends of the Library are invited to the FOL annual meeting in April. Following a short business meeting, they will enjoy a special program coordinated in partnership with the Library. Refreshments will be served. Date & time will be posted at the Library and on the Library's website.



Above: Harvest Dessert Friendly Fundraiser dessert winners (from left) Laurie Orton, Jessie Carter, Maria Louisa, and Birgit Kriete. **Right:** Library staffer Beth Helstien & Volunteer Jenny Atkinson enjoyed the National Friends of the Library Week event that generated 25 new & renewing individual, family, & business memberships.



BE A FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY VOLUNTEER!

The Friends organization runs on volunteer power. They appreciate and thank their current volunteers who enjoy helping with book sales and working shifts at the Treasure Cove. However, FOL is looking for more individuals who would be willing to share the load by giving a few hours of their time. Are you the person who can lend a helping hand? If you are interested in helping with the next FOL book sale, another Friends event, or working a shift at Treasure Cove, please stop by the Treasure Cove kiosk and leave your name, phone number, or email address with one of FOL's current volunteers.

I/We would like to join / renew **Friends of the San Juan Island Library** (a volunteer, non-profit, tax-exempt organization).

Levels of Membership:

- Individual \$10+
- Family \$25+
- Business/Supporter \$50+
- Sustainer \$75+
- Benefactor \$100+
- Additional Donations

Name _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

E-mail (to receive *Friends & Library* news): _____

Yes, please call with information about Library volunteer opportunities.

Yes, please call — I am interested in helping with Friends activities.

Membership Year: January through December - Renewal notice mailed annually.

Thank you! FOL membership dues are a tax-deductible donation and a fundraiser to support the SJI Library.

Mail with dues to: Friends of the San Juan Island Library, PO Box 786, Friday Harbor, WA 98250

San Juan Island Library information:

Hours: Mon., Wed., & Fri. 10-6

Tue. & Thur. 10-8

Saturday 10-5

Sunday 1-5

Address: 1010 Guard Street, Friday Harbor, WA

Phone: (360)378-2798

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Friends of the Library Treasure Cove Hours: 11 :30 AM to 3:30 PM — Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays

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