



Friends of the McMinnville Public Library

Bulletin

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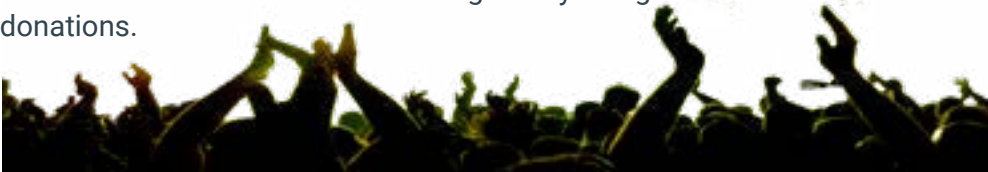


Message from Mike: Pause for Applause

Time to pause for a moment of self-congratulations and take note of all the good the Friends do for the library.

This year, the Friends have:

1. Contributed \$14,000 to collections, including digital and audio book collections.
2. Contributed \$1200 for MacReads for 50 copies in paper plus additional e-book and audio book formats.
3. Contributed \$6000 in matching funds for a grant to the Ford Family Foundation to support a year of staff development programming and attendance at the Public Library Association national conference that was held in Portland this past March.
4. Purchased new books (a) to give to students on the first day of summer school, including Spanish bilingual children's books, and (b) as prizes for completing summer reading.
5. Budgeted money for program support for Teen Game Night (video games, snacks, board games, reading prizes and downtown gift cards).
6. Supported Poetry Night activity.
7. Stocked the Senior Center reading library using books from our book sale donations.



That's an impressive list. It's all made possible by donations from our great Friends group. If that sounds like a PBS financial pitch, then guilty as charged. Your continual support through your annual contributions to Friends enables us to fund significant upgrades to library services and programming, often when no budget dollars are otherwise available. Give yourselves a pat on the back and a round of applause. Thank you for everything that you do.

Officers

- Michael Freeman, President
- Quince Mabry, Vice-President
- Eric Palo, Secretary
- Mark Davis, Treasurer
- Jenny Berg, Library Director (ex officio)

Members at Large

- Judith Folgate
- Mark Gorrie
- Kathy Petersen
- Janis Stoven
- Lindsay Wagner
- Robert Wolcott

Friends Board Meetings are held the second Thursday of every month (except August) at 12 noon. All members are welcome to attend. If you are interested in attending please email

FriendsMacLibrary@mcminnvilleoregon.gov with the subject line "Friends of the Library".

The Legacy of Andrew Carnegie

By John Sagers

The Friends of the McMinnville Public Library continue a work that extends back more than a century. In January 1912, W. T. Macy of the Public Library Board received a letter from industrial magnate Andrew Carnegie's personal secretary stating, "If the city agrees by resolution of the council to maintain a free public library at a cost of not less than \$1,000 a year, and provides a suitable site for the building, Mr. Carnegie will be glad to give \$10,000 to erect a free public library in McMinnville" (Owen, p. 17). This announcement was the culmination of several years of work beginning in 1908 when the McMinnville Women's Civic Improvement Club approached the city to establish a public library and provide funds for books, maintenance, and operations. The city responded by appointing a library board and pledging support of at least \$1000 per year. In December 1911, Mayor Arthur McPhillips said at a City Council meeting, "One very important factor to the welfare of our town is the public library. Literature from this library is read in many homes throughout the county. The library affords a place where boys and girls or adults can have access to the best literature of the times. Many young people spend much of their leisure or idle time in the library which is far better than roaming the streets" (Owen, pp. 14-15).

This view fit the early twentieth-century ideal that equal access to knowledge was of critical importance in promoting self-improvement and cultural development. Andrew Carnegie



himself had benefited from access to library materials in the 1850s. As an immigrant from Scotland newly arrived in Pennsylvania, Carnegie worked in a textile mill and later for a telegraph company. Colonel James Anderson, a pioneer in the free library movement, allowed workers to borrow books from his personal library in Allegheny, Pennsylvania. So important were these books to Carnegie that he pledged to contribute to libraries if he ever had the means. He later rose to enormous wealth in railroad and steel companies and spent the last part of his life giving much of his fortune away to philanthropic

causes including libraries. To learn more about the Carnegie library program, including statistics and examples of the paperwork McMinnville leaders would have filled out to secure the grant, please see the National Park Service's web site "Carnegie Libraries: The Future Made Bright."

One hundred and ten years after the Carnegie grant launched the library building's construction, the Friends of McMinnville Public Library continues to support the mission of free access to knowledge for all.

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Who Is Who At The Library

By Eric Palo

An occasional look behind the masks at the people who make the McMinnville Public Library the place we all love.

Krystal España is a Library Assistant at the Mac Library. Born and raised near McMinnville, she loved the magic of books from an early age. She learned to read at three, making her sister very happy to be able to stop reading everything to her.

