

# Library News



Library Newsletter

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## News from the Library Director, Sara Charlton



It's report card time for the library! Each year, the Library Board reviews the work the staff has done, comparing it with the vision from the 2015 strategic plan. We also conduct an annual survey of library users to discover how the public thinks we are doing. We put all that information together in our Annual Report to the Community, which you will find on page two of this newsletter.

When I think back to how incredibly busy we were when we moved into the new building eleven years ago, I am amazed that we are still growing with every year that passes. This year, we had increases in library card holders, items checked out, computer sessions logged, and program attendance. One of the statistics I am proudest of is we have increased our cardholders by 8.2% for a grand total of 20,264 library users! Also exciting is the fact that we had 15,854 people attend library programs around the county.

The Tillamook County Library Foundation is beginning a fundraiser for the new library park which will be located next door to the Main Library in Tillamook. A library-themed quilt made by Kathy

Favret will be the grand prize for the quilt raffle. Tickets are currently on sale at all libraries for one dollar each and the drawing will be on December 15<sup>th</sup> at noon. Please stop by the Main Library to take a look at this amazing quilt!

The library park will feature several lovely bronze statues and donations are now being accepted for this art. One family has donated funds to purchase a statue of a frog reading a book and others are donating towards a piece that features dancing children. The park will also feature quiet sitting areas as well as a large performance stage. I'm also excited that there will be native vegetation planted around the park so everyone can learn more about coastal plants.

The park will actually become another community room for the library where we can hold programs in good weather. People will be able to enjoy the new outdoor area during the day until we close the park each evening. Please stop in at the Main Library to view the plans for the park project. We have so much to be excited about!



*Dancing Children sculpture to be featured in park.*

## You Had Me at Ukulele!

There are studies popping up all over that conclude playing the ukulele can reduce stress, lower your blood pressure and help you to be in a better mood! Not only that, but of all the instruments out there, the uke is one of the easiest to learn.



Luckily, the Tillamook County Library has just launched a new series of programs called "Ukulele Jam". Through a generous private donation, we were able to purchase 20 colorful ukuleles and if you don't have a uke of your own, you might be able to borrow one of ours for our sing-a-longs at the libraries. We will give some basic instruction and before you know it, you'll be strumming and singing along with us while we have fun with some easy-to-play tunes.

Ukulele Jam will cover such classics as Clementine, Doggie in the Window, Polly Wolly Doodle, Deep in the Heart of Texas, and King of the Road. In December, we'll even include some holiday favorites.

No ukulele experience? That's fine because none is required! Check out the upcoming dates on the center spread of this newsletter.

**Goal One:**

**All residents are aware of and use the library.**

- Circulation of library materials increased by over 25%, to 506,944 items, or an average of over 19 books checked out by each man, woman and child in Tillamook County.
- The number of library cardholders increased by 8.2%. Over three fourths of Tillamook county residents are library cardholders.
- Attendance at library programs and events increased by 14%, averaging over 1,160 participants each month.

**Goal Two:**

**Residents experience a library that is convenient, easy to use, and rewarding.**

- When surveyed, 88% of county residents agreed or strongly agreed that the library is easy and convenient to use.
- Your library added two new bookmobile stops, increasing countywide access to library materials and services.
- Thanks to a generous private donation, work continues on a new park adjacent to the Tillamook Main Library, which will open in 2018.

**Goal Three:**

**Residents recognize that they get good value for the dollar.**

- When surveyed, 91% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the library provides good value to our community.
- Similarly, 88% of county residents surveyed agreed or strongly agreed that they are satisfied with the services provided by the library.
- In May, the library's 5-year serial levy passed with over 61% approval. *Thank you, Tillamook County voters!*

**Goal Four:**

**Residents and community members know the library is a valuable resource and active partner in helping improve the quality of life in Tillamook County.**

- In the library's annual community survey, 92% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the library helps build a better community through learning and knowledge.
- Your library has active partnerships with a wide range of other community organizations, including the Grub Club and AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program. We work together to ensure that Tillamook County is a great place to live for everyone.

