



## SILETZ VALLEY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

# Siletz Library Birthday Party Feb. 10th!

*Come Celebrate with us! Free cake and punch 1:00 – 3:00 pm*  
**Book, Bake, & Rummage Sale and RAFFLE Drawing!**



**1 Raffle Basket  
Drawing This Year:  
Basket is  
Worth over \$600!**

### Gift Certificates:

- ♥ Georgie's \$50
- ♥ Little Chief \$50
- ♥ Pacific Kitchen \$50
- ♥ Local Ocean \$50
- ♥ Oceana Co-Op \$50
- ♥ Grocery Outlet \$30
- ♥ Cobblestone Pizza \$20

### Goodies in the Basket:

- ♥ Handmade Valentine Cards by Sue Eatherly
- ♥ Ceramic Bowl by Paula Teplitz
- ♥ Glass Float
- ♥ 2 Large bags of Coffee, Old River Coffee Roaster
- ♥ Kite - Serpent
- ♥ Kite Flag Birdhouse
- ♥ Kite Flag Flower
- ♥ Sparkling Apple Cider
- ♥ Tumblers, Swizzle Sticks
- ♥ Chocolate Covered Almonds
- ♥ Dark Chocolate Covered Cherries
- ♥ Salted Caramel Cocoa Mix
- ♥ Lots of Chocolate!

**February is LOVE Your Library month!**  
**Buy "Treat Yourself Basket" Raffle tickets at \$5 each**  
**(Raffle drawing is at 3:00 pm)**

**Siletz Valley Friends of the Library is hosting the birthday party, the sales and the raffle to raise funds for the continuing maintenance of our beautiful library.**

**Your support is so appreciated!**

*(Purchase Raffle tickets from any Board Member or at the Library)*

## Fun Facts about our New Board Member, Krisstina Borton

An interview with Krisstina Borton  
by karen carlson



Krisstina Borton

**kc: What are your pets' names?**

**KB:** My family has a working farm so really all my animals can be considered pets. To start off, my family has a Boxer named Harley and a Blue Heeler named Scout. I have two bearded dragons, Chanceton and Cora and a super sweet Ball Python named Lucy. I raise tangerine ring-necked doves. We have 45 chickens but Buffy, Matilda, and Karen are my three favorites.

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

**KB:** It's hard to pick one tool as my favorite, but my most useful tool is my car. It is quite essential living 25 minutes from town. Ultimately, my favorite tool in the kitchen would be my Ninja 10-in-1 counter-top oven. I like the fact it gives me a second cooking source, it cooks things swiftly, and is easy to use.

**kc: What food can't you live without?**

**KB:** CHEESE! Take away bread or even potatoes, just don't take away my cheese. I'd even give up coffee to save cheese, and boy, let me tell ya, coffee has saved me many mornings. I might even give up chocolate.

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

**KB:** The most organized part of my life is my calendar. I have a heavy schedule to manage each day including working full time for USPS (not just here in Siletz but 3 other offices when needed); having two teenagers in school who play a multitude of sports; grocery shopping; doctors' appointments; dates with friends; working on the family farm...the list goes on.

**kc: What is the most disorganized part?**

**KB:** The most disorganized part of my life is my pantry. You never realize how disorganized something can be until you reach for cream of mushroom soup and find out you have 8 cans.

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

**KB:** There are a lot of places that help give me the breath of fresh air, but my favorite place is hiking and finding waterfalls. My favorite waterfall so far is Kentucky Falls. The name is a little misleading...it is near Mapleton, Oregon, not Kentucky.

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

**KB:** Craziest or strangest? I really do not have an answer for this question. I worked in a high-end clothing store and that is so not me. Just give me jeans, tank tops and flip flops 365 days a year and I would be happy. The clothing store job lasted about 5 months.

**kc: What is your favorite accomplishment?**

**KB:** My favorite accomplishment is being a mother to three wonderful children. They aren't your typical kids. They're the most respectful, compassionate, sport-loving and hard-working kiddos you would have the pleasure to meet. God has blessed me more than I deserve with these children.

**kc: What are your next fun travel plans?**

**KB:** In June of 2024 my family will travel to Grand Island, Nebraska, to watch my son, Carter, represent Oregon and compete at the 4-H Shooting Sport National Championships. He placed top in Oregon in the 4-H Trap Teams and also top in the High School Trap program where he got an invite to compete in Nationals in Michigan; if he places top again, we will go to that event in 2025.

