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COVID-19 Concerns Close Libraries But Not Services

All Sno-Isle Libraries buildings closed to the public at 6 p.m., Friday, March 13.

“We will continually reassess to determine the length of the closure,”

Sno-Isle Libraries Executive Director Lois Langer Thompson said on Thursday, March 12.

“This was a difficult decision

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Sno-Isle Libraries Expands Online Access

Sno-Isle Libraries will now provide everyone who registers online for a Sno-Isle Libraries library card with immediate and uninterrupted access to Overdrive digital materials and all other digital services.

“We want all customers to have access to digital materials during the current public health crisis,” said Jessica Russell, Assistant Director of Technical Services-Collection Services for Sno-Isle Libraries.

Overdrive offers ebooks and audiobooks, online learning courses, digital magazines, and digital streaming of movies and TV shows with Kanopy and Hoopla.

Sno-Isle Libraries worked with Overdrive to “reduce the friction” of online library card registration, said Sno-Isle Libraries Assistant Director of Communications Jim Hills.

Before this change, customers who registered online for a Sno-Isle Libraries card could place holds to pick up materials in a community library and had limited access to Overdrive digital services until they visited their community library to verify their physical address.

Additionally, Sno-Isle Libraries customers with blocked accounts won’t have to resolve the issues to continue using Overdrive digital materials, Russell said.

Game Night Is a Winning Event

The Freeland Library hosted its first Adult Game Night to an enthusiastic group of gamers the evening of Wednesday, February 26. Twenty-seven participants came to the after-hours event to enjoy board games, karaoke, activities, snacks and drinks courtesy of the Friends of the Freeland Library.



Andrea R. of Langley won prizes and this clever trophy made by Jayanne Bixby.

The evening’s biggest hits included a giant “Jenga”-style tumbling block game; the board games Forbidden Island, Scrabble, and Ticket to Ride; and a melted crayon craft. The night culminated in a raffle draw, with one lucky winner taking home a gaming book, a gift card to the Jester’s Keep, and a custom-made Game Night trophy.

Participant feedback on the event was overwhelmingly positive and many people requested that Game Night become a regular program. Attendees expressed appreciation for the opportunity to socialize in a relaxed environment with lightly structured activities. In order to build on the momentum of Game Night, and to heed community feedback, the Freeland Library will begin

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Jenga-style tumbling block tower.



Anna Petersons stocked up on books and videos on March 13, knowing the library would be closed indefinitely. Notice the thinning video collection in the background. Digital access to books, magazines, music and movies is plentiful at www.sno-isle.org. Please read the article “Sno-Isle Libraries Expands Online Access” on [page 1](#).

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and was made based on Snohomish Health District recommendations, the Governor’s emergency declaration regarding social distancing, large groups, and closing schools,” Langer Thompson said.

During the closure, library customers will be able to keep currently checked-out materials and their holds on new materials will be extended. Sno-Isle libraries does not have fines for overdue library materials. Langer Thompson said that plans are being made now for library staff to continue work and be paid during the closure period.

The library also has many online resources, services, and materials. In addition, library customers who register online for a library account will now have access to more digital materials.

“We realize that the decisions around this quickly evolving public-health crisis are difficult for our customers and employees,” Langer Thompson said. “Sno-Isle Libraries plays an important role in our communities. During this unprecedented time, we can best help those communities by doing what we can to help curb the growth of coronavirus transmission.”

Board Considers News by Email

The Friends of the Freeland Library Board is considering sending future issues of the newsletter out to members as an email. The bulk mailing permit requires a maximum of 200 pieces. As more members choose to receive the newsletter by email it is harder to reach the 200 pieces needed. Consequentially paper is wasted by mailing extra copies. The advantages are:

- channel more funds toward Freeland Library improvements,
- see brilliant color images, and
- receive it by email quicker.

What do you think? Please contact the newsletter editor Prescott, prscot@whidbey.net, if you would like to receive the newsletter by

email.

If the board decides it is more cost effective to drop the bulk mailing permit, you may still have the newsletter mailed to you, but an additional \$5 may be requested to help with first-class postage.

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offering the program monthly. Adult Game Night will begin May 27 and will take place the fourth Wednesday of every month, to offset South Whidbey Pub Trivia on the second Wednesday of every month. The Friends of the Freeland Library will be on hand at each Game Night to sell wine and beer.

— *Katrina Morse, Adult Services Librarian, South Whidbey*

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The Friends of the Freeland Library Annual Membership meeting is held in January. The Board conducts business on a needs basis and via email. Contact any of the Board members with suggestions and opinions. Your support is important to us as we all work to support our library.

Whidbey Reads Presents Author Laurie Frankel

Meet the New York Times bestselling, award-winning author of *This Is How It Always Is*, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 23 at the Langley United Methodist Church. Laurie Frankel reads from her book and talks about transgender issues.