\*Results reported from the library's most recent fiscal year (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017).

**2016/17 AT A GLANCE**

**506,944**

Items checked out

**212,043**

Visits to libraries

**68,190**

Number of online sessions (library computers and Wi-Fi)

**20,264**

Cardholders

**15,854**

Program attendance

**863**

Number of library programs



## Tax Assistance

AARP Tax-Aide, an AARP Foundation program, helps low to moderate income taxpayers have more discretionary income by assisting with tax services and ensuring they receive applicable tax credits and deductions. AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is available free to taxpayers with special attention to those 60 and older.

The Tax-Aide Program will be available at the Tillamook County Main Library beginning Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, running through April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Assistance will be provided on an appointment basis. Appointments will run on Wednesdays from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm and Thursdays from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Allow about 1 1/2 hours for preparation of both Federal and State tax returns.

Please call 503-842-4792 x1701 after January 3<sup>rd</sup> to schedule your appointment or stop by the Reference Desk (upstairs) at the Tillamook County Main Library.

**February:**

- 2/14/18: Wednesday
- 2/15/18: Thursday
- 2/21/18: Wednesday
- 2/22/18: Thursday
- 2/28/18: Wednesday

**March:**

- 3/1/18: Thursday
- 3/7/18: Wednesday
- 3/8/18: Thursday
- 3/14/18: Wednesday
- 3/15/18: Thursday
- 3/21/18: Wednesday
- 3/22/18: Thursday
- 3/28/18: Wednesday
- 3/29/18: Thursday

**April:**

- 4/4/18: Wednesday
- 4/5/18: Thursday
- 4/11/18: Wednesday
- 4/12/18: Thursday

## Library Partners with Hoffman Center



Okaidja Afroso (above), originally from Ghana, presented a wonderful program of African music at the Hoffman Center for the Arts in Manzanita. The Tillamook County Library paid for the performer but the Hoffman Center provided the larger space needed, free of charge. The library would like to express their gratitude for this new partnership and looks forward to future cooperative events. Together, we will strive to bring the arts to North County!

# Our Library Scrapbook for Fall 2017 ...



Library staff joined in the Halloween fun by dressing up for the occasion.



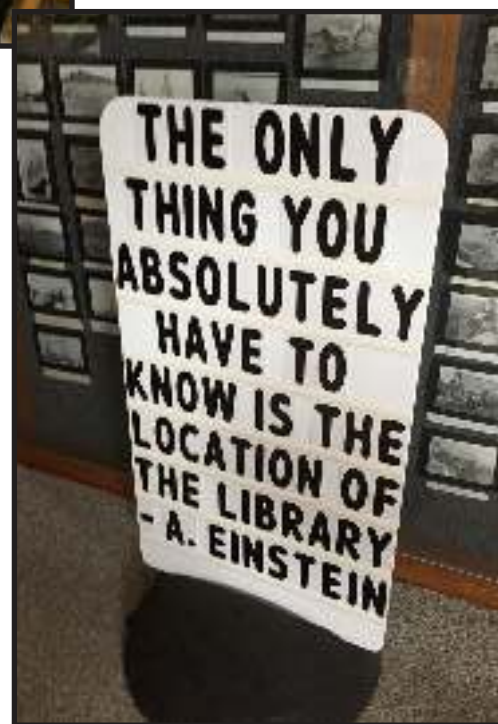
Peek-A-Boo in the kids room!



Peter Ali performed on the Native American flute.



Bryan Smith Quartet, jazz in Tillamook, Manzanita & Pacific City.



Einstein said it, so it must be true!



A Halloween craft in Pacific City.



Our volunteer Shirleen had a birthday!



