

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Letter from the Director

The San Juan Island Library is currently housed in what started out as a Chinese restaurant, The Shrimp Boat. Thirty-five years ago, the newly formed San Juan Island Library District purchased and renovated this building and opened it to the public. Since then there have been three major renovations and/or expansions – in 1988, 1994, and 2004. It’s now been 23 years since the last expansion and 13 years since the last renovation. Although the building has worked hard to adapt to our needs over the years, the time seems overdue to assess the building’s health and how well it can continue to meet current and future needs.

The brick and mortar aspect of the Library has felt a number of pressures in recent years. Our island population has grown, and so has the number of library card holders. Our collections have expanded to fill just about every nook and cranny. Demand has grown for separate spaces devoted to quiet areas versus collaborative meeting spaces. Technology requirements progress at increasing speed and our building and infrastructure struggles to keep up. Costs of maintenance and repairs have risen over the years. And parking...well, maybe it’s time for a frank discussion about adequate, safe parking and pedestrian and handicapped access.

To help the Board address these critical questions, the Library has contracted with an architectural firm to conduct an assessment of the building and grounds. This firm will provide the Board with projections on the future costs of maintaining and repairing the current facilities in order to keep everything functioning at acceptable levels over the next decade. They will also conduct a feasibility study to determine what options there might be to meet the community’s increasing needs, including the possibility of further renovations, expansion, or developing a new library facility, and what those various options might cost.

In December, the firm’s consultants will begin gathering data. The Board expects to have the final report in hand by March of 2018.

We are looking forward to sharing this information and engaging in open discussions with island residents beginning in the early spring. The Board of Trustees will use this information as it continues to strategize a future path for the San Juan Island Library.

Laurie Orton



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LIST OF FICTION

- Artemis by Andy Weir
- Dunbar by Edward St. Aubyn
- The End We Start From by Megan Hunter
- The Floating World by C. Morgan Babst
- The History of Bees by Maja Lunde
- The Last Mrs. Parrish by Liv Constantine
- Manhattan Beach by Jennifer Egan
- The Ninth Hour by Alice McDermott
- Origin by Dan Brown
- Paris in the Present Tense by Mark Helprin
- Salt Line by Holly Goddard Jones
- Savage Country by Robert Olmstead
- Uncommon Type: Some Stories by Tom Hanks

LIST OF DVDS

- Big Pacific (NF)
- The Big Sick (FIC)
- Dunkirk (FIC)
- I, Daniel Black (FIC)
- Girl with All the Gifts (FIC)
- The Great War (NF)
- An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power (NF)
- Logan Lucky (FIC)
- Maudie (FIC)
- Megan Leavey (FIC)
- Rare: Creatures of the Photo Ark (NF)
- Step (NF)
- War for the Planet of the Apes (FIC)
- Wonder Woman (FIC)
- Year in Space & Beyond a Year in Space (NF)

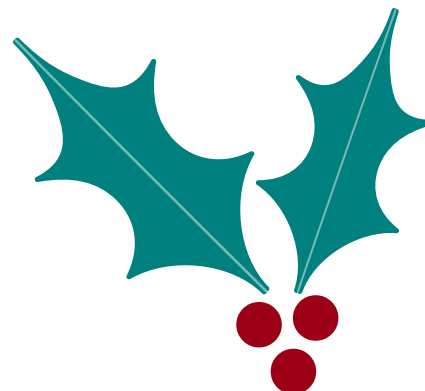


LIST OF NON FICTION

- Fortress America: How We Embraced Fear and Abandoned Democracy by Elaine May Tyler
- The Great Jazz and Pop Vocal Albums by Will Friedwald
- The How Not to Die Cookbook: 100+ Recipes to Help Prevent and Reverse Disease by Michael Greger
- Improv Nation: How We Made a Great American Art by Sam Wasson
- The Last Draft: A Novelist's Guide to Revision by Sandra Scofield
- London's Triumph: Merchants, Adventurers, and Money in Shakespeare's City by Stephen Alford
- Montaigne in Barn Boots: An Amateur Ambles Through Philosophy by Michael Perry
- The Saboteur: The Aristocrat Who Became France's Most Daring Anti-Nazi Commando by Paul Kix
- The Sacred Power in Your Name: Using Your Name for Personal Empowerment and Healing by Ted Andrews

