



SILETZ VALLEY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

New Blinds Installed at our Library Thank You, STCCF!

Submitted by karen carlson

Our new custom blinds for the Siletz Public Library meeting room and study room were installed in April.

Thanks once again to **Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund (STCCF)** for their contribution of \$1,294 towards the cost of these new blinds. Siletz Valley Friends of the Library (SVFOL) also contributed \$2,000 from our membership and previous fundraising events. These modern, well-functioning blinds have a lifetime warranty.

Wide panels in the community meeting room will cut down on direct sun from the west but will still allow light into the room. The study room blinds are “room darkening” so that laptops and TV or video displays are easier to see.

Library staff will train users in how to correctly open and close the blinds.

Lynne Wright, Circulation Clerk, demonstrates opening and closing the new blinds in the community meeting room



Raffle Baskets are Coming!

A variety of enticing raffle baskets will soon be on display at the library. Themes include: “Made in Oregon,” “Kids Books,” “Movie Night,” “Family Fun,” “Coffee!” and “Custom Greeting Cards” plus many more offerings. Tickets will be available from SVFOL Board members and at various events around Siletz. Drawings for the individual baskets will be held

on September 18th, after the Siletz Community Garage Sales sponsored by the Siletz Grange. You do not have to be present to win.

“Made in Oregon” basket in progress: More items will be added



Do You ♥ Your Library?

We do! Siletz Valley Friends of the Library (SVFOL) serves our Siletz Public Library by raising funds to meet the needs which are not covered by the funding available through the Lincoln County Library District.

Our 99 active members live in Siletz, Logsdon, Blodgett, Toledo, Newport, and other communities.

We all share a love for our library and work together to fund the repairs, additional maintenance and upgrades needed. We invite you to join us if you aren't a member. Annual dues are just \$5 per year or \$100 for a lifetime membership. Contact the library or Sunshine Keck, 541-444-7424, for more information.

Fun Facts about our Board Vice President

An interview with Audrey Casper by karen carlson



Audrey Casper

AC: I was born near Newberg, Oregon. We moved to Siletz when I was 4 years old. My parents opened the only bar in Siletz on Friday the 13th in May, 1949. The first tavern was in the left side of the building that is now Dee-Ne Gifts. We were there for one year. My parents bought the existing building (Siletz Roadhouse) in 1950.

The tavern was legally called "Leonard's Tavern" but most people called it "Whitlow's." I went all 12 years of school in Siletz, graduating in 1960.

I think I became an SVFOL board member shortly after the new library was built. I volunteered at the library when Nan Lockwood was there. She was a very nice person; I enjoyed being around her. One spring, I taught a computer class for free for patrons to learn how to use the internet and receive emails. I was elected VP in 2012.

kc: What is your pet's name?

AC: Two pets: Emma and Myka. Emma is a miniature Australian Shepherd and Myka is a German Shepherd. They are both