Scary stories by Christopher Leebrick

# Programs!

Be sure to check the location! ↘

Program	Date	Location ↘
	<p><b>Folksongs of the Winter Holidays</b> featuring Adam Miller and his Autoharp</p>	<p>Thurs, Dec 7</p> <p>12:30 PM at Pacific City 4:00 PM at Manzanita</p>
<p><b>Beginning Knitting</b></p>		<p>Monday, Dec 11 &amp; 18</p> <p>1:00 - 3:00 PM at Tillamook</p>
	<p><b>Holiday Ukulele Jam</b> Bring your uke or borrow one of ours. First come - first served!</p>	<p>Saturday, Dec 16</p> <p>1:00 PM at Tillamook</p>
	<p><b>Benny &amp; the Bay City Rockers</b> <b>Holiday Singalong</b></p>	<p>Wed, Dec 20</p>
<p>Come at 5:30 to decorate gingerbread cookies and join us at 6:30 for singing and dancing to some holiday classics!</p>		<p>At Tillamook, 5:30 - 6:30 pm cookie decorating. <b>Singalong from 6:30 - 8:30 pm!</b></p>
	<p><b>Brownsmead Flats</b> Bluegrass Music Concert</p>	<p>Saturday Dec 30</p> <p>3:00 - 5:00 PM at Tillamook</p>
	<p><b>LIBRARIES ROCK!</b> <b>New Year's Eve Party</b> Family-Friendly Celebration featuring the music of Band of Eagles!</p>	<p>Sunday, Dec 31</p> <p>6:00 - 9:00 PM at Tillamook</p> <p>Free Popcorn and Beverages!</p>
<p><b>Writing the Personal Memoir</b></p>	<p>Let Athena teach you how to prepare to write the story of your life!</p>	<p>Saturday, Jan 20 and 27</p> <p>1:00, Jan 20, Pacific City 1:00, Jan 27, Manzanita</p>
	<p><b>Volcanism in the Solar System</b> NASA Ambassador Greg Carmak takes us on a tour of the volcanism throughout our universe.</p>	<p>Saturday, Feb 10 &amp; Feb 17</p> <p>1:00, Feb 10, Tillamook 1:00, Feb 17, Manzanita</p>
<p><b>How To Be Red Cross Ready</b> Be prepared for a natural disaster on the Tillamook Coast.</p>		<p>Tuesday, Feb 13</p> <p>12:30 PM - Pacific City 3:30 PM - Tillamook 6:30 PM - Manzanita</p>

# And MORE Programs!

## Ukulele Jam!

No experience necessary!  
Bring your own ukulele or use  
one of ours (quantities limited).

Sat, Dec 16, 1:00 PM, Tillamook Library

Sat, Dec 30, 1:00 PM, Bay City Library

Sat, Jan 6, 1:00 PM, Rockaway Library

Sat, Jan 13, 1:00 PM, Garibaldi Library

Sat, Jan 27, 1:00 PM, Tillamook Library

Sat, Feb 24, 1:00 PM, Tillamook Library

JOIN THE FUN!



## Art Accelerated Drawing Classes with Christine Harrison

*Learn to Draw @ the Library!*

Tuesdays in January  
and February at  
the Tillamook Main  
Library

2:00 - 4:00 PM

January 9, 16, 23, 30

February 6, 13, 20, 27



## Tai Chi

Tillamook  
and  
Garibaldi

Beginners or Advanced Welcome!

Tillamook Library,  
Mondays & Fridays - 12:30 - 1:30 PM  
January 22, 26, 29, Feb 2, 5, 9, 12, 16  
and then switching to the  
Garibaldi Library on Mondays and  
Fridays from 2:30 - 3:30 PM  
Feb 26, March 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23



## Gingerbread Cookie Decorating

Six Locations! Check with your library  
regarding age of intended audience.

Sat, Dec 16, 1:00 PM, Rockaway Library

Tues, Dec 19, 1:00 PM, Garibaldi Library

Wed, Dec 20, 4:00 PM, So Tillamook Cty Library

Wed, Dec 20, 5:30 PM, Tillamook Library

Thurs, Dec 21, 4:00 PM, North Tillamook Library

Thurs, Dec 21, 4:00 PM, Bay City Library



## Let's Go To The Movies! Manzanita and Pacific City

South Tillamook  
County Library,  
Pacific City  
Saturdays at noon  
Contemporary  
Movies on  
Dec 16, Jan 13,  
Feb 17, March 17

North Tillamook  
Library,  
Manzanita  
Thurs at 6:00 PM  
Enjoy Classic Films  
on January 11  
and February 8

## Mahjong at the North Tillamook Library in Manzanita!



Tuesdays  
at 3:00 PM

Join us every Tuesday for a fun,  
informal Mahjong session. Whether  
you've played before or are just  
curious, stop in and give it a try.

