

# KNOW VOLUNTEERS

Library Volunteers Make A Difference



## Volunteer Recognition

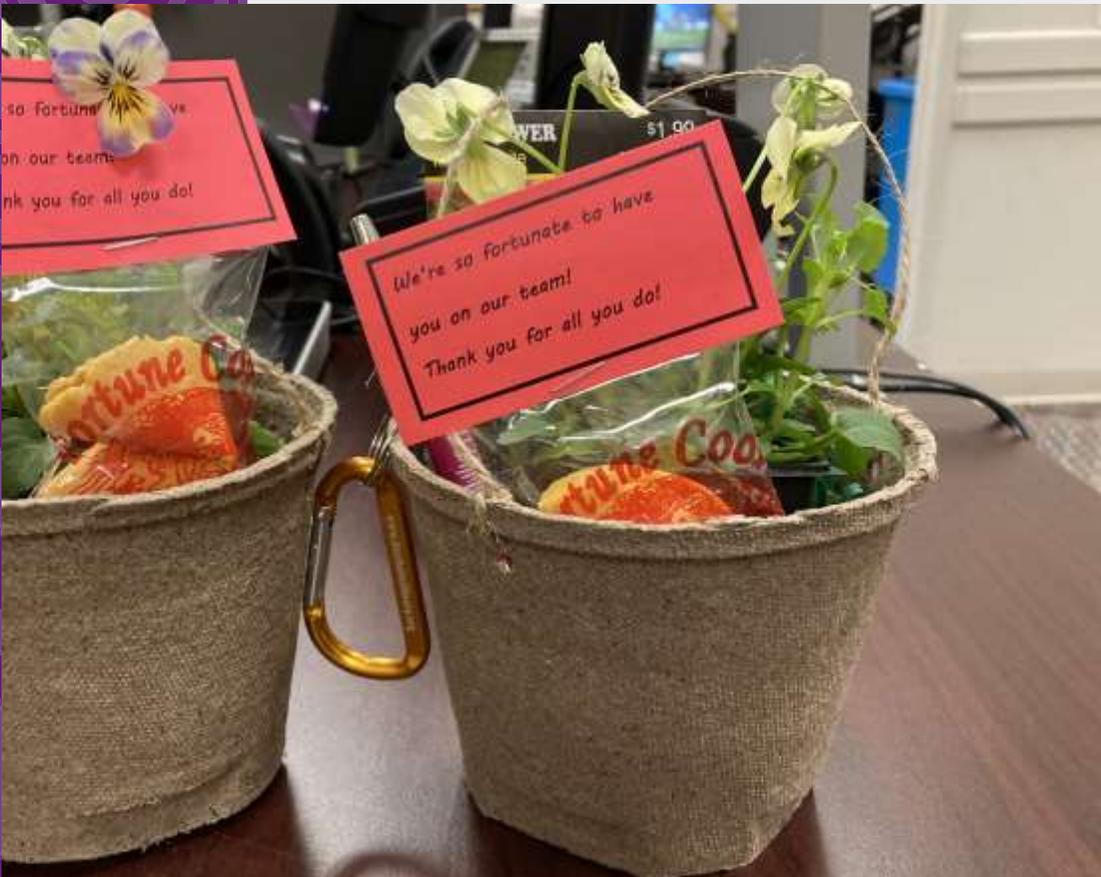
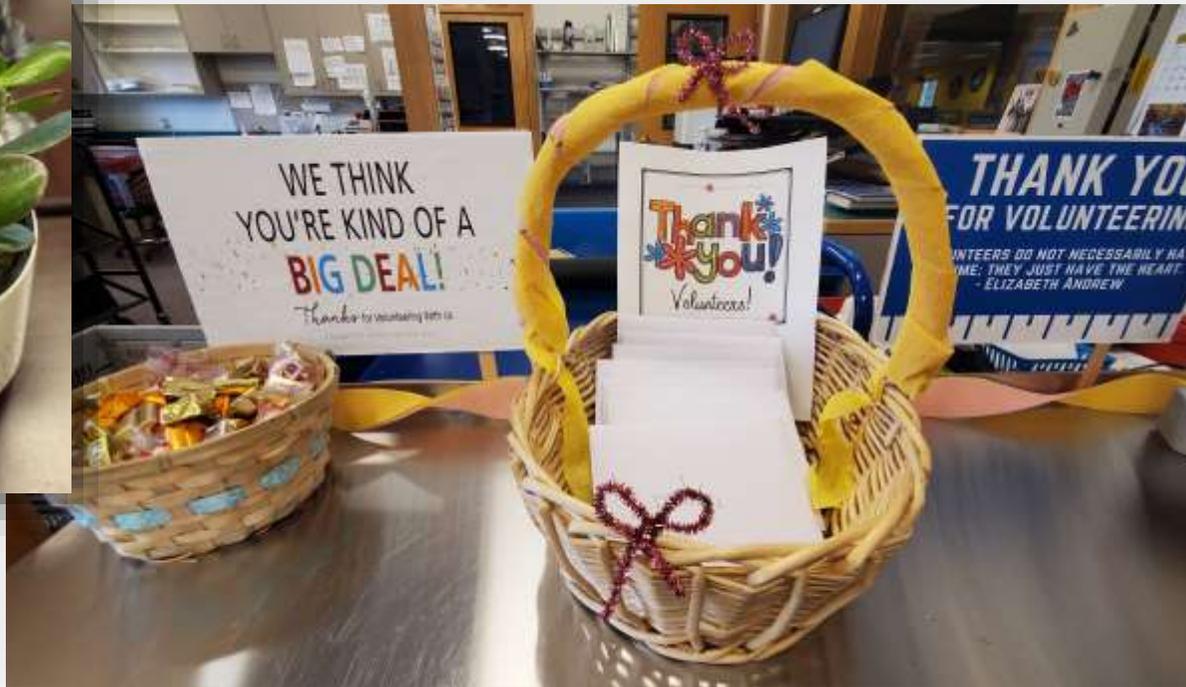
This year we celebrated National Volunteer Appreciation Week for two weeks—April 17–May 1. It was a busy time as we honored our volunteers with recognition festivities. To our volunteers, we salute you and thank you for all you do!

