

KNOW VOLUNTEERS

Library Volunteers Make A Difference

Welcome Back!

The first rays of hope at the library, following a difficult pandemic year, came when we were able to bring back our volunteers. You are part of our family, and things were just not the same without you here!

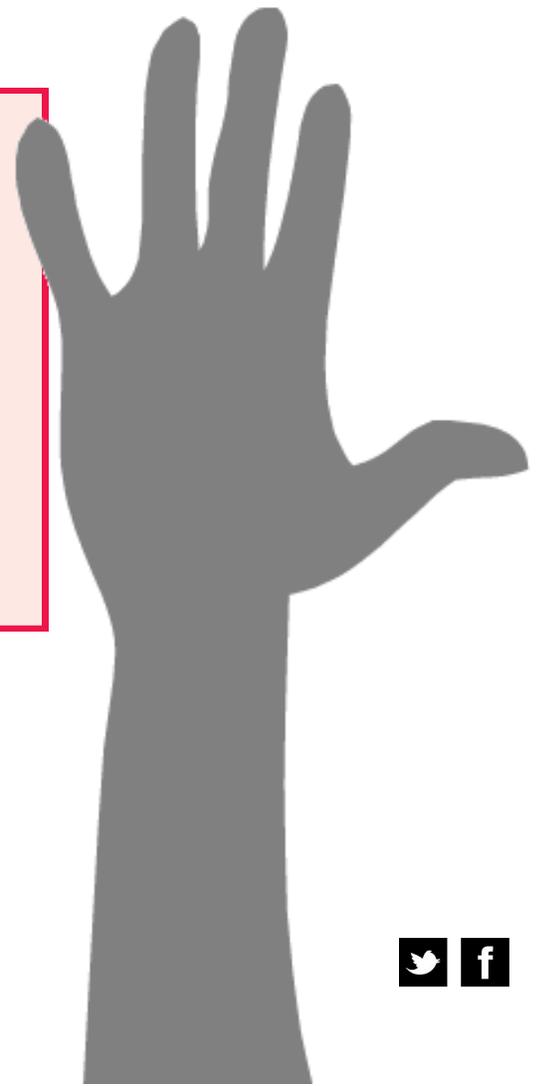
In normal times I would probably highlight how many books you help us shelve or how many customers you helped us reach. But those statistics are

secondary to the importance of your mere presence. For staff, having enthusiastic and caring allies that dedicate their time and energy solely for the good of the community is a major inspiration. Thank you for all that you do—but most importantly, thank you for being you.

Todd Dunkelberg
Director

During the pandemic it was wonderful to connect via email with library volunteers but it doesn't compare to seeing you in action in our buildings. We've weathered changes in library operations and daily life but what has never changed is our gratitude for the support and dedication of our many volunteers. Thank you for all you do!

Judy England
Volunteer Services Program Coordinator



EVENTS & MORE!

For Adults



For Youth & Families



Did you know many of DPL's programs are recorded and available on the DPL YouTube Channel?

www.deschuteslibrary.org/calendar/online

Did you know there is a series of programs for writers designed to feed and nourish the Central Oregon writing community? It's called "Write Here!"

www.deschuteslibrary.org/calendar/writehere



There are so many more programs! Here's the link to them:

www.deschuteslibrary.org/calendar/eventguide

Looking for new reading materials? Your Next Book is a personalized book recommendation service from DPL Librarians. Check it out!

www.deschuteslibrary.org/books/my-reads

Future Libraries: Expansions and Improvement

To stay up-to-date on the development and expansion of libraries and everything related to the Deschutes Public Library bond measure look here

www.deschuteslibrary.org/about/bond



SPOTLIGHT *Volunteer Liaison Rashelle Maplethorpe*



Rashelle brings her warm smile, compassionate approach and library knowledge to the Downtown Bend Volunteer Liaison position. In 2018, she started part-time as a Public Services Specialist and recently became full-time (lucky for us!). Prior to working at DPL, she attended OSU-Cascades where she graduated with a degree in Human Development. Rashelle worked in social work for four years, serving children and families, which was both rewarding and challenging at the same time. She decided that by joining the DPL team she could help the community in a different but also impactful way.

Volunteer work has been paramount for Rashelle. Previously, she

volunteered at the St. Vincent DePaul Food Bank in both Bend and Prineville. She also contributed her time to support students in Prineville with the S.M.A.R.T. and ASPIRE programs.

When Rashelle is not at DPL, she enjoys spending time with family and friends camping, playing video games, and vacationing at the Oregon Coast. She has two adorable cats named Momo and Suzo that bring joy and fun to her home. Rashelle is also very creative: not only does she construct artistic and inspiring book displays at the library, she also creates embroidery crafts at home.

*Kristin McGovern
Downtown Bend Library Supervisor*

Rashelle & reading

What are you currently reading?

Ghost Forest by Pik-Shuen Fung.

What has been your most influential book?