# New Service! Bookmobile Saturdays

If you are out and about on a Saturday and you see the big blue Bookmobile parked with a welcome sign out front, do yourself a favor and stop in! We've just expanded our services to include Saturdays, hoping to accommodate the local Monday through Friday work force. (Clip the schedule to the right as a reminder!)

The overall goal of the Bookmobile is to bring library services to those who can't easily get to a library building. We visit shut-ins, homebound residents, care centers, preschools,



farms and other locations around the county. "Town stops" have long been a part of our efforts to get library materials to more residents. We stop regularly at towns that do not have a physical library building, allowing locals to climb aboard and check out materials. We are hoping these new Saturday visits will work better for those who only have weekends off.

The Bookmobile is fully stocked with a collection of popular library materials including books, magazines, DVDs, audiobooks, children's materials and more. To check out library materials, you will need a library card with the Tillamook County Library, and you can get that at any of the libraries, including the Bookmobile. For details, please contact the library at 503-842-4792.

Hope to see YOU aboard the Bookmobile!

**Looking for a Teen  
Event or a  
Storytime for  
Children?  
Check out our  
calendar at  
tillabook.org for a  
complete listing!**

## Saturday Schedule

(Rotates between Route A and B every other week.)

### Route A

**Dec 2, 16, 30, Jan 13, 27, Feb 10, 24,  
Mar 10, 24, Apr 7, 21, May 5, 19**

#### Nehalem

**City Parking Lot/Hwy 101 -  
10:15-11:00**

#### Wheeler

**Wheeler Waterfront - 11:15-12:00**

#### Netarts

**Rob Trost Realty - 1:00-1:45**

**Ocean Highlands - 2:00-2:45**

#### Oceanside

**Post Office/Wayside - 3:00-4:00**

### Route B

**Dec 9, 23, Jan 6, 20, Feb 3, 17, 31,  
Mar 3, 17, 31, Apr 14, 28, May 12, 26**

#### Tillamook

**Fairview Grange  
5520 E 3rd St - 10:00-10:30**

#### Sandlake

**Sandlake Grocery - 11:00-11:30**

#### Neskowin

**Hawk St. Wayside - 12:30-1:30**

#### Cloverdale

**Old Cloverdale Fire Dept.  
2:00-2:30**

#### Hebo

**Yellow Dog Espresso - 2:45-3:15  
Junction Hwy 101 S and Hwy 22**

#### Beaver

**Community Church - 3:30-4:00**

# I Love My Library Because...

It's like going on a treasure hunt. You can find so many different things in a library; adventure, education, foreign lands and cultures, different languages, answers to problems and ideas that broaden your mind and heart. ---CJ

**1. It is FREE - the best thing in the USA!**

**2. Books take you away!**

**Shelley McCloud**

I love it because it has books like Harry Potter. Also because if you want to get a book by John Green you can or Coco Simon and even Arnold Lobel. You can get small or big books. There are computers that you can do stuff on. The library has so many books and alot of nice people who work there and those two are the best things about it!

*Dannielle Stockdale, age 8*

**I love libraries because of  
the energy  
the quiet  
the knowledge available  
the accessibility at no cost  
I love books and reading**

**Diane Clancy**

*Editor's note - An anonymous patron was so moved by our new mascot, Captain Book, that she dropped this poem off at the front counter! What talented people we have in Tillamook County!*

## Captain Book

Captain Book has that "knowing" look  
Of a man who has traveled well.  
By hook or by crook, or pages in a book  
There are places to which he's set sail!



When he speaks of the "Main"  
Is it the mast of the ship?  
Or the Library in town,  
where he swaggers around  
With a manly sword on his hip?

