

*Friends of the
Port Townsend
Library
Newsletter*



Fall 2012

The “hunger games” come to PA

by Jody Glaubman

A highlight of the Summer Teen Programs was the archery workshop in Port Angeles with Scott Gordon (pictured at right with Jacob Massie) of the Wapiti Bowmen. Twelve teens, four boys and eight girls, not only learned how to shoot a bow safely, they also learned the history of bow making. With the popularity of the blockbuster movie, “The Hunger Games” (based on the YA book by Suzanne Collins), it was assumed that most of the teens wanted to learn archery because it was such a huge part of that story. We were surprised to learn that only four teens signed up because of that, the rest simply wanted to learn how to shoot a bow. Scott is an amazing teacher and each teen gained confidence as he or she learned to shoot. For those of you who’ve never tried it, I can say from experience that it’s really, really difficult. But, the “thwack” of your arrow hitting the straw bale is a great sound. Thanks to the Friends for their generous support of all Teen and Children’s programs at the Library. □



Final Book Sale for 2012

**Saturday, October 13
The Community Center
Uptown, Port Townsend
8 am for members of the
Friends
9 am – 3 pm, general
public**

This is our final used book sale of 2012. A great selection of used books, CDs, and DVDs for adults and children will be available. Word has it that Port Townsend has one of the best book sales around. Come join us and see for yourself!

If you’re an avid book lover and/or just want to help out, come join us to set up on Friday night at 5 pm. You can get a sneak preview of all that will be available and can buy six books (\$1 apiece) that evening. Contact Macy Mullarky at 379-1061 if interested.

There are other volunteer opportunities as well.

If you’re not already a member, come early, join and get first pick of the books. Believe it or not, there is always a lineup at that early hour. All of the proceeds go toward funding library programs. Last year the funds paid for the Community Read and the summer reading programs for adults and teens, examples of just two of the programs we support. Come, have fun, and stock up on some good reading material for the gray days ahead. □

From the Library Director: Theresa Rini Percy



Photo by Barney Burke

The Library is approaching five months in relocation at Mountain View. Due to the enormous effort of the library staff and an understanding public, basic library services have continued on an even keel. Juggling library operations between four separate locations continues to be a challenge, but it will all be worthwhile when we move back into a new and improved library. However, relocation has not slowed us down. This fall there is a full range of adult and children's programs. Because of generous funding from the Washington State Library/Institute of Museum and Library Services and the US Bancorp Foundation, we will also conduct workshops on career planning and job search skills. Check out the library's calendar of events posted on our website for specific program details.

The city council is conducting a series of community meetings to review the city's many issues and needs. I encourage you attend and become informed. Give your input to your elected officials on all critical issues that impact Port Townsend. The first "Town Hall" meeting will be held on September 18, at 6:30 pm in the high school auditorium. There will be follow up meetings October 9 and December 11 at NW Maritime Center.

As always, I would like to thank the Friends for their ongoing support for the library. As you know, this support makes all of our public programs possible, all of which greatly benefit the community at large. The library is certainly fortunate to have such loyal and dedicated "Friends." □

FOUNDATION RECOGNIZES CAPITAL CAMPAIGN DONORS

Polly Lyle

The Foundation will be recognizing donors to the ongoing Capital Campaign by publishing the list of donors to date in the *Leader*, on the Foundation web pages (http://ptpubliclibrary.org/SupportYourLibrary/capital_campaign_donor_list.pdf), and on display at the Mountain View Commons temporary library location.

The publications thank "individuals, businesses, organizations, and foundations who have donated or pledged over \$600,000 to the ongoing Capital Campaign to support our historic Port Townsend Public Library now and for the next 100 years", and lists the individual, business, organization, and foundation donors by name.

The cost of publishing the recognition in the *Leader* was donated by individual members of the Foundation Board of Directors, the FOL Board of Directors, and the Capital Campaign Committee in appreciation of the donors and to

defray the administrative costs of the ongoing Capital Campaign.

Fundraising continues at full tilt as the Foundation works towards its goal of raising \$1M in individual and business and \$1.5 M in foundation grant donations for the 5-phase project. Phase 1—renovation of the 1868 Charles A. Pink House as the Library Learning Center—is complete. Phases 2-4—renovation, restoration, and seismic retrofit of the 1913 Carnegie interior, exterior, and site—are underway. Phase 5—replacement of the 1990 1-level annex with a 3-level annex—will be subject to a 2013 city bond vote. The current status of the project and fundraising is summarized on the Foundation web site -- <http://ptpubliclibrary.org/SupportYourLibrary/LibraryFoundation.html>.

