



## SILETZ VALLEY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY



## Library Parking Lot Project is **DONE!**

### Sealant Coat & Fresh Paint Applied

As of April 17<sup>th</sup> the library parking lot is much improved. Now the area in front of the book drop is clearly marked as “no parking” (people have often idled there to check email). There is a clearly marked parking spot with a strong WiFi signal.

The total cost for the project was \$5,855.75. This was \$900 over the original estimate because we added “No Parking” curb signs and “WiFi Parking” signage.

The Lincoln County Cultural Coalition provided \$1,600 via an SVFOL grant request and Lincoln County

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### Please Vote **YES** on Lincoln County Library District Levy May 21, 2024

The Siletz Public Library is so much more than a building. It has been the hub of our small community for over 70 years, welcoming all residents, connecting our community, and bringing a window to the wider world. Lincoln County residents will be voting on Measure 21-222 to renew the current local option levy. This is a renewal at the same rate, not an increase in property tax. A “no” vote would result in the loss of over \$45,000 to our Siletz Public Library services. Please help spread the word!



**Large arrows help direct traffic one-way through the parking lot.**

## Fun Facts about our Board Member, Candace Ford

*An interview with Candace Ford  
by karen carlson*



Candace Ford

**Candace:** I became a board member at the invitation of past Board Member Joan Lofton. She knew my love of children and books would dovetail beautifully with all that our wonderful library encompasses. (Candace has been a Board Member for SVFOL since June, 2014.)

I grew up in South Beach and attended grades 1-4 at Central School, currently

known as the Newport City Hall. In grade 3 we were housed in a World War 2 quonset hut which no longer exists.

Grades 5-8 were at Lincoln Junior High and the last four years at Newport High. I graduated from Oregon State College which is now called Western Oregon University. My double major was in French and English with a minor in Education.

I took time out to have my two adorable boys, both of whom are now deceased. I am thankful to have one granddaughter who is the light of my life.

I then met Reed and we briefly lived in Newport before moving to Vancouver, Washington, for a few years. I taught Special Education. When I decided to retire, Reed and I moved to the home my father had built in Logsdon. My son Griff built the magnificent barn that graces our property.

As a side note, when my dad was a kid his parents homesteaded further out Logsdon Road. He attended primary school in a building that has since been replaced by the Logsdon Community Club.

When Grandpa started logging, they moved to the "Abalone House" in Newport. He also trucked slabs of stone from eastern Oregon for the siding of a house above the Coast Guard station in Newport; that house is known to many as the "Stone House."

My mother was sweet but not much of a reader. I attribute my love of reading to my paternal grandmother after she gifted me *Grimm's Fairy Tales*. I was very young at the time and found it gruesome yet captivating. I still have that book and made sure to read to my own two boys from day one.

Griff could read at age two and was so smart he could have gone to Stanford. His younger brother, on the other

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hand, was going to be held back in Grade 2 because his teacher said he didn't read; this despite two years of schooling in very small classes (6 or 7 children per class). I was shocked, took him home and "sat on" him until he started to read.

Sadly, after my grandfather died, my grandmother remarried and moved to Arizona. I'm so thankful my parents remained in the area we have grown to love.

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

**CF:** Our dog's name is Bridger.

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

**CF:** That has to be my microwave.

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

**CF:** Way too many favorites and LOTS OF IT!

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

**CF:** Taking care of myself and following doctor's orders.

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

**CF:** I am a pretty disorganized soul especially when it comes to business paperwork.

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

**CF:** My Zen place is pretty much anywhere on the property. I especially love the feelings I have when walking by Griff's barn.

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

**CF:** Craziest job has to be teaching High Needs Special Education students in Camas, Washington. It was exciting and rewarding to see my students make important gains in their skill levels.

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

**CF:** I will go to Crater Lake in a couple of months with two girlfriends.

**kc: Thank you, Candace!**

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**Commissioner Kaety Jacobson** donated \$1,000 from Lincoln County funds. SVFOL provided the remainder from fundraisers.

The sealant coat will extend the life of our parking lot by several years. The original paving was completed 17 years ago when the library was built.



Carla Clark, SVFOL grant writer, (left) and Kaety Jacobson, (right) Lincoln County Commissioner

We also want to give a shout out to Taylor Plesha and his crew from Allen's Lot Maintenance in Newport. They did a great job on the project and were nice guys to work with.

**Library Birthday Party Celebration!**



*Birthday cake for all*

Siletz Public Library welcomed many friends to its 70<sup>th</sup> birthday party (17 years in the new building) on February 10th.

Sales of books, baked goods and rummage items, several donations, and our basket raffle raised a total of \$2500 which met our final fundraising need for the parking lot project.

The raffle tickets in the bowl were thoroughly stirred and Mary Parker selected the winner, Janet Cummiskey, who was thrilled with this amazing basket of treats.



*Janet with her basket*



*Mary Parker picking the winning raffle ticket*



SVFOL offered to buy a gift for our library staff. The staff room's 17-year-old mini-fridge recently died and has now been replaced at a cost of \$185.39.

Our staff deserve our care!



*Library patrons enjoying a "proper tea" party*



*Listening to an exciting story told by Teena*



*Hostess Teena bringing more treats to the lavish display*

**Thank you to Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund for SVFOL Deep Cleaning Grant!**

Siletz Valley Friends of the Library (SVFOL) is grateful for a grant from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund (STCCF) which will pay for the annual deep cleaning of the Siletz Public Library.

We were awarded \$1864 and we will apply a 20% match which brings the total to \$2330.

This professional cleaning keeps our library sparkling and fresh. It includes cleaning carpets and floors, windows, blinds, high cabinets, light fixtures, and other areas that are out of reach for the library staff in their regular cleaning.

SVFOL takes great pride in our Siletz Public Library. We are so grateful for the generosity shown by the STCCF that helps our library shine and thrive. Thank you for your continued support and your faith in our Siletz Public Library.



*Invitation\**



*Sue and Teena*

**Tea Party Extravaganza – Wow!**

Teena Nelson and Sue Eatherly hosted a Valentine's Tea at our library from 2 to 4 pm on February 14<sup>th</sup>. An amazing array of tasty sweets and tiny sandwich treats were served with tea in real china teacups. It was a fine, rainy day event. Fancy dress was encouraged; lots of hats were available to try on. Children and adults had fun feasting, visiting, listening to stories and using their imagination.

**Notice to SVFOL Members**

The Siletz Valley Friends of the Library (SVFOL) will hold its annual membership meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Watch for your invitation which will include proposed Bylaws changes to be voted on.

\*Note: Library Manager Carol Rasmussen Schramm designed the tea party invitations.



## What's Happening at the Library?

Carol Rasmussen Schramm,  
Library Manager

The **Oregon Coast Children's Theater and Center for the Arts** is making a beautiful mosaic for the children's room in our Siletz Public Library. The theme is "In the Valley of the Siletz River." It will feature our local landscape and wildlife. The layout size is five feet by three feet. Local students have been invited to participate in the project. If you would like to help, please stop by the library to add your name and contact information to our volunteer list.

**Summer Reading Program** signup will begin **June 6th** and programs will start on **June 27th**. Most programs will take place at 1 p.m. This year's theme is "Read, Renew, Repeat."

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

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**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, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 5:30 to 6:30 PM. Meetings are held at the Library. Call Sally Jennings for information: 541-444-2687.