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Deschutes Public Library Newsletter

## Challenges & Opportunities

There have been remarkable improvements in the quantity, quality, and variety of services provided by the Deschutes Public Library since the Library District was formed in late 1998. The adequate, stable funding local residents provided by supporting the establishment of a countywide library district has enabled the library staff to remain focused upon upgrading library services. The Oregon State Library now considers Deschutes one of the top public library programs in Oregon.

The District Board and I are proud that the only unfulfilled campaign promise from 1998 is the construction of the new Sisters Library, which will be completed within the next year. With the fulfillment of these commitments, the Library District is now turning its focus to the next five years.

The Library District is being challenged by its own success. Doubling library usage has had an impact, both in terms of clerical functions as well as reference services.

Over the next year, you will notice that the District will move to provide Express Stations where patrons can check-out their own materials. This has already been tested in Redmond, where more than 80% of the books are now checked out on self-check machines. The Express Stations will free staff to handle incoming materials as well as to provide assistance to patrons looking for information.

If you haven't taken a look at the Library's web site, I would recommend that you take the time to explore the many services that are available online. You can now search full-text magazine articles or submit reference questions from your home. There are also electronic reference tools on our web site. We will be updating our catalog searching features over the next year. One exciting feature on the horizon will be the ability to request that you be alerted whenever a title by your favorite author or on a selected topic is added to the catalog.

Perhaps the most ambitious initiatives to be undertaken over the next five years will be the introduction of public library circulation stations in

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area schools. The concept is to build upon the existing staff in school libraries, providing training to use the public library electronic resources and online catalog. Material will be delivered to the schools for check-out by the staff of the school media center. This labor-intensive service will be tested over the next two years with three area schools.

Additional schools will be added to the service as resources allow. This program has the potential of serving over 25,000 students in the 38 public school libraries in Deschutes County.

Planning has just begun on establishing one or more additional branch libraries to serve the growing populations in east Bend. The Library will spend the next year mapping demographics in order to identify likely locations. The size and scope of the branch libraries will be designed to complement the existing Bend Library, which is located in downtown Bend. This will be an exciting project which will take several years to complete. The preliminary goal is to establish at least one branch library on the east side of Bend within five years.

As you can see, the Library has a number of challenges and opportunities ahead. While we are very proud of the accomplishments that were achieved over the past five years, we are just as excited about the future.

*Michael K. Gaston*  
District Library Director

**The Library District has identified four priorities that will need to be addressed in the coming years:**

- 1** Maintain and enhance the quality of library service while library usage continues to increase at a rapid rate.
- 2** Provide web access to library services using the latest technology.
- 3** Increase services to teens, with a special focus upon supplementing the school libraries which have been devastated by the current school funding crisis.
- 4** Establish one or more branch libraries to serve the growing population in east Bend and in the area between Bend and Redmond.

## Making Great Things Happen...

## The Deschutes Public Library Foundation

The Deschutes Public Library Foundation raises and manages funds to support and enhance an excellent public library program that reaches and serves all people in Deschutes County. Donations, bequests, and grants to the Library's Foundation provide the supplemental funding that makes the difference between a good and an excellent library that meets the growing needs of Deschutes County residents.

The Foundation is committed to funding programs, services, and collections with the following focus:

- Inspiring children and young adults to develop a love of reading and a thirst for knowledge
- Enabling individual residents to achieve their personal goals
- Providing a window to the world of ideas and possibilities contained in print and electronic media
- Encouraging appreciation of the art, sciences, and humanities.

The 2005/2006 support areas include:

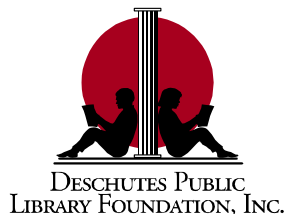
- The countywide reading project "A Novel Idea...Read Together"
- Traveling computer lab for Outreach throughout Deschutes County
- Growing the endowment for the long-term sustainability of the library

Become a member of the Foundation for just \$35 or help build the Foundation's endowment with a larger gift.

Send a check today to:

The Deschutes Public Library Foundation  
507 NW Wall Street  
Bend, OR 97701

**Author Khaled Hosseini's presentation at the Tower Theatre was made possible by The Deschutes Public Library Foundation.**



**D**ragons are the stuff of dreams. They spark our imagination with their power and majesty, and we wonder what it would be like if we discovered one nestled among the reeds, or perched on a branch, or soaring through the mist.

So we are delighted that dragons are the theme of this summer's reading program for children. We have no doubt that "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds" will appeal to anyone who enjoys fantasy, adventure, and imagination. And just to make sure that we reach the broadest audience possible, we've thrown in unicorns, magic, princesses, fairies, and even Harry Potter.

