

SUMMER/FALL 2023



FRIENDS OF THE CLINTON LIBRARY



Message from the President

By Carol Flax, President



It's been a busy summer and I'm madly working to get this newsletter out before the next big rush. We have lots of news to share so we hope you'll take the time to read this. We took a very unofficial poll and most folks seem very happy to get their newsletter digitally, saving us a great deal of work and money, so thanks for letting us know. If you would like a printed version, just let us know (email us at Clinton.library.friends@gmail.com) and we'll mail it to you or just stop by the library and pick one up.

We have a new feature in our newsletter - recommended reading from Mary Burns, board member at-large and former book store owner. This issue she reviews the children's book, *The Mouse in My House*.

Our first very exciting news is that we have a new library manager, Bryan Tidwell. We're thrilled to get to know him and start working with him. There's a word from Bryan below. Our former manager Kaley Costello was transferred to the Langley Library and just had a baby boy. Tigran Karamanyan was born on May 18th, weighing 8.8lbs. Kaley and family are doing well! We wish her the very best of luck with both new endeavors.

The library and FOCL are ramping up in-person activities, so we expect to be seeing more of all of you soon. See below for a listing of many of the upcoming events. And be sure to check Sno-Isle's website for other events and news.

Sno-Isle is continuing to look into the best next steps for our little library and are taking all the community feedback into account. We hope to be able to make an announcement in the near future about what decisions have been made.

Enjoy your summer and keep visiting the library!

A word from Sno-Isle Libraries

Sno-Isle Libraries is committed to creating inspiring spaces which are welcoming, inclusive, and easy to use. Each community is unique, and our goal is to reimagine our libraries to reflect and align with each community. Clinton Library is in our capital project strategy in the pre-planning phase. We look forward to returning to the community with more information soon.

Membership News

by Ginny Kuehn, membership coordinator



Summer is here, and I wish you all a pleasant, satisfying time during warm days ahead. Most of my adventures this summer will be virtual, in the form of what I find in the library to bring the world to me, supplemented by participating in the large garden/orchard/community where I live. What a great place to live.

On behalf of the FOCL board, I extend our gratitude to all our members. If you have not yet renewed or joined for 2023, please use the form at the end of this newsletter, and mail or stop by the library to hand it to a librarian. Or the librarian can provide a membership form for you. Thank you!

In friendship,
Ginny Kuehn, Membership Coordinator

Social Media Report

by Beth Quigley, Member at-large



Our numbers just keep growing! In the last 28 days, we reached 2,772 people, had 283 post engagements and 4 new page likes!

The information comes from the FOCL Professional Dashboard through Meta.

Recommended Read

by Mary Burns, Member at-large



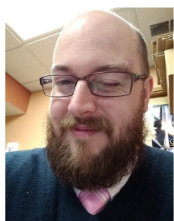
The Mouse in My House

(We Both Read – Level 1)

This fun book rhymes its way through a tale about a small mouse causing big trouble in a family's house. "We Both Read" books are designed to have each left-hand page read by an experienced reader – parent, older child – followed by the right-hand page, which is written with many of the same words, but at a lower level, being read by the new reader. This is an excellent read-aloud experience! "We Both Read" books are available in Levels Pre-K through 4; many also bi-lingual.

From the Library Manager

Bryan Tidwell



Meet our new Clinton Library Manager, Bryan Tidwell

I'm very excited to join the Clinton Library team, and I can't wait to meet you all and learn more about this community. I'm sure you all have much to teach me!

I've worked in libraries for around 20 years, originally in Pierce County (I grew up in Sumner). My work for the past six years was as manager of the Chewelah Public Library in Stevens County. I really enjoyed working with our Friends group there (though they're MUCH smaller!), and I was able to partner with and serve on several boards and groups in that community and region. I'm a huge advocate for rural communities and for bringing light to the challenges of rural access and support, and I'm incredibly excited to get to be part of a capital improvement effort here in Clinton. I was able to do some similar work in Stevens County.

On the personal side of things, I'm a proud dad to 3 kiddos: twin girls who couldn't be more different (12) and a very sweet and silly son (8). We also bring only part of our menagerie with us to the island in two cats and a very energetic Aussie/Lab mix (our chickens and rabbits found new homes before we left). My wife Jaime and I love to cook and bake, and most days our family can be found reading books or playing video games together. We've really enjoyed life here so far, and we're so happy to get to continue to explore our beautiful new island home

Upcoming Events!

Kathryn, Zo, & Andy are putting together some amazing programs for our community! For more details, go to sno-isle.org/events

Wednesday, July 19th: 10-11AM Family Storytime at Castle Park (South Whidbey Community Park) Come enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and creative activities together as a family to prepare for the wonder of reading.

Wednesday, July 26th: 10-11AM Family Storytime at Castle Park (South Whidbey Community Park)

Wednesday, August 2nd: 10AM-1PM (Clinton Library) – Drop-In Family Art – Let's Create Together! Families are welcome to drop-in anytime between the hours of 10am-1pm for a hands-on artistic experience! No registration necessary

Library Programs (con't)

Observe the sun's energy while also experiencing nature and making art! Sun prints are easy, fun, and exciting to make; also called cyanotypes, we will process one on paper and one on fabric.

