



## FROM THE DIRECTOR

What's happening to libraries these days? That's a question on many people's minds. Some have wondered if libraries are still relevant in this digital age. The answer is, You bet! In fact, your Library is a community center where lives are transformed daily.

Nowadays people come to the Library to learn a language, fix a car, choose a vacuum cleaner, analyze investments, study for the GED, get professional guidance for writing a resume, learn to network, find a group, learn a skill, discuss art or farming, connect with friends, get school-ready, find scholarships, access local retail information for their business, improve math and science skills, study for a commercial license, and achieve digital literacy. And that's just the short list.

An article in Forbes Magazine this year summarized what public libraries do in our modern age: "They are dynamic, versatile community centers. They welcomed more than 1.59 billion visitors in 2009 and lent books 2.4 billion times—more than eight times for each citizen. More than half of young adults and seniors living in poverty in the United States used public libraries to

access the Internet. They used this access among other purposes to 'find work, apply to college, secure government benefits, and learn about critical medical treatments.' For all this, public libraries cost just \$42 per citizen each year to maintain" (David Vinjamuri, Why Public Libraries Matter: And How They Can Do More, Forbes, Jan. 16, 2013).

The face of public libraries may be changing, but it's all for the better. While the Library still has free access to books and other physical materials, we offer so much more. I hope that you can see the Library as YOUR FREE RESOURCE for learning, fixing, choosing, analyzing, studying, getting, finding, discussing, connecting, accessing, improving, and achieving whatever you want in your lives.

The Library is your community center, so I invite you to find your center at the Library.



*Library Director, Laurie Orton*

## BOOK DONATIONS TO THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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

Friday Harbor. It will be much easier for you to transport your boxes in this manner. Please contact Birgit Kriete at 378-3972 or Barbara Sharp at 370-5256 for an appointment.

We do have a few guidelines for donations. We do not accept 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 us 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, we can provide a charitable contribution receipt for your donation.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Mondays, 1:15 pm**

***Listen Up! Stories for Grownups*** at the Mullis Senior Center Lounge; listen to articles, essays, poetry, and short stories with Beth Helstien.

**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!

## MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**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.

## TOTEM DONATED TO LIBRARY



An unusual carved totem was installed in the San Juan Island Library on Thursday, June 13. The sculpture depicts Eagle with Three Chiefs. The 91" tall totem was carved by noted First Nation carver, Robert Horn, circa 1940. Horn (or Horne) was from a family of well-known carvers.

The totem base is an unusual side facing eagle: the eagle's talons point east while the head faces south. The eagle is surmounted by a group of three chiefs, recognized by their three-ringed hats. A cluster of chiefs represents the Haida Watchmen, an ancient society entrusted with guarding Haida Gwaii, the ancestral home of the Haida Nation, according to *Totem Poles* by Pat Kramer.

The library received the totem as a bequest from Patsi Daugherty. Patsi was

a good friend of the San Juan Island Library, volunteering in the Friends of the Library Treasure Cove store. She loved books and libraries. Prior to her passing at age 86, Patsi lived for a time at the Village at the Harbour, where the totem previously graced the foyer.

"When Larry Daugherty told me about the bequest in Patsi's will, I was very touched and excited. The Library Art Committee vetted the acquisition and the Board of Trustees approved it at their monthly meeting in June" said Library Director Laurie Orton.

The totem is approximately 91" X 18" wide X 12" deep, carved from a solid piece of western red cedar. You can see the almost eight foot high totem, fittingly, at the end of the Library's Northwest collection, near the fireplace.

The Library has several resources about Native American art and totem poles. Look in our Northwest Collection.



## HEALTH CARE INFORMATION @ THE LIBRARY

As of October 1st, there's a new way to get health insurance: *Washington Healthplanfinder*. At [www.wahealthplanfinder.org](http://www.wahealthplanfinder.org), you can find, compare and enroll in the health plan that best fits your needs and budget. The San Juan Island Library is proud to partner with *Washington Healthplanfinder*, and can help connect you to an expert who can answer your questions and help you enroll.

At the Library, we can help direct you to the appropriate resources, provide free access to a

computer, and help you set up an e-mail account. We also have brochures and other information about the Affordable Care Act and how it affects you.

more. No one will be denied coverage because they are sick or because they have a pre-existing condition.



Health plans at *Washington Healthplanfinder* are brand new, and all the basics are covered: doctor visits, prescriptions, maternity care, emergency care, preventative care such as cancer screenings and vaccinations and

premiums. Free and low-cost coverage is also available.

