



# Friends' News

Friends of the Bellingham Public Library - April 2008

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## ANNUAL MEETING – APRIL 12 – 2pm

### TOURS OF LIBRARY TO BE OFFERED

Join Library Director Pamela Kiesner and library staff for a “Between the Covers” tour of the Central Library at our annual Friends of the Library meeting at 2 pm, Saturday, April 12, in the library lecture room.

We'll break into groups for a brief peek into the nooks and crannies of Bellingham's main library. Take a ride on the service elevator! Find out what's hiding in the closed stacks! See where we gather materials for the monthly Outreach visits to over 400 senior citizens and homebound patrons. Track a book as it makes its way from the book return room to the sorting area, to the shelves, to the holds pick-up area and on to self checkout. Just when you thought you knew everything about how this library works, this tour will give you the full story. Come see for yourself why space needs continue to be an issue for our well-loved but overcrowded library. These 30-minute tours will be in lieu of a regular program speaker.

A short business meeting will precede the tours. Current officers are: Christine Walsh, president; Ruby Larive, vice-president; Marcia Leishman, secretary; and Catherine Huhndorf, treasurer. Their two-year terms will end in 2009.

Door prizes will include book bags and gift certificates from local book stores. Light refreshments will be served after the tours and, as always, donations of cookies or other pastries will be appreciated. Everyone is invited to attend.

### SKI-TO-SEA BOOK SALE MAY 21-24

Preview Sale – Wed. 5/21

3-6pm

Double the marked price

Thurs. 5/22 – 10am to 8pm

Fri. 5/23 – 10am to 6pm – Half-price

Sat. 5/24 – 10am to 3pm - \$3/bag



Enclosed with your newsletter is an “FOBPL Book Buck” which can be used at the Ski-to-Sea sale. This is our thanks for supporting the Friends and your library.

### RECENT PURCHASES

Reference Desks .....	\$5,000
Tables for Lecture Room .....	2,000
Wii Game System .....	270
Wireless Access .....	1,090
Wii Accessories.....	86
Kids' Books – Barkley Br.....	7,500
Thurs. Nite Spotlight.....	650
Teen Program .....	110
Magazine Swap Bins.....	550
Kids' Lib. Reference Desks.....	3,900
Kids' Lib. Shelving .....	4,700
Begin With Books Program.....	1,000
Trivia Bee .....	<u>375</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,231</b>

## 2007 BOOK SALE PROCEEDS

March Sale .....	\$ 8,880
Ski-to-Sea .....	10,800
Kids' Sale- August .....	421
Fall Sale .....	8,386
Dec. Sale .....	7,379
Nearly New (Downtown & Fairhaven Br. ....)	10,923
On-line Sales .....	<u>16,479</u>
Total	<u>\$63,268</u>

## AND SO FAR IN 2008 .....

Groundhog Day Sale .....	\$2,242
March Sale	6,619

Catherine Reade was in charge of the one-day fiction and video sale on February 2. This impromptu sale was held because of a lack of space in the Friends' storage area.

Our thanks to all of the volunteers who have worked on making our book sales so successful. We couldn't do it without you!



## SCREEN TURN-OFF WEEK SUPPORTED BY FOBPL

Students and families of the Title I elementary schools in Bellingham will be participating in "Screen Turn-Off" during the week of May 5-10. They will be encouraged to experience one of six evenings of activities throughout our community that do not involve "screens" (computers, videos, Ipods, TV, etc). The Friends will again be supporting the Bellingham Public School Foundation in this program and will provide funding for the Thursday, May 8, event that is to be held in the main library lecture room.

## Used Book Donations to Parenting Classes

The Roosevelt School English Language Learners and Sunnyland Kindergarten Parents attending Vicky Marshall's Parent Education classes appreciate the books donated by the Friends. These books provide incentive for class attendance, enrich the lives of the families, as well as build home libraries and strengthen the home-school connection.

## FAIRHAVEN FRIENDS' UPDATE

The Summer Reading Kick-off Party will be held June 14, at 2 pm at the Village Green in Fairhaven. The Friends of the Fairhaven Library will once again sponsor this event and will serve ice cream and cookies to the participants. Each year the number of participants increases and the event becomes more exciting.

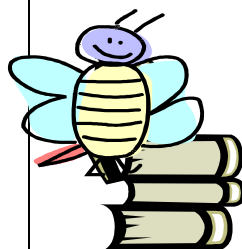
The Fairhaven Friends were pleased to receive the donation of a garden bench from Kate Grinde and Bill Bode. The bench has been placed on the front porch of the library and the other bench has been moved to the back porch (off the parking lot) near the recently installed book drop.