Thank you, Friends of the Library, for your support of the Foundation, the Capital Campaign, and our treasured library! "There is not such a cradle of democracy upon the earth as the free public library." —Andrew Carnegie

2012 Fall Author's Series teams up with local artists and "surfers"

by Cris Wilson

The Port Townsend Public Library is proud to present *Surfing: Art-Culture-History*, a program featuring a conglomerate of local visual artists, a creative writer and a surfing historian and journalist. The event is a collective art-exhibit with feature presentation by renowned surfing journalist, Drew Kampion. Among a long list of achievements, Drew was former editor of *Surfer* and *Surfing* magazines, *Wind Surf* and *Wind Tracks* magazines. He was also Editorial Director for the Patagonia clothing company and has published several books, including *The Book of Waves* and *Dora Lives: The Authorized Story Of Miki Dora*. Read his full bio [here](#) (or on his website). In addition to Drew's presentation on surfing culture, history and the publishing industry, local surfer and writer Erwin Dence will read a piece of creative writing centered on surfing culture.

Four featured visual artists will be showing selected pieces of their work that depicts surfing or surf scenes. The artists include painters [Jesse Watson](#), [Todd Fischer](#), Steve Davis and photographer, Christian Coxen. All contributors, in addition to being accomplished artists, are avid surfers who share a passion for their sport through creative expression.

The main event, with speakers Drew Kampion and Erwin Dence will take place October, 6th, 6:00 p.m. at the Cotton Building, 607 Water Street. The exhibit will open for Art



Walk, with artists on-hand for the evening. The next day the show will move to the [Library Learning Center](#).

Later in the month, on October 15, we welcome author Charlotte Gill from British Columbia who has written a well-received memoir entitled *Eating Dirt: Deep Forests, Big Timber and Life with the Tree-Planting tribe*. We have many members of that tribe among our Port Townsend residents! Also, author Jessi Bloom will be presenting her talk *What the Cluck*. Bloom will also talk about her new book *Free Range Chicken Gardens*, at the Learning Center on October 25. Both events will begin at 6:30 pm.

On Saturday, November 10, the pet behaviorist Steve Duno will take your questions and talk about his book *Last Dog on the Hill*. This is a family friendly event at 2:00 pm at the Learning Center but please do not bring the animal objects of your affection!

Hope to see you all there. It promises to be a lot of fun. □

Grants to support Transition Yourself workshops

The U.S. Bancorp Foundation has given a \$2000 grant to the Port Townsend Public Library Foundation for the library's free Transition Yourself job workshop series. The library has also received a \$5000 grant from the Washington State Library with funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to continue its free jobs re-tooling program for older workers, now geared specifically to those between the ages of 50 to 69 who anticipate re-entering the employment market. It is known as ENCORE-Transforming Your Life through Technology & Re-Careering Exposition. The library will provide resources and knowledge that will help midlife adults to access new technologies and reinvent careers, and will collaborate with the local business community to provide information on business startups.

The library will also create a clearinghouse volunteer resource list and expand its large collection of books related to looking for work in our current jobs environment. Transition Yourself workshops will be held in October and November of 2012. Two entry-level computer training sessions and three Encore Exposition Events will be conducted between February and March 2013. Participants will gain more knowledge about incorporating technology into their skills base, a better understanding of how to bundle past experience and wisdom into their job searches in today's changed labor market, and options on establishing their own business.

If this sounds like the boost you need to re-vitalize your job search, more details will be available soon. □

Movin' & groovin' summer reading program

Jean-Marie Tarascio

Youth Services Librarian

As fall approaches, those of us in youth services are still basking in the warm, lazy, reading days of summer. And what a summer of reading it has been! Over 150 kids read over 3,500 books. Thanks to our hard working Friends we gave away over 440 free books! Also this summer four lucky reading kids won beautiful mountain bikes donated by the Port Townsend Masonic Lodge #6.

Overall, we had a Movin' & Groovin' summer in our new Mt. View location, taking advantage of the gym and field for healthy exercise activities provided by Carrie Lennox of Tumbl-trak. We were pleased our partners and friends at the YMCA were able to join us for most activities.

The school/library collaboration "Just Right for You" reading readiness program was held at Grant St.

