

FROM THE DIRECTOR

I wrote in the last Library newsletter that libraries are still relevant in this digital age. And then a few days later, the underwater CenturyLink cable providing telephone and internet service to most islanders was damaged offshore from Lopez Island. As news got out that the Library still had internet service, the parking lot quickly filled, and soon every chair inside the library was occupied.

Library users were using their laptops and Bluetooth technology to Skype for business communication, banking and other essential economic activity. Others, who simply could not work when businesses closed due to lack of internet connectivity, visited the Library to connect with family on Facebook, watch movies on YouTube, or borrow books.

By the second day of the internet service disruption, Library staff set up extra tables, chairs and power strips, and again tables quickly filled with islanders using their laptops and tablets for business and entertainment. More than twice as many people visited the library as during a usual day. And it was silent. Everyone was so intent on focusing on their screen that the Library was eerily quiet. Many people, however, greeted old friends while browsing available books and movies.

Although we were worried we wouldn't have enough computers for all the visitors, we were mostly able to meet the demand, thanks to our reservation system and tweaking the way we provide internet access to non-Library computers. The San Juan Island Chamber of Commerce gave the Library a 2013 True Grit award for efforts to keep islanders connected.

We aim to help you with your technology needs. The Library has resources about specific devices and applications. We provide free WiFi connectivity, and we provide workshops and one-on-one training to help use Library technologies like online databases or eBooks.

The Library launched two new programs recently, the Microsoft IT Academy and the *Library Now* app for cell phones and portable devices. We are continually assess how we can best meet your technology needs. Look for an online survey coming soon. Is the library relevant? You bet it is!



Library Director, Laurie Orton

BOOK DONATIONS TO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends gratefully accept book and media donations at Treasure Cove, their sales kiosk just inside the Library to the right of the front door. Treasure Cove hours are 11:30 am to 3:30 pm, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Please limit donations to 2 grocery-sized bags or small boxes, as space is very limited. If you have multiple boxes, the Friends will be happy to make arrangements to meet your

at their storage unit in downtown Friday Harbor. Please contact Birgit Kriete at 378-3972 or Barbara Sharp at 370-5256 for an appointment.

The Friends do have a few guidelines for donations: please no VHS or cassette tapes; reference books, especially encyclopedias; textbooks in any format; books in foreign languages; outdated travel books or similar informational books (3 to 10 years old,

depending on type); books in poor condition (musty, damaged covers/bindings, underlining, etc.). It costs time and money to dispose of these items.

Thank you for your consideration and your donations. Because Friends of the Library is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, a charitable contribution receipt for your donation can be provided upon request.

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.

HELPING WITH YOUR TECHNOLOGY LEARNING NEEDS



The Library is offering technology training to help you learn the skills you need to be a 21st century citizen. Technology is changing so fast today, it is a struggle to keep up.

To help you keep abreast, the Library has offered three workshops in using eBooks on your digital devices (see *photo above*), be they iPads, Kindles or something else. We're offering a series of workshops called Get Started Using Computers that covers the basics like using the mouse, copy and paste, finding your files and sending email with attachments.

Another way to keep learning is to study online. Independent learning allows you to move at your own pace and choose to focus on learning what is important to you. Thanks to a partnership developed by the Washington State Library, Microsoft technology training is now available through many libraries in the state, including the San Juan Island Library. You can study to become a systems administrator, learn Word or Excel, or just brush up on the latest versions of Office applications, all at your own pace, for no charge, using any computer with internet access. Ask at the information desk to get started.

Another technology training website that many will find useful is offered by the Goodwill Community Foundation at www.gcflearnfree.org/topics. There you will find interactive tutorials for all kinds of technology skills from basic to more advanced computer skills, digital photography, Skype, and even how to use an iPhone or social media.

We are open to suggestions for workshops you'd like to see, and we are also looking for volunteers to help present those workshops. Contact the Library outreach coordinator, Beth Helstien, if you'd like to volunteer to help or there is something you want to learn.

We'll have more workshops soon, including a Gadget Menagerie program in March. To see the schedule of what programs will be available, check the library web site at www.sjlib.org or ask at the information desk. You can also "like" us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter for the latest updates.

