Community Newsletter & Annual Report

Message from the Director San juan island LIBRARY

Dear Community Members,

The spread of COVID-19 has thrown many new challenges at all of us this Spring, but you can rest assured that although our building is closed, the Library is still working for you!

Staff are working remotely from home: answering your emails; planning online and future programs; posting social media updates; selecting new materials; and taking part in online staff training. We are also working on plans to begin a phased reopening of the Library after restrictions are lifted by the State and County.

We've been working to raise awareness about the many online offerings the Library has to meet your educational, technology, and entertainment needs. These resources are available 24/7, and there's something for absolutely everyone who has a library card!

For those San Juan Island residents who do not have library cards, we are offering eCards for the Library's online digital resources so that more Islanders can access streaming video, online magazines, ebooks and eaudiobooks, newspapers, language learning, and more. If you don't have a library card with us, register for an eCard at silib.org and start watching, listening and learning right away.

Have you discovered that Ancestry is now temporarily available for use at home for your genealogy projects? Have you tuned in to any of our online story readings given by Miss Kathy, Miss Melina and Miss Jenni on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays? If not, try listening now!

Even during this current topsy-turvy state of affairs, I urge everyone to fill out the Census which determines how billions of dollars in federal funding flow to our state and community, and determines how many seats in Congress our state gets! You can access the U.S. Census from the Library's homepage.

The closure of the library building and the subsequent social distancing has been hard on all of us. We love hearing from you and the kindness of our community members shines brightly. We know that we can all get through this together.

Please stay tuned for upcoming library news as the situation in our state evolves.

We miss you, and we look forward to opening our doors once again!



Director Laurie Orton



Adult Events

ONGOING EVENTS

Virtual Mullis Center Book Club second Monday at 1:15 pm

Tech Tuesdays at 10 am (On Hiatus)

Virtual Miss Kathy's Read Aloud Wednesdays at 3 pm

Virtual Miss Melina's Story Reading Thursdays at 1 pm

Virtual Miss Jenni's Story Reading Fridays at 10:30 am

Memory Café third Tuesday at 2 pm (On Hiatus)

English Language Classes, Tuesdays & Thursdays at 6 pm (On Hiatus)

Virtual Open Mic, second Saturday at 7 pm

Friends of the Library Board regular meeting, first Wednesday at 4 pm (On Hiatus)

Virtual
San Juan Island
Library Board of
Trustees' regular
meeting, second
Tuesday at 3 pm

What's Happening At Your Library?

2020 began as a year full of exciting programs and ideas here at the San Juan Island Library. We launched the renowned Foreign Policy Association <u>Great Decisions</u> program, moderated by acclaimed author Roger Morris; the Science Fiction club continued its monthly exploration; author Clyde Ford spoke on the language of hate during Black History Month; and we identified native plants with the Master Gardeners.

Then we were faced with an unprecedented situation. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, in mid March the Library closed and all event planning was suspended. As the weeks have passed, the Library has worked on offering a range of events and services to our community while continuing to ensure the safety of our community and maintaining social distancing. We are offering as many online and alternative events and programming as possible, as well as a large array of digital resources, from streaming video to downloadable magazines. We will continue to plan our regular events for the coming months, either as online offerings or face-to-face when possible.

To that end, our intrepid staff, and members of the community, have jumped feet first into using online community meeting tools like Zoom. In April, both the <u>Open Mic</u> and the <u>Mullis Center Book Club</u> had their first online events. And Gail Richards' Know Your Islanders presentation about <u>The Humans of Christchurch</u> went virtual in May.

The Know Your Islanders Talks will continue to explore trails and traveling, whether virtually or in person. Just ahead on the trail: Thane Pratt, <u>Kokoda Sketches</u>: <u>A Birding Trek across Papua New Guinea</u> (June 1), and <u>Life on Mars</u> with Victoria Hipkin and John Rummel (July 15).

This summer we are partnering with the San Juan Island National Historical Park on a <u>National Park in Your Backyard</u> five-part series: Foxes and Rabbits; Geology; Salmon Bank; Endangered Species; and...The Scoop on Scat. The Park will offer guided field trips on each subject the following Saturday.

Later in the year explore our Island's Wild Side! In October, Shona Aitken, from Wolf Hollow, will explain the <u>Changeover Time</u>. And rounding out the year and celebrating National Friends of the Library Week, Kwiaht's Madrona Murphy will take us on a journey to a <u>Fruitful Future</u>.

We hope to continue offering the wide range of programming that the Library is known for in these strange, unpredictable times!

