

Edible Book Festival to Celebrate Friends of Libraries Week

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Friends of the San Juan Island Library are celebrating National Friends of Libraries Week from October 18th through 24th. Friends of Libraries groups are organized in thousands of communities to support library activities. Friends of the San Juan Island Library (FOL) support our Library by funding the popular summer reading program that had 347 children participate this summer; supporting the student summer internship program; purchasing furniture and equipment; providing refreshments during Library programs and for the 100+ Library volunteers; and helping with special projects.



CATEGORIES:

- Best Visual Presentation
- Most Literary
- Most PUNderful
- Best Student Entry
- Special Judges Choice
- People's Choice

During Friends of Libraries week, FOL has three great programs lined up.

On Tuesday, October 20 from 3:00-4:30 Fred Yockers will be offering Storytelling for grade-schoolers. On the same afternoon, Margaret Barker, of St. David's Day School and president of FOL, will be offering Making Music for pre-school children ages 3-5.

The final program this year is an Edible Book Festival on Friday, October 23 at 7 pm. Edible Book Festivals have been around for about 15 years, but this will be Friday Harbor's first. The point is to interpret a book or book title with food (often baked treats.) Puns are welcome! Baking is nice, but not necessary. Judges award prizes, and a People's Choice prize is also awarded.

To compete, you need to complete an entry form by 6:00 pm on Thursday, October 22. Drop off your creation between 2 and 5 on Friday. FOL will take photos and judge all entries.

Doors open to the public at 7 pm. Admission is by donation. Everyone is invited to sample the entries and vote for the People's Choice.

You can learn more about Edible Book Festivals online by searching the term. For instance, I found an image of "Things Fall Apart" by Chinua Achebe depicted by a mass of crumbling cake and an image depicting Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein" by a hotdog in a beer stein. Memberships are the primary income of the FOL. Book sales are a fun, labor intensive, but smaller piece of their fundraising.

Once again, FOL will be holding a drawing to win a Kindle for those who join or renew their membership for by December 6. Memberships for 2016 will be available during National Friends of Libraries Week. Memberships start at only \$10, which is a fantastic deal for all the value FOL adds to the Library. Join me by becoming a member of FOL and support this valuable organization that does so much to enhance the San Juan Island Library.