

SILETZ VALLEY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

During the COVID-19 Pandemic...

Our **Siletz Valley Friends of the Library** (SVFOL) board members wanted a way to keep in touch with our SVFOL members and our friends in the Siletz area. Many of us are severely limiting our visits with one another due to the COVID-19 restrictions. SVFOL, as well as so many other groups, has had to cancel fundraisers, community activities, and/or has had to move to video or other "remote" meetings.

We thought we would try re-starting our newsletter which we originally published while we were raising funds to build our beautiful Siletz Public Library. We will post these on-line, print a few to distribute in our communities, and perhaps email to our membership if that is desired.

We plan to provide information on fundraising needs for our library, bits of history of the library, and "fun facts" about our board members.

Questions or suggestions for topics are welcome. Please email or call the editor, Sunshine Keck (see last page).

Did you know ...

Our Library Celebrated 66 Years in 2020

Did you know that the Siletz Public Library opened on Feb. 2, 1954? That makes this past February our 66th birthday! The Siletz Library was opened by the Siletz Civic Club, which is now called the Siletz Valley Friends of the Library. The library started with a donation of 500 books and was open for 3 ½ hours per week. We are very proud that it now has 19,363 items (books, CDs, DVDs, etc.) in the collection and access to any item at any library in the Lincoln County Library District, delivered by courier. Library card holders also have access to 96,382 digital items (ebooks and audiobooks). Six public access computers are also available for use during the 36 hours per week when the library is open.

SVFOL traditionally sponsors a birthday party for the library which we hope can happen again in 2021.

A Trip Down Memory Lane: 2005



Old Ladies' Carwash at Wal-Mart Cleans Up! Raffle Adds Money for the New Building

Showers couldn't dampen our spirits! You should have seen the way we "old ladies" washed cars and sold raffle tickets! Lorraine Rich's idea of dressing in vintage clothing to play up the fact that we are no longer "spring chickens" got a great response.

March 17th (2005) we sat in a rocking chair (or stood) at the signal light holding up signs to alert the public to our event.

Some of our volunteers worked the crowds tempting them with the many wonderful donations we had on our raffle table. Others were hard at work squirting, soaping and rinsing off cars and trucks.

SVFOL women and their helpful sons never let the intermittent rain hinder their efforts. By 4 PM everybody was pooped and only too happy to call it a day.

Here's a BIG thank you to the 22 fabulous helpers and REALLY BIG thank you to Wal-Mart for giving us the opportunity to have our fundraiser there. With Wal-Mart's generous contribution of \$1,000 we raised a total of \$2,375.

(Originally submitted by karen carlson)

Fun Facts about our Board President

An interview with Sally Jennings by karen carlson



Sally Jennings

SJ: I was born and raised in a village with a population of 250 and went to school at a 4-room schoolhouse through 8th grade. My passion for reading and for libraries originated with my first trip to the book mobile at the age of 6.

I love being outdoors, and continue to enjoy gardening, hiking, beach walking and tent camping. I love the thrill of white water rafting, and always like to sit in the front of the raft. I've visited 49 of our 50 states. Never been to Alaska--yet.

Here in Siletz, I started out as a Board Member of the Siletz Civic Club 37 years ago. Lorraine Rich, Lorel Meyers and I would take turns being the President or Secretary. We changed our group's name to the Siletz Valley Friends of the Library in 2000, to better reflect our main purpose of building a new library and supporting the continuation of a public library in Siletz. I've been the president of SVFOL for 21 years.

kc: What is your pet's name?

SJ: Stella is the name of my adorable 15-year-old Keeshond. I also have 6 pet Welsh Harlequin ducks, 12 pet chickens, a pair of song canaries, and a 75-gallon tank full of tropical fish. The ducks, canaries, and some of the fish have names.

kc: What are your favorite tools?

SJ: My favorite garden tool is the hori hori. It sounds risqué, but is truly the best all purpose garden tool made. My two favorite kitchen tools are my food processor and my stand mixer. I've been using the spiralizer attachment to my stand mixer a lot lately to make zoodles. I enjoy working with fabric, so I'd have to say that my old faithful Husqvarna Viking Quilt Designer sewing machine is my favorite creative tool.

kc: What food can't you live without?

SJ: In general, fresh organic vegetables and fruit. I've been an organic gardener for 38 years, and truly enjoy a vegetable-based diet. My homegrown corn-on-the-cob is my favorite vegetable and raspberries are my favorite fruit. And, then there's dark chocolate, which is my favorite decadence.

(continued next column, Sally Jennings)

Sally Jennings, continued

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

SJ: I keep my home pretty organized. I do best if I know where everything is.

kc: What is your most disorganized part?

SJ: My old barn. It's become a pretty disorganized catch-all. I've lived in the same place for 37 years and have saved way too many things thinking I would do something with them, or need them, "someday."

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

SJ: On a daily basis, it's right where I live. My house is set in a 5-acre patch of old forest. Over the decades I have planted lots of ornamental trees, shrubs and flowers as well as created a great vegetable garden. All I need to do is step out the door to be surrounded by the zen beauty of nature.

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

SJ: When I was in college, I had a work-study job in the biology department. My job included bringing Hillary, a boa constrictor, into Vertebrate Biology classrooms to meet the students. She would wrap her body around me and put her head on my neck, under my long hair. You can imagine the variety of reactions from the other students. Hey, I was paid to do it!

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

SJ: I have lived in Lincoln County since 1976 and have never felt as "at home" anywhere else.

kc: What is your favorite accomplishment?

SJ: My favorite accomplishment was having the privilege to be a stay-at-home mom raising two children. I have so many fond memories of those years. My second favorite accomplishment was having the honor to be part of the team who raised the funds, did the planning, and followed through on seeing our new Siletz Public Library built, furnished and opened for our community to enjoy.

kc: If COVID would let you travel, where would you go?

