



Friends of the Freeland Library

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Volunteers Repair Book Shed

The Friends of Freeland Library (FFL) volunteers, Candy Charlwood, Rebecca Rickabaugh, Mary Jones and others, run the monthly book sale which generates several thousand dollars to support additional library programs and equipment. The book sale uses the two sheds across the parking lot to store and sort the books for the sales. Late last summer the bigger shed became infested with ants. Candy's husband, Robin, and Mary's husband, Randy, with help from retired builder Mike Dettrich, investigated and found that the rear floor was soft and soggy and damaged by the ants.

In September, a repair plan was developed and approved by the FFL Board and the Library.



The mighty repair team are pictured left to right; Mike Dettrich, Cliff Jones, Randy Jones and Robin Charlwood.

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Friends Annual Meeting Is Live on January 17

Please join us for the Friends of the Freeland Library's Annual Membership Meeting on Tuesday, January 17. We'll gather at 1 p.m. in the Milby Community Meeting Room for hot drinks, cookies and stories ...and a meeting. If you feel unwell, please stay home and take care of yourself.

The agenda includes election of committee chairs, reports by Sno-Isle Libraries staff, review and approval of Betsy's Wish List and planning for 2023. If you have a topic you wish to be discussed, let a committee chair know and it will be part of the agenda.

What's Betsy's Wish List? The Freeland Library's Managing Librarian, Betsy Arand, always prepares a list of items or programs which are above the normal operating expenses provided by Sno-Isle Libraries. The Friends of the Freeland Library review the list and vote what it can support. Her request includes such items and programs as the purchase of print, ebooks and audio books for Whidbey Reads, book prizes for the Summer

Reading Program, performances by local musicians and children's entertainers.

All members of the Board were reelected for a term of one year by majority vote of those members of the Friends present at the annual meeting. The Board of Directors are made up of five Committee Chairs: Records, Financial, Membership, Newsletter and Book Sale. It is the governing body of this nonprofit organization.

The Records Chair keeps a record of meetings of the organization, including actions and decisions, and conducts correspondence as required. Rebecca Rickabaugh is currently the chair.

The Financial Chair is responsible for maintaining an accurate record of all funds received and disbursed, prepares the tax returns as required for the Friends' fiscal year ending December 31. Candy Charlwood is our *bean counter*.

The Membership Chair maintains of a list of the members, records annual dues payments and contributions, notes volunteers, prepares the mailing lists and facilitates strategies to recruit and retain members of the Friends. Michael Moch is retiring from this committee and looks forward to orienting a new volunteer. He has been the Membership Chair since 2014.

Membership Renewals Due

It's now time to renew your 2023 membership. Or join as a new member. Dues are only \$10 per household. See the membership/donation form on the last page of this newsletter.

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Leadership Team to Develop Tools, Knowledge and Connections for Whidbey and Region

This fall I joined Leadership Whidbey's 2023 cohort as the Sno-Isle Libraries program candidate. I am joined by 18 other individuals from Whidbey's public, private, and nonprofit sectors to take part in a seven-month intensive leadership development program with the goal of creating a network of leaders whose increased awareness and commitment to service will energize and shape Whidbey Island's future. We meet monthly up and down the island to discuss challenges and opportunities faced by the Whidbey community and to develop the tools, knowledge and connections to better enable us to meet those challenges with creative solutions.

Leadership Whidbey is a program of Skagit Valley College and is supported by the college faculty and staff, as well as leaders and subject experts across the Puget Sound. This year, 2023, marks the third year of the program. Past Leadership Whidbey graduates include Kaley Costello, Clinton Library Manager.

—Katrina Morse



Katrina Morse, Freeland Librarian

Library Hours Expanded, In-person Programs Return and the Meeting Room Opens

Sno-Isle Libraries expanded community library hours at many locations last July.

To best meet the needs of local library users and provide greater access to library resources, the Freeland library is now open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday hours remain 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

In-person programming has returned! Sno-Isle Libraries began re-

introducing in-person programming at the end of May. See other articles in this newsletter for some of the exciting programs planned in Freeland this next year. For a complete schedule of upcoming library programs, both in-person and online, please visit the [Sno-Isle Libraries website](#).