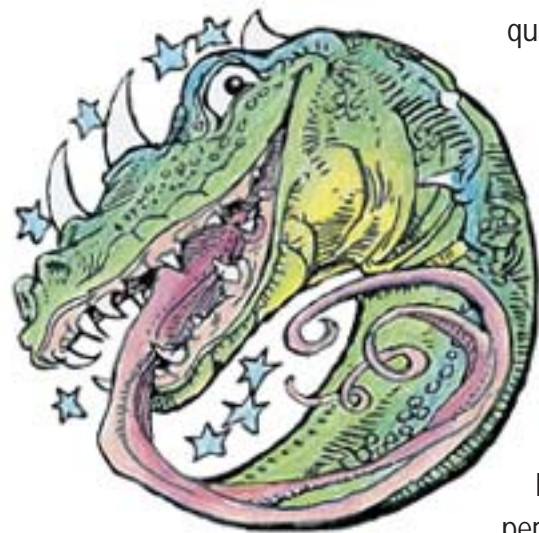
There are three basic parts to the summer reading program at all Deschutes Public Libraries. The first part is the reading. Any child, from birth through age 11, who completes three hours of reading or listening to books and fills out a purple dragon coupon, receives a free book of their choice from hundreds of different titles available at the

libraries. Each additional red coupon qualifies the child for the weekly prize drawing of a puppet and an accompanying book. Choices include a gryphon, a Pegasus, unicorn hats, and of course, several different dragons.

The second part of the program are the special events, "Dreams 'n Dares." We have Arthur Atsma, magician, performing at each of the branch libraries June 28 and June 29. He is

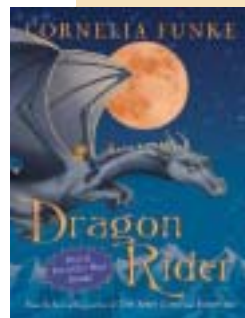
hilarious and inspiring, encouraging his audience to read in order to learn anything they want to know, including magic.

The Traveling Lantern Theatre will be performing "Sword in the Stone" at the libraries on July 5 and 6. This highly interactive program involves two actors, many costume changes, and lots of audience participation.



Is there any creature that creates more of a sense of wonder and awe than a dragon? Think of the memorable dragons we know and love through children's literature:

*The Dragon Rider* by



Cornelius Funke, is a new epic novel for readers who like thick books, about a silver dragon, a brownie, and an orphan boy on a quest.

*The Reluctant Dragon*,

created by Kenneth Grahame, who also happens to be the author of my all-time most favorite book, *Wind in the Willows*. This ageless story, illustrated by the creator of Winnie the Pooh, Ernest H. Shepard, tells of a boy who knows that the dragon in the cave is neither fierce nor frightening, but how can he convince St. George, the dragon killer?

*Falcon's Egg* by Luli Gray tells of Falcon who prides herself on being a very responsible girl, but who learns she must turn to others for help when she finds a very unusual egg in the park.



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The High Desert Museum will tour the libraries on July 18 and 21 with "The Art of Falconry." Listeners will learn about birds of prey and their role in falconry, and will have the opportunity to see Orion, the Museum's golden eagle.

Check with your local library for exact times, dates and locations.

The third part of "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds" are the weekly creative programs. Story Times will continue for ages 0-5 throughout the summer. In addition, children age 6-11 are invited to "The Weekly Quest," a series of programs that feature stories, crafts, games and other activities for the elementary-school-aged child. "The Weekly Quest" is at the Sunriver Area Public Library on Tuesdays at 11:00; the Bend Public Library on Tuesdays at 2:00; the La Pine Public Library on Wednesdays at 11:00; the Redmond Public Library on Thursdays at 11:00, and the Sisters Public Library on Thursdays at 2:00.



And then there's "The Dragon Hunt." Each week we place a dragon in different stores and restaurants in each of the communities. The first family to find Dewey the Dragon each week will receive the magnificent book, *Dr. Ernest Drake's Dragonology: The Complete Book of Dragons*.

"Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds" begins Saturday, June 4, and ends Saturday, August 13. Don't let your summer drag-on. Come join the quest, and find the dragon. He's only a book away.

See you at the library!

*Heather McNeil, Bend Branch Co-Manager*



*There's No Such Thing As A Dragon*, by Jack Kent, is an absolutely hilarious story about a boy's mother who refuses to believe in the dragon that her son has brought home, even when she has to lift its tail to vacuum.

*The Library Dragon*, by Carmen Agra Deedy, introduces readers to Miss Lotta Scales, who must learn that a library is for the enjoyment of children & that books are meant to be read.

