



FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Technology increasingly affects all of our lives—at work, at school, at home—but there are inherent barriers to its use. Access to new technologies may not be affordable or practical, and without training and knowledge, mere access to technology is not useful. San Juan Island Library provides access to various technologies and teaches people how to use them to succeed in our technology-driven world.

The Library helps break down barriers by introducing people to the possibilities of technology. One exciting example is the 3-D printing we now offer to patrons thanks to a generous donation of a Makerbot Replicator. (See page 2 for more details.) The Library is introducing a variety of technologies that inspire people to imagine and create.

Our Library is a central community space for teaching digital literacy skills. SJI Library over the years has offered basic computer classes, Tech Tuesday drop-in sessions, and now in partnership with Rock Island Communications offers new classes ranging from technology lingo (technobabble), to streaming, to cables and connectors, to backing up your files, and more. Classes evolve as new needs are identified, and we value your interest and input.

The Library, thanks to a grant from the San Juan Island Community Foundation, will soon offer an Event Equipment Collection which includes technology not readily available to all. If you have a special event for which you don't have, nor want to purchase, the equipment needed, reserve and check out a laptop, digital projector, Go Pro camera, wireless speakers, a mobile projection screen, or an easel to enhance your event.

What to do when a library book, magazine or DVD is checked out or the Library is closed? We have digital resources at the ready through our website. Check out a digital eBook or eAudiobook, read an online magazine, or stream films from IndieFlix. It's easy to do from home or half-way across the world. While you're at it, catch up on The New York Times online or check out our Global Road Warrior database which has practical information about the countries you visit. Taking the GRE or SAT? Brush up using study modules and practice tests. We also have free, self-paced online courses for all Microsoft Office products through our online Microsoft Imagine Academy.

We're also using technology to improve your Library experience. For programs we've upgraded our sound system with a new microphone and speakers, plus added a spotlight for presenters. We've added wired Ethernet to the teen area to increase download speeds. We've also added electrical outlets for charging mobile devices in the reading area near the fireplace, and made available charging stations with cables for various devices. We're using tablets for children's and outreach programming, so you may see us using various apps to aid Alzheimer's patients or to enhance story times.

These are just some of the ways San Juan Island Library is making connections between people in our community and the technology that can enrich all of our lives. Find out more at www.sjilib.org.



Library Director, Laurie Orton

WEEKLY CALENDAR

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.

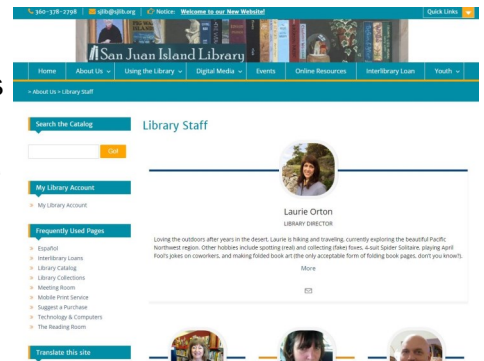
Third Thursdays, 7pm

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!

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

NEW WEBSITE!

At the end of 2016 the San Juan Island Library launched a new up-dated website with some wonderful added areas! Offering all the functions of the old website, we now have a page of Staff Bios (see what staff looked like as babies and what they like to read!), a Reading Room (NPR Reviews, booklists, Recommended Reads, literary resources and more), revamped Online Resources broken into subject areas, Friends of the Library pages, information about the Board of Trustees and much, much, more. It's being updated everyday, so check it out today!



NEW! AIDS FOR BETTER LIVING COLLECTION

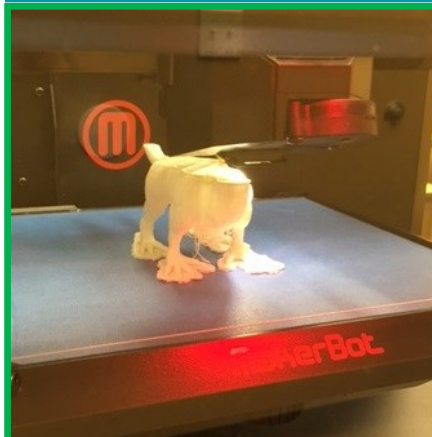
Disabilities take many forms. Problems with seeing, speaking, hearing, memory, grip strength as well as mobility problems can affect us all. Coping with these kinds of problems now might be a bit easier. The Library's **Aids for better Living** allow you to borrow assistive devices to see if they work for you.