As we came back from the height of the pandemic we were challenged with accommodating the many volunteers who wished to return. As we've slowly eased into a regular schedule, we now have 120 volunteers supporting our libraries. Our volunteers are students, working parents, retired teachers, business professionals, and more. Each volunteer contributes their talents, skills, and knowledge to our community and brings joy and kindness to our buildings every day.

The library holds great gratitude for the many volunteers who help us provide a high level of service. The last few years have been ever-changing but one thing that never waivers is our appreciation for all our volunteers do to support the library.

*Judy England,  
Volunteer Services Coordinator*







# S U M M E R with the L I B R A R Y

***June 1 to August 31***

[www.deschuteslibrary.org/summer](http://www.deschuteslibrary.org/summer)

Two ways to sign up:

- Sign up via the Beanstack website ([dpls.beanstack.org/reader365](https://dpls.beanstack.org/reader365)), or download the Beanstack app from your app store, to track reading and activities.
- Pick up a paper reading and activity sheet, available at all Deschutes Public Library locations. Or visit the website at: [www.deschuteslibrary.org/summer](http://www.deschuteslibrary.org/summer).

Kids and teens get a book and adults get a reusable tote just for signing up. Complete a reading and activity sheet and get another prize—including unique bookmarks—and be entered for a chance at great grand prizes, including puppets, books, and STEM kits for kids, and gift cards for teens and adults.

**Summer is even better with friends!** This summer the library and other community organizations are teaming up to bring fun and learning to a neighborhood near you. Visit our Summer with the Library page at [www.deschuteslibrary.org/summer](http://www.deschuteslibrary.org/summer) to find out where we'll be sharing free books, fun games, prizes, and more.

For more information: [www.deschuteslibrary.org/summer](http://www.deschuteslibrary.org/summer)

Many Summer with the Library activities are listed on the web calendar. Keep a look out at [Full Calendar - Deschutes Public Library \(deschuteslibrary.org\)](https://www.deschuteslibrary.org/calendar)



# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



## Sue Janssen: Redmond Library

On a recent Monday morning, meeting Sue Janssen for the first time was like a breath of fresh air. While Sue describes herself as an introvert and says the library is the only place she is not an introvert, as our conversation got rolling, I had to remember to bring myself back to the assignment of Story Corps as our conversation felt as if talking to a sister and certainly not an introvert.

Sue has been a paging list volunteer at the Redmond Library for over four years. She is a seasoned library volunteer, library user, and former library worker at the Sparks Library in Nevada prior to moving to Redmond. Sue has lead a varied life beginning in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. At two years old Sue and her family moved to Southern California and, after college in northern California and raising a family, retirement loomed and there began a life of moving about to find a place that felt right for retirement. After considering Austin, Texas, Washington state, and Sparks, Nevada, Redmond—with its close proximity to children and grandchildren—has been an all-

around good move.

Volunteering with the library since moving to Redmond and especially over the last two years has kept Sue in touch with others. She enjoys interacting with library staff who clearly care about what they do and finding new books that she otherwise may not come across. When asked about a most influential book, Sue listed biographies of women she admires from Madeline Albright to Anne Morrow Lindberg to Sonja Sotomayor. All fascinating and amazing women!

As for who she'd like to share a meal with, Sue picked historical novelist Susanna Kearsley. When I mentioned I'd not read her books, Sue's response was a classic and a favorite response to a library volunteer coordinator's ear: she discovered Susanna Kearsley's books while shelving. Sue would love to talk to Susanna Kearsley about her research and how she is able to make her stories so real for her readers. In talking about authors, there seems to be no limit to the variety of books Sue enjoys.