Growing up, her favorite after school and weekend spot was the Children's Room in the McMinnville Public Library. She loved the colorful carpet, the puppet stage, and the fish tank. And now she gets to work with Nicki, her favorite childhood Librarian! In



middle school she worked in the library as an elective, quickly learning the Dewey Decimal system, how to mend magazines and books, and how to check out materials. All great training for her dream of being a librarian.

The library dream came true in 2017 when she started as an assistant in the Children's room, helping families find materials, interacting with the Spanish speaking patrons,

and eventually running Spanish Storytime. She later took over the library's social media presence, discovering that she had a real knack for graphic design, social media management, and an interest in marketing work. If you liked the new flyer for the recent Book sales, you are seeing Krystal's work upping the library's marketing game.

Mac Library Director Jenny Berg told her about the Public Library Association scholarships for Early-Career Library Staff for their Bi-annual conference (in Portland this year) and encouraged her to apply. In a strong competition with thousands (probably hundreds of thousands) of other new library staff from all over the country, Krystal was one of only 30 selected. She is looking forward to making the most of the many sessions, talking to others from all over the country, and getting new ideas, inspiration, and motivation to bring back to our McMinnville Public Library.

Shared Comments

by Janis Stoven

Asides overheard during Library Book Sales

- This is such a great sale; you have so many good books today!
- I tell my friends about these book sales; I don't understand why they all don't come. They really miss out.
- When my grandson visits, he always asks if I have new books to read to him. I do - thanks to this sale!
- Is that man always so clever and humorous? He's delightful. (Referring to Duane announcing various books for sale and his fun comments.)
- This sale is the best thing that happens in McMinnville, especially in cooler months when people have more time to read.
- I never see or hear about other libraries having sales like this, is this unique? If so, I'm very happy it's held in McMinnville.
- I'm a speed reader so I need a big pile of books next to my chair. I can't wait to replenish my supply at each sale.

Wild Books I Have Known (Part 2)

By Duane Bond

One of the joys of being the Book Sale Poobah [Poobah - A person who holds multiple offices or positions of power at the same time. A leader or other important person. A pompous, self-important person] is that you get to see a wide variety of books based upon the tastes of our donors. Many of the books touch on areas in which I am uneducated or simply inept.

Allowing the reader to decide which is which, this list will start with cookbooks:

The Heroes Cook Book: This cookbook (from 1952) provides recipes from a number of heroes including General George Patton, President Dwight Eisenhower, band leader (his TV show was in the future) Lawrence Welk, and from Nashville, Grandpa Jones and Cousin Minnie Pearl.

The Beverley Hillbillies Cook Book: Written during the heyday of the TV show, this cook book contains recipes from the perspective of the actor (e.g., Irene Dunn) and their character (Grannie).

The Great California Rabbit Drive: Seems to follow naturally. Written in 1902 this book, illustrated by the author, describes the trials & tribulations of a farm family that decides to raise rabbits for fun and profit.

The History of the United States Naval Dental Service: This history, I believe, runs from 1902 until 1978. I was tempted to buy this to have something to read in the dentist's office, but was beaten to the punch.

The 1902 Bluejacket's Manual: A 1970 reprint, this volume lists all the things an enlisted seaman needed to know, including badges of rank, tying the proper naval knots, and how to reef the sheets (which does not include instructions on what to do if you are several sheets to the wind (a very old naval joke).

The Complete List of Pensioners of the Mexican American War: This is a book that falls into the category of interesting but personally useless. It lists the name and last known address of each and every person that received a government pension based upon service in the Mexican-American War.

Do Whales Poop? A children's book that definitely appeals to teen male humor.

Do Penguins Have Knees? A more serious teen book that addresses this and other urgent questions.

YOU CAN DO IT! A guide telling women how they can make repairs around the house. Even though this was written in the 50's, it did not have a section on how to manage your husband's ego while you are successfully making the repairs.



Friends Book Sales

- The Friends hold used book sales on the second Saturday of January, March, May, July, September, and November from 10am to 2pm (members may arrive at 9am).
- Proceeds from the sales go towards the purchase of new materials for the library. Donations are accepted year-round and are tax deductible.

The Fletcher Class Destroyer: If you have the time (and space) this book has the complete blueprints for you to be able to build the most successful USN destroyer of World War II.

Dark Tempest: Volume 3 of at least a seven volume set telling the story of a vampire (male) in love with a werewolf (female). It never registered on me that in order to have little werewolves (werwoofies?) to grow up to be adult werewolves, a female needed to be involved.

The Grateful Dead Movie: Not being a deadhead (a Grateful Dead fan) I had no idea that they had a movie. Needless to say, it was not rated by Siskel or Ebert. (You see we have interesting videos as well).

Music to Ice Fish By: I was tempted to buy this cd because I was sure it would put me to sleep at night. However, I realized that re-reading my old actuarial texts would accomplish the same thing.

