

SILETZ VALLEY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Book, Bake, and Rummage Sale!

September 14th at the
Siletz Public Library

From 10 am to 2 pm during the Siletz
Community Garage Sales

Freshly baked breads, cookies, pies, candies and other delightful treats plus books and rummage items will again be for sale to raise funds for ongoing projects at our Siletz Public Library. There always seem to be repairs and program needs at the library which are not covered by Lincoln County Library District.

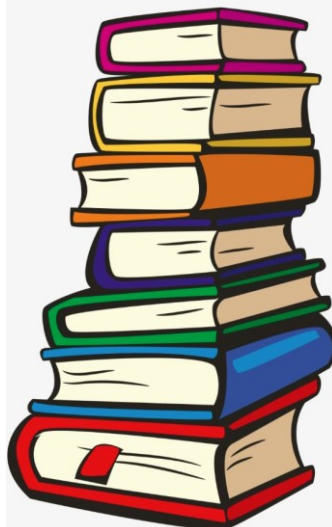
Baked items will be available on a first come, first served basis starting at 10 am.



SVFOL Board Members have refreshed the book offerings with many more gleaned from recent book donations to the library. Tables of books will be laid out in a variety of categories including fiction and non-fiction.

The rummage sale will offer “can’t miss these” items for home or gifts.

No “early” sales – please expect us to help you starting at 10:00 am!



\$ for \$ Donation Matching Campaign

You can double the impact of your donation to support projects helping our Siletz Public Library!

Starting on September 1st, your donations to *Siletz Valley Friends of the Library* (SVFOL) will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to **\$3,000**. This campaign ends November 30th or when the pledged maximum of \$3,000 has been reached.

The matching fund is from SVFOL board member pledges for this effort.

Donations can be dropped off at our Siletz Public Library or mailed to SVFOL, PO Box 130, Siletz OR 97380-0130. Please indicate “\$ for \$ Donation” when you contribute.

Thank you!

(See related article below, “Oregon Cultural Trust Information.”)

Oregon Cultural Trust Information

Do you know about the tax credit available from the Oregon Cultural Trust?

Our Siletz Valley Friends of the Library is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which is on the list for matching
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Fun Facts about our Newest SVFOL Board Member, Kari Murk

*An interview with Kari Murk
by karen carlson*

Kari: I was born and raised in Lakewood, Washington, which is located between Olympia and Tacoma. From the age of three until I left for college, I lived in the same house which had access to Steilacoom Lake. Childhood summers were spent on the lake and playing tennis.

I was hired by Georgia-Pacific right out of college and started my accounting career at the Toledo mill. Over the years, I progressed from an entry level accountant up to a Division Controller. I worked with some wonderful people and feel very lucky to have had such a long and fulfilling career with GP.

Now that I am retired, I have more time to engage in volunteer and other fun activities. I feel that reading is very important. I think it is wonderful that we have such a nice library in our community and have tried to support it in a variety of ways. Having more free time now, joining the SVFOL Board seemed like a great way to increase my support.

kc: What are your pets' names?

KM: We don't have any pets right now. However, we enjoy many critters that visit our property, such as elk, deer, and a wide variety of birds.

kc: What's your favorite tool in the kitchen or garden or where you are most creative?

KM: I love working outside in the fresh air. My favorite tool is our two-wheeled wheelbarrow. It is more stable than a one-wheeled version so it's much easier on my back.

kc: What food can't you live without?

KM: Since you asked about "food," I would have to say berries. Blackberries, strawberries, blueberries, raspberries.... I love 'em all and try to have enough in my freezer to last me between seasons. Other edible things I'd have trouble living without are coffee and chocolate.

kc: What is the most organized part of your life?

KM: Travel planning. I traveled a lot for work. I love personal travel so I have gained quite a bit of domestic and international travel experience over the years. My parents and siblings rely on me to help with their travel planning, too. I love working up itineraries with built-in flexibility, finding flights and hotels, locating places of interest, etc.

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Kari Murk

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kc: What is the most disorganized part?

KM: Probably my computer files. I am in desperate need of purging old files and better organizing my electronic file folders.

kc: Where is your special place to be Zen-like?

KM: Outside. Quietly sitting and listening to birds calling is very relaxing. If the weather is bad, or at night, curling up with a good book and a cup of coffee or hot chocolate is also peaceful.

kc: What's the strangest or craziest job you've done?

KM: I don't think I've ever had a crazy or strange job. For me, the most unique job I had was when I was a Resident Assistant (RA) at my university. As an RA, I organized special events, dealt with "keggers" and noise complaints, and helped students who were dealing with emotional challenges - to name just a handful of my responsibilities. It was a challenging yet fulfilling job.

kc: What are your next fun travel plans?

KM: Travel plans coming up within the next six months include a trip to Tennessee. We also have some local trips planned.

kc: Thank you, Kari!

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donations. Add up your total donations to cultural non-profits listed on the Oregon Cultural Trust website and give an equal amount to Oregon Cultural Trust (up to \$500 for individuals and \$1,000 for couples filing jointly) before 12/31/24. On your Oregon State tax return, report the Oregon Cultural Trust donation. This amount will be a 100% tax credit on your Oregon income tax return.