Imagine Your Story - Summer Reading Program



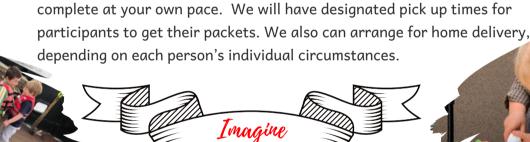
Can you imagine a world without stories? We can't. Stories have connected people throughout the ages. Think folktales, fairytales, and fantasies. From Goldilocks and the Three Bears to Cinderella, we'll celebrate them all this summer with a literary enrichment program for teens, children and families.

Each year, the San Juan Island Library offers a free Summer Reading Program. This summer we are adjusting our program to be inclusive for participants who may be practicing social and physical distancing due to our changing times.

Starting June 11, you can join our Imagine Your Story Summer Reading Program 2020, a six-week self-paced program designed to keep people reading and learning with recreational activities throughout the summer months.

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How does Imagine Your Story work? Each participant will receive a free activity packet that includes incentives, a book and challenges that you



In addition to the activity packets, we will hold weekly prize drawings for gift certificates and host several online programs that you may participate in, such as:

• Imagine Your LEGOS – Make your own castle, then share a photo of your creation with your community!

- The Great Hope Rock Hunt Paint rocks with messages of hope to sprinkle
- about in our community. Snap a photo of where you placed your rock with a clue on how others can find it!
- Imagine Your Outdoors Visit your island's public lands to discover their stories. Document your adventure with photos, illustrations, poems, or other writings then share your experience with your community via our website and Facebook page.
- Fairytale & Fantasy Fridays Imagine yourself as a fairytale or fantasy character.
 We want to see princesses, dragons, magicians, and more! We'll share your pictures to our website and social media.



Hey Teens - Imagine Your T-Shirt!

This summer the San Juan Island Library will provide our teen summer reading program participants with materials to make your own t-shirt. Imagine your own design and what your t-shirt will say! Remember to send us a photo- we would love to see your finished work!



Chances to Win Books!

The San Juan Island Library will host prize drawings throughout the six week Imagine Your Story Summer Reading Program 2020. Each week a lucky winner will receive a gift certificate for one of our local bookstores.



Imagine Your Outdoors

Our San Juan County Land Bank turns 30 this year and we're celebrating with a county wide exploration! Every conservation preserve has a story – gather your family and get outside this summer to discover what your public lands have to say!

Exploration starter kits will be available from the San Juan Island Library. The kits are free and available to any resident or visitor to our island. The adventure is scheduled to kick off on National Get Outdoors Day, June 13, 2020.

If you have questions, please contact Tanja Williamson at 360-378-4402 or tanjw@sjclandbank.org; or Melina Lagios at 360-378-2798 or mlagios@silib.org



Library, the Imagine Your Story Summer Reading Program 2020 is free for all participants.

Let's celebrate another wonderful summer and the power of stories to connect us all! Visit our Facebook page or website at www.sjlib.org to find all the latest news and updates about Imagine Your Story Summer Reading Program 2020!

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Highlights and Events

Building Project ~ English Language Learning ~

Summer Reading Program ~ Teen Karaoke ~ WiFi Hotspots ~ The Fair ~ Screen Free Week ~ Wild Side Series ~ Mullis Center Book Club ~ Exploring Space ~ Planetarium ~ Virtual

Reality ~ Coast Salish Series ~ Science Fiction Movie Club ~

Pajama Storytime ~ Homespun Craft Night ~

Stem Programs ~ Memory Café







Books: 47, 920

Author Talks

eBooks: 50, 638

eAudio: 37, 785

Streaming Videos (with Acorn TV): 4,949

DVDs: 7815

Audiobooks: 1,828

Magazines & Newspapers: 141

Online Magazines: 34







Inter-Library Loans 2,708 items borrowed, extending our collection by approximately \$67,700



37 Average checkouts per patron

2,736 Hours of Meeting Room use

12,530 eBook checkouts

153, 664 Total number of items checked out



Twitter: 257

Instagram: 450

Facebook: 938











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Volunteers 120 Active Volunteers 3165 Volunteer Hours Community Attendance

Youth Services Programs: 168

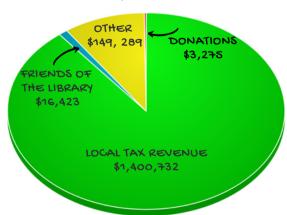
Adult Programs: 274

Youth Services Attendance: 4,108 Adult Program Attendance: 4,794

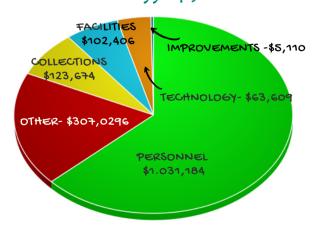
Total Program Attendance: 8,902

2019 Revenue AND Expenditures

Total Revenue \$1,569,719



Total Expenditures \$1,633,279



Library of Things



















The Library will have you seeing Stars!

