

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.