



## SILETZ VALLEY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

# Our Library's Sweet 16 Birthday Party Book, Bake, Rummage and Plant Sale

*You are invited to the birthday party and sale on  
Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 3 pm*



**Raffle Basket #1**



**Raffle Basket #2**

**Join us for complimentary Birthday Cake  
& Refreshments**

**February is LOVE Your Library month!  
Support our Book, Bake, Rummage and Plant Sale**

**Buy "Love Basket" Raffle tickets:  
Raffle tickets are \$5 each for a chance to win one of  
two baskets full of LOVE themed items  
(Raffle drawing is at 2:45 pm)**

**Basket #1 – First Place -- \$400.00 Value**

\* Dinner for 2 at Chinook Winds Casino Rogue River  
Steakhouse \* Show Tickets at Chinook Winds Casino  
\* 2 Champagne Flutes \* André Brut Champagne \* Fuzzy  
soft blanket \* Bath & Body Works Scented Candle with holder  
\* Pyromania Hand Blown Glass Float \* Old River Coffee  
Roaster Co. Papua New Guinea Dark Roast \* WixGear  
Magnetic Car Mount for Cell Phone \* Assorted Chocolates

**Basket #2 – Second Place -- \$120.00 Value**

\* 2 Champagne Flutes \* Kim Crawford Rosé \* Large  
Valentine Pillow \* Old River Coffee Roaster Co. Papua New  
Guinea Dark Roast \* Karen's Krunch Gift Certificate  
\* Australian Birds Calendar \* Assorted Chocolates

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

**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. Currently we need matching funds for grant requests to replace indoor and outdoor lighting and to re-seal and re-stripe the parking lot. Your support is so appreciated!**

## Fun Facts about our New Treasurer

*An interview with Kelley Ellis  
by karen carlson*



*Kelley Ellis*

**Kelley Ellis** joined SVFOL last June and was elected to the Board and to the Treasurer position. Kelley has been a welcome addition to our team.

Rose Esbenschade, our previous long-term treasurer, has been guiding Kelley in her new duties.

**KE:** I grew up in Toledo, Newport, then Siletz starting in Junior High. I am an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz. I graduated from Toledo High School in 1987 and worked for several years in Siletz, Portland, Salem and San Diego before changing direction to pursue a college degree. I worked full time while attending Oregon Coast Community College, graduating with an Associate's Transfer degree; then enrolled in Oregon State University, the only local college offering distance learning. I attended classes at the Hatfield Marine Science Center via online and interactive video classes, a struggle with "dial-up" internet services. I continued to work full time, had my son, Christopher, and successfully graduated from OSU in 2009 when my son was 5 years old.

I have lived in our home in Siletz for 17 years. I have worked for the Confederated Tribes of Siletz in several capacities; worked as a bartender in Newport and Siletz; worked in Social Services through Covid, then moved on to work for the US Postal Service. I currently work for Chinook Winds Casino in the Rogue River Steakhouse as a Dining Room Server. I love working in customer service and food service. It is exciting to meet new people visiting the casino.

**kc: What's your pet's name?**

**KE:** I have a house and yard full of pets: a Silver Lab named Max; a Pit/Boxer named Elijah; and a small terrier named Joe who is 17 years old. In the house I have a guinea pig named Bolt and a cat named Camilla who never goes outside. Six "community cats" outside have adopted my home as their own. All the cats except the real dad (too skittish to be caught) were neutered in March 2022. So we have 3 dogs, 7 cats and 1 guinea pig.

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

**KE:** I love to make crafts and be creative. I work mostly with paper, making shadow boxes with flowers and multi-level designs cut on my Cricut. I cut and print vinyl stickers and lettering for projects and design garments with heat transfer vinyl (HTV). Most recently I have expanded to do "sublimation" which has fewer constraints than HTV. HTV is limited to the color of the vinyl and size to Cricut specifications. Sublimation allows me to print pictures and colorful graphics and then transfer onto many different items like garments, cups, keyrings, glasses, water bottles, etc. I love helping to design and plan parties and events. My dream job was to be a Party Planner but in our community it would not be very profitable. I do help friends and families with decorations and party planning when needed.

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

**KE:** I don't really have a favorite food these days. I focus mostly on nutrition and protein so I would say a really good steak would be my preference. It may not be considered a "food" but I cannot live without coffee. I can drink coffee all day long; it is a rich creamy taste that is comforting to my soul.