Frankel is the recipient of the Washington State Book Award and the Endeavor Award. Her novels have been translated into more than 25 languages, and all three have been optioned for film or TV. A former college professor, she now writes full time. She was recently named one of the 50 Most Influential Women in Seattle, where she lives with her family and makes good soup.

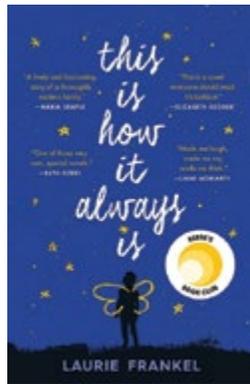
Please note: This event is planned to be held upstairs at the Langley United Methodist Church, 3rd and Anthes, Langley. Follow the ramp up behind the church.

Frankel is also scheduled to present at the Coupeville Library at noon on Thursday. On Wednesday April 22, she's planned to present in the Oak Harbor Library at 3 p.m.



Whidbey Reads 2020 Events to Explore

This year's Whidbey Reads book is all about having conversations about differences and how to understand one another without making assumptions. The Sno-Isle Libraries staff have come up with many engaging programs to share different perspectives among cultures ranging from different countries to different sexual preferences.



Sadly the programs scheduled in March at the Freeland Library and other locations on Whidbey have been cancelled due to the risk of spreading the coronavirus. Keep checking on the events in April and May.

- **Wednesday, April 1: *Maybe I'm Born with It, Maybe It's Privilege*** from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Oak Harbor Library. This workshop is for people who don't always know what to say or do, but are interested in showing up. Learn about social locations and how to use positionality and privilege to act in solidarity with targeted communities. Presenter Bam Mendiola (they/ them) will share the mistakes they have made, the lessons they have learned and the internalized oppression they are always unlearning. Mendiola is a national speaker,

published writer and diversity consultant.

- **Tuesday, April 7: *Introduction to Storytelling*** from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Freeland Library. Barry McWilliams, president of the Seattle Storytellers Guild, will present a workshop on storytelling and how to craft and adapt personal stories. It will also be at 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Langley Library.
- **Friday, April 10: *The Most Dangerous Year***, a documentary at 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Freeland Library. In 2016, a group of families embarked on an uncharted journey of fighting for their transgender children's lives and futures in this present-day civil rights documentary. Also at the Coupeville Library at 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 6 and at the Oak Harbor Library 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 9.
- **Wednesday, April 15: *Understanding Gender Identity*** from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Langley United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 301 Anthes Avenue. Clinical social worker Brenda Newell will give an overview of gender identity. Learn about terminology, risk factors and community resources available to the LGBT*QIA+ community, family members and friends.

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For information about upcoming Freeland Library events, go to the Sno-Isle Libraries website, www.sno-isle.org; select "Events" on the upper menu, a roll-down menu includes "Classes and Events Calendar" (and other features). When you click on the calendar option, a new page opens with a list of libraries; select "Freeland Library" (or any other library of interest) and view a list of events. You can refine your search by selecting a day, week or month as well as by an age group or event type.

Earth and Ocean Month on Whidbey

It's the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day celebrated on April 22 each year. A collaborative of organizations have been promoting activities during the entire month of April since 2007. This year Island County will also promote activities in cooperation with the Earth and Ocean Month planners. The Freeland Library has a strong lineup of intriguing programs about how to steward our endangered planet. Will they happen in April as planned is a question being monitored daily. Check the Sno-Isle Libraries website, www.sno-isle.org; select "Events" on the upper menu, a roll-down menu includes "Classes and Events Calendar."

The irony of taking precautions against the spread of COVID-19 by closing libraries, schools, events of over

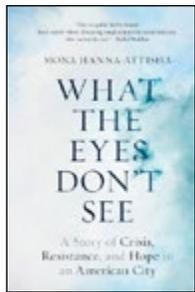
50 people, etc. is a dramatic reduction in carbon into the atmosphere. The virus could be doing us all a big favor. Holding virtual meetings and working from home might be a behavioral change to adopt for the long haul.

A Earth and Ocean month kickoff event was planned at the Bayview Corner on Saturday, April 4. It has been canceled. The good news is that the planning team is putting together a digital festival. Sami Postma, the Events and Education Coordinator at Goosefoot, will add a page to the website with resources, videos, tutorials, and links that folks can use to educate themselves about actions they can take to improve their environmental impact all year long. Be sure to visit www.whidbeyearthday.org for updates to activities. — Prescott, editor

2020 Trudy Sundberg Lecture Series CANCELED until 2021

Heroine of the Flint Water Crisis

Tuesday, March 17, Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation Director Paul Pitkin announced the cancellation of the lecture by Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha scheduled for May 1 and 2. Happily, she has agreed to be the speaker for the 2021 Lecture Series next May 7 and 8.



Dr. Hanna-Attisha, MD, MPH, FAAP exposed the dangerous condition of the drinking water in Flint, Michigan. She is a pediatrician, professor and public health advocate who spearheaded efforts to address the Flint, Michigan water crisis.