**kc: Thank you, Krisstina and welcome to the Board!**



## Library Wish List



### Pick a Candle for Giving!

- \*Post-It Notes (3")
- \*Paper Towels
- \*409 Cleaner
- \*Windex
- \*Kitchen trash bags (drawstring)
- \* Photocopy paper 20 lb
- \*Cash donation to purchase a book
- \*Flat Screen Computer Monitor (call for details)
- \*Postage Stamps (Forever)
- \*Toilet Paper
- \*Pure Citrus Air Freshener
- \*Batteries (AA & AAA)

## Happenings at the Library

Over Christmas break, Siletz Public Library and Teena Nelson offered two programs.

The “**Teens Make It!**” program was attended by 12 young adults who crafted beautifully ‘painted’ silk scarves using Sharpie markers and rubbing alcohol to give a tie-dye affect. They also created tiny terrariums in clear Christmas balls; mini succulent gardens; and bookmarks using shaving cream!



One of the ‘painted’ silk scarves made by the participants

Bryan Miyagishima,  
Lincoln County Library  
District Director, helping  
with the Legos



**Our second program** was a Lego afternoon. Bryan, our District Director, attended as well. A local Siletz high school senior needing community service to finish some credits was a big help with set up, take down and Lego building! These programs were free and open to teens and all ages at Lego time. We hope to continue open Lego times in the future. Watch for info!



### Favorite Reads

**Current Display at the library. Anyone can choose a fave book or list it on a Post-It note if the book isn’t available. Patrons can use their library card and check out someone else’s favorite book to read.**



Teena Nelson

**Preschool Story Time** continues each Wednesday at 2:30 pm. Story Time includes song, crafts, flannel stories, sharing, and books of course! This event is open to toddlers and older.

We welcomed Head Start youngsters at our January 10th Story Time.



Lastly, Ms. Teena plans a **Valentine Tea** on February 14th from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. Anyone is welcome to drop in for a “cuppa,” some sweets and conversation on this ‘Love Your Library’ Valentine’s Day!

Bring your own teacup, if you wish!



### Did you miss her? Our “Little Girl Reading a Book” Statue

She is waiting for warm, dry weather to be re-glued to the rock out front.



### Thank you to Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund for SVFOL Liability Insurance Grant!

The Siletz Valley Friends of the Library (SVFOL) extends a big “thank you” to the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund (STCCF) for assisting us with our liability insurance for our board and other volunteers. Having liability insurance makes possible all the fundraising activities that SVFOL conducts to benefit our beautiful library.

**Thank you, STCCF, for being a long-time friend of the Siletz Public Library!**

## Winners from our September 2023 Basket Drawing Fundraiser

At the end of our September 9<sup>th</sup> Book, Bake and Rummage Sale, SVFOL Board members took turns drawing the winning ticket for each of 7 dazzling baskets.



karen carlson (left) and Candace Ford stirred the tickets thoroughly for Basket #1 and drew one ticket.



Teena Nelson was delighted with her basket



Pat Kennedy very pleased with her basket

### Basket Drawing Winners included:

- #1 "Go Green" – Helen Pihlstrom
- #2 "Pets" – Kristi Bayya
- #3 "Needle & Thread" -- Terri
- #4 "Seascapes" – Mike Vermeulen
- #5 "Coffee" – Pat Kennedy
- #6 "Books" -- Pam
- #7 "Wine & Treats" – Teena Nelson

The Basket Drawings raised \$2,903 and the Book, Bake and Rummage Sale (including donations) raised a total of \$889. Proceeds were ear-marked for the library's parking lot re-sealing project.

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Mike Vermeulen displaying his winning basket

## Lincoln County Library District Option Levy on the Ballot in May, 2024

by Bryan Miyagishima,  
Lincoln County Library District Director

The Siletz Public Library birthday celebration in February is a reminder of the longstanding partnership between the Lincoln County Library District and the Siletz Valley Friends of the Library to provide services for area residents. The majority of the funding for these services comes from a permanent tax charged to residents in the library district. About a third of district funding comes from a five-year local option levy. **This levy expires at the end of June 2025, and so the library district will have a ballot measure in this May's election asking residents for a renewal.**

In addition to helping fund operations at the Siletz Public Library, district taxpayer funds also pay for book courier services up and down the coast between all libraries, cataloging support and software for all county public libraries, and library advocacy to all local governments. The district also reimburses county public libraries for services that they provide to district residents, ensuring that all citizens of Lincoln County can receive library services without additional charges, as is the case in other parts of Oregon without a county library system.

