A WHIRLWIND OF ACTIVITY descended upon Deschutes Public Library with library closures and construction, temporary spaces during construction, and a new classification system involving the re-labelling of over 300,000 pieces into the Wayfinder system.

Throughout all the activity and commotion, seven days a week, volunteers help customers and staff with shelving materials, pulling holds, reading to pre-school children, assisting in open computer labs, and many things in between.

Deschutes Public Library is an ongoing hub of activity which does not slow down, nor does community commitment and desire to support the library through volunteering. This wonderful combination creates a robust volunteer community and a thriving library.

*Judy England, Volunteer Services Coordinator*
VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Volunteer Services at Deschutes Public Library expands and enhances library services by involving volunteers at library locations and in the community. We endeavor to provide useful and relevant options for individuals who want to contribute their time and skills while at the same time extending the impact of paid staff to achieve the library’s mission and vision.

Volunteer Services Team 2022–2023
Judy England, Volunteer Services Coordinator
Lydia Alvarez
Jordan VanBuskirk
Sara Farina
Emily Midyette
Rashelle Maplethorpe
Annie Bucher
Kaelynn Sieg

Volunteer Opportunities 2022–2023
Adult Book Display
Open Computer Lab Assistant
HomeWord Bound Selector
Missing List
Paging List
Shelving
Tech Services Support
Traveling Stories
Notary Public

Special Projects
Sisters/La Pine Pulling Project
Book bag kits for Redmond Library Neighbors
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

In celebration of volunteers with years big and small, thank you to all who serve Deschutes Public Library.

5 YEAR
Kathy Ketchum
Dwain Fullerton
Norma Hodge
Deb Kleinman
Mary Ann Kruse
Malcolm Niles
Sydney Harrison
Jenee Mohler
Gladys Pilz
Linda Brna
Lisa Smith
Sue Anderson
Sue Janssen

10 YEAR
Alex Bundy
Mike Halpern
Jan Michelsen
Linda Quattrone
Mark Perez
Colleen Scott
Julia Dougan
David Hewett
Linda Green
Nancy Sheldon
Al Wilson

15 YEAR
Jay Bednorz
Marcia Edmondston
Kathie Thatcher
Linda Gustafson
Kathe Heilbron
Lois Munsell
BETTER TOGETHER

158 Volunteers
8919 Service Hours
$182,638 Taxpayer money saved

12 Youngest volunteer
91 Oldest volunteer
60 Median age of volunteers

BEYOND THE NUMBERS
Volunteer impact on our community goes beyond numbers as volunteers bring their joy and enthusiasm to the library and enrich the library environment. Countless hours of volunteer service provide immeasurable value in service to our society. Volunteers are members of the library team and with their support staff are able to maintain stand-out service, in front and behind the scenes of the library.

There are many reasons to volunteer with the library: DPL programs and services that benefit from volunteer support include Traveling Stories, an early literacy program reading to preschoolers in Head Start classrooms; Homeword Bound, to select and provide library materials to community members physically unable to get to the library; Open Computer Lab, a drop-in tech service available to anyone with a tech question; and Notary Public service.
Volunteers proudly support the Deschutes Public Library mission of enriching the community through equitable, open access to books, services, and resources that inspire people to reach for their dreams. Assignments range from shelving to reading in Head Start classrooms and supporting their community and inspiring lives every day!

DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAM SERVED

IN THE LIBRARY
- Circulation
- Tech Services
- Children’s
- Adults

OUTREACH
- HomeWord Bound
- Traveling Stories

SUPPORTING THE LIBRARY’S MISSION
KATHY KETCHUM
Sunriver Library Volunteer

Kathy Ketchum has a deep-rooted love of libraries. As a child growing up, and as a student worker in her college library, libraries have been important to Kathy, making it Deschutes Public Library’s good fortune the Sunriver Library was Kathy’s first place to volunteer after retirement.

Central Oregon isn’t new to Kathy, who lived in Sisters from sixth grade through high school. After college and years working in the Willamette Valley—as a pharmacist with Kaiser, a consultant with Medicaid assessing drug’s effectiveness and safe use, and teaching pharmacy students at Oregon State University—Central Oregon became her retirement location.

Kathy and her husband, Terry Droessler, are extremely active outdoors with a love of camping and exploration. Her favorite spot to camp is a high alpine lake, but there are many spots she enjoys. Kathy and her husband love to travel and have visited many countries including Brazil, Peru, and Ecuador, enjoying and exploring the culture and always incorporating hiking, camping, and birding as part of their travels. New Zealand is their upcoming 2024 adventure.

What is something people wouldn’t know about Kathy at first glance? She says “lots of things,” like her first job—“rogueing” potato fields (removing diseased potatoes). She’s also scooped ice cream at the Sno-Cap in Sisters, acted as a fire look-out on Hinkle Butte, and went scuba diving around underwater WWII shipwrecks at Truck Island and among schools of barracuda at Palau in Micronesia. If that’s not enough, she’s bicycled Cycle Oregon II, III, and IV and cycled the Loire and Dordogne Valleys in France. Wow!

Kathy has volunteered with the Sunriver Library for more than five years. Her devotion to Deschutes Public Library is strong, as is her passion and admiration for all things library, including the expansion of items and offerings, such as the museum passes.

Kathy says, “I love the way the library acts as a community builder. You see parents bring their little kids in to interact with other kids and parents. You see older kids gathering after school in a safe space to wait for rides. You see tutors meeting their tutees. You see people at many in-person and online events. You see community meetings in the conference room.”