SJ: I've never been abroad. If I could travel, I would visit Greece and explore Athens and the Peloponnese Peninsula and a few islands. I'd also like to spend a couple of weeks in Hawaii, when the dark and rain become a bit much here in February. The Big Island is my favorite. A trip back to northern Wisconsin to visit family and old friends would be wonderful, too.

kc: Thank you, Sally!

SJ: This was fun!



Siletz Tribal Charitable Contributions Fund Continues to Give

The **Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (CTSI)** has continued to issue grants to a variety of organizations during the pandemic. **CTSI** has been a wonderful supporter of our library since 2004.

In 2020, the Tribe's **Siletz Tribal Charitable Contributions Fund (STCCF)** donated **\$4,870.38** to SVFOL for help with Siletz Public Library's needs which are not covered by Lincoln County Library District. The **STCCF** donations are issued based on grant applications submitted up to four times per year.

We (SVFOL) understand the many demands on the charitable funds so we increased the amount of our SVFOL commitment for each of the grant requests. This is where much of our fundraising dollars go. Getting the **STCCF** grants stretches our fundraising efforts.

Here are the **STCCF** grants and SVFOL fundraising matches in 2020:

- \$3,475 in July for repairing the handicap accessible doors: **SVFOL** provided \$1,000 for the rest of the repair cost.
- \$829.38 in August for deep cleaning our library before opening. **SVFOL** provided \$800 for the balance of the cleaning cost.
- \$566 in November to help with our annual liability insurance premium; **SVFOL** provided \$400 for the rest of the insurance cost.

-- karen carlson

Siletz Public Library Events Calendar

Carol Schramm, Siletz Library Manager
Phone: 541-444-2855

Curbside Service Only through December 2nd

Tuesdays: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Wednesdays: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Thursdays: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Fridays: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Closed: Saturday, 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, January 21st, 2021, 5:30 to 6:30 PM. Meetings are held on-line and by phone. Contact Sunshine Keck for instructions on how to join the teleconference:

Email: sunart@peak.org or call 541-444-7424.



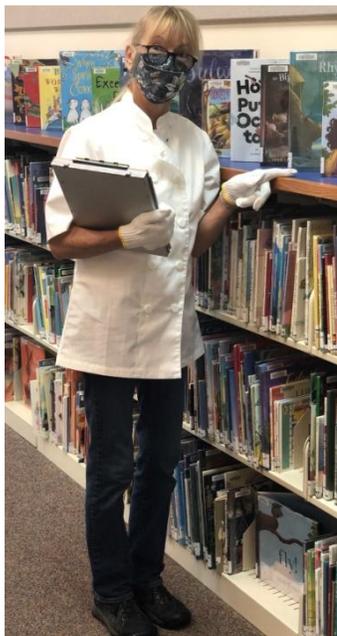
Summer Reading Program Success in Spite of COVID-19!

Siletz Public Library Manager, Carol Schramm, reported in September that they had approximately 25 children participate in the summer reading program.

Only a few formally signed up, but there was lots of interest in take-home activities that were offered via curbside service. STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) kits were provided by Oregon Coast STEM Hub and craft kits were assembled by the Siletz Library staff.

Giveaways were also popular -- lots of books and some great T-shirts.

Deep Clean Prepares Siletz Library for Re-Opening



**"White glove" inspection
by karen carlson**

Thanks to the latest grant of \$829.38 from Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund (STCCF), the library's annual deep cleaning was recently completed. This year's "deep clean" was particularly important due to COVID-19.

Siletz Valley Friends of the Library (SVFOL) paid for the other half of the cleaning expense with money from previous fundraising and community donations. SVFOL and the library especially appreciate the Siletz Tribe's grant since they received many other requests due to COVID-19. Working with STCCF helps

reinforce Siletz community spirit and pride in their library.

SVFOL supports the Siletz Public Library in meeting its unfunded needs. All fundraising activities have been canceled this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. SVFOL is asking for community donations to help us keep the library safe and in good repair. SVFOL is committed to filling in the gaps not covered by Lincoln County Library District funding.

Siletz Valley Friends of the Library is a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization. To make a tax-deductible donation, please contact Sally Jennings, President, at 541-444-2687.

Siletz Public Library Notes

In order to comply with COVID-19 safety measures, the Siletz Library has made changes to ensure patron and staff safety. We installed sneeze guards at the circulation desk and between the public computer stations and we will limit the number of people in the building at one time.

If restrictions are lifted after the current 2-week freeze, we will go back to "normal" hours:

Tues: 2-4, open to the public; 4-6, special appointments and curbside service.

Weds-Sat: 10-4, open to the public; 4-6, special appointments and curbside service. The library will welcome users, ages 12+, inside the library for quick visits-- 30 minutes per day maximum -- with masks and social distancing required.

Until then, we are offering curbside service. Simply place a hold on a book or DVD at <https://www.chinooklibraries.org/> and library staff will contact you to schedule pickup. Alternately, call us at the library to make a request. Our WiFi is on each day from 9-6 and is accessible from outdoor seating and the parking lot.

We hope to see you soon!

-- Carol Rasmussen Schramm

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Many Thanks for your Donations!

Due to pandemic restrictions, SVFOL had to cancel its annual Pow Wow fundraiser in August. In June, we sent out letters which canceled our annual membership meeting. We asked for donations to help with our annual deep cleaning and replacing the blinds in our large and small meeting rooms.

So far we have received \$2,520 toward these expenses! The annual cleaning has been done so our next project will be the new blinds which are estimated at \$3,000. To make a tax-deductible donation, contact Sally Jennings, 541-444-2687.