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Deschutes Public Library Newsletter

*"The only thing constant in life is change."*

It's both ironic and reassuring that the maxim most frequently used to describe life in the 21st century was authored by 17th century moralist Francois de la Rochefoucauld. *Ironic* in the sense that change in the 1600s seems positively glacial in our review mirror, especially when compared to the tumultuous period dating from the 1960s. *Reassuring* in that Francois reminds us from the past that every generation of humanity has been challenged to embrace new ideas and concepts.

To put the challenges of Internet 2.0 in perspective, let's not forget that the people of Francois' era had their core beliefs challenged by Galileo, Newton, and Descartes, and had to cope with the Thirty Years' War and civil wars in England, France, and Scotland. Within this context, Francois might be a little dismissive of our concerns about moving to high definition television.

Still, Francois got it right, and his maxim applies as much today as it did in his time, as does his implicit coaching to embrace and incorporate change.

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## New Books, Old Favorites, and Buried Treasures

Deschutes Public Library introduces a new e-mail newsletter service—*NextReads*. No library card is necessary—just an e-mail address—to subscribe to any of 20 different subject and genre newsletters. Topics range from Biography and Memoir to Fantasy, sent on a monthly or bimonthly basis, and include up to 15 titles. Subscribers can link directly to the library catalog from a list, and place a hold or request a title immediately. Even patrons without e-mail addresses can take advantage of the lists by viewing them online, either at the library or from any Internet access point.

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## Book Search Made Easy

One of the many services children's and teen librarians provide everyday is helping patrons, young and old, find just the right book for pleasure or homework reading. We are well aware of how busy parents' and students' lives are, so here's what we have created to make your library visit even easier:

- **Booklists of favorite subjects** that parents of young children request over and over. We call them "You Asked For It," and they include topics such as New Baby, Bullies, Manners, Princesses, Dinosaurs, Trucks, Adoption, Death of a Pet, Horses, and so on.

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