All library patrons with a special love for the Fairhaven Branch are invited to the Friends' meetings on the second Monday of each month (except July, August and December) at 4 pm. You will be warmly welcomed!



**Thanks** to the following book stores who provided gift certificates for our annual meeting:

Cozy Corner, 2500 Cedarwood Ave.  
Eclipse, 1104 – 11<sup>th</sup> St.  
Michaels, 109 Grand Ave.  
Village, 210 – 11<sup>th</sup>



## DEWEY DECIMATORS AT TRIVIA BEE

Three library staff members-- Scott Blume, David Carter and Jane Lowrey— will represent the library at the Literacy Council's Annual Trivia Bee on March 29 at Bellingham High School. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at Village Books, the Literacy Council or at the door. Silent auction is at 6 pm and the "Bee" starts at 7 pm. Come on out and cheer on the Friends-supported *Dewey Decimators!*

## CHECK OUT OTHER NW LIBRARIES

### TOUR BEING PLANNED FOR MAY

Another library tour is in the planning stages. We are looking into a day-trip sometime in May to libraries in Arlington, Marysville, Snohomish and Mukilteo. Past trips have been very insightful and fun for both the Friends and the library staff. We get a chance to see what is happening with other communities and their library programs. We will also stop for lunch along the way.

If you would like to come along or want additional information, please contact the Friends at 778-7250. We will have a motor coach that seats 40, so please let us know of your interest ASAP. The cost will be determined soon.



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**ANNUAL MEETING.....APRIL 12**  
**SKI-TO-SEA BOOK SALE .....MAY 21-24**  
**SEPTEMBER BOOK SALE.....SEPT. 3-6**  
**FISCHER AWARD PROGRAM.....NOV. 22**  
**DECEMBER SALE.....DEC. 3-6**

### DONATIONS WANTED

Donations of books, DVDs, CDs, Videos and audio tapes are accepted year-round for our quarterly sales. Up to three boxes may be left at the check-out desk at the main library marked "For Friends". Please call one of the following for pick-up of larger donations:

Jerry Lawson – 398-2716  
Bill Baldwin - 734-3276  
Garland Richmond – 752-1423  
Becky Falacy – 733-6719

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!** And remember—since we are a non-profit charitable organization, all donations are tax deductible. A receipt will be furnished upon request.

### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

**"To be or not to be?"** At this time the bond issue for the new library has been put on hold pending further discussion. We will keep you informed on new developments as they become clear. Hopefully by the April 12<sup>th</sup> annual meeting we will learn more regarding the details and schedule for this important project.

The new library will certainly help us to better serve the growing and changing needs of the library services in the community. Many of you have mentioned that the library is no longer just a collection of available books and reference materials but is a full resource center with computers, DVD's, CD's and electronic media subscriptions and much more. The "Friends" are ready to assist the library to meet its growing scope of services.

The Bellingham Public Library is so fortunate to have many volunteers that continue to enrich the services of the library and the community. We are able to continue to add programs and resources to the library because of all of you. Thank you all for your volunteer time and great work to make our book sales such great fund-raising events

Please join us at 2pm on April 12 for a very unique meeting. Have you ever wondered what happens behind the scenes at the library? Most of us check out our items or use the computer and leave. At the annual meeting this year we will have short tours to show many aspects of the library operations you may have not seen. These tours will help us to better understand some of the current deficiencies and to appreciate the need for a new central library.

This next year will be exciting and challenging as we work together to achieve the Friends' mission and also to expanded access to library venues.

Thank you all for your time, efforts and good humor!

Christine Walsh,  
President, Friends of the  
Bellingham Public Library



TO:

Claude Hill - Table ends for book sales  
Greg Moore – Magazine swap bins  
Pat Leedy, Library Staff – Sale poster design



**NEW PHONE #'S FOR LIBRARY**

Please note that the library has new phone numbers due to a city-wide phone system change. **The new number for the Friends' Office is 360-778-7250. The Central Library's new number is 360-778-READ and Fairhaven Branch is 360-778-7188.**



**GREAT LIBRARIES NEED GREAT FRIENDS**

**NOTE:** A check-mark on your address label indicates that you have not yet renewed your membership for 2008. The application below can be mailed or given to the check-out desk at the library.

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



Yes, I want to be a Friend. Renew your membership or become a new member. Complete this form and mail to: Treasurer, Friends of the Bellingham Public Library, 210 Central Ave., Bellingham, WA 98225. Dues are \$5 (\$3 for students or seniors); Corporate/Business - \$50. Additional donations over the dues are welcome. Membership dues are for January through December.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Enclosed Check: \_\_\_\_\_

Please add my name to Fairhaven Branch Membership List \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to actively participate in: Book Sale \_\_\_\_\_ Book Donation Pickup \_\_\_\_\_