Elementary school this summer. For seven weeks, a teacher presented a special reading readiness, literacy enhanced, story time for preschoolers entering kindergarten and their caregivers. A Thrive by Five, cultural literacy grant, funded the giveaway of several hundred books to the 125 kids who attended. One participating parent said, "It is really helpful to see the teacher modeling the strategies that they use to teach reading. If I see them, then I can reinforce them at home."

This was a great "Welcome to your New School" opportunity for young children and their parents. They met their new principal Mary Sepler, the new kindergarten teacher Scott Lundt, and the school librarian, Terry Freitas.

Thanks to the Hill Top Tavern's August BINGO fundraiser, the library

received more than a \$1,000 for its "Books for Babies" program. Thank you, all the friends who attended!

We look back over the summer with appreciation and gratefulness for the support we received from our community of library friends. Thank you for your part in making this a successful summer of READING! □

"Barstool Bingo" supports Books for Babies

by Kathleen Hawn

August means it's Books for Babies Bingo time at the Hilltop Tavern. This activity provided more than \$1,000 for Port Townsend Library preschool programs this year.

For several years, "Barstool Bingo" has offered good fun, food and beverages for players as they vie for prizes—also contributed by the tavern. Pat and Judy Lundgren, Hilltop owners, have been involved in community fundraising efforts for several years, beginning with Judy's special interest in the "Relay for Life" campaigns. What started with the Cancer Society, evolved into more possibilities when Library Director, Theresa Percy, asked Judy about using a pull tab event for library fundraising.

Legally, pull tabs weren't an option, but Judy suggested offering Bingo nights instead. Wednesdays were generally quieter at the tavern, so they were the obvious choice. The low-tech paper bingo (two game cards for a dollar) "brings different people from different groups into the bar. It's a good fit," Judy says. →

Barstool Bingo (continued)

The Port Townsend Friends of the Library sponsors the Books for Babies program—one of the twelve local non-profit organizations that receive generous contributions from the Hilltop's bingo proceeds each year. The Lundgren's also actively support the Library's annual Community Read.

"We truly appreciate the opportunity that the Hilltop gives us in supporting this fine outreach program," says Theresa Percy. According to Jean-Marie Tarascio, PT Library Youth Services Librarian, 200 bags and 500 board books were recently ordered for the popular Baby Lapsit program. Twenty book bag kits per month are offered to Jefferson Healthcare for new parents—ten to the hospital and ten to the Health Department. "It's never too early to start good habits for your family," says Jean-Marie. "It's so encouraging to see a variety of businesses in the community—like the Hilltop Tavern—help support families start early reading and good educational habits."

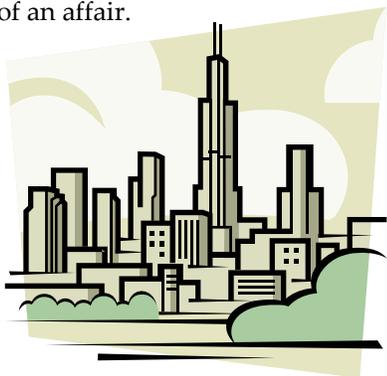
Thank you, Hilltop Tavern, for your generous support! □



What we are reading...

Ellen Dustman is reading *Happenstance* by Carol Shields. These two unique companion novels (bound as one book) tell the story of Jack and Brenda Bowman during a rare weekend apart in their 20 years of marriage. In one novel we see Jack spending his three days at home immobilized by self-doubt with their two uncouth adolescent children while in the other we learn of Brenda's experience of traveling alone for the first time to a conference in Chicago and toying with the idea of an affair.

Full of quirky humor, it's a delightful portrait of a partnership between two people who are at once familiar and strangers to each other. Shields won the Pulitzer Prize for *The Stone Diaries* in 1995.



Geralynn Rackowski is reading *Le Road Trip, a traveler's journal of love and France* by Vivian Swift. This is a fun, quick read for anyone who has been or wants to go to France. There are wonderful illustrations by the author and quotes on travel from many authors. The liner notes are an accurate description: "the ever enchanting villages and vineyards of France are the sumptuous setting for this chronicle of the highs and lows of hitting the road. Part journal... part instruction manual ..., it is a beautiful celebration of the pleasurable perils of travel, love and France."

Colleen Freidberg is reading this month's Book Lover's Café selection *The School of Essential Ingredients* by Erica Bauermeister plus *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana* by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon. The former is "A delicate, meltingly lovely hymn to food and friendship." It is Bauermeister's first novel and was inspired by her experience living for two years in Italy. She is a Seattle resident and is speaking September 27 at the library's "Author's Evening." The dressmaker of the title is a young Kabul woman forced to care for her 5 siblings when the Taliban resume their control of the city. The cover blurb says Kamila Sidiqi's journey will change the way you think about one of the most important political and humanitarian issues of our time.