Our new collection includes:

Dressing Kit ~ Reachers ~ Kettle Tipper ~ Lap Desk ~ Utensil holder ~ Pocket Talker ~ Playing Cards Kit ~ Big Keys Keyboard ~ Direct Ear TV Set...and more.



TV Ears modeled by Beth Helstien



Monster in the making with our Makerbot Replicator.

3-D PRINTING

The end of 2016 saw the Library introduce demonstration 3-D printing to the public. Located in our study room, our Makerbot 3-D printer is busy creating weird, wonderful and even *useful* things!

Patrons can submit a print request to staff using our agreement and request form.

Check out our display case to see what the staff have come up with so far!

LEARN, EXPLORE, DISCOVER @ THE LIBRARY

The Library makes every effort to show programs that appeal to our island audience. To that end 2017 sees some of our most popular programs return including Know Your Islanders, Tory Raggett's art program, The Wild Side Series and Classic Films with Thérèse Finn. We are also looking forward to hosting two Washington Humanities speakers, Lorraine McConaghy, *Washington at War* (May) and Harriet Baskas, *Ancient Fruitcake* (October). Keep your eyes open for Sean Gaskell and his Kora, another book-making workshop with the ever popular Brenna Jael, historic apples and barns, All about Whales, a poetry & music evening with Chris Lee and Colleen O'Brien, how to play a Ukulele and more!



Sean Gaskell

Lorraine McConaghy

Harriet Baskas

LOCAL HISTORY MONTH @ THE LIBRARY

May is celebrated throughout the islands as Local History Month, and the Library is hosting several programs to help celebrate:

- A *Know Your Islanders Talk* featuring Boyd Pratt and Sandy Strehlou, describing some very local travel: viewing Historic Barns by means of the new interactive maps on the Historic Barns of the San Juan Islands website.
- May 17th, Mike Vouri will revisit two of the local history publications in the *Images of America* series that he co-authored with his wife Julia: Friday Harbor and San Juan Island.
- May 20th, there will be a day-long workshop on *Writing Our History*, with speakers teaching attendees how to use local, regional, state and federal archives as well as the Internet for researching local history.
- May 21st, there will be a talk on one of the *Writing Our Local History Projects* for HistoryLink, the digital Washington State History cyberpedia.
- May 25th, Washington Humanities Speaker Lorraine McConaghy will speak about *Washington at War*, assessing World War I's impact on our state.
- And remember, the Library has resources for researching local history: there's a whole section of print materials (to the right of the fireplace) and online there are the San Juan Island Heritage--a digital collection of historic materials--Ancestry Library Edition (for use in the Library only) and HeritageQuest Online-- two great sources for genealogy. Come celebrate our local history in May (or anytime, for that matter) at the Library!

YOUTH SERVICES

CREATIVE WORKSHOPS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Every month our Youth Services Associate Kathy Babbitt hosts a free, drop-in crafting session for all ages.

Activities are designed for the very beginner to the more advanced crafter.

Kathy supplies the materials, you supply the creativity!

The next Family Creative Workshops are scheduled for Saturday, April 8 and Saturday, May 13 from 1-3 PM in the Library Meeting Room.

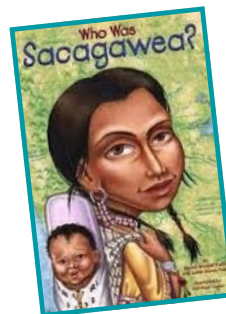
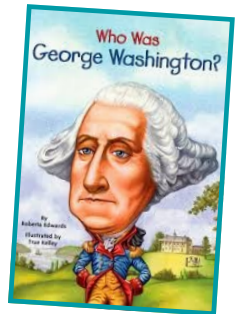


WHO WAS SERIES

Do you enjoy reading about real people? Do you need a biography for a book report? The Library now has the Who Was series, an imprint of Penguin Random House.