**The campaign in support of the ballot measure will be seeking signatures for letters of support, help with canvassing and signage, as well as soliciting donations.** If you would like to get involved, ask Siletz Librarian, Carol Rasmussen Schramm, for campaign contact information.

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# Stretching Our Fundraising Dollars

Costs for insurance, postage and printing continue to increase so we have been discussing ways to make the money we receive in donations, grants and fundraising go farther.

We are currently sending these newsletters to our SVFOL members by email if we have an email address on file. **It would be a great help if members would contact the editor to update our membership information with their email address so we can save postage and printing costs.**

Please note that we will also be sending out the Annual Membership Meeting invitations by email if we have an email address on file.

We will no longer routinely send out receipts for the \$5.00 annual membership renewal payments. We will continue to send receipts for donations.

Our insurance agency changed companies recently so we asked for quotes from other agents and we were able to find a local agent with a much lower annual premium for the same level of liability coverage. The total saved this year is over \$800.



# The Ongoing Parking Lot Saga

by Carla Clark

The asphalt in the Siletz Public Library parking lot has begun to crack and erode. Our coastal weather, with its long rainy periods and occasional freezing temperatures, makes the maintenance of asphalt surfaces a challenge. Preventing continued deterioration is the highest priority for Siletz Valley Friends of the Library (SVFOL).

A local company has proposed applying a sealcoat to fill all the cracks and restore the asphalt surface. The parking spaces will be repainted, making for a safe and orderly parking lot. The cost is estimated to be \$4,980.75.

SVFOL submitted a grant request for this project to the **Lincoln County Cultural Coalition** and they awarded \$1,600 toward the cost of the project.

Last summer, SVFOL members sold tickets for basket drawing fundraisers in addition to bake and rummage sales. SVFOL collected \$2,400 with these activities.

SVFOL is still nearly \$1,000 short of the funds needed for completion, but we will continue to raise funds throughout the winter and spring. We anticipate we will be ready to finally complete the project at the end of the rainy season this year.



# Halloween Trunk-or-Treat



Carla, Candace, Sally, Sue E, Sue M and Teena

SVFOL Board members dressed for Halloween and set up canopies and Teena's van for the event.

Sue Eatherly said it was fun! Sally and Carla said there were fewer participating cars but more Trick-or-Treaters. Most of the candy and books were given out to the Trick-or-Treaters of all ages. The bubbles and glow necklaces were especially popular. Kelley's SVFOL table cloth was an excellent identifier for our group. This community event spread the word about Story Time and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.



Left: Sally inviting Trick-or-Treaters In for lots of treat options.



Right: A Trick-or-Treater in full dress.

Below: The SVFOL set up.





## What's Happening at the Library?

Carol Rasmussen Schramm,  
Library Manager

**TWO exciting grants were awarded to our Library:** The first is the Ready to Read Grant provided by the State Library of Oregon. Funds from this grant will go toward programs for the 2024 Summer Reading Program. The second is the Dorothy Louise Keyler Grant which helps fund children's collections in rural areas. Patrons can look forward to seeing our children's collection updated and expanded over the rest of the year.

**Free Tax Forms:** We have the basic forms now. If patrons need a form we don't have on hand, staff can help with downloading and printing. We also have information about filing online. There are many resources available to help with this process. Staff can help you locate the resource sites and forms for tax filing but please be aware that we **can't** help with entry of your information.

**Community Meeting Room Available:** It is a pleasant, clean, comfortable room with plenty of chairs and tables, and we have a motorized screen for use with a projector. Use of our AV equipment can be arranged. You will need to fill out an application in advance and schedule your visit with a library employee. Please go to our website at <https://www.siletzpubliclibrary.org/resources> for more information about the guidelines for use and the fee schedule.

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## The library is OPEN

**Tuesday-Friday from 10-5  
and Saturday from 10-4**

**During periods of extreme winter weather, the library may close on short notice.** Please call to be sure we are open during storms. Staff also post updates on our Facebook page.

**Wi-Fi is available every day between 9 am and 6 pm.** The signal reaches the benches outside of the library and into the parking lot.

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>

**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.

**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, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 5:30 to 6:30 PM. Meetings are held at the Library. Call Sally Jennings for information: 541-444-2687.