*My Father's Dragon*, by Ruth Stiles Gannett, is the first in a series about a boy who must save a baby dragon from a group of lazy wild animals who have made him into their personal ferry across the river to Wild Island.

*Dealing With Dragons* by Patricia Wrede, is the story of a bored princess who runs off to live with the dragons and becomes involved in fighting wizards.



*Eragon* by Christopher Paulini, the first in what will be a trilogy, is another story of a quest involving a boy, elves, monsters, and a highly memorable female dragon. Avid readers can hardly wait for August when the sequel, *Eldest*, will become available.

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Growth and change are the trends that are leading the staff of the La Pine Public Library. As the community grows in La Pine, so does library usage. As the current fiscal year draws to a close, the staff has issued 10% more new library cards than last year. In addition, library attendance is up 12%. Thankfully, we have an excellent group of volunteers who keep the library in tip-top shape!

Teens and kids of all ages are coming in after school to take advantage of library services. A significant change that will be coming our way is hiring a new Teen Librarian to serve both La Pine and the Sunriver Area branches. The staff is looking forward to welcoming a new person to our team this fall.

The La Pine Library Advisory Council has also changed this year. Five of the seven members are new to the council. Our council also has a teen member—the first in the Deschutes Public Library System (DPLS).

However, there are always two sides to a story, and the other side here is stability. Earlier this year, Sylvia Van Noy celebrated her 5-year anniversary, and Constance Marie Bruneau just celebrated her 20-year anniversary—congratulations to both of them for their dedication and service to the community of La Pine!

The Friends of the La Pine Public Library remain as a strong and positive support network for our branch. Special thanks goes to the Friends for voting to support the Deschutes Public Library Foundation and the future of DPLS.

*Sandy Irwin, La Pine Library Manager*

## Check It Out

The revised loan policy was effective June 1, 2005.

- 3 weeks for books, magazines, compact discs, cassettes, videos (VHS)
- 1 week for DVDs, children's holiday books, government documents
- Loan limit of 4 DVDs

## Outreach Terrebonne Library Information Station

A Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant awarded to Deschutes Public Library makes Terrebonne's Library Information Station possible. The Library Information Station provides Terrebonne residents easy access to materials and electronic information resources from the Deschutes Public Library System. The Library Information Station also provides a convenient option to return library materials.

The Library Information Station is in the Terrebonne Mini Market, 8150 N Hwy 97, Terrebonne, Oregon, located towards the rear of the store in the video section.

For more information about Terrebonne's Library Information Station, contact Denise Caudell, Library Information Station Coordinator at 312-1065 or [denisec@dpls.us](mailto:denisec@dpls.us) or Jo Caisse, Outreach Services Manager at 312-1036 or [joc@dpls.us](mailto:joc@dpls.us)

## Librarians Serve on Prestigious Award Committees

It's no secret that Librarians love to read and Deschutes Public Library's Youth Services Manager Heather McNeil got more than her fill this year while serving on the distinguished Newbery Medal committee. Considered the "Academy Awards" of children's book publishing, The Newbery Medal is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, for the most distinguished American children's book published the previous year.

"This was the greatest honor of my 25 years in library service," said Bend Library Co-Manager and Library Children's Services Manager Heather McNeil. "I was impressed with the integrity of the process to allow us to fully consider and discuss every book under consideration." The winning book was *Kira-Kira* by author Cynthia Kadohata.

Outreach Manager, Jo Caisse, served as a member of the distinguished Andrew Carnegie Medal Award for Excellence in Children's Video that honors an outstanding American video production for children released during the previous year. The award is administered by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of American Library Association.

"This was a truly wonderful experience for me to receive an appointment to this award committee," said Caisse. "The group of librarians I worked with was truly an incredibly, talented group, each bringing to the table diverse views—a great committee that I had the honor to serve on."

You can find more information about the Carnegie award at <http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/awardsscholarships/literaryawds/carnegiemedal/carnegiecurrent/carnegiemedal.htm>.

## The Spirit of Sisters

The Sisters Community will soon have a new and larger library building. The new library will be 8,300 square feet and located on the east end of town. Richard Turi designed the building and Cisneros Construction is the contractor of the new library.

Thanks to a very generous donation from the Moyer Family to the Deschutes Public Library Foundation and the continued generous support of the Friends of the Sisters Public Library, we were able to include a list of enhancements including a beautiful fireplace and hearth in the reading area. A pine tree quilt design will grace the lobby's floor and the walls will be accented with wood paneling. Wainscoting will enrich the large meeting room. The building is set to open in late fall 2005.

*Peg Bermel, Sisters Public Library Manager*



**The new Sisters Public Library currently under construction.**