Will there be readings of poetry from places afar?  
Does he play flamenco on his Spanish guitar?  
Is there buried treasure that he knows how to find?  
Does he duel with a pistol or just with his mind?

Captain Book is enchanting, manly and smart.  
He knows about history, political science and art.  
He works well with children, patrons and staff.  
He makes maidens swoon and makes children laugh.

We're so glad you're here, Captain Book, I must say.  
You've inspired us to come to the library today.  
I'll be looking at books, magazines and video  
But I hope for a glimpse of a pirate I know. Arg!

**It's just  
awesome,  
man.**

*Jenny  
Blaser*

**I love scanning through the  
movies at the library. Classics,  
documentary, travel, new re-  
leases; something for every  
interest available.**

**And the library staff is always  
friendly and helpful when I  
need assistance. They make  
visiting the library a joy.**

*Anonymous*

# The Misinformation Age...

By Nichole Caspell



With everything we've heard over the past year involving fake news, it can be hard to trust the news we are given. Is it from a credible source? Can I trust the information I am reading? Living in the digital information age, it has become difficult to discern fact from fiction.

Santa Clara University wants to change this with the Trust Project. Founded in 2014 by journalist Sally Lerhman, with involvement from Google and Craigslist, the group strives to come up with "Trust Indicators", which will rate news content and its sources. The great thing about this is that it encourages the public to be more involved in current events.

As librarians, we strive to provide accurate sources on information. It's nice to see that news platforms and search engines want to as well. For more information or to provide feedback to the Trust Project, visit <https://www.scu.edu/ethics/focus-areas/journalism-ethics/programs/the-trust-project/>.

## Learn a New Language!

Tillamook County Libraries are pleased to offer Mango Languages, an online language-learning system to patrons.

Mango is free to any patron with a Tillamook County Library card and an Internet connection. Each lesson combines real life situations and audio from native speakers with simple, clear instructions. The courses are presented with an appreciation for cultural nuance and real-world application by focusing on the four key elements of language learning: vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, and culture.

Mango offers access to 72 foreign language courses and 21 English courses taught completely in a user's native language. In addition to traditional language courses, Mango also offers the opportunity to learn through foreign film with Mango Premiere™ and access to a variety of specialty mini courses, like Pi-

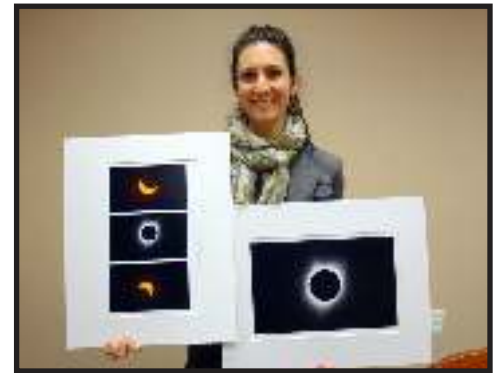
rate, Medical Spanish and romance courses. Mango can be accessed at any Tillamook County Library branch, remotely, or even on-the-go with apps for iPhone®, Android™, Kindle® and Nook®.

To learn more about Mango, stop by any Tillamook County Library branch Friday afternoons from 1-3pm, January 5-January 26th. Enjoy a glass of mango juice and enter to win a 64 oz. bottle of mango juice and a new Fodor's travel book of your choice. You might even learn your name in Pirate! Library card holders can access Mango through the library website at [www.tillamook.org](http://www.tillamook.org). Please contact the Tillamook County Library for more information, (503) 842-4792 x1708.



## More Eclipse News

Thanks to everyone who brought their eclipse glasses in to the library for recycling. Over 900 solar eclipse glasses were sent to the Eclipse Glasses Donation Program! Astronomers Without Borders and Explore Scientific collected the glasses to send to schools in South America and Asia when eclipses cross those continents in 2019. Thank you so much!



Our library in Pacific City was in the totality zone and in addition to a NASA ambassador being at the event to help, we also had professional photographer John Moore on hand. John recently sent us two 16x20 inch matted prints of the eclipse to permanently display in the library. Thanks, John! The prints are pictured with librarian Anna Owens.

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