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Deschutes Public Library Newsletter

A Novel Idea's "The World to Come" is almost here!

It's almost here! The fifth annual "A Novel Idea...Read Together" kicks off Saturday, April 26 at the Bend Public Library at 2:00 p.m. with the beautiful music of *Fiddler on the Roof* presented by the Obsidian Opera. The event is free and open to all ages!

The Deschutes Public Library Foundation's A Novel Idea program is regarded as the premier community reading program in the state of Oregon since 2005. Much of our success is due to the thousands of Deschutes County residents who embrace the program and participate actively in its free cultural events and author visits every year.

Through A Novel Idea, we've trekked across the rivers and streams of Oregon with David James Duncan's classic *The River Why*, journeyed to the barren and heart-breaking lands of Afghanistan through Khaled Hosseini's *The Kite Runner*, trucked our way through America and Mexico with María Amparo Escandón's *González and Daughter Trucking Co.*, and relived the great days of Bill Bowerman's Oregon with Kenny Moore's book *Bowerman and the Men of Oregon*. This year we enter *The World to Come* with award-winning author Dara Horn and are enchanted by this extraordinary tale of mystery, folklore, theology, and history.

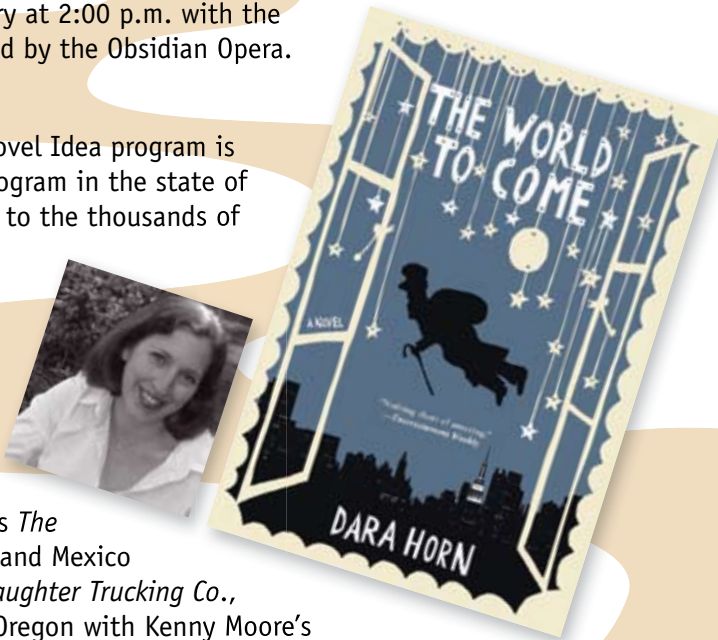
Throughout the month, more than 20 programs highlight this year's book at the public libraries in Bend, Redmond, La Pine, Sisters, and Sunriver. Programs inform Deschutes County residents about the Russian Jewish Immigrant experience in Oregon, the great artist Marc Chagall, Kosher baking, Judaism 101, and other programs that were inspired from the book's rich tale. Art workshops and films are also a part of the programming line up. Pick up an event schedule at your local library or check out the website at www.dpls.us/novelidea.

The celebration ends with a reading and signing with author Dara Horn at the Tower Theatre on Thursday, May 15 and at the Sisters FivePine Lodge Conference Center on Friday, May 16.

Tickets for the Thursday, May 15th presentation at the Tower Theatre become available on Saturday, May 3 at each of the Deschutes Public Library branches in Bend, La Pine, Redmond, Sisters, and Sunriver. Tickets are free and limited to two per customer. Please call Lisa at 312-1034 to register for the May 16th presentation at the Sisters FivePine Lodge Conference Center.

For more information, please contact Chantal Strobel at chantals@dpls.us.

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You are the best place to be when you are mad or sad you are the best and your people rock . . ."

Patron comment from 2008 library survey

I enjoy reading the hundreds of comments we receive annually when we conduct our library usage study. The observations read in sequence constitute a stream-of-conscious review of the library program.

Most are enthusiastic compliments, but we also receive a number of very specific suggestions. "It would be awesome if we can get multiple copies of Heavy Metal CDs, such as Rob Zombie, Pantera and other 70s and 80s songs."

We also receive comments from a more traditional perspective. "I cannot live without my books, as Thomas Jefferson would say; and to that, I add, I cannot live without my library."

Younger library users weigh in with their own interests. "I think your children's section should have many rats books."

