

AMONG FRIENDS

Issue 1

April, 2013



Photo: Hulda Klager Lilac Garden, Woodland, WA; Photograph by Fritz Klager

FRIENDS OF THE WOODLAND COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

About the Friends of the Woodland Community Library

Home page: <http://www.lewisriver.com/woodland/libraryfriends/>



Friends Board of Directors

President: Barbara Karnis
Vice-President: Paula Bosel
Secretary: Sharon Watt
Treasurer: Bob Barnes
Membership Co-Chairs: Sharon Watt and Noel Johnson
Fundraising Chairman: Noel Johnson
Newsletter Editor: Joyce Sixberry

OUR MISSION is to increase public support of the Woodland Community Library, a branch of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library District, by establishing closer relations between the library and the citizens and organizations of Woodland. We focus public attention on library services, facilities and needs and by soliciting gifts, endowments and bequests to provide financial aid for adequate library facilities and needs.

The 147 Friends of the Woodland Community Library are volunteer advocates whose membership helps the library

De nuestro Presidente

Barbara Karnis

Para nuestra comunidad hispana, La biblioteca pública de Woodland, situada en la calle del parque, al lado del Centro de la Comunidad, es gratuita y abierta a todas las personas que

mantienen, mejoran y cubren las brechas en servicios y programas no provistos por el presupuesto de la biblioteca, seguros e impuestos. Los amigos están ayudando activamente a lograr el objetivo a largo plazo de construir una nueva biblioteca en Woodland. Si usted aún no es amigo, ¡por favor únase! Nuestra página en línea y un enlace a un formulario de membresía están disponibles en <http://www.lewisriver.com/woodland/libraryfriends/membership/form.pdf>. Estamos disponibles a través de la biblioteca, 225-2115. **We meet the second Thursday of the month, 10:00 am, at the Port of Woodland, 115 Davidson, (across from the Police Station). Please join us.**

residen dentro de los límites de la ciudad. Tenemos muchos libros (para adultos y niños) que están escritos en español. Hay una hora de cuentos para niños menores de seis que se lleva a cabo una vez por semana. Hay programas de adolescentes, y tutoría para un estudiante está disponible, así como programas

de lectura de verano. Sin embargo, no todos los programas son en español, pero hay muchos recursos disponibles a través de la red de bibliotecas del distrito. La biblioteca invita a entrar y obtener una tarjeta de la biblioteca libre para su familia. Hay mucho para las familias de interés en la biblioteca: Internet en múltiples computadoras, así como libros, películas y revistas para disfrutar en casa.

El número de teléfono de la biblioteca es 225-2115 y 225-9998. Sitio de web de la biblioteca es <http://fvrl.ent.sirsi.net/client/dFEC/> y selecciona el botón "Español".

Horario es el lunes y el martes:

10:00 a 18:00; El miércoles: 10:00 a 20:00; El jueves y el viernes: 10:00 a 18:00.

Por favor, pregunte al personal de la biblioteca si usted tiene alguna pregunta. Vienen a presentarse y disfrutar de la biblioteca de la ciudad.

Special points of interest:

- THE FRIENDS' MISSION STATEMENT
- BOOK REVIEWS
- FREE EDUCATION IN 10 LANGUAGES AT KHAN ACADEMY
- EVENT CALENDAR
- WHAT YOU ARE SAYING
- SUPPORT OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS
- APPRECIATION SHOUT OUT TO NOEL JOHNSON

Inside this issue:

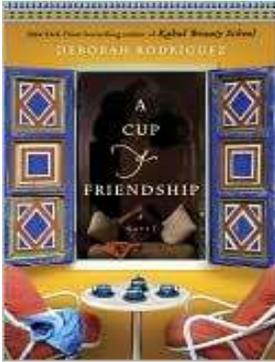
BOOK REVIEWS, MY STORY BY NOEL JOHNSON	2
BOOK SALES THROUGH POWELL'S BY SHARON WATT	3
WHAT YOU ARE SAYING: INTERVIEWS AT THE LIBRARY BY JOYCE SIXBERRY	3
KHAN ACADEMY THE GLOBAL CLASSROOM	3
CALENDAR OF EVENTS LIBRARY INFORMATION FOCUS ON RESOURCES	4
5 REASONS TO SAVE (AND SUPPORT) PUBLIC LIBRARIES	5
TO OUR BUSINESS MEMBERS AND SPONSORS	5

BOOK SALE: JUNE 28—29, 2013

FRIDAY, 4-6PM, SATURDAY 9AM-4PM. BAG SALE 3-4PM
LOCATED AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER, NEXT TO LIBRARY

AMONG FRIENDS

Book Review by Joyce Sixberry



A CUP OF FRIENDSHIP
By: Deborah Rodrigues

If you read *Kabul Beauty School*, by Deborah Rodrigues, you will certainly enjoy *A Cup of Friendship*, by the same author.