As you can see, there is a weird and wondrous variety of books, CDs and videos available at the book sale.



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 **City of
McMinnville**
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Letter From Jenny:

Hello Friends!

Every year the State Library requires public libraries in Oregon to gather statistics. This information is very informative to compare our library to libraries in other communities. You can see the entire statistical report for FY 2020-21 at <https://www.oregon.gov/library/libraries/Pages/Statistics.aspx>.

Something that needs to be taken into account is that while the population of McMinnville is 34,615, the library serves people from the county outside of the city limits, including Lafayette, Yamhill, Carlton, and Dayton. This circulation is shown in the column labeled "circulation made to nonresidents without charge". This circulation is covered with the "district revenue" column amount of \$185,230 from the Chemeketa Cooperative Regional Library Service (CCRLS) district (map attached). A benefit of the McMinnville Public Library remaining open most of the pandemic is that our circulation to these nonresidents went up, which also increased our payment from CCRLS by \$105,000 for a total of \$295,000 planned for FY 2022/23.

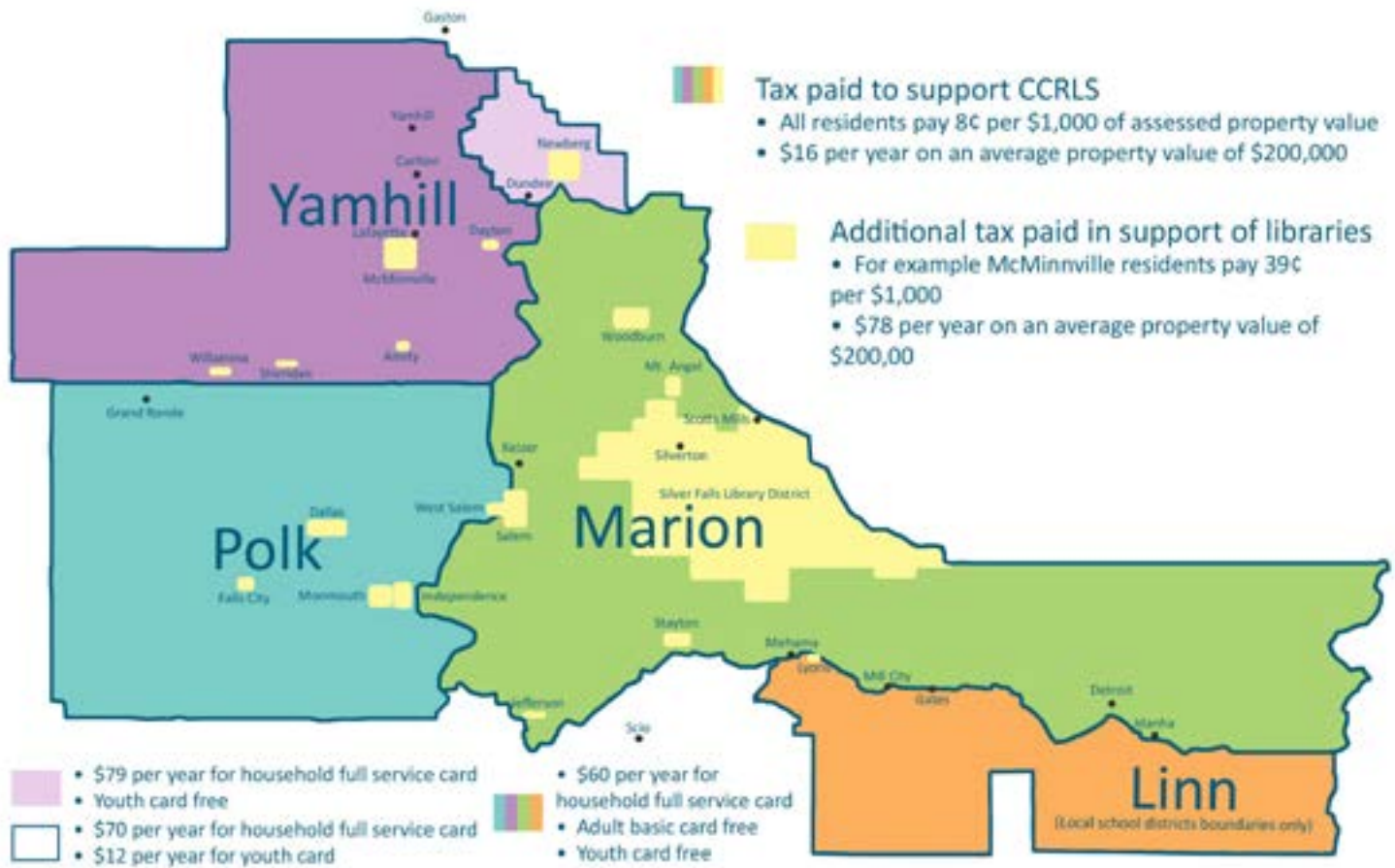
While we still circulate plenty of books, the library is now a lender of books, DVDs, technology, puzzles, games, electronic resources, cookware, and more. We also serve as a technology hub for many in our community who do not have access to internet, a printer, computer, and those who need assistance with technology. We assist people with applying for jobs online, managing issues with the municipal and county courts, communicating with family and friends, filing taxes, improving early literacy for children and families, managing diabetes and other health issues, and giving people a place to be when there are few free options available in our community. The library is one of the few remaining places in the community where people can gather without having to purchase something, which means it is also one of the few places in the community where people of all different economic, social, and political backgrounds are together, which I like to think gives library visitors a better perspective and understanding of each other.