Visit [www.wahealthplanfinder.org](http://www.wahealthplanfinder.org) or call 1-855-WA-FINDER toll-free to learn more and enroll. Or call us at the Library, 378-2798.

More people than ever before will qualify for financial help to pay for co-pays and

## ADULT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES @ THE LIBRARY!



**MORE THAN 70 VOLUNTEERS HELP KEEP  
OUR LIBRARY OPERATING SMOOTHLY.**

**WILL YOU BE ONE, TOO?**

**We're looking for adult volunteers to  
check in materials and shelve them.**

**A regular weekly shift is preferred.  
Orientation & training are provided.**

**ASK FOR AN APPLICATION TODAY!**

## ADULT PROGRAMS @ THE LIBRARY!

Keep up-to-date with the latest events & programs happening @ the Library by providing us with your current email address. You'll get the latest announcements for adult programs from local author talks to hands-on, fascinating workshops. Contact our Program Coordinator Bethery Von Dassow ([bvondassow@sjlib.org](mailto:bvondassow@sjlib.org)) to add your name to our email blast list. Or suggest your own topic or event for us to consider. You can also check [www.sjlib.org](http://www.sjlib.org) for the latest news about adult programs. All our events are free with light refreshments provided courtesy of Friends of the Library!

An upcoming event to watch for:  
***Ghosts Among Us***  
Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm

## FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES LIBRARIAN

Literacy skill building begins at birth. That's why at the San Juan Island Library we strive to provide literacy-rich environments, opportunities, and programs to children of all ages, including babies.

For more than a decade, the library has partnered with the San Juan Island Family Resource Center to host Lapsit and Linger Storytime for babies and toddlers. Caregivers are invited to join their little ones on Thursday mornings for 20 minutes of stories, singing, rhymes, and activities, followed by interactive social and play time to help develop early literacy skills.

Educators have identified six early literacy skills essential to a child's later ability to read and write: Vocabulary, Print Motivation, Print Awareness, Narrative Skills, Letter Knowledge, and Phonological Awareness. Children who enter school with these skills are better able to benefit from reading instruction.

Parents and primary caregivers who talk with their young children, read books and magazines out loud with them, and encourage positive play activities that involve language and experiential learning, help set the foundation for their child's literacy development.

Help young children in your life by fostering these six essential early literacy skills:

**Alphabet or Letter Knowledge:** Knowing that letters have names and are different from each other; knowing that specific sounds go with specific letters.

**Narrative Skills:** The ability to describe things and events and tell stories in sequence.

**Phonological Awareness:** The ability to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words.

**Print Awareness:** Noticing print everywhere; knowing how to handle a book; knowing how to follow words on a page.

**Print Motivation:** Encouraging a child's interest in and enjoyment of books and print materials.

**Vocabulary:** Knowing the names of things.

-Melina Lagios, Youth Services Librarian

# YOUTH SERVICES

## 2013 SUMMER READING

### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The library's 2013 Summer Reading Program for both children and teens included seven, fun-filled weeks of entertainment, reading, programs, and prizes, all courtesy of funding from the Friends of the San Juan Island Library. More than 300 children, teens, and families participated in the program to collectively record more than 100,000 minutes of reading and/or listening time of books and magazines.

This is wonderful news, as research points to the importance of voluntary, recreational reading and access to print materials, particularly in the critical summer months, to help reduce student academic achievement gaps.

Participants in the Summer Reading Program are encouraged to discuss, write about, and report on the books they have enjoyed. Library staff assist children in selecting reading materials and provide literacy-enhancing programs, such as storytimes, music, and creative arts.

*Teens Paint the Rock as Part of the Teen Summer Reading Program, Beneath the Surface*



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](http://www.sjlib.org)! Phone: 378-2798.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

With school back in session, the San Juan Island Library has many free after school programs designed for children and teens. Each month, Youth Services will host crafts, book clubs, and special events. All programs are free and materials are provided.

New for this school year, Artist and Educator Francie Hansen will be at the library regularly to work with children on recycled art projects.

In November, our Island Tail Tutors will return. These trained assistant dogs and their handlers visit the library for one-on-one reading time with children, grades K-6th.

*Children Paint Bird Houses During After School Arts & Teens Make Duct Tape Messenger Bags at the San Juan Island Library*



For older children and teens, there are two monthly book clubs starting. Middle Grades (5th & 6th Grades) will meet one Saturday a month and Teens (7th-9th Grades) will meet one Friday a month.