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

**KE:** I have always been an organized person; I struggled with disorganization when I was younger – I was a minimalist and a bit OCD. Over the years, especially after becoming a mother later in life, I had to learn how to change. Kids bring a lot of stuff into your life: toys, books, clothes, dirt, and grabby little hands that like to touch everything breakable. Over the past 19 years I have become more accepting of clutter and disorganization. I keep my bedroom the most organized because it is my space. The rest of the house is organized chaos.

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

**KE:** In my craft room which is just a small corner of my living room. I have my desk, shelves, tools, and supplies in an organized area so I can craft and still be part of the family gatherings. I joke with the dogs when they are crowding me and tell them to "get out of my craft room."

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

**KE:** In the early '90s I moved to Portland with a friend and signed up with Kelly Services, a temporary job agency. I was assigned to work in a Pendleton factory boxing up orders to be shipped out. I was also assigned to a small warehouse to pack up glitter and

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## Thank you to Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund!

Spring is almost here and we are eager to give our beautiful library a well deserved deep clean!

We are super grateful to the STCCF for their recent award of \$1,443.00. The Siletz Valley Friends of the Library contributed \$800.00 so we are now able to purchase this work.

Covid restrictions have been lifted and regular library hours are back in place. We will soon be clean and shiny for library staff and community patrons to enjoy.

**Thank you, STCCF, for your ongoing support!**



Lynne reaching high

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confetti. I was relieved when I got a work experience placement and then a full-time position at the Oregon Health Sciences University Affirmative Action Department. I worked there five years before moving out of the Portland area to start my college career.

**kc: Can you share something we don't know about you?**

**KE:** About 10 years ago Mud Bog Racing was very popular in this area. My uncles, Bobby and Sam Bayya, and my dad, Bristo Bayya, were building powerful trucks and towing them around Oregon to race. Bristo had a beautiful Chevy truck that he was going to race in Coos Bay. He talked me into racing in the Powder Puff category (women race against women). I had never been in his truck nor did I know how to race. We got into the truck to practice and Bristo told me how to push on the gas and rev the engine up then snap at the take off. Well, I was successful taking off but the drive line came out of the truck. The racers in Coos Bay helped Bristo get the truck put back together just in time for his race. When it was my turn, I was at the line with Bristo in the passenger seat coaching me. The race is just a few seconds long in a mud-rutted lane to the finish line. After the race Bristo said he would never ride with me again. He bounced so much with just a seatbelt on that his helmet hit the roof and he was thrown from side to side. I came in 3rd place and I was hooked. Over the next 4 years I had my own trucks built by Uncle Sam and Bristo and I was towing them to different races around Oregon. I never placed again but I had a lot of fun. My son thought I was the “cool

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mom” for being a mud racer especially since this was completely out of character for me.

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

**KE:** My son Christopher is my proudest achievement. Christopher joined me later in my life; I had been told for over 10 years that I was unable to have children. I was glad to be an older parent having more understanding and ability to support and advocate for my son's education to the goal of successfully graduating with a high school diploma. Many local students are left behind when they are not “cookie cutter” learners. I advocated for my son starting in the 1st grade until graduation. I met with teachers, principals, and administrators, developing tools to help my son not be left behind. My goal was to make sure he was educated in an environment and approach he could learn and stay focused in. I hope that those tools and approaches will someday help other students to achieve educational goals. My son Christopher is now an adult, and I am excited to see where his adventures take him.

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

**KE:** I will be going to Montana in July for a family reunion with my Wheeling side of the family. This is a special time to spend with my dad, Don Ellis, and over 20 other family members traveling to a ranch we rent for a week. Two years ago we went to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and rented a ranch. These family reunions are some of the best trips and create long-lasting memories.



## Library Wish List



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



## What's Happening at the Library?

Carol Rasmussen Schramm,  
Library Manager

**Do you have a question about using the internet, creating an email address, keeping track of your logon information for different websites, etc.?** If so, please ask about 30-minute, one-on-one help sessions at the library. We will do our best to answer every question!

**Our meeting room is available for community groups to use.** 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.

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>.

The library has received the **2023 Ready to Read** grant from the State Library of Oregon. The

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## The library has extended its hours!

**We are now open  
Tuesday-Friday from 10-5  
and Saturday from 10-4**

funds from this grant will be used to establish a literacy corner for use by preschool age children and their parents or guardians. We will make educational toys and games available for use at the library, as well as having kits ready for checkout for families to take home.

**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 16th, 2023, 5:30 to 6:30 PM. Meetings are held at the Library. Call Sally Jennings for information: 541-444-2687.