Some of the comments convey the significance of specific library services. "My 87 year old mother gets books mailed to her which is great as she doesn't drive anymore or get around very easily, and needs things to help her pass the time."

One patron embraced the underlying values that guide our commitment to customer service. "I come here almost every day and the librarians are very helpful. And they always do their best to help you in looking for what you want. It makes me want to be a librarian."

From rats to heavy metal to poetry and philosophy, the diverse interests of our community all surface in the annual survey. I encourage you to take the time to read patron comments included as appendix in the 2008 Results Monitoring Report that is posted on our website at the following address:

<http://www.dpls.lib.or.us/Files/03%202008%20RESULTS%20MONITORING%20REPORT.pdf>

It's riveting reading!

Michael Gaston
Library Director

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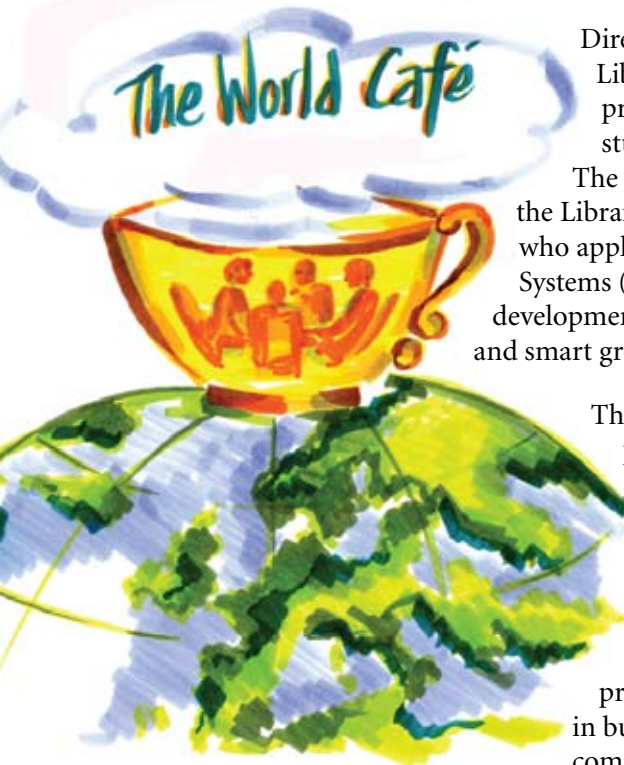
Sunriver Area Public Library
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Sunriver, Oregon 97707
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Changing Demographics of Central Oregon —The World Café at the Library

Please join the Deschutes Public Library for a World Café program to explore “Who Are We Becoming...The Changing Demographics of Central Oregon” on Thursday, May 29, 2008 from 5:30–8:00 p.m. in the Brooks Room of the Bend Public Library.

This dynamic event allows us to connect diverse perspectives, listen together for new insights, and explore the changes occurring throughout Deschutes County.



Director of the Deschutes Public Library, Michael Gaston, will present a recent demographic study on Deschutes County.

The study was developed for the Library by CIVIC Technologies who applies Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to assist with the development of livable communities and smart growth.

This event begins with a presentation by Gaston and is then facilitated by Andrea Dyer who has experience leading many different World Café discussions events. The World Café is a unique process that has been used in business, education and community organization across

the globe, and enhances our capacity to talk and think more deeply together about critical issues that face our communities. We hope you are able to join us for an interesting evening.

This program is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. Please register by calling Lisa McGean at (541) 312-1034 or lisam@dpls.us by May 20, 2008.

A Novel Idea's Circle Club

Become a founding member of the new Novel Idea Circle Club!

Membership provides an exciting opportunity to get the inside track into Oregon's premiere community reading and discussion program “A Novel Idea...Read Together.”

Membership benefits include:

- Private cocktail party with the Novel Idea author
- Signed hard-back copy of the selected book
- Advanced tickets to the Tower Theatre author presentation
- Sponsor gift bag filled with one-of-a-kind “Novel Idea” gifts
- Entry into the annual “Novel Idea Unveiled Event” in November so you are one of the first to know about the next book!
- Recognition on the Novel Idea Reader's Guide and at the Tower Theatre Presentation

Join today for \$1,000 and become a founding member of the Novel Idea Circle Club.

Please send your check or credit card number and expiration date to the Deschutes Public Library Foundation Inc., P.O. Box 2404, Bend, Oregon 97709, or call Chantal Strobel at 541.312.1031 or chantals@dpls.us.