Sunny, an American woman, opens a coffeehouse in the middle of Kabul, Afghanistan, hoping that it will become a safe meeting place for expatriots. Rodrigues skillfully interweaves the stories of the Afghans who work for her with the stories of the regular coffeehouse ex-pats.

Without being judgmental or political, Rodrigues describes the present situation in Afghanistan, especially as it affects women and their difficulties to change cultural norms. She has a gift for describing daily life in the markets while enduring the constant fear of bombs.

Rodrigues provides a vivid picture of the beauties of Afghanistan—the Hindu Kush Mountains, the unforgettable Mazar-e-Sharif, as well as

the squalor of the shopping area.

No book like this is complete without a love story and you will not be disappointed. Among the numerous love stories are two which capture you: an older couple espousing the values of old Afghanistan, and that of a young girl facing ostracism as she gives birth to her dead husband's baby.

I can hardly imagine what my feelings will be on the day the new Woodland Library opens its doors to the public.

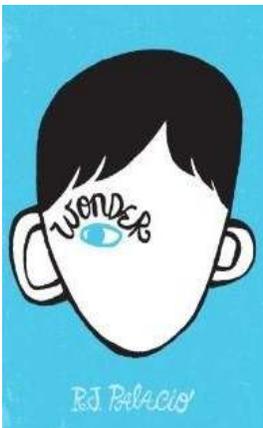
My Story: By Noel Johnson

I have been a member of the Friends of the Woodland Community Library for some time. It has become very apparent that the present library building is completely inadequate. There just isn't enough room for meetings, events, computers, etc. Also, the stairs are inadequate and dangerous.

One of the things that we needed to find out was how much community support there is for a new library. I figured one way to determine this was to increase the membership in the Friends of the Woodland Community Library. I was able to sign up over one hundred new members in a short period. It was an exciting thing to do

because I was able to talk about the possibility of a new library. I encountered no opposition. Everyone was very supportive and many said they would contribute money when the time is right.

I can hardly imagine what my feelings will be on the day the new Woodland Library opens its doors to the public.



Staff Picks/New Items By Justin Keeler, Librarian

WONDER By R.J. Palacio
Juvenile Fiction (9-12)

Wonder tells the story of August (Augie) Pullman, a fifth grader living in New York. August was born with significant facial deformities and he lets you know on the first page that he won't describe the way he looks. Whatever you are thinking, it is probably worse. It is defi-

nately not a traditional Juvenile Fiction novel. It is thoughtful and subtle in the tale it tells.

The story centers on August attending public school for the first time and the ripples this sends through himself, his family and the entire school community. The novel is written from the perspective of August and many of the other main characters in the story.

It is a very moving story with absolutely well drawn and believable characters. By the end of the book you are left with a sense of how cruel and kind every one is capable of being as well as an understanding of how everyone's life touches the lives of those around them in ways big and little.

Book Sale Report at Powell's: By Sharon Watt

Laurie Barnes concentrates on selling books online; I like going to Powell's!

I have been selling books for myself for several years, and recently I have also taken books from the Woodland library and from my AAUW (American Association of University Women). Because I maintain a Powell's card with a credit balance, I am able to get half again as much money, as opposed to what I would get

if I took cash.

It's not particularly easy to predict which books they will buy at Powell's. There have been some books that I took in several times before the employee would buy them. One employee told me that once a book comes out in paper, the hardcover version doesn't sell well, so I don't take the hardcover versions of popular books. Another factor is Powell's inventory; they may have too many

copies of the book already. But maybe another time there might be room and they might buy it.

A couple of genres that are usually good bets are science fiction and classic fiction (authors such as Dickens, Twain, etc.). Current best-sellers are in the category of 'it depends on shelf space'. Sometimes I can get a fair amount of money, sometimes not so much.



What You Are Saying—Interviews at the Library

By Joyce Sixberry

When I was growing up, a trip to the library meant a search for books to take home and enjoy. Not so, today. Of course, many people still go to the library to check out books, but recently I spent some time talking to random people to find out why they were at the library.

Several people just came in to use the computers, several others came in to look at the magazines or check out DVD's. Some older teens saw the library as a comfortable place to hang out. I didn't talk to any school aged children as I was there during school hours. There will be an article in a later edition of the newsletter on how teens specifically use the library.