Shocked by the government ignoring complaints, Dr. Hanna-Attisha assembled a team to analyze the water and revealed her findings. After facing backlash, her persistence paid off as the government switched their water supply source and she was named one of *Time* magazine's "100 Most Influential People in the World." Dr. Hanna-Attisha has since created the Michigan State University and Hurley Chil-

dren's Hospital Pediatric Public Health Initiative, a program to mitigate the impact of the Flint water crisis. She published her findings in a book, *What the Eyes Don't See*. Download it from the library now.

Enrique Cerna, winner of nine Northwest Emmy Awards and former senior correspondent with KCTS-TV, had planned to moderate the lectures with Dr. Hanna-Attisha. He has agreed to moderate next year.

The Trudy J. Sundberg Memorial Fund underwrites a lecture series honoring the memory of Trudy Sundberg and her lifelong commitment to discover, explore and exchange information, ideas and opinions in an environment of respect and consideration.



Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha

TEDxSnoIsleLibraries 2020: Quantum Connections

Save the date, Saturday, May 9 for TEDx SnoIsle Libraries' hosting of Quantum Connections! What does the theme Quantum Connections mean? It was selected to evoke wonder, encourage stopping and reconsidering the world within and around us, and to promote deeper thinking about things we take for granted or perhaps never actually considered at all. The event will invite us to explore ideas or concepts around causality and chaos, the relationships and connections around and within us, reframing the connections between some and all

things including the seen and unseen, synchronicities and symbiotics of our macro- and micro-realities.

Depending on the status of the statewide quarantine preventing large public gatherings in order to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, seating may be available at the Edmonds Center of the Arts and at participating community libraries, including Freeland, for group livestream viewing. Registration will be required for this

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Sheds Repaired

The small shed was falling off the foundation where used books and media are stored between the Friends of the Freeland Library's monthly book sales. A Friends work party was as-



Volunteer John White, left, lead the foundation repair of the smaller book sale shed with Bill Koll's help (pictured right).

sembled on February 26 and it was fixed. Also Bill Koll added an additional rail for the larger shed and they put down composite roofing on the ramp so no one slips.

Please don't drop off books or money while the library is closed. Mail donations and membership dues to Friends of the Freeland Library, P.O. Box 336, Freeland, Washington 98249.

Census 2020

The Freeland Library is helping to make sure every resident is counted in Census 2020, whether someone is a library cardholder or not. An Open House held in early February helped people learn how a complete and accurate census count benefits communities, from representation in government to important funding for local services. If the count is not accurate, local communities could be affected by budget priorities and electoral representation for the next 10 years.

Census 2020 is different from prior paper surveys. This year the Census Bureau is using online responses as the primary method to gather information. When Census 2020 goes live in mid-March there will be a direct link on every public computer in Sno-Isle Libraries. Library staff will direct people to the Census link and answer general questions but they won't tell someone what personal information to enter, type information for someone or collect any personal information that is submitted. If someone does not want to complete Census 2020 online there are also options to request a paper survey or provide answers to the Census 2020 questions by phone.

More information about Census 2020, including sample questionnaires, a timeline, history, news articles and links to other state and federal resources is available on the Sno-Isle Libraries website, www.sno-isle.org/census.

Thank You, Eagles



The Friends of the Freeland Library accepted a \$500 check from the Fraternal Order of Eagles on February 15. The Friends were among 17 other charities and five nonprofits to be chosen to receive funds. "People Helping People" is the official motto of the Eagles. Most of the \$20,600 was raised in the annual plant sale in May. Prescott accepted the Friends' award, pictured front row, fifth from the right.

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No sale April 4. Check Freeland events on the Sno-Isle Libraries website to see if there is to be a sale May 2 or June 1.

Window Replacement

Prior to the coronavirus health alert closing the libraries on March 13 the library had planned to close for window replacement from March 30 to April 1. If the libraries reopen by April, the Freeland Library will reopen at 12 noon on April 2.

The seals in many of the windows in the original library and meeting room have failed, resulting in moisture retention between the double panes. In addition to improving the clarity, new windows should also improve the energy efficiency of the building. The windows are being replaced by Sno-Isle Libraries.

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free event and will open in early April. The Saturday event is currently scheduled to run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TED has created a program called TEDx. TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. Our event is called TEDxSnoIsleLibraries, where "x" means independently organized TED event. At our TEDxSnoIsleLibraries event, TED Talks video and live speakers will combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events, including ours, are self-organized.

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Your Donations Help the Freeland Library

Each time a newsletter is published, individuals, families and businesses join the Friends of the Freeland Library by making a donation, either with annual membership donation or by making several annual donations. **Thank you to all who renewed their membership dues for 2020.** If it slipped your mind, do it now! Your dues and donations help provide extras for the library, such as event supplies and prizes for the summer reading program. Your library benefits in countless ways from your support. Please join us. **Thank you!**

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