Redmond's new teen area gains national attention

The Redmond Public Library is sporting a new look in the teen area that has caught the eye of Kimberly Bolan, author of *Teen Spaces: the step-by-step library makeover*. The new space will be highlighted this summer at two American Library Association conference sessions on effective spaces for teens, and will also appear in Bolan's upcoming edition of *Teen Spaces* (2008).

Thanks to much collaboration between teens, area businesses, and the library, we now have a jukebox entrance leading to an area complete with music-themed rugs, murals, and posters. There were many contributors to this project:

The Council of Library Teens (C.O.L.T.), a group of nearly 20 teens who meet monthly to discuss library service to teens, worked with Teen Librarian Linda Olson to determine the overall theme of the space, and came up with the name *Teen Beat*, to reflect their musical interests. Todd Dunkelberg, Redmond Public Library Branch Manager, sanctioned the move and assisted with the planning process. Clare Bohning, then a Redmond High student, created the murals in the room. Stonehorse Construction and Design, owned by Linda's husband, took on the challenge of creating a jukebox-like entrance for the space. Mr. Olson utilized some chrome exhaust pipes, donated by Exhaust Specialties (Bend), for the frame of the structure. The Redmond Kiwanis Club and Friends of the Redmond Library donated funds to be used in the remodeling project. When possible, furniture was purchased from local Redmond merchants, and Great American Home Furnishings generously donated a piece of furniture for the space. Finally, Painted People Ceramics, of Redmond, designed and donated the *Teen Beat* sign on the entrance way.

Teen Beat is in constant use by teens coming by to read, do homework, surf the Web, or to just enjoy the space.

National Poetry Month in Bend

I went up in a swing
Up ever so high,
Then opened my mouth
And I swallowed a fly....

This fun poem by Brod Bagert is just one of many that children's librarian Paige Bentley is bringing into classrooms during April—National Poetry Month. Paige visits schools throughout Bend to promote poetry, and invite interaction from the children and teachers with her selection of poems. Although her poetry visits are brief they always feature plenty of clapping, giggling, wiggling, and even some flying this year, since all her poems are about bugs. Look for her *Poetry Paige* online. Just click on the Kids Page when you go to www.dpls.us.

Sunriver Area

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The current library was built 10 years ago, so happy 10th birthday to the Sunriver Area Public Library! On Thursday April 24th we are having a celebration all day long. Stop in for some snack, let us show you around at what has changed over the years and bring the kids or grandkids because we'll have some great crafts for them. Also, on April 15th during National Library Week the library is hosting "Sunriver After Hours" sponsored by the Sunriver Chamber of Commerce. This is an opportunity for community members to come to the library in the evening, learn what we do, and browse the stacks.

Redmond

The Redmond Public Library with the help of the Central Oregon Writer's Group, the High Desert Society of the Arts, the Redmond Rotary, the Redmond School District and the Friends of the Library's Art Committee sponsored the fourth consecutive 4th Grade Book Contest. There were 102 entries from the various public and private schools within the district and from those the winner Malachi Stalberg's *King Mouse* and Jade Rollin's *Lola's Big Dream* were selected. An exhibition of all the entrants and a book signing was held on the 16th of March and the Rotary will host the winners and their families for a luncheon during National Library Week in mid-April.

The Road to School Success at the La Pine Public Library

The La Pine Public Library is a vital link on the road to success in school. Throughout the year, we have worked with preschool and school-age children to help them reach their potential. Here are some examples of how we accomplish this:

- Monthly story times at local preschools and day care facilities
- Weekly story times in the branch
- Weekly programs for elementary-aged youth
- Bi-weekly programs for teens
- Monthly programs focused on home-schooled youth, from elementary-aged through teens
- Visits to schools to promote the Summer Reading program
- Creating booklists for teachers
- Book talks in the classroom
- Weekly research assistance in the Teen Laptop Lab
- Assistance in finding materials for homework assignments
- Assistance in choosing books at your child's reading level
- And so much more!

As summer arrives, we want your child to continue reading so that the skills they learned throughout the year are not lost. Plus, we can help find the right book so that reading continues to be fun! Spend those hot summer days chilling out with a cool book from the La Pine Public Library!