The Woodland school district has a program called, "Partners in Transition" which meets at the library twice a week to give participants a chance to talk and browse through magazines.

If you want to visit the library when it is really hopping, you need to go for story time. This happens twice a week (once for children 0 – 3 years and once for pre-school) and attracts between twenty and thirty moms and children for each session. After the interactive story, both moms and kids stay to socialize. It's encouraging to see numerous moms sitting on the carpet close to their little ones who have toys strewn all over the floor. What could be a better use of our library building?

In addition to catering to young people, the library staff has organized a great teen program, and is starting one for pre-teens.

One of the librarians, Blake Kincaid, also does story time once a month at six different locations in the community including the care center. The residents at the latter enjoy the interaction with the young children.

Tutors for school age children also use the library as do many kids who come in after school to do their homework.

A library sure meets many diverse needs in this small community.

A free world-class education for anyone anywhere.

<http://www.khanacademy.org/>

Khan Academy is an organization on a mission. It is a not-for-profit with the goal of changing education for the better by providing a free world-class education for anyone anywhere.

All of the site's resources are available to anyone. It doesn't matter if you are a

student (of any age), teacher, home-schooler, principal, an adult returning to the classroom after 20 years. You can learn at your own pace.

Student can use the extensive video library, interactive challenges, and assessments from any computer with access to the web. Coaches,

parents, and teachers have unprecedented visibility into what their students are learning and doing, allowing for targeted support.

Khan Academy's materials and resources are available to you completely free of charge, used globally in 10 languages, to date.



Address:

770 Park Street
Woodland, WA 98674

Phone: 360-225-2115

Phone: 360-225-5652

FVRL District Web page:

<http://fvrl.ent.sirsi.net/client/default/>

Hours Open:

Mon, Tue 10:00 am - 6:00 pm;

Wed 10:00 am - 8:00 pm;

Thu, Fri 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Community Librarian:

Justin Keeler

E-mail: jkeeler@fvrl.org

Woodland Community Library

On Facebook

Woodland Teen Council

On Facebook

FOCUS ON RESOURCES

***Research Databases at
www.fvrl.org.***

Research databases include
magazine articles, news-

papers—text of The

Columbian, business & phone
directories.

Databases available include:

- * Ancestry Library
- * Alldata Online
- * Sams Photofacts
- * WinWay Resume Deluxe

Databases by Subject:

Authors, Books, Literature

Auto & Electronics Repair

Business & Investing

Careers & Education

Children

Do-It-Yourself

Genealogy

Health

Homework Help &

General Knowledge

Language Learning

Legal Information

Magazines, Newspapers, &

People

Fort Vancouver Regional Library—Woodland Branch

2012 Branch Statistics:

The Woodland Community Library was open to the public a total of 2,118 hours.

We were visited by 69,519 patrons during 2012, and circulated 57,608 items.

We conducted a total of 299 programs during 2012 with 6,563 people in attendance.

Building information

Ownership: City of Woodland, Square Footage: 2,376

Holds and Floating Collections:

Woodland Community Library is one of the physically smaller branches in the FVRL District. Don't let the small size fool you! As part of the FVRL District, we have access to all of the resources and materials available in the District system. We are able to quickly get any FVRL item delivered right to the Woodland Library for your use. See a staff member if you would like to learn more about this easy and effective method for getting everything you can out of your library card. FVRL uses what is called a "floating collection", meaning the items on the shelves are constantly changing. Items that are checked out at one branch and then returned at another stay at the location in which they were returned. This helps us to keep the items on the shelves "fresh". You can pick up material that you put on hold at any location you choose. You may also return any item to any FVRL location.

Calendar of Events

Regular Events:



Woodland Community Library provides two early learning story times every week. The "**Little Kids**" story time for ages 0-3yrs is conducted on Monday's at 10am. The "**Big Kids**" story time for ages 3-6 is held on Fridays at 10am. This story time is followed by an art activity. Both story times focus on early literacy development and modeling effective read-aloud skills to parents and caregivers as well as giving parents and children an opportunity for group interaction and creativity. Both groups will take a short break after the 17th of May. Story Times will resume the first week of June.



The library hosts a **teen discussion meeting and the Teen Council meeting** on the first Tuesday afternoon every month. The "**Talk it to Death**" group meets in the Woodland Community Center (next to the library) at 3:30 pm. This is time for peer interaction, discussion and games surrounding a given a topic. Immediately following is the **Teen Council** meeting (4:30-5:30pm). This group focuses on supporting the library by raising funds for teen events and by volunteering at children's programs.



The **Adult Book Discussion** group meets at 11:00am the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Copies of each month's book are provided by the library. If interested, please speak with a staff member.