I would be happy to answer more question about library services and resources and provide a tour of the library to all who are interested.

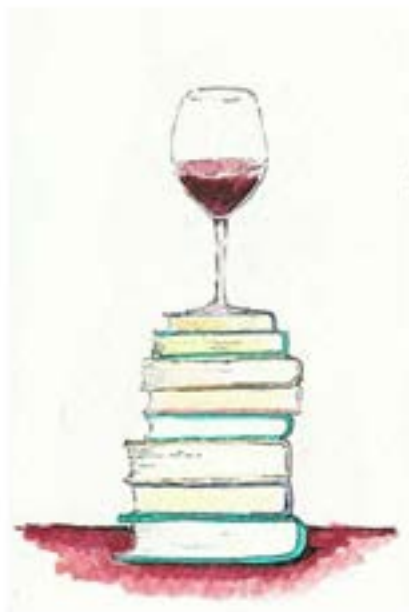
Jenny

Library name	Population served	Percentage of service population that are registered users	Total Operating Revenue Per Capita	Total Circulation - Physical and Electronic	Total circulation per capita	Library Visits	Total library visits per capita	Total paid staff per 1,000	Total staff expenditures
TILLAMOOK COUNTY LIBRARY	26,840	39.04%	\$135.28	236,275	8.8	51,588	1.92	1.01	\$1,733,786
ONTARIO LIBRARY DISTRICT	26,890	16.24%	\$28.82	52,646	2	7,800	0.29	0.33	\$311,801
COOS BAY PUBLIC LIBRARY	28,003	null	\$47.95	136,968	4.9	15,656	0.56	0.62	\$874,744
WILSONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	28,923	50.09%	\$67.09	281,310	9.7	58,919	2.04	0.57	\$1,639,890
WEST LINN PUBLIC LIBRARY	30,289	45.85%	\$94.85	280,853	9.3	18,693	0.62	0.55	\$1,621,775
FOREST GROVE CITY LIBRARY	30,313	43.38%	\$42.51	199,235	6.6	6,457	0.21	0.41	\$1,132,822
CLACKAMAS COUNTY - OAK LODGE	31,895	24.99%	\$48.48	130,393	4.1	10,524	0.33	0.2	\$578,104
TUALATIN PUBLIC LIBRARY	33,171	70.20%	\$56.46	321,693	9.7	3,058	0.09	0.68	\$1,601,592
SANDY PUBLIC LIBRARY	33,913	35.69%	\$52.92	165,118	4.9	5,258	0.16	0.39	\$1,107,775
MCMINNVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY	34,615	50.69%	\$50.94	316,677	9.1	46,295	1.34	0.47	\$1,359,912
JOSEPHINE COMMUNITY LIBRARY DISTRICT	40,635	56.11%	\$41.96	161,819	4	4,985	0.12	0.39	\$735,282
LEDDING LIBRARY	41,763	40.32%	\$68.22	323,259	7.7	27,289	0.65	0.39	\$1,667,912
LAKE OSWEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY	44,588	50.52%	\$152.22	531,867	11.9	4,476	0.1	0.76	\$3,024,815
ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY	54,935	66.52%	\$55.90	185,415	3.4	12,110	0.22	0.35	\$2,138,088
OREGON CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY	61,311	30.33%	\$44.95	260,595	4.3	21,182	0.35	0.26	\$1,425,680
HAPPY VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY	61,324	37.80%	\$51.84	459,363	7.5	null	null	0.27	\$1,659,993
SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY	61,535	25.75%	\$36.24	167,704	2.7	17,585	0.29	0.23	\$1,595,348

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Among Friends

Happy Hour Social

Friends of McMinnville Public Library

Thank you for supporting the
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Join us for a glass of wine and appetizers.

Friday, April 29th, 5:30-7:30pm

McMinnville Public Library
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This event is free and open to members of the
Friends of the McMinnville Public Library only.
Membership starts at \$15

We will follow Oregon Health Authority and
State of Oregon COVID guidelines for this gathering.