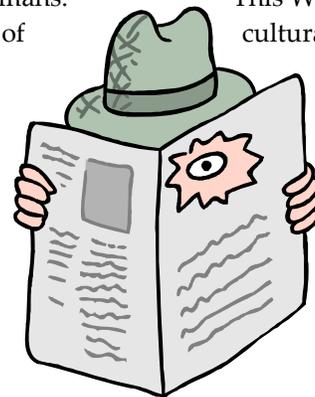
Kathleen Hawn has really enjoyed *Garden Spells* by Sarah Addison Allen. It's a light, quirky romance with a healthy pinch of fantasy. Very cute...and one I'm urging for consideration at my Book Club. Apparently, there are a lot of readers (and fan clubs) who enjoy the *Sweet Potato Queen*

book series by Jill Conner Browne (she's written nine of them). So I waded through *Fat is the New 30: The Sweet Potato Queens' Guide to Coping with the (the crappy parts of) Life*. *SUFFERED* through, is more like it. If you try one of these self-indulgent books, be sure to read it with a Southern accent.

Renee Bush just finished reading Christopher Moore's *A Dirty Job*, and I'm still laughing. From sewer-dwelling harpies to squirrel people made from dead animal parts, Moore makes everything about death a laughing matter. I also learned where souls are kept while awaiting rebirth, how to keep two hell-hounds in a small San Francisco apartment, and the story of the beta male in history. There is nothing Moore won't satirize, and he always does a laugh-out-loud job of it.

While waiting my turn to read William Boyd's *Waiting for Sunrise*, I found myself absorbed in his earlier novel, *Brazzaville Beach*, a fascinating tale set in a civil war-torn African nation. A young primate researcher makes a shocking discovery about apes and man, and finally, herself. As a long-time observer of bonobos, a major monkey exhibit at the San Diego Zoo, Boyd's description of extraordinary chimp behavior transported me to Africa and made me wish I'd become a primate anthropologist, myself. In *Waiting for Sunrise*, Boyd focuses on behavioral quirks of another primate species -- humans.

This WWI spy story examines the effect of cultural expectations on individual responses to espionage, lust, and duty to one's country. Boyd's been selected to write the next James Bond script, coming to the Rose (I presume) in 2013. I'll be there! **Linda Martin, Editor**



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Letter from the President:

Geralynn Rackowski

What is a library support group, and what does it do?

Here in Port Townsend, we have three library support groups that serve diverse roles in our community:

The Friends of the PT Library funds library programs and various small purchases outside of the city budget.

Funding is raised primarily through book sales, membership, special projects and grants. The FOL Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 4:30 pm.

All Friends meetings are open to the public. You are welcome to drop in and find out who we are and what we do!

The PT Public Library Foundation raises and manages money for endowments to purchase books, media and large purchases outside the city budget. In recent years, the Foundation has been working primarily on the Library Capital Campaign for the improvement, restoration,

systemic retrofitting and expansion of the Carnegie Library, and conversion of the Charles Pink House into the Library Learning Center. This group meets monthly on fourth Mondays at 7 pm.

The Library Advisory Board is made up of individuals who are the community's representatives for library services in Port Townsend. Volunteers to the board are approved by the City Council. The board advises the Library director in matters such as community relations, budget, and long-range planning. Board members serve three-year terms, and must live within the city limits. The board meets monthly on the third Tuesday, between 4:00-5:00 pm. This description is currently being reviewed by the Advisory Board since the library and city website descriptions do not match.

Each Board meets at the Library Learning Center, formerly the Charles Pink House, next to the Carnegie library. □

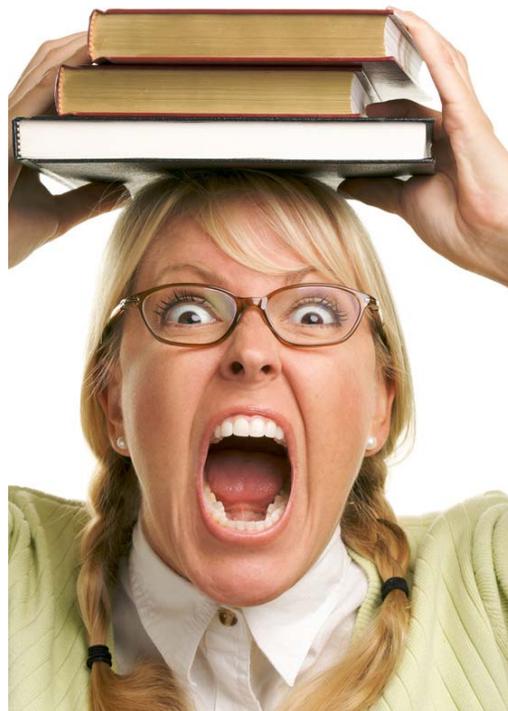
PT SHORTS

Welcome New Friends!