Please see the Oregon Cultural Trust website:
<https://culturaltrust.org/get-involved/donate/>
and your tax professional for full details and specific tax information for your personal situation.

This is another way to maximize your donation dollars!



Sky Dancer

If you see this dancing figure in front of the Siletz Public Library, you will know that an event is being held at the library.

Many events are "hidden" inside the library or on the west side so we wanted to try this out on the east side as an attention-getter.

Let us know if it works!



Ceramic Mosaic for Library Children's Room

Siletz Public Library is thrilled to announce an exciting new project. Lawrence Adrian, Director of the Oregon Coast Children's Theatre & Center for the Arts, alongside Dina Kirk and staff artist Lizzy Hilton, have crafted a stunning mosaic for the library's children's room.

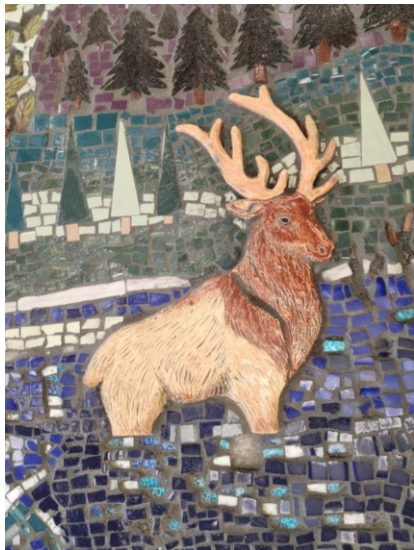
Titled *In the Valley of the Siletz River*, this artwork incorporates traditional mosaic tiles as well as sculptural ceramic elements depicting elk, chinook salmon, rainbow trout, river otters, an osprey, and a free-standing blue heron. The 3-foot by 5-foot installation was a collaborative effort, with volunteers of all ages helping to place the mosaic pieces.

Founded in 1990, the Oregon Coast Children's Theatre & Center for the Arts has a rich history of creating public art across the Oregon coast, enhancing libraries, city centers, and schools with their unique and engaging works.

End of September is the estimated date of the installation.



Larry and Lizzy laying out the mosaic ceramic pieces



The Elk is a sculptured ceramic element surrounded by custom tile pieces cut individually.



Most of the mosaic is shown here but is not grouted yet.

2024 Summer Reading Program

Almost 50 children signed up for the 2024 Summer Reading Program. The theme was "Read, Renew, Repeat" and had a focus on conservation. During the summer, the library hosted 8 programs for children including a big bubble show, an amazing reptile program, a magician, and local expert Tiffany Stuart talking about traditional regalia and demonstrating Native American dances. Performer fees for the programs were paid for with Ready to Read grant funds from the State Library of Oregon.



Above: Children holding boa constrictor.



Right: Cora creating big bubbles!



Author and teacher Tiffany Stuart (left) shared her knowledge and experience of Native American dancing and regalia.



What's Happening at the Library?

Carol Rasmussen Schramm,
Library Manager

Paired with the **Summer Reading Program**, children were able to have a free lunch provided by the Siletz Valley Schools and then participate in the 8 reading programs. After the program, children could visit the library to choose books for the week.

The library will receive a **deep cleaning** later on this fall. Our library will look much brighter with newly cleaned carpets, windows, and surfaces. Many thanks to Siletz Valley Friends of the Library for applying for the grant and to the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund for supplying the funds to make this possible.

Telehealth Sessions: Do you need to have an online meeting with your doctor? Our library now has a dedicated laptop which you can use at the library to help you with these online sessions. The WiFi is password-protected for your security. We have a small, private room which can be reserved for this use. Please contact our library to reserve the laptop and room.

Getting a Library Card is easy! You can download a library card application from our website or pick one up from the library. Please bring your picture ID and a piece of mail for proof of your mailing address.

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Siletz Valley Friends of the Library

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The library is OPEN Tuesday-Friday from 10-5 and Saturday from 10-4

WiFi is available every day between 7 am and 8 pm. The signal reaches the benches outside of the library and into the parking lot. Please note we have a dedicated parking spot for WiFi users! A password is required which is changed as needed. Contact library staff for the current password.



The library continues to offer the **Aquarium Cultural Pass** to library card holders (in good standing). You can learn the details at the library or at <https://www.siletzpubliclibrary.org/cultural-pass>

You can find details on current events, programs, and story times at the library by visiting our website:

<https://www.siletzpubliclibrary.org/>

or our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/SiletzPublicLibrary>



Siletz Public Library Events Calendar

Carol Schramm, Siletz Library Manager

Phone: 541-444-2855

Curbside Service is Available

Tuesdays: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Wednesdays: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Thursdays: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Fridays: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Saturdays: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Closed: Sunday & Monday



SVFOL Board Meetings

SVFOL members and members of the general public are welcome to attend our Board meetings. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 19th, 2024, 5:30 to 6:30 PM. Meetings are held at the Library. Call Sally Jennings for information: 541-444-2687.