Beyond books and reading, Sue loves to spend time with family—especially her grandchildren. She also enjoys cooking, gardening, and birding. When discussing cooking, and the desire to continue cooking after what feels like a lifetime preparing family meals, Sue has happily discovered a new-found love of baking with sourdough starter (for a non-baker, Sue's description made me want to get my hands into some sourdough baking!). When Sue began xeriscaping her front yard to reduce water usage, she was prompted by her neighbors to create a flyer for her HOA for others to learn to create drought-tolerate planting throughout their neighborhood. Another passion is birding. Sue has been known to have five hummingbird feeders going at a time and many seed feeders attracting all kinds of birds. Our conversation was taking off on the types of birds and trees in the various regions Sue has lived when we realized our time together was running out.

We're delighted Sue has landed in Central Oregon for retirement and grateful for her dedication and service to Deschutes Public Library!

# VOLUNTEER LIAISON SPOTLIGHT

## Annie Bucher: Sunriver Library

Annie joined DPL in November 2021. Within just four months of joining the team, Annie not only became Sunriver's senior PSS, but happily, willingly, and enthusiastically became a part of DPL's Volunteer Committee.

Annie is a great fit as a volunteer liaison. She is welcoming and attentive to our volunteers. She desires a great experience for them, and to that effort is currently designing a new "other tasks" chart and tracking system.

Annie hails from Houston Texas. After graduating from high school she traveled to New Orleans to attend Tulane University, where she met her future husband.

First stop after college was to California where Annie was a literacy tutor for K-4th graders for one year with AmeriCorps. Afterward she traveled to Eugene to work with AmeriCorps again as part of the SMART Reading Program.

After several years of varied volunteer work and freelance writing, Annie was employed at Thurston High School, working in the attendance office. But as luck would have it, her dream job opened of running a library at the school. She enjoyed working in that environment until the dreaded "lock-downs" occurred.

Recently Annie and her husband moved to the Sunriver area to be closer to family, and to our great pleasure and benefit, Annie joined our DPL team!

*Submitted by Heidi Powers, Sunriver Library Operations Supervisor*



# A LIBRARY HISTORY QUIZ

What was the year of the first library in Bend?

Where was the first library located?

What year did the library have its original bookmobile?

Which year did Deschutes County approve a budget for a library system?

For more historical information on the library, and answers to the above questions, visit the library website at [History-Deschutes Public Library \(deschuteslibrary.org\)](https://www.deschuteslibrary.org/history)



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## Dan Hilburn: Sunriver Library

Dan has years of experience as a library volunteer, so when he retired and moved to Sunriver, it was a natural progression to continue his library passion and volunteer with the Sunriver Library. At the time Dan applied to volunteer there wasn't a need for additional volunteers, but when the Sunriver Library did have an opening, Dan was ready. Since late 2021 he has been an integral part of the Sunriver volunteer team.



Prior to moving to Sunriver, Dan and his family lived in Salem, where he volunteered with the Salem Public Library for over 20 years. It all started when he accompanied his daughters to their volunteer activities. When they left home for college, he didn't want to stop. The library had always played an important part of Dan's life. After a day of work as a manager for the Oregon Department of Agriculture, his volunteer time with the Salem Public Library became his way to wind down before arriving home.

Travel and movement are two significant themes in Dan's life. This past winter, after a few years of no travel due to COVID-19, Dan and his wife spent time in French Polynesia, visiting seven islands. Listening to Dan talk about the islands made me wonder, maybe rather than travel to Hawaii, why not Tahiti or Bora Bora? (It's only five hours from Honolulu or eight hours from Los Angeles!) Dan's many passions include Pickleball, table tennis, hiking, tai chi, travel and reading. He and his wife walk daily no matter where they are and talk about many things, including book recommendations. Dan's choice for a book most influential to him is Stephen Hawking's Brief Answers to the Big Questions, a book I immediately looked up and checked out!

Dan enjoys teaching and taking classes through Sunriver You, a volunteer organization that provides learning opportunities for those in the greater Sunriver community ([www.sunriveryou.com](http://www.sunriveryou.com)). He is also a volunteer nature guide at the Sunriver Nature Center, a hike leader for the Sunriver Hiking Club, and a member of the Sunriver Pickleball Club's advisory committee.

When asked who he'd like to share a meal with (artist, writer, painter, photographer, etc.) he identified Barack and Michelle Obama. Having read their recent memoirs and watched the documentary series hosted by Barack Obama on national parks around the world (Our Great National Parks (TV Series 2022) - IMDb), he is ready to learn and absorb all he can from them.

A community supporter on many fronts, Deschutes Public Library is fortunate to have Dan as part of the volunteer team!