ADULT PROGRAMS TO ENTERTAIN, EDUCATE, INSPIRE!



Our adult programs run the gamut from enjoyable entertainment (*like the Holiday Concert pictured at left with Sasha von Dassow, Pam Stewart, and Sonja Zarek*) to writing workshops with State Poet Laureate Kathleen Flenniken. Upcoming programs include writing workshops with local author Susan Wingate, another book craft with Lopez Islander Brenna Jael and more from the Conscientious Projector Documentary Film Series and the Tragedy of the Commons Film Series, just to name a few.

To make sure you get the most up-to-date announcements of upcoming events, sign up for our email events announcement list. You can also check our website for programs and events: www.sjilib.org. And don't forget to "like" our Facebook page and follow us on Twitter for up-to-the-minute announcements about all things Library!

WE HAVE AN APP FOR THAT — *LIBRARY NOW*.

Download an eBook? Find information fast? We have an app for that!

The Library recently launched *Library Now*, a mobile app to put the library at your fingertips. From any mobile phone or tablet connected to the internet you can instantly tap into library resources, anytime, anywhere. You can search the Library catalog, check your account, ask a question, find events, and more.

To access the Library's mobile app, point your device to <http://wa.boopsie.com>, or search *Library Now* in your mobile device's app store and download the app today. It's free!

"Our mobile app puts library information just one click away with much faster access than going through a browser," said Laurie Orton, Library director.

Searching the catalog with the mobile app is especially easy. Just type the first few letters of two or three words and search results will begin to appear. Once you find the title you're looking for, you can place it on hold right from your phone.

The app offers additional features, such as BookLook™ that lets you scan an ISBN barcode anywhere you are to see if the Library owns the title. Just scan the ISBN, see if the Library owns it and—if we do—place a hold on it right from your phone. How cool is that?



VOLUNTEER POSITIONS @ THE LIBRARY!

More than 90 volunteers help our Library operate smoothly. Will you be one, too?

- Return books to the shelves
- Straighten shelves
- Tutor English
- Teach (or help teach) technology skills
- Check in materials
- Afternoon grandparent
- English class teacher's aid, etc.

Weekly and flexible shifts. Orientation and training provided.



YOUTH SERVICES

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN



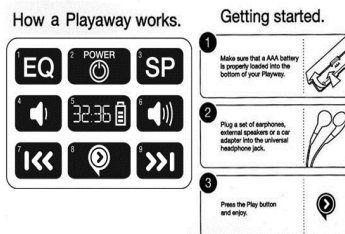
Playaway Lights are coming to the San Juan Island Library Children's Room.

What is a Playaway Light, you ask? A Playaway Light is a digital audiobook and player combined to make

for easy access, listening, and portability.

Each Playaway Light has a backlit screen, friendly controls,

Playaway Lights do not use CDs or require an Internet connection to work. Each device comes pre-loaded with high definition audio content.



The Library is getting 30 Playaway Lights that will be available for checkout. Titles include classic stories for children such as the "Tales of Beatrix Potter" and "Winnie the Pooh" to contemporary books such as "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus" and "Splat the Cat."

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.

SASQUATCH READING AWARD



The Sasquatch Reading Award process is underway. Each year in Washington State, children in upper elementary grades vote for their favorite book among 12 nominated titles.

This year's nominees include a wide variety of stories that are sure to interest a diverse group of readers. Kids wishing to vote are required to read at least two of the 12 books shown here.



Voting is currently open and takes place at the public library and the Friday Harbor Elementary School Library. All votes must be cast before April 1, 2014.

Past year winners of the award include:

"Out of My Mind" by Sharon Draper

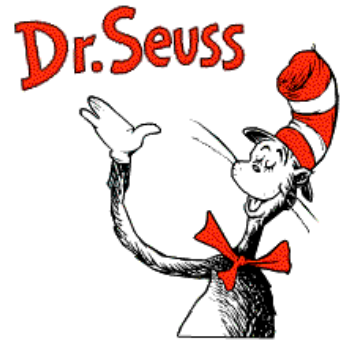
"Found" by Margaret Peterson Haddix

"Because of Winn-Dixie" by Kate DiCamillo

For more information about the Sasquatch Reading Award, please contact Melina Lagios at 378-2798 or stop by the library at 1010 Guard Street.

SPECIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

Tuesday, March 4—
Dr. Seuss Birthday
Party to Kick Off Read
Across America.



Children hear a classic
Dr. Seuss story told by
Cat in the Hat and
Thing 1 and Thing 2.

Book giveaways courtesy of the Family Resource Center. Cake, refreshments, and craft to follow program. It's a fun event that in the past has attracted nearly 100 people to our library.

The program is a partnership of the Library, Family Resource Center, and the San Juan Island Early Learning Consortium. For more information, call 378-2798.



Saturday, May 3—
Wild, Wild West Library Booth
at the Children's Festival,
Fairgrounds 10-2 PM

The theme this year is the
Wild, Wild West. Stop by any
time during the festival to do a fun activity with
Kathy and Melina. All materials provided, free!

TEEN BOOK CLUB



ON DISPLAY

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country. The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy brown dog. The quick red fox jumped over the lazy brown dog. The quick red fox jumped



Share your collectibles with the community. Reserve our Display Cube today! Call Carrie @ the Library, 378-2798.

KINGS MARKET REBATE PROGRAM

As you shop and receive Kings 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 we 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

The Doors of Joy by Daniel Odier
 The Gardener of Versailles by Alain Baraton
 Glitter and Glue by Kelly Corrigan
 HRS: State Secrets and the Rebirth of Hillary Clinton by Jonathan Allen
 Life is a Wheel: Love, Death, Etc., and a Bike Ride
 Across America by Bruce Weber
 Lincoln's Boys by Joshue Zeitz
 The Sixth Extinction by Elizabeth Kolbert
 Talk like Ted by Carmine Gallo
 You Can Date Boys When You're Forty by Dave Barry

NEW FICTION

The Accident by Chris Pavone
 The Anatomy Lesson by Nita Siegel
 By Its Cover by Donna Leon
 Frog Music by Emma Donoghue
 How Dark the Night by William C. Hammond
 The Martian by Andy Weir
 Pioneer Girl by Bich Minh Nguyen
 The Resistance Man by Martin Walker
 The Secret of Raven Point by Jennifer Vanderbes
 The Serpent of Venice by Christopher Moore
 The Swan Gondola by Timothy Schaffert
 The Visitors by Patrick O'Keeffe
 While Beauty Slept by Elizabeth Blackwell

NEW DVDS

Applause (FIC)
 Fruitvale Station (FIC)
 Fruit Hunters (NF)
 The Great Beauty (FIC)
 Mother of George (FIC)
 People of a Feather (NF)
 Pedal-Driver (NF)
 The Story of Film (NF)

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BOOK SALES AT THE LIBRARY!



Instead of one big annual used book sale each summer, the Friends of the Library are busy planning a few smaller, more focused events to be held at the Library. If you came to the successful Holiday Book sale last December, you'll know what to find: amazing prices on books of all kinds and special items from their sales kiosk, the Treasure Cove, such as hand-crafted beaded jewelry. The next book sale is being planned for a Saturday in May. All proceeds from our sales go to support the San Juan Island Library.

GIFT BASKET RAFFLES!



The Friends of the SJI Library love creating special gift baskets available by raffle. Their Thanksgiving Dinner raffle and

Valentine's Day gift basket raffle were very popular and more are being planned. Watch for their table at Market Place and at the Library and be sure to buy tickets to support the Library & get a chance to win something special! All proceeds will fund Library programs and equipment.

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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! Our 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

Website: www.sjlib.org E-mail: sjlib@sjlib.org



San Juan Island Library Staff

Laurie Orton, Library Director

Melina Lagios, Assistant Director/Youth Services Coordinator

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Carrie Lacher, Administrative Specialist

Heidi Lewis, Collection Dev. Specialist/Interlibrary Loan Coordinator

Kate Mullen, Circulation Coordinator

Bethery VonDassow, Library Associate/Adult Programming

Diana Warner, Collection Development Specialist

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

A fundraising outlet of the *Friends of the San Juan Island Library* for the benefit of the San Juan Island Library.

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