This *New York Times* best-selling biography series features a wide variety of celebrities and historical figures, including artists, scientists, presidents, religious leaders, athletes, and more!

The Who Was series is located on the new shelf in the Children's area.



LIBRARY CARDS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Our Library Board of Trustees recently adopted a new policy for children and teens receiving library cards at the San Juan Island Library.

A parent or legal guardian is responsible for their dependent's library account, including updating contact information and any charges or replacement costs accrued.

Because of this change, proof of residency and a signature are required by the parent or legal guardian for the Library to issue a card to a dependent. Other restrictions also may apply if the parent or legal guardian has a current card that is not in good standing.

If your child or teen already has an existing account, please stop by or call the Library today to update parental permissions.

For more information about library card registration and policies, please visit our new website's "Using the Library" section at www.sjlib.org or call our Youth Services Manager Melina Lagios at 378-2798.



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

SAN JUAN ISLAND LIBRARY AND THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY PRESENT



...at Brickworks on Friday, May 12 at 6:30 PM

Bring your little ones for fun sounds and dancing with this group of funky dads from Portland, Oregon.

The Music Show is free and appropriate for families with small children. There will be music and treats inside and bubble fun outside on the Brickworks grounds.



NEW MAGAZINES FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS

Use your library card to check out these new magazine titles.

All magazines for children and parents are located in the children's area of the Library and can be checked out for three weeks.



...AND SHE'S OFF

With a very heavy heart, we say goodbye to our dear friend and colleague Jeanne Lee.

Jeanne has worked at the Library for more than 15 years, first as a volunteer then as a substitute librarian.



More recently, Jeanne began helping with youth services at the children's reference desk in the afternoons and assisting with programs.

Jeanne is an adventurous spirit with a passion for books, island life, and river running. We will miss her terribly and wish her all the best as she begins a new chapter with her family in Oregon.

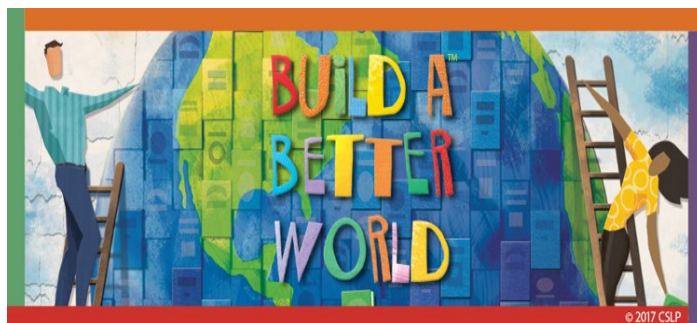
For more information about youth services programs, please stop by or contact the Library today, or visit our website at www.sjlib.org.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM COMING SOON

Sign up, participate, win books and prizes, and keep learning all summer long with the San Juan Island Library's 2017 Summer Reading Program.

This year's theme is Build a Better World. Registration is free and open to all ages, infants through adults.

The program begins mid-June at the Library and the first outdoor family performance will be held on Wednesday, June 28 at 1:30 PM at the Friday Harbor Elementary School Outdoor Pavilion.



NEW NON FICTION

Anatomy of Innocence: Testimonies of the Wrongfully Convicted by Laura Caldwell

Bright Line Eating: The Science of Living Happy, Thin & Free by Susan Peirce Thompson