Participants sign up to receive a free copy of the book to keep and read. On book club night, each club meets at the library to briefly discuss the merits of the book, then watch the movie version of it.

## HOLIDAY EVENTS

Check out our calendar of events in December, which will include a holiday family film night, holiday crafts for children and teens, and a Gingerbread Storytime for preschoolers and their caregivers.

On Friday, December 20 we'll also host our annual Holiday Party Storytime with Music and Special Guests. It's a magical month with lots to do at the library!



Holiday Party Storytime with Special Guests



Gingerbread Storytime & Teen Craft





### ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING CLASSES @ THE LIBRARY

Our English Language classes held at the Library each Tuesday and Thursday continue to grow in popularity, with spaces for 35 adult students. We have partnered with the Family Resource Center to provide an educational setting for children of the students. Here Ranger Parsons visits with the children's enrichment class. Supplies for adult learning are supported by a grant from the SJI Community Foundation. For more information, call Beth at 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!

### ART SHOWS @ THE LIBRARY

Share your art with the community. Show your work in one of our non-juried shows @ the Library! The theme for our next show is "Barns, Buildings & Bridges." Drop off and/or pick up your theme related ready-to-hang art for display at the Library on Saturday, December 7th from 10:15am to 12:15pm. Questions? Call Diane at 370-5814.

## NEW NON-FICTION

- Aimless Love: New and Selected Poems* by Billy Collins  
*Amsterdam: a History of the World's Most Liberal City*  
 by Russell Shorto  
*Art of Simple Food II* by Alice Waters  
*Chickens in the Road: An Adventure in Ordinary*  
*Splendor* by Suzanne McMinn  
*Falling Upwards: How We Took to the Air*  
 by Richard Holmes  
*Jack London: an American Life* by Earle Labor  
*The Men Who United the States*  
 by Simon Winchester  
*Smithsonian Civil War: Inside the National Collection*  
 by Smithsonian Institution  
*Writing on the Wall: Social Media* by Tom Standage

## NEW FICTION

- Bleeding Edge* by Thomas Pynchon  
*Bridget Jones: Mad about the Boy* by Helen Fielding  
*Caribbee: a Kydd Sea Adventure* by Julian Stockwin  
*The Double* by George Pellacanos  
*The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt  
*Longbourn* by Jo Baker  
*Pure Gold Baby* by Margaret Drabble  
*The Rosie Project* by Graeme C. Simsion  
*The Signature of All Things* by Elizabeth Gilbert  
*The Spirit of Steamboat* by Craig Johnson  
*Top Down: a Novel of the Kennedy Assassination*  
 by Jim Lehrer  
*The Two Hotel Francforts* by David Leavitt  
*We are Water* by Wally Lamb

## NEW DVDS

- Before Midnight (FIC)*  
*Chasing Ice (NF)*  
*A Hijacking (NF)*  
*In the House (FIC)*  
*Lore (FIC)*  
*The Sapphires (FIC)*  
*Unfinished Song (FIC)*  
*We Steal Secrets: the Story of Wikileaks (NF)*  
*The World's End (FIC)*

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### HOLIDAY BOOK SALE AT THE LIBRARY!

Book lovers and holiday shoppers, mark your calendars! The Friends of the Library's Holiday Book Sale is on December 14, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Library Conference Room. There will be something for everyone at this year's sale. A good selection of books will be sold by the inch, as we have done at the summer book sale. There will also be a selection of holiday-themed books and media, and specialty books suitable for gifts. Treasure Cove will be selling jewelry, including new items from its Holiday Collection, and hand-made cloth gift bags in several sizes. All proceeds will go to fund Library programs. Do your shopping and support the library!

### THANKSGIVING DINNER RAFFLE!



The Friends of the SJI Library are raffling off a Thanksgiving dinner, complete with turkey, pie and all the trimmings. Tickets will be sold at Market

Place on October 25, November 9 and 14, and at Treasure Cove during November. Buy tickets to support the Library & get a chance to win a Thanksgiving dinner! All proceeds will fund Library programs and equipment.

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is proudly funded by the Friends of the San Juan Island Library  
& the San Juan Island Library District

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

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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](http://www.sjlib.org) E-mail: [sjlib@sjlib.org](mailto:sjlib@sjlib.org)**



**San Juan Island Library Staff**

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

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