Upcoming Events: The library conducts an **after school event for school age children (5-12)** once a month. On May 8th, at 3:30pm, in the Community Center, "Sloppy Science" will be a hands-on, messy science experience.



Summer Reading: June 1st will mark the beginning of the **2013 Summer Reading program! The program is open to children 0-12 years old, with a separate program for Teens (12-19 years old).** ****No library card required.** Participants earn rewards through reading, and others by completing educational activities. We all know the value of keeping young people engaged in reading and learning throughout the summer. The Summer Reading program not only encourages kids to read, it provides families with meaningful and fun ways to interact with each other while they are completing the various activities.

In addition to the regular Summer Reading program, the library is providing a total of **six performances during the months of June, July and August.** These events are always free, entertaining and educational for all kids (and their grown-ups!). We will have our first performance at 3:00pm on June 26th.



360.225.2115
 PO Box 894
 Woodland, WA 98674

<http://www.lewisriver.com/woodland/libraryfriends/>

THANK YOU!

NOEL JOHNSON @ LewisRiver.com

SPECIAL THANKS to our Friend of the Woodland Community Library, Noel Johnson, for his tireless fundraising. Noel increased the Friends' membership by over 100 new members in November and December, plus he raised money to pay for the recent fliers mailed to over 5,500 Woodland postal addresses. Noel also posts the Friends' information on **LewisRiver.com**. Thank you, Noel

Five Reasons to Save (and Support) Public Libraries

1. The house of the 99%: The foundation of democracy is an educated electorate. When the economy is down, it is all the more vital that we the people have access to information, education, news...and now in modern times, the internet, computers, and other sources of media tools as well. Libraries do that. For everyone.
2. Literacy: Studies show that children's literacy is greatly improved by access to summer reading programs and pre-school reading programs at public libraries. Children's literacy is a building-block of adult literacy. There are very few individuals who could buy every child a book and start them on the road to literacy...But all of us together can buy a child a building full of books. That's a miracle.
3. Leveling the playing field: Libraries offer vital resources for communities that might not otherwise be served or be integrated.
4. Safe space: In some communities, the public library may be the only free space available that is also a safe space.
5. Drop in or drop out: Libraries can also offer tutoring, free classes, access to volumes of information and technology that a child cannot have anywhere else.

-Excerpt from article by Emmily Bristol
 The full article can be viewed at —
<http://ivn.us/2012/08/08/nine-reasons-to-save-public-libraries/>

If this nation is to be wise as well as strong, if we are to achieve our destiny, then we need more new ideas for more wise [people] reading more good books in more public libraries. These libraries should be open to all but the censor.
 —President John F. Kennedy

A Peek into the Pre-Summer Issue #2.

- * We hear from the TEENS
- * Summer Programs
- * June Book Sale
- * Meet Your Librarians



LewisRiver.com

Noel Johnson
PO Box 1955
Woodland, WA 98674
360.225.9807
Noel@lewisriver.com



Business ads accepted.



AUTO & TRUCK PARTS

Rebecca C. Bjur
President

Woodland Auto Supply, Inc.
1015 Pacific Ave. 360-225-6529
P.O. Box 1867 360-225-6749 fax
Woodland, WA 98674 woodlandnapa@netscape.net



Ask about our catering!

Nate Chumley (360) 798-2785
Ray Chumley (360) 281-4976

Restaurant:
(360) 225-3962
1447 Goerig St. • Woodland, WA 98674
americascatering1@yahoo.com

Current Business Friends

America's Family Diner
Kit Academy Preschool

The Lewis River Review, Gloria Loughry, Editor

NAPA Auto & Trucks Parts

Johnson-Bell Arts, Carolyn Johnson-Bell (Lehl)

Debbie Kennel State Farm Insurance

PRAE, Inc.

Holland America Bulb Farms, Inc.

Grace Community Church

Thank you to our New and Renewing Business Members:

Are you a current individual member of the Friends of the Library who also owns or works in a local business?

If so, we hope you will consider switching to a business membership or join us now if not a member. We will run your business card in our newsletter when you first become a member and then list your company in the newsletter for the next three issues after joining. You can also offer a special Member Benefit to customers who are also one of the 147 members of the Friends of the Woodland Community Library. It's a great way to promote your own business, thank our membership for their support and show your support of our local library.

That's a lot of visibility and goodwill for a few extra dollars.

 Organization	 BUSINESS NAME	
--	---	--

P.O. Box	Phone: 360-222-2222
123 Some Street	Phone: 360-222-2222
Woodland, WA 98674	Email: Anyone@so.com

Your business card could be here.