Since our last newsletter was published, the following people have joined as new members of the Friends of the Port Townsend Library:

Stefan & Mary Biskup
Elizabeth & Steven Blake
Tony & Karen DeLorenzo
George & JoAnn Elliot
Scott & Hillary Hokonson
Christie Johnson
Barbara Lubert
John & Barb Mericle
Bernie & John Stechman
Raea Stika

Many thanks to all our continuing members and our newest members for supporting our local library programs through your dues.



"Shhhh!" -- Stories about libraries presented by Port Townsend librarians & Friends. Saturday, November 3, 7:30pm-8:30pm Pope Marine Bldg.

WON'T YOU JOIN THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY TODAY?

NAME _____

NEW MEMBER RENEWAL

ADDRESS _____

If you would like to volunteer, we'd love to have you. Please indicate your area(s) of interest:

PHONE _____

- Book sales
- Membership drives
- Fundraising events
- In-library service
- Newsletter / publicity
- Special events/Advocacy
- I have an idea, call me!

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- Patron.....\$500 or more
- Business.....\$100 or more

(Your business card will be featured in each newsletter for the membership year.)

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Annual membership runs from June 1st until May 31st. Dues may be paid at the library, at the book sale or by completing this form and sending it with your check, made out to "FOPTL" or, "Friends of the Port Townsend Public Library," to:
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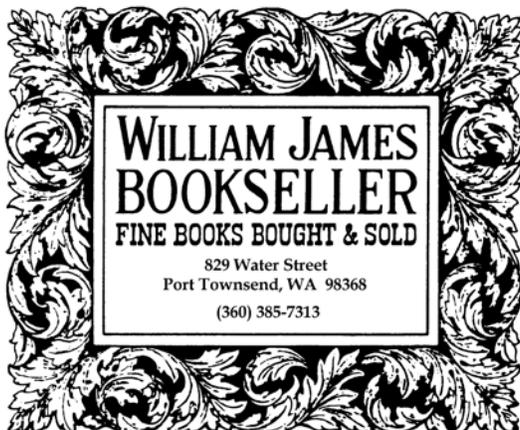


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Monday 10 am – 7 pm
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Wednesday 4 pm – 7 pm
Thursday 10 am – 7 pm
Friday 10 am – 6 pm
Saturday 10 am – 5 pm
Sunday 1 pm – 5 pm

Children's Library:

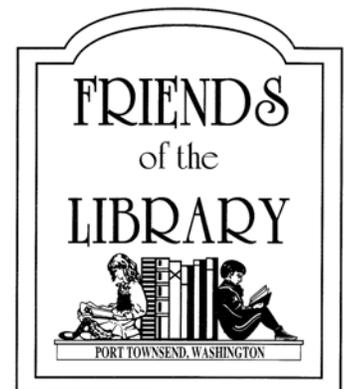
Monday 10-am – 5 am
Tuesday 10 am – 5 pm
Wednesday – CLOSED ALL DAY
Thursday 10 am – 5 pm
Friday 10 am – 5 pm
Saturday 10 am – 5 pm
Sunday – 1 – 5 pm



Friends of the Port Townsend Library (FOPTL)

provides services, programs, and materials for the library that are beyond the means of the city budget, for the cultural and educational enrichment of the community. FOPTL publishes three newsletters each year -- spring, summer, and fall. Members may receive their newsletter via email or post. Any library patron can read the publication at www.ptpubliclibrary.org or pick up a printed copy at the Port Townsend Library.

If you want more detailed information on the Friends, please attend an FOPTL Board meeting, held on the second Wednesday each month, 4:30 pm, at the Library Learning Center (at the corner of Lawrence and Harrison). The next meeting is Wednesday, October 10, 2012. If you are interested in a Board position, or any other volunteer activity, please phone Geralynn at 385-1206.



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