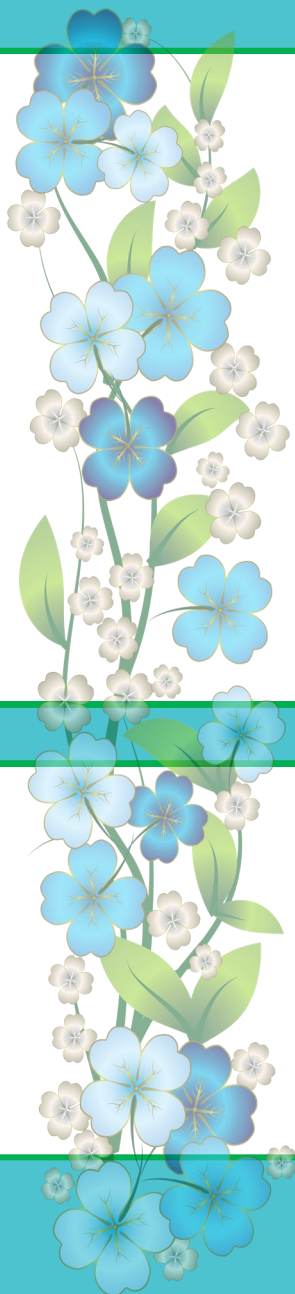
Curators: Behind the Scenes of Natural History Museums by Lance Grande

Floret Farm's Cut Flower Garden: Grow, Harvest, and Arrange Stunning Seasonal Blooms by Erin Benzakein and Julie Chai

Ice Ghosts: The Epic Hunt for the Lost Franklin Expedition by Paul Watson

Richard Nixon: The Life by John A. Farrell

Stranger in the Woods: The Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit by Michael Finkel



NEW FICTION

American War by Omar El Akkad

Anything is Possible by Elizabeth Strout

Beartown by Fredrik Backman

Exit West by Mohsin Hamid

The Hollywood Daughter by Kate Alcott

The Last Neanderthal by Claire Cameron

Minds of Winter by Ed O'Loughlin

Night of Fire by Colin Thubron

The Shadow Land by Elizabeth Kostova

A Single Spy by William Christie

The Stars are Fire by Anita Shreve

The Wanderers by Meg Howry

NEW DVDS

Antarctica Ice and Sky (NF)

Lion (FIC)

Lo and Behold (NF)

Moonlight (FIC)

Patriot's Day (FIC)

Planet Earth 2 (NF)

Tanna (FIC)

20th Century Women (FIC)

NEW AUDIOBOOKS

Eight Flavors: The Untold Story of American Cuisine by Sarah Lohman (NF)

Feeling Good: The New Mood Therapy by David D. Burns (NF)

Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders (FIC)

The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See (FIC)

Vicious Circle by C.J. Box (FIC)

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY HOLIDAY BOOK SALE!



Another great Holiday Book Sale! We raised over \$1,538! The sale had books for everyone, wreaths, gifts, Raffle Baskets, toys and more! The Raffle Baskets were so popular that they will be included in the 2017 Holiday Sale. Thanks for your support of the Friends of the SJI Library!

NATIONAL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEEK 2016

As every year, FOL week kicks off our annual membership drive for the following year. The early bird member winner for 2017 was Dana & Debbie Owens and FOL awarded them a \$100 gift certificate for Griffin Bay Bookstore and a canvas book bag. The celebration of FOL Week didn't stop there. A Taste of India Night was well attended by 64 people! The presenter was the Island's own Sandhya who spoke of the history and spices in Indian culinary art and provided a sampling of her ethnic treats and drinks. On the last day of FOL Week October 22, 2016, the San Juan Island Friends of the Library hosted their second Edible Book Festival. Our event judges had a fun time awarding winners from the amazing and imaginary edible creations.



IN MEMORIAM:

It is with great sadness that we said farewell to Elena Thoms. Elena was a member of the Friends of the Library Board since 2009. She was an active participant in all FOL events and also volunteered in the library with the ELL program. Her ideas and thoughtful comments provoked lively conversation at our monthly meetings. We will miss her wit, enthusiasm and dedication to the Friends of the Library.



TREASURE COVE:

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mother's Day Raffle:

Summer Book Sale:

Annual Meeting: April 12

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP

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

FOL Levels of Membership: Name _____ Phone _____

Individual \$10+ Mailing Address _____

Family \$25+

Business/Supporter \$50+ E-mail (to receive *Friends* & Library news): _____

Sustainer \$75+

Benefactor \$100+ Yes, please call with information about Library volunteer opportunities.

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

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

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

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

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.

KINGS MARKET 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 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!

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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