Wednesday, August 9th: 10AM-1PM (Clinton Library) – Drop-In Family Art – Let's Create Together! Make a colorful, free-form doodle weaving using a homemade cardboard loom and branch. Simple enough for kids, teens, and adults alike!

Wednesday, August 9th: 6-9PM (Clinton Community Hall) – Board Game Night
Join Zo at Clinton Hall for an evening of games. Try out the board games provided or bring a game to share. If you need any help learning a new game or deciding what to play we've got you covered. All skill levels are welcome. Ages 13+

Wednesday, August 16th: 10AM-1PM (Clinton Library) – Drop-In Family Art – Let's Create Together!, Fun for the whole family with Liquid WaterColors! We will have two outside stations set-up: Shaving cream marbled paper and raised salt painting. Come give both a try!

Wednesday, August 23rd: 10AM-1PM (Clinton Library) – Drop-In Family Art – Let's Create Together! Classic Spin-Art: Squeeze your paint on the paper, create unique designs and patterns, then spin it all to get something completely new and unexpected! Paint and spin, spin and paint!

Thursday, August 24th: 6-7:30PM (Clinton Community Hall) -- The Wise Gardener Book Group PNW Gardeners! The Wise Gardener Book Group is a newly forming group of gardening nerds and those inspired by gardens and nature. All are welcome! Each month encompasses a gardening 'theme' with several books to choose from in various genres.

Wednesday, August 30th: 10AM-1PM (Clinton Library) – Drop-In Family Art – Let's Create Together! Fuse Beads: Create a 2-D design on a peg board with non-toxic, food grade plastic beads, then fuse your mosaic together with heat from a hot iron.

Saturday, September 9th: 6-9PM (Clinton Community Hall) – Board Game Night

Thursday, September 28th: 6-7:30PM (Clinton Community Hall) -- The Wise Gardener Book Group

Additionally, Andy is co-hosting some great digital events!

Fridays, 9:30-10AM (Zoom) – Online Preschool Storytime with Andy and the Crew from Library on Wheels. Join Andy from the Clinton Library and the crew from Library on Wheels. Share fun books, songs, and creative activities with your preschooler to prepare young minds for the adventure of reading.

Book Sale News

by Cindy Willis, Book Sale Coordinator



We had 2 successful book sales in March and June thanks to great book donations and a small army of AMAZING volunteers and we participated in community events.

We gave out many children's book at the Easter egg hunt at Dan Porter Park, despite the day being cold and blustery. Thank you to Phyllis Alexandar for hours of sorting out high-quality books for the giveaway, Bob Alexandar for delivering the books to the park, and Jacob Brock, Devon Johnson, and Ginny Kuehn for helping to hand out books.

The Friends of Langley Library asked if FOCL could donate mystery books for the Langley Mystery Weekend. We were able to accommodate by giving them about a 175 mystery books for their mysterious bags of mystery books.

The March sale found us with 100's of gardening books donated by a former member just in time for spring and summer inspiration. In June, we had a great selection of high-quality fiction, nonfiction, and mystery books. Thank you to Mary Burns for spending hours sorting the children's books so that we can offer more high-quality books for the future sales.

For the March sale, we brought in \$1536.50!! Membership (new and renewals): \$120.00, donations: \$110.50, WOW sales (pre and during sale): \$471.50, regular books: \$834.50.



A crowd of happy shoppers at our March booksale at the Clinton Community Hall

For the June sale, we brought in \$1554.00!! Membership (new and renewals): \$80.00, donations: \$69.50, WOW sales (pre and during sale): \$685.00, regular books: \$719.50.

We can always use more hands for the book sale. Please consider volunteering if you have not previously (it's a lot of fun!). There are many different types of positions such as cashier, book loaders, hall set up, "fluffers" (Jan Soltys' term for arranging the books for maximum sales), and sorting boxes for load out. Contact me at clinton.friends.booksale@gmail.com if interested.

Book Sale News (cont)

At both sales, I heard from several customers that we have the most organized sale with great book selections of any book sales they've attended, on and off island, and were genuinely impressed by the volunteers. THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who work hard to make our sales successful for our mission of supporting our Clinton Library.

Our next 2 sales are September 23 and December 9. See you there!

Your Feedback Needed

FOCL is participating in a project with the Island Co. Economic Development Council:

Exciting news! The EDC for Island County has started the process of developing a comprehensive economic development strategy (CEDS). An important part of this process is stakeholder engagement. Our first opportunity to provide feedback and input to the process is a SWOT (strength, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) survey.

Please take a few minutes and let us know your perspective on priorities and challenges to business and economic development in Island County: <https://forms.gle/BVYLHpJhCfUDbgvK6>

FRIENDS OF THE CLINTON LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP

Yes! I want to support our community library.

☐ Renewal

☐ New Membership

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Membership Fees

☐ Individual: \$10

☐ Family: \$20

☐ Business/Organization: \$20

☐ Additional Donation or Memorial: \$ _____

Total Paid: \$ _____

Date: _____ ☐ Please contact me regarding volunteering.

Please drop off your membership form and check at the library or mail to:

FOCL, 4781 Deer Lake Road, Clinton, WA 98236.

FOCL is a nonprofit organization under IRS section 501(c)(3).

Thank you for your support!