Our meeting room is open to the public! The meeting room is available free of charge to community organi-

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zations and groups regardless of the beliefs or affiliations of individuals or groups requesting its use. All

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The Newsletter Chair is responsible for editing, publishing and mailing the membership newsletter. The duties include developing a schedule of publication dates each year and soliciting content from patrons, members and staff. Books or DVD

reviews, commentaries and stories about library patron's experiences. Prescott is serving in this role.

The Book Sale Chair organizes the Friends' monthly and book sales. A large part of this work includes managing storage of existing donated books and other materials. This committee

also maintains the books and magazines available in the lobby. Candy Charlwood and Rebecca Rickabaugh are currently chairing this committee.

They have built an amazing team of volunteers to manage the monthly book sales.

If you have ideas or just want to learn more about what the Friends do, contact anyone on the board. See the contact box on the right for phone numbers. Consider joining one of our committees and learn the fascinating workings of our library and the fun opportunities for volunteers.

Consider joining a committee!
You can be simply an assistant or become the chair.

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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.

Shed Repair, from page 1

In October a team, lead by Robin and Randy, excavated around the shed, sealed the cracks where the ants were entering and obtained the necessary materials to repair the floor in the rear of the shed.

Then in November Mike Dettrich and his friend Cliff Jones removed the damaged materials and replaced the flooring in the rear of the shed. The materials were kindly donated by Vic Hanson, owner of Hanson's Building Supply, and the waste materials were accepted without charge by the onsite manager of Island Recycle. The shed is now back in use and ready for the winter book sales.

We heartily thank Mike and Cliff for what they did and



Clean, dry and free of ants — the book storage room is ready for volunteers to help sort books.



Members of the crew at work.

for the donations from Hanson's Building Supply and Island Recycle.

Show your appreciation by patronizing Hanson's at 2863 Verlaine Street, Langley 98260 and Island Recycle at 20014 South State Route 525, Freeland 98249.

— Robin Charlwood

First Saturday Book Sales Are Back

The in-person monthly book sales resumed on, Saturday May 7 this year after a two-year hiatus due to pandemic restrictions.

"Lots of interest from all customers and seeing people again after a couple of years was fun," reported Book Sale co-coordinator Candy Charlwood.

The Friends of the Freeland Library now has the convenience of a credit/debit machine for the book sales.

An intrepid crew of volunteers turned out each month to help set up and take down the books. Several younger volunteers have come forward to ease the labor of the regular crew. In September an arrangement with the South Whidbey High School Interact club joined in.

"Four cute, energetic, young men helping us take the books back to the shed. What a treat for all of us mature bodies to just watch them hump the books. Guidance was greatly appreciated and all went smoothly." said Candy.

Four teenagers came to set up September 30 for the October 1 Book Sale. The two young women did just as much of the heavy lifting as the young men and all were rewarded with cookies.

Friends of the Freeland Library USED BOOK SALES

First SATURDAYS — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
January 7 • February 4 • March 4 • April 1

Hundreds of gently-used books available at great prices!
All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Freeland Library

Like everything else, the Saturday, November 5 book sale was "sort of" cancelled due to the freak windstorm the night before. Power was out all over the island. The books were all set up the day before. Even so, visitors drifted by, browsed and even paid for books they fancied. A limited number of volunteers and library staff helped out.

This month's sale is January 7, 2023. Book sales are held in the library's Milby Community Meeting room, 5495 Harbor Avenue in Freeland, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month. Hundreds of books for all ages are available by donation or fill a bag for \$20.00. Cash, check, credit and debit cards are all accepted. All proceeds go to the Friends of the Freeland Library.

Volunteers are welcome to help set up the Friday morning before the sale or to help with the sale itself. Please call 360-331-7323 for more information.

A Few Freeland Library Highlights of 2022

Parking Lot Programs

On a sunny Saturday, July 16 the parking area behind the Freeland Library was filled with children and their parents for the *Fire Trucks, Ice Cream and Dinosaurs — Oh My!* event. It was a fun couple of hours featuring a local firetruck and the raptor experience from *DinoCrew Northwest*. Free Sprinklz ice cream was slurped up by all.

Freeland Library Manager Betsy Arand was thrilled to see that the whole parking area could be successfully used for an outdoor event.

A repeat outdoor family event “Fall Family Festival” was held on Saturday, September 17.



This dinosaur can dance, wiggle and roar, delighting children and adults alike.



Pictured left, Bethany and Alice Palo enjoy ice cream.

Pictured right, this young paleontologist learns how to find dinosaur bones using tools of the trade.