StoryStars! 2008

Save the date! StoryStars! 2008 is coming on Saturday, July 19. Each year Deschutes Public Library brings a children's author and/or illustrator to the Tower Theatre for a family program that celebrates children's literature. This year's StoryStar (drum roll, please) is—Todd Parr! Todd is a much-loved children's author and illustrator, as well as creator of a popular television series, ToddWorld. Todd has partnered with Target, Reach Out and Read, People Magazine, and many other organizations to promote early literacy and reading. Todd describes his books as, "...simple reading about acceptance, differences and empowerment for kids to feel better about themselves in a simple, fun way." Others describe his books as, "offbeat, punchy, funny, quirky." However you describe them, his books such as *It's Okay To Be Different*, *This Is My Hair*, and *The Best Friends Book* are sure to become favorites of yours.

Todd reads aloud some of his books at the Tower Theatre on July 19 at 2pm, and draws characters that we all know and love. Admission is by free ticket, available at all Deschutes Public Libraries beginning July 5. Limit of 5 tickets per family.

Todd will also have a casual conversation with adults interested in writing or illustrating for children, and getting their manuscripts published. Ask questions and learn from Todd at the Bend Public Library, July 19 @ 4pm. Call 617-7097 to register, beginning July 5.

Todd will also be doing book signings at Paulina Springs Books in Redmond at 11:00 a.m., and at between the covers bookstore in Bend at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 20.

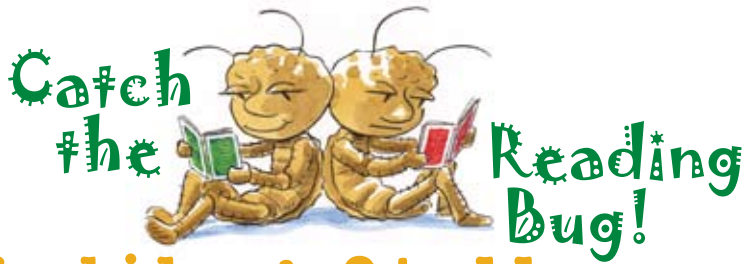
Save the date for StoryStars! 2008 with Todd Parr!

Sunriver Area Adult Summer Reading!

Summer is almost here...despite what the weather tells us! And summer reading is NOT JUST FOR KIDS! The theme for our 5th annual Adult Summer Reading Program is "Pollinate Your Mind" which is related to the kids theme "Catch the Reading Bug" and the teen program "Metamorphosis @ Your Library." Thanks again to the Friends for their support of the summer reading programs. Your help is invaluable!

Everybody should stop by in June and pick up reading coupons. For the adults, when you read three books you'll receive a small gift and a coupon for a free book from the Friends book sale shelf.





for kids age 0 to 11

Are you going BUGGY this summer trying to find something to do? Then buz-z-z-z-z on over to your local library and join either the children's summer reading program, Catch the Reading Bug. There are prizes to win, entertaining programs to enjoy, and books, books, books, to listen to, or read!

When a child ages 0-11 finishes three hours of reading or listening to books, he/she receives a free book and a chance to win the weekly prize of puppets with books. Additional hours earn bug bucks, which can be traded at the library's Flea Market for toys, games, and books.

"Bugapalooza" is a series of special free performances for families, including "Bonnie Goes Buggy," with award-winning folksinger Bonnie Phipps; "Little Bug's Big World," a puppet show performed by Dragon Theater Puppets," and "Go Wild," a Slightly Illusional program that combines magic, puppets, literature, and comedy to teach about the science in your own backyard. Check with your local branch for dates, times and locations.

There are also weekly creative programs for ages 6-11. "The Buzz Patrol" features stories, games, crafts, and other activities for the older child. Days of the week and times are:

Bend Public Library, Thursdays @ 2pm

La Pine Public Library, Wednesdays @ 10:30am

Redmond Public Library, Tuesdays @ 2pm

Sisters Public Library, Tuesdays @ 10:30am

Sunriver Area Public Library, Wednesdays @ 2pm

"Busy Bees" story times continue all summer long as well, for children ages 0-5. Contact your local branch for the schedule.

Why did the caterpillar go to the library? She wanted to be a bookworm! This summer is your chance to become a bookworm too, by joining the summer reading program—Catch the Reading Bug!



for teens age 12 to 17

Metamorphosis is the theme of this year's Teen Summer Reading Program (TSRP)! You could transform your old bike or skateboard (Dec Out My Deck), turn stuff from a tool box into amazing jewelry (Hardware Jewelry), and trash into works of art (Operation: Art Attack). And when you read for three hours, you get a free book. Plus, each branch is giving away cool grand prizes.

So check out the teen programs at your library branch and celebrate this year's summer reading theme: *Metamorphosis*!