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Deschutes Public Library Newsletter

Who Are We Becoming

Changing Demographics of Central Oregon

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, January 31, 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.

Marc Futterman, President of Civic Technologies, will present a recent demographic study on Deschutes County. Futterman has more than 20 years of experience in combining information technology, planning, and decision-making methods and applies geographic information systems (GIS) to assist with the development of livable communities and smart growth.

This event begins with a presentation by demographer Marc Futterman 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 by January 25th.

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A Novel Idea 2008...

The World To Come...Let's Read Together!

We are proud to announce the fifth annual "A Novel Idea...Read Together" selection, *The World to Come* by Dara Horn. This award-winning book and author will arrive in Central Oregon in mid-May. Cultural programs kick-off April 26 and will continue until the author reading at the Tower Theatre on Thursday, May 15. Ms. Horn will also discuss and sign her book at several book stores and libraries throughout Central Oregon. A full listing of programs will become available in February 2008. This year's selection, *The World to Come*, is available at the Deschutes Public Library in Bend, La Pine, Outreach Services, Redmond, Sisters, and Sunriver Area, as well as at all local book stores.



View Dara Horn introducing herself and

her novel: <http://mediaserver.dpls.lib.or.us/noveliidea2008/noveliidea2008kickoff.wmv>

The fifth annual "Novel Idea...Read Together" has become the premier reading and discussion program in the state of Oregon. Each year the Deschutes Public Library Foundation organizes this exciting month-long program for the residents of Deschutes County. Residents are encouraged to read and experience a single work of fiction together and build community throughout Deschutes County one read at a time. The project adapts to the diverse communities and multigenerational audiences within Deschutes County. All programs are free and open to the public.

Tickets will be released for this year's "Novel Idea" author reading and discussion at the Tower Theatre on Saturday, May 3 at each of the five public libraries in Deschutes County. Tickets are free.

For more information on *The World to Come* and author Dara Horn check out these websites:

www.darahorn.com
www.bookbrowse.com/biographies/index.cfm?author_number=1244
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marc_Chagall

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Spanish Language Outreach via WebJunction

Staff workshops increase knowledge & skills

In 2004, WebJunction (funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in partnership with several libraries) launched the pilot project **Spanish Language Outreach**. The goal—empower library staff to reach Spanish speakers and increase their access to technology.

This year, WebJunction will hold nine training workshops throughout Oregon. The first workshop was held in early November at Deschutes Public Library. Several staff attended as well as library staff from Jefferson County Library District, Crook County Library, Lake County Library, and Tillamook County Library. Two other workshops were recently offered in Eugene and Beaverton. This February six more workshops will be held in Coos Bay, Estacada, Hood River, Salem, Pendleton, and Tillamook.

The Spanish Language Outreach trainers are Lorie Vik (Eugene Public Library), Lucy Iraola (Washington County Cooperative Library System), and Josephine Caisse (Deschutes Public Library).

For more information check out Oregon State Library's website:
www.oregon.gov/osl/ld/technology

WebJunction's site:
www.webjunction.org/do/Navigation?category=10555

“You Make the Difference”

Employee Recognition at Deschutes Public Library

The library honored several employees this year as part of their overall employee recognition program “You Make the Difference.” Throughout the year, employees are able to recognize each other through a peer recognition program. This is done with “on-the-spot coin notes,” through planned events, and via annual STAR awards.

In August, employees nominated peers to receive STAR awards. We received over 20 nominations and awards were presented to the following employees at our staff's annual conference in October.

STAR Award Recipient's:

Public Services— Linda Olson, Teen Services Librarian, Redmond Public Library

Internal Services—Jamie Smith, Technical Services, Administration

Team Spirit—Linda Kurtz, Library Assistant, Sisters Public Library

Creative Services—Joan Smith-Anable, Library Assistant, Outreach Services

Congratulations to our fab four! And congratulations to all of our employees who have received “coin” notes throughout the year. We cherish our employees as we know they work diligently to provide excellent service every day.

It's the district's goal to continue to recognize exemplary service. And you can play a part in this important venture too—says “thanks” to the person who provides you with excellent service—it's our consistent goal—and our staff would love to hear from you!

Sisters Public Library

The Heart of the Community

'Tis the Season for giving thanks and counting our blessings with all of the wonderful partnerships the new Sisters Public Library has developed during the last two years. We thank our community for supporting us in so many different ways, including: special social events, art exhibits, children's programs, and computer classes.