Are you interested in astronomy? Do you love exploring the wonders that space has to offer? Well, we at the Library do and thanks to a wonderful community project, the San Juan Island Library is excited to add an Orion Starblast 4.5 Astro Reflector Telescope to our circulating collection.

The telescope offers high-powered vision capability and a great view of the sky, and due to its relatively small size, it is convenient and easy for transport. Available for a two-week loan at a time, instructions are included with the telescope, and it is easy to use for all.



Our Birdwatching Kits now have Discover Passes



CHECK OUT WASHINGTON

A program called 'Check Out Washington' has made a limitededition Discover Pass available as part of the San Juan Island Library's existing Bird Watching Backpack kit.

This kit contains binoculars, field guides and other interpretive materials. The Discover Pass allows borrowers access to millions of acres of state parks and other state public lands in Washington.

There are two Discover Pass Backpack kits available and patrons can borrow them for a 3 week loan period.

Check Out Washington is offered by Washington State Parks in partnership with the Washington State Library and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and Department of Natural Resources.

Color Your World

In addition to patrons being able to borrow their favorite books, DVDs and magazines, the Library now has Enchroma Colorblind Outdoor glasses available to borrow. The glasses can fit over prescription glasses so they will work for a variety of people. Patrons are able to borrow the EnChroma Glasses for a 7-day loan period.



Staff Recommendations

During our shelter in place time, staff have worked hard on creating reading recommendations to help you choose that next read. Please check them out on our Library website (www.sjlib.org). You never know what you will find!



Friends of the Library



We Need Our Library Friends - Let Us Count the Ways!

Friends of the Library Board of Trustees Don Hendrix, President ~ Stan Mayhew, Vice President ~ Judy Bentzen, Treasurer ~ Louise Lelevich, Treasure Cove ~ Nancy Sheplor, Secretary Members-at-Large: Margaret Barker ~ Cathy Crisanto ~ Lisa Pignatiello



The Friends of the San Juan Island Library know the value of the Library on our island and understand that the Library needs community support to survive and grow. They are proud that they can help their Library expand its resources to serve our island public and they work hard throughout the year to provide this help.



The FOL Board's calendar is full of projects and events for 2020 with opportunities for volunteers and library advocates. Even in this time of crisis and confinement, we can still use our Library Friends in order to meet our financial and support goals so that when our Library again turns on its lights and opens its doors, the Friends of the Library will be ready!



Count the Important Ways You Can Help the FOL



Membership Donations - if you haven't already, send in your 2020 donation and stay current on our membership list: FOL, PO Box 786, FH, WA, 98250

Save the Date - our usual April Annual Meeting has been postponed. Stay tuned.

- ❖ May Mothers' Day Raffle volunteers selling tickets at Market Place.
- Farmers' Market one Saturday in May, June, July and August. This is a fun volunteer experience selling books & baubles & library love.



- ❖ July 4th Cake Walk needs cake donations and volunteer coordinators.
- ❖ Book Sorting and Book Garage help is always needed.
- October National Friends of Libraries Week a week of activities from displays to community outreach. Your help will be valuable.
- ❖ Donate a Basket for Our Holiday Silent Auction we can even help you wrap it up.
- * Advocate let your friends and neighbors know what a wonderful & vital Library we have on our Island and encourage them to check out and join the Friends of the SJI Library!



You can contact any of our FOL Board Members or send us an email message at fol@sjlib.org if you have questions. You can also check out our web page at www.sjlib.org and click "Friends". Dates and plans may change in this unpredictable time and we will keep you informed.



As a reminder, The Friends of the San Juan Island Library is a non-profit organization registered with the State of Washington and has 501(c)(3) IRS status. They are a group of volunteers supporting, advocating and raising funds to help make our island Library the best it can be. We love our Library Friends and hope you will remain or become one!



2020 Dates (All Dates and Events Subject to Change)

May 23, June 13, July 11, August 15: Farmers' Market Stall ~ July 4: Pig War Cake Walk ~ July 23: Annual Summer Book Fair ~ October 1: 2020 Membership Drive begins ~ October 18-24: National Friends of Libraries Week ~ December 5: FOL Annual Holiday Book & Gift Sale

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...Where you can find gently loved books, gifts, and jewelry at affordable prices. Please consider donating to the Treasure Cove, which accepts 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.



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