Kathy also highlights her delight in observing staff as they introduce new patrons to all the library has to offer and how staff interact with and help anyone who walks in the door with respect and kindness.

Kathy has a keen sense of pride in her library and Deschutes Public Library is very lucky to have her as a volunteer. Thank you, Kathy, for all you do!
Volunteer Spotlight

In Memoriam

Rita Vance

Volunteers are instrumental on a daily basis, helping us fulfill our mission. It goes without saying they become like family to us. When one has a late life diagnoses of ALS and succumbs quickly, it hits our hearts hard.

Rita Vance developed a passion for children’s literacy while volunteering at the Jackson County Library in southern Oregon. After moving to Bend, Rita began volunteering with Deschutes Public Library in 2016 as a Read Rhyme Romp volunteer (now known as Traveling Stories), reading in preschools and continued until February 2023 with only a slight hiatus due to COVID.

Her family wrote, “Her last 10 years were spent in Bend, Oregon, where she devoted countless hours teaching and playing with her grandchildren. Those years were also full of joyous volunteering doing Story Times that encouraged young children’s love of books and learning with the Deschutes Public Library, La Manzanita Day Care and Preschool, and Neighbor Impact’s Head Start program. She also was a volunteer at Three Rivers Elementary School, where she helped kindergarten children with school and volunteered as a SMART reader for children’s literacy. After her illness began and she could no longer speak clearly, she donated all the Story Time and flannel boards she had developed including the supplies and materials so her Story Times could continue.”

Rita’s life was filled with giving, from her work with the Red Cross during the Vietnam War to assisting foster children and troubled teenagers and helping disabled and ill older adults and their caregivers. Rita won many awards for her outstanding work helping others, including Community Builder of Jackson County, Dunn House Volunteer of the Year, the Family Nurturing Center Circle of Caring, and Neighbor Impact’s Head Start Volunteer of the Year.

Thank you, Rita. Deschutes Public Library has been blessed to have had you in our orbit for six years.
THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!
Volunteers with Service 2022–2023

Tracy Alexander
Eileen Alves
Maryan Anderson
Suzanne Anderson
Lou Angoli
Kiyoji Appleton Gaines
Patricia Arneson
Ellen Avery
Joseph Batz
Jay Bednorz
Camille Biazzo
Gillie Bird
Jay Blank
Carol Brandon
Linda Brna
Diane Brown
June Brown
Cathy Bullis
Alex Bundy
Betty Burton
Melanie Butler
Jill Butcher
Shay Carey
Tina Carlson
Fernando Chavez
Linda Chavez
Janet Coffey
Toni Collins
Nancy Cook
Evelyn Cooke
Kathy Coon
Cristy Coughlin
Barbara Craig
Nathan Criteser
Jennifer Diener
Julia Dougan
Becky Duncan
Marcia Edmonston
Cathy Escalante
Louise Flanagan
Laurel Francis
Michelle Frenkel
Rhoda Friesen
Dwain Fullerton
Anne Glassow
Lance Gleason
Kathryn Goddiss
Christie Goeller
Linda Green
Susan Groszkiewicz
Ted Groszkiewicz
Amy Guardabene
Nikki Guatelli
Linda Gustafson
Elle Hall
Mike Halpern
Sydney Harrison
Rick Harville
Dwight Hatfield
Elizabeth (Bettilna) Haugen
Nancy Hawley
Kathi Hayward
Kathe Heilbron
Addalynn Henry
Kathy Hepler
Bonita (Bonnie) Herreman
Catherine Herrold
David Herum
Max Hetherington
David Hewett
Daniel Hilburn
Norma Hodge
Jaella Hoffman
Linnea Huson
Judith (Judii) Husted
Chris Jaeggl
Suzanne (Sue) Janssen
Claudia Johnson
Kathleen Johnson
Kevin Kalayauk
Lois Keiser
Kathy Ketchum
Dave King
Diane Kirpach
Deb Kleinman
Christa Kollerer
Mary Ann Kruse
Glenna Larsen
Jim Larsen
Janet Larson
Scott Larson
Martha Lawler
Ava Lawson
Garrett Lee
Jazlyn Lepez
Gavin Littrell
Chris Lucas
Shirley Lundgren
Susan Mason-Milks
Ash McCown
Debbie McEwan
Tess Metcalf
Jan Michelsen
Rebecca Miller
Jenee Mohler
Lois Munsell
Lisa Nakadate
Lorraine Neville
Malcolm Niles
Melanie Niles
Rachel Parks
Camryn Patton
Mark Perez
Ellen Peterson
Steve Phillips
Linda Pick
Gladys Pilz
Patricia Pitman
Norma Post
Kymberly Puryear
Linda Quattrone
Sharon Rexford
Nancy Richie
Kim Rickard
Sara Roberts
Jennifer Sanford
Lorraine Schechter
Tim Schindele
Dianne Schuler
Michelle Schumaker
Maria Scoles
Colleen Scott
Scott Selle
Nancy Sheldon
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Alexandra Smith
Lisa Smith
Sherry Smith
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Annie Spicer
Angie Stefaniak
Jessica Stephens
Lisa Sterling
Rini Stockem
Martha Swain
Liam Tachikawa
Kathie Thatcher
Beverly Thompson
Joel Tinsley
Marc Torrey
Rita Vance
Suzanna Vermeul-Wilson
Katelynn Warner
Sharon Webster
Caron Wellock
Brooklyn Wharton
Al Wilson
Mary Winkle