Frankenstein. It was a required reading for a class at my high school. It was the first time I read a “classic” book and it moved me. I had read nothing like it before.

What is your favorite book from childhood?

Berenstain Bears, and of course *Harry Potter*.

Which is your favorite section of the library? Why?

My favorite section of the library is the non-fiction section. It is orderly, the numbers very specifically determine each item’s place, and it is filled with knowledge.

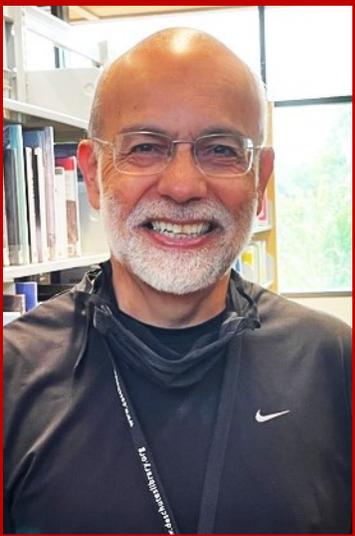
E-reader or print?

Print!

Where is your favorite place to read?

Anywhere that is not my house! I tend to become distracted too easily at home. I read most often at coffee shops.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT *Steve Phillips*



It becomes clear when speaking with Steve that he has led, and continues to lead, a full and rewarding life; a life with great learning and, at the heart, an immense love and appreciation for his family and many friends scattered around the world. Certainly not least, he has great appreciation for his community.

Steve grew up in the Portland area, spent two years in the Navy during the Vietnam War, graduated from Portland State University and received a fellowship to Georgetown University in Washington, DC, where he studied and obtained a Ph.D. in Economics. Steve describes himself as being a lucky man for all his experiences, including receiving his fellowship to Georgetown, to being in the right place at the right time. After Georgetown Steve began work with a start-up company where he says he was lucky yet again to be at the right place, at the right time; while there he was tapped to be an advisor to the Saudi Arabian Finance Minister, a time which was interesting professionally as well as an interesting time for the region. Years later, retirement loomed and life in Bend began—a place he and his wife had on their radar for years.

In addition to volunteering with the library Steve volunteers in various areas of his community. He chooses his opportunities based on community need, and all are grateful for the support (high school academic support and a soup kitchen, to name a few). As a consummate reader Steve loves the library and has volunteered with the Downtown Bend Library for almost seven years, during which time he has helped with shelving and paging list support. When asked what aspect of volunteering with the library brings him joy, Steve says he loves seeing parents

bring in their young children so they can start learning about books, even those too young to read but who can enjoy brightly colored covers. He also enjoys seeing older siblings pick out their books and watching their delight when he lets them know they can check out lots and lots books!

History and storytelling are strong interests for Steve and when thinking about which artist he would like to share a meal with (a writer, journalist, painter, photographer) his choices centered around how ideas came to the individuals: Bjarke Ingles, a Danish architect doing innovative work; J.K. Rowling, a stunningly gifted storyteller; and Socrates, who made Steve's list for wanting to hear his reactions to the current state of the human race and our technology. What an incredible meal any one of those would be! Steve also loves to hear stories told by his relatives, who have lived through amazing times and take joy in sharing their experiences.

How people come up with ideas and processes, often seemingly ahead of their time, was a delightful part of our conversation. The brain/mind is a complicated and amazing piece of our human-ness. Steve's most influential book, Isaac Asimov's *Foundation*, encompasses predictions for the future. Not only is it an interesting, well-written book, it is the book that prompted Steve to study economics and start him on his life path. Steve has a wonderful interest in knowledge and people and he brings great light to the library volunteer corps. Thank you Steve for choosing Deschutes Public Library as one of the places you choose to volunteer.

*Judy England, Volunteer Services
Program Coordinator*

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT *David Moynihan*



David grew up on the Oregon coast. He began his library career at the Oregon State University library in 2007. David joined us here at Deschutes Public Library in October of 2018 as a Public Services Specialist at the Downtown Bend Library. In addition to working with our volunteers and providing stellar customer service, David also assists with Interlibrary Loans.

When not at the library David enjoys spending quality time with his partner

Laura, this includes fishing, hiking, and taking family trips. Most recently, David has been enjoying time with his newest family member Willow, a black and white 42-pound Border Collie mix. David reports she is an energetic, well-behaved pup who is quick to learn and eager to please. Watch out, though—she will definitely lick your face to the bone if you let her!

Alyssa Bennett
Downtown Bend Library Supervisor

David & reading

What are you currently reading?

I'm re-reading the *Malazan Book of the Fallen* series by Steven Erickson.

What has been your most influential book?

The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister which is also my favorite book from childhood!

Which is your favorite section of the library? Why?

I like the music CD and fiction sections for discovering new works by old favorites while I work.

E-reader or print?

For fiction, e-readers are preferred because of their size, portability, and cleanliness. For cooking and technical books, print wins out for the convenience of quickly jumping between different sections.

Where is your favorite place to read?

Home.