The highlight of the year was the fiber arts quilt display that was in conjunction with the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show. More than 20 quilts were hung around the library adding a beautiful array of color throughout the building. (And, the library's community room was busy with quilting classes.)

Arbor Day was celebrated with the City of Sisters, Sisters Elementary School, and the library. The 1st grade class planted a tree in honor of this special day and these young arborists visited the library to hear the story "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein.

Another perfect partnership—the Sisters Kiwanis Club, Sisters Fire Department and the Sisters Public Library sponsored a poison prevention program for children titled "Mr. Yuk Visits Sisters."

Today the Sisters Public Library is a community center enhanced by the many wonderful partnerships that have evolved locally. It's a place where every age can visit and find a quiet study area in front of the fireplace, browse for books and media items, gather for programs, and socialize. We honor all of you who continue to support and enhance the library with your regular visits and loyal patronage.

For more information on partnering with the Sisters Public Library, please contact Peg Bermel at 312-1072 or e-mail pegb@dpls.us.

Redmond Public Library

Veterans Honored

On November 7 the staff of the Redmond Public Library donned their finest vintage 1940's outfits and held a party to welcome local veterans. The VFW opened the ceremonies with a color guard and led attendants in the pledge of allegiance. The crowd then joined vocalist Jacob Looper in singing the national anthem.

Finally the women's A Capella Quartet, Finnazz, treated everyone to some hits from the 40's to go along with the day's main attraction—heaping plates of delicious apple brown Betty topped with whipped cream!



Redmond Public Library

Children's Area Colorful!

What is purple, yellow, orange, white, and blue and knows thousands of great stories? The newly painted children's area at the Redmond Public Library! Our purple clad library wizard recently rescued the library from the evil ecru dragon. Now once again children can read their favorite stories in living color!

La Pine Public Library Where the Teens Are

Where were all the teens Friday night? At the library! More than 60 people attended the first-ever La Pine Teen Open Mic Night December 21st at the La Pine Public Library. After regular hours, we reopened the library to let local teens show off their talent to friends and family. Local bands **Insert Matter** and **Dread the Day** gave amazing performances. Other talented teens sang songs or did stand-up comedy. Everyone agreed it was something that needs repeating—we can't wait for the next Teen Open Mic Night!



Looking Ahead

2007 has been a year of growth and challenges in La Pine. This summer, we began using our state-of-the-art **Laptop Lab** to teach computer classes. It's allowed us to expand the number of students we have in each class, along with offering more variety in class types and times. We have also utilized the lab to expand computer usage after school for teens. Look for **Teen Homework Labs** offered every Monday beginning in January.

Thanks to the efforts of our Teen Librarian and support from all La Pine staff, our Teen Program is becoming more successful each day. With success comes challenges, ours being the behavior of the teens at the Library and around town. We are spearheading an effort in La Pine to help solve the serious issues of unsupervised teens after school. It will take a village—or a city!—to create and sustain an environment throughout La Pine that is safe and welcoming for everyone.

2008 promises to be another fantastic year at the La Pine Public Library. We appreciate all of the support from the community, and wish everyone a safe and prosperous 2008!

Sunriver Area Public Library

Breathing Space

If you have been into the Sunriver Area Public Library in the last several weeks you may have noticed some changes! Thanks to the



Friends of the Sunriver Area Library we were able to purchase new shelving for the children's area, plus new CD and DVD shelves to help ease congestion in our collection. Hopefully, we've also made things easier to find.

A big reason for the rearrangement was to give more shelf space in the children's area. The books were stuffed end-to-end with no room for a single additional book. The new stacks have an additional shelf and give the children's collection a better flow and feel much more open.

The Friends group has our deepest gratitude for all their help. With their support we've been able to make great improvements to the library.

Mitten Tree

This year the staff at the Sunriver Area Public Library decided they wanted to provide an avenue for the community to give back to people in need during this holiday season. In the lobby we put up a **Mitten Tree**. Scores in our community brought in mittens, gloves, scarves and hats for kids, and decorated the tree.

At the end of December everything was donated to the Family Action Network (FAN) Advocate at Three Rivers Elementary School for distribution to needy families in the Sunriver Area community.

This season of giving was the perfect time to reflect on how lucky we all are, and to give to those not as fortunate. A huge thank you from all of us.

