

## **On Your Mark, Get Set, It's the San Juan Island Library's 2016 Summer Reading Program**

The 2016 Summer Reading Program begins Friday, June 17. Join in the fun as we celebrate all things fitness, sports, Olympics, and outdoor adventure. This year's program is bound to be interactive, exciting, and full of opportunities to learn new things through doing and reading.

There will be a wide variety of events, activities and prizes for all age groups, including children in Pre-K, K-2<sup>nd</sup> grades, 3-5<sup>th</sup> grades, teens, and adults. Children Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grades keep track of reading time and perform learning challenges. Teens read three books, then receive a free book, and adults play Exercise Your Mind Bingo.

Also, this summer, the Library is co-sponsoring two special programs:

- 1.) Summer Community One Read of *Sweet Home Alaska* by Carole Estby Dagg. This engaging story of a family living in Alaska in the 1800s captures the outdoor spirit with its compelling characters, historical facts, and memorable depictions of pioneer life. The book is appropriate for upper elementary school students, middle graders, teens, and adults.
- 2.) Discover San Juan Island 2016. This program is done in partnership with the Land Bank and National Parks. It's a self-paced adventure to discover environmentally, culturally and historically significant sites on San Juan Island.

All island residents and visitors are encouraged to participate in these activities for a shared community experience. Discover San Juan Island 2016 begins June 11 on National Outdoors Day and ends Labor Day. People can pick up their participation kits at the Library.

Author Carole Estby Dagg will visit Wednesday, August 10 for an author talk and to sign copies of *Sweet Home Alaska*. The Library will offer a select number of free copies of the book on a first come/first serve basis beginning June 17. Other copies are available for purchase through Griffin Bay Bookstore and for loan through the San Juan Island Library.

Other event highlights for the summer include:

### **10:30 AM Friday Morning Preschool Story and Playtime Olympics:**

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| July 1:  | Obstacle Games                                       |
| July 8:  | Throwing Games                                       |
| July 15: | Balance Games  |
| July 22: | Running Games  |
| July 29: | Hula Hoop Games                                      |
| Aug. 5:  | Closing Ceremony with Giant Bubbles and Refreshments |

### **Wednesday Afternoon Performances held at 1:30 PM at Friday Harbor Elementary School**

- June 29: Matt Baker Comedy Stunts
- July 6: Rene Bibaud Ropeworks
- July 13: Don Ehlen's Insect Safari
- July 20: Roberto the Magnificent Juggling
- July 27: Cap'n Arrr Pirate Show
- Aug. 3: Mikey Mike, The Rad Scientist

### **Special Events for Teens**

- June 24: 7 PM Showing of *The 5<sup>th</sup> Wave* Movie with Refreshments and Popcorn
- July 7: Tie Dye T-Shirts and Sneakers at 2 PM
- July 21: Tattooing with Henna at 2 PM
- July 29: 7 PM Showing of *McFarland USA* Movie with Refreshments and Popcorn
- Aug. 6: Camp Half Blood, A Greek Demigod Outdoor Competition
- Aug. 10: Meet Author Carole Estby Dagg at 7 PM

### **Talks and Presentations at the Library**

- June 27: Culinary Delights of Eating Insects with David George Gordon
- July 1-3: Classic Films with Therese Finn
- July 13: Learn about Wildflowers and Pollinators
- July 23: Author Steve Olson Presents on the Eruption of Mount St. Helens
- July 27: Kayaking the Inside Passage with Susan Conrad
- Aug. 6: Discover Aviation Mysteries with San Juan Author JJ Nance
- Aug. 10: Summer Community One Read Talk of *Sweet Home Alaska* at 7 PM

A full list of summer events and details of the 2016 Summer Reading Program can be found at the Library or online at [www.silib.org](http://www.silib.org). The Summer Reading Program is free and open to the public thanks to generous financial support from the Friends of the San Juan Island Library.

For more information, please contact Library staff at 378-2798 or stop by the Library today.