LIST OF AUDIOBOOKS

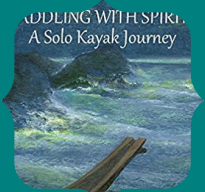
- Endurance: A Year in Space, A Lifetime of Discovery by Scott Kelly
- Future Home of the Living God by Louise Erdrich
- God: A Human History by Reza Aslan
- In the Midst of Winter: A Novel by Isabel Allende
- It's All Relative: Adventures Up and Down the World's Family Tree by A. J. Jacobs
- The Rooster Bar: A Novel by John Grisham
- What Unites Us: Reflections on Patriotism by Dan Rather
- Leonardo da Vinci by Walter Isaacson



Upcoming



Classic Film Series



Author Talks



Know your Islanders



Open Mic

Ongoing Events

Tuesdays, 10 am - noon

TechTuesdays @ the Library

Thursdays, 10 am

Lapsit & Linger @ the Library

Fridays, 10:30 am

Storytime & Playtime @ the Library

First Wednesdays, 4 pm

Friends of the San Juan Island Library Board's regular meeting

Second Tuesdays, 3 pm

San Juan Island Library Board of Trustees' regular meeting

Third Thursdays, 7pm

Literary Salon.

RECAPS AND PROJECTIONS

As we approach the end of the year it seems a good time to reflect on the past year while planning for the next.

Summer ended, and what a summer it was ~ we got to see most of the Solar Eclipse (the Library gave out 1,500 pairs of glasses!). Adult Programs at the Library entered its Fall and Winter season by celebrating Harvest - Madrona Murphy of Kwiáht did a Wild Side talk on Historic Island Apples and Humanities Washington scholar Harriet Baskas explored the mystery of preserved foods in The Ancient Fruitcake. Kwiáht also presented on Life on San Juan a Century Before the Pig War to around 100 attendees!

We continued to bring local and regional authors for book readings and signings, in collaboration with Griffin Bay Bookstore. Past events included Tom Small (Stories in Stone and Light), Candace Wellman (Peace Weavers) and Lynda Mapes (Witness Tree and Elwha) to name but a few.

Future authors include Neil Mathison who will be presenting his book Volcano as part of his Know Your Islanders Talk on Dec. 4th, and Irene Skyriver with her debut book, Paddling with Spirits on Dec. 13th.

Remember you can always get Technology help every Tuesday morning at 10 am and keep an eye out for our ongoing tablet and phone classes.

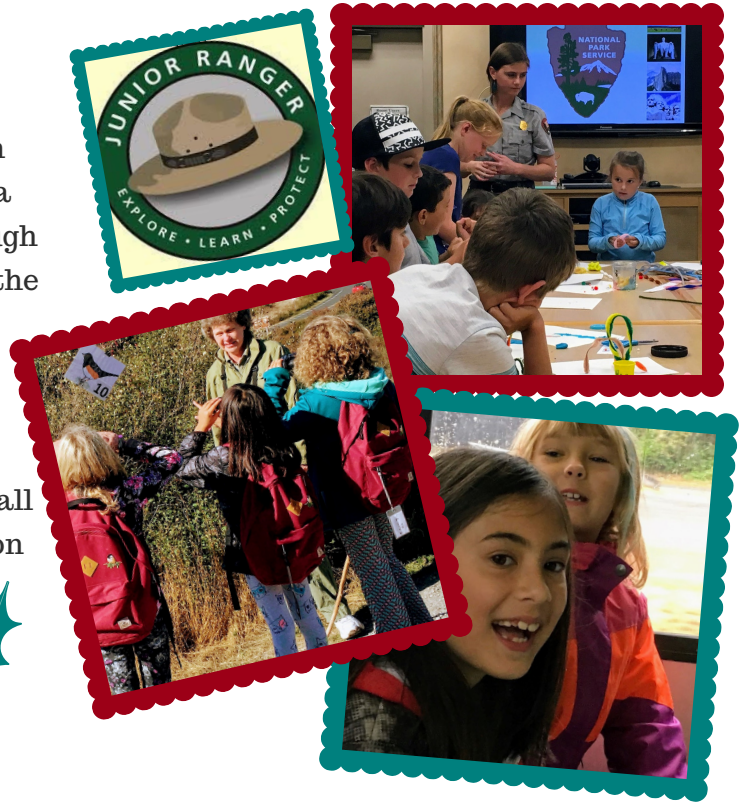
And on December 16th come sip eggnog, nibble holiday cookies, and enjoy the songs of the season performed by the Island Carolers.

We wish you all a Happy Holiday!



JUNIOR RANGERS WITH THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

This fall, the National Park Service and San Juan Island Library Youth Services partnered to offer a Junior Rangers program for students in 3rd through 5th grades. During the two month long program, the students learned about National Park history, birding, geology, and pioneering skills. Each participant was officially sworn in as a Junior Ranger and received a special booklet to keep track of badges they earned. Congratulations to all of our Junior Rangers for their active participation in this free enrichment program.



SPECIAL PROGRAMS ON EARLY OUT DAYS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Did you know that the San Juan Island Library often holds programs on early out days for Public Schools? Sometimes we show a fun movie complete with popcorn and drinks. Other days we hold STEM-based building activities or literary parties. So the next time you're looking for something to do on an early out day, consider visiting the Library. The next early out day program is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 22. Join us for a free lunch at Noon, then we'll show the Lego Batman movie at 1 PM.



Lego Mindstorms Coding



Thanks to a grant through the Washington State Library and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, we offered a series of programs to introduce children to coding and robotics as part of a statewide digital learning initiative. We received five EV3 Lego Mindstorm kits. Tyler Fleming and Hank Erickson, 9th graders at Friday Harbor High School, helped with the programs, constructing the robot base units and instructing the children on how to make the robots work through computer coding and engineering.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Family Creative Workshop with Miss Kathy

Saturday, Dec. 9 from 1-3 PM

Get creative with the whole family. Small children must be supervised by an adult. All materials provided.

Pajama Storytime - Mother Goose on the Loose with Special Musical Guest Nancy Stewart

Friday, Jan. 26 at 7 PM

Music, refreshments, and crafts for preschool age children and their families.

The Great San Juan Island Library Cupcake Challenge

Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2018 from 1-2:30 PM

Calling all elementary school-age children. Your challenge: Come to the Library to make the most deliciously decorated cupcake the community has ever seen. You get 30 minutes to create the winning design. All materials will be provided for this yummy, scrumptious, decorating and eating extravaganza! Prizes and accolades will be awarded for the most fantastic looking cupcakes.

Preschool Gingerbread Storytime

Friday, Dec. 8 @ 10:30 AM

Hear gingerbread stories and make a gingerbread village with your friends. This annual event will feature refreshments courtesy of the Friends of the Library.



Santa...Baby, Toddlers, and Preschoolers



Friday, Dec. 15 @ 10:30 AM

It's our annual Santa Party. Celebrate the season with singing, stories, crafts, and of course, a visit from Santa. Photo sessions to follow the 30 minute program. Bring your little ones and your cameras to capture the moments.



ONGOING EVENTS & SERVICES

Citizenship Classes

Tuesday & Thursday evenings Nov. 14 - Feb. 16 at 6 pm. The classes provide adult learners with background on 100 questions prospective citizens may encounter in their interview with immigration officials. Childcare is available.

English Language Lessons

Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 - 8 pm. Classes are led by an English Language Learning instructor, in four levels of skill. Adult students may register their children aged 4-12 for a simultaneous children's enrichment program

Teen Book Club

Held during the school year, participants receive a free paperback book to read, then meet on a Saturday evening to discuss and watch the film adaptation of the story. Pizza and drinks provided.

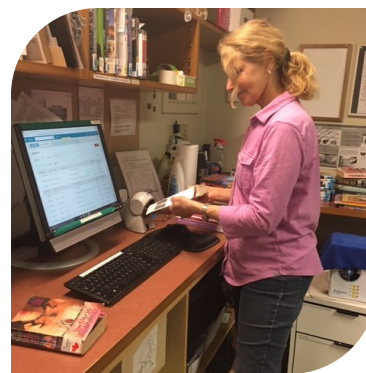
Books and Bites

Are you reading a great book that you are dying to share with others, or looking for book suggestions? Books & Bites is a once a month lunch time group just for you. Drop by to engage in a quick discussion of books and pick up a snack to go! Held during the school year at FHHS.

Would you like to Volunteer at the Library?



We are looking for adult volunteers to check in and shelve materials. Orientation and training are provided. If interested please ask for a volunteer application at the front desk.



Event Equipment Hire

The San Juan Island Library launched a new collection this summer: Event Equipment. You can now borrow a digital projector and Windows laptop for your meetings and presentations offsite. In addition, the event equipment collections includes a portable screen, portable easel, Bluetooth audio speakers, and even a tiny sports video camera to document your adventures or to make movies. The items in this collection were purchased with a generous grant from the San Juan Island Community Foundation.

News

Exciting Partnership with the Historical Museum

Check out our new display cases in our local interest section where we will be displaying artifacts from the Historical Museum on an ongoing basis.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Stan Mayhew, President ~ Louise Lelevich, Vice President ~ Judy Bentzen, Treasurer ~ Nancy Sheplor, Secretary
 Diana Pieples, Membership ~ Members-at-Large: Margaret Barker ~ Don Hendrix ~ Jamie Rice



As every year, FOL week kicks off the Friends' annual membership drive for the following year. All members joining the Friends between Oct. 15 - Dec. 9 will be eligible for a \$100 gift certificate to Griffin Bay Bookstore plus one of our new library t-shirts. Drawing will be held Dec. 9 at our Holiday Book Sale. The week began with a book swap, followed mid-week by a presentation and display on rare books and book collecting. All week long we had opportunities for you to help us celebrate our library and the Friends. We honored our trustees, acknowledged our youth with special tattoos, and offered a special Saturday Sale at the Treasure Cove. There was also an opportunity for you to express your "Love for the Library" at our FOL table in the library salon.



HOLIDAY BOOK SALE

Our annual Holiday Book Sale featured Christmas swags, books, puzzles, CDs and DVDs, Jewelry and, back by popular demand- the fantastic Silent Auction Baskets! Make sure to mark your calendars for next year!

STOP AND VISIT THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY TREASURE COVE.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday from 11-3 pm. We offer gently handled books, gifts and jewelry at thrifty prices. Please consider donating to the Treasure Cove. A donation box is located on the Treasure Cove desk. We accept all jewelry—broken or not— and books in good, clean condition during open hours. The FOL is a not for profit organization of volunteers whose mission is to raise funds for the library to purchase materials, equipment and fund programs.

SMILE AND 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.

KINGS REBATE PROGRAM

When you shop at Kings & receive receipts, don't forget to deposit them at the Friends of the Library's Treasure Cove. All proceeds received from this program are used to fund Library programs such as the Children's Summer Reading Program and adult programs, events and workshops. Thanks for your contributions. Every penny helps!

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Mailing Address _____

FOL Levels of Membership:

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

Yes, please call with information about Library volunteer opportunities _____

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

Membership Year: Oct. 2017 through Dec. 2018 - Renewal notice mailed annually.

Thank you! Our Friends Members are our lifblood. We love you all and thank you for your support!

FOL membership dues are a tax-deductible donation and our main fundraiser to support the SJI Library.

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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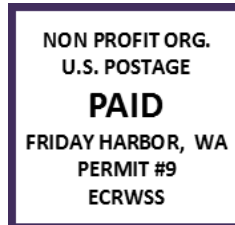
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