This boy waves to the crew after his tour of the fire truck.



The Ballydidean Farm Sanctuary brought a goat and a lamb to the Fall Family Festival.

Volunteers Rewarded by a Spellbinding Program

On Thanksgiving Day, 1925, during the height of Prohibition, Roy Olmstead, the Rumrunning King of the Northwest, was arrested by Federal Prohibition Agents in a daring raid, on a dock at a place called Woodmont Beach, a hundred yards from my house.

So begins the presentation by Steve Edmiston to attendees on the October 14 Friends and Volunteers Recognition event.

If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity with Freeland Library, contact the staff. Join the Friends of the

News Flash! Adult Book Fair II is Wednesday, February 8 at the Fare Market.

Adult Book Fair

The event on November 3 at the Fare Market was reminiscent of a book fair that an adult might have attended while in elementary school. Katrina reserved several book discussion kits and talked books with attendees. There is no cover charge for this event and Fare Market will have some special menu and drink options for sale.



It was great fun to peruse books available to check out through the library right there on the spot. Candy Charwood represented the Friends at the event, selling 16 books and signing up a new Friends member!

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meetings are open to the general public regardless of the attendee's gender, race, ethnicity, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, veteran status, marital status, or religious or political affiliation. The meeting room may not be used for the purpose of transacting commercial activities and no entrance fees may be charged to meeting attendees.

To reserve the meeting room, go to "Services" on the [library's website](#). Then click "Room Reservation," scroll down, and click on "[Reserve a Room.](#)" You can also call the library at 360-331-7323 for help in reserving the meeting room.

Freeland Library as well and we'll put you to work. PLUS you can enjoy this generous thank-you event by our library's staff. The delicious treats are worth it too.

"Whiskey and Wiretaps: Lessons for the Northwest's Rumrunning King" was a program through Humanities Washington. Lawyer Steve Edmiston presented a spellbinding narrative about the Northwest's most prolific bootlegger with big political, cultural and legal questions.

Why did Olmstead, the youngest lieutenant in Seattle Police Department history, form a secret gang to take over Prohibition bootlegging in the Northwest? What can we learn today from his story of whiskey-driven politics, culture wars, illegal surveillance, sensational trials and Constitution-bending trips to the Supreme Court?

Using photographs, documents, newspapers, and court cases, Humanities Washington speaker Steve Edmiston breathed life into Olmstead's story by exploring historical context, his code of conduct, and the profound impact of his legal battles today.



Steve Edmiston lays out a dramatic scenario.

Sno-Isle Library Events/Resources



For information about upcoming Events, go to the Sno-Isle Libraries website, www.sno-isle.org. On every page is an aqua-blue band with headings in white print. When you click on each heading, a drop down menu appears to offer you even more specific choices. For example: select Events and sub menus appear, sorted by all Events, Event Recordings and Past Author Talks. You can an age category and topic such as Arts and Crafts.

If you are without a computer or internet. You can borrow a laptop computer and a WiFi hotspot for up to 21 days. Or use the library's WiFi signal with your own laptop or device as well as using the desktop computers at the library during open hours.

Need something printed? Each week, you will receive a \$7 printing credit with your library card. You can print in black and white or color. Or you can submit something for printing at home and pick it up at the desk later. Follow the specific directions on the website: www.sno-isle.org/computers-printing.

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Membership, Donations and Volunteer Work Help the Freeland Library

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Your annual membership dues for 2023 are due now. Through our fundraising efforts, the Friends undertake projects and supply items that fall outside the established budget of the Freeland library. Funds we raise provide: programs for all ages, Summer Reading Program support for children, furniture and building improvements and special project funding.

Join Friends of the Freeland Library with a donation. Donors receive a quarterly newsletter, program invitations, participation in meetings and early notice of events.

Contact your current or former employer about matching your donation.

Please make checks payable to **Friends of the Freeland Library**. Clip out and fill in this form and mail it to: **P.O. Box 336, Freeland, WA 98249**. Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law, EIN #91-1340777.

You may also bring this form to staff at the Feeland Library itself. Credit card payments may be made at the monthly Book Sales too.

Annual family or single membership (\$10)\$ _____
Additional donation\$ _____
Total\$ _____
Payment method cash or check # _____

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

Mailing address _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ I want to receive my newsletter by email

Suggest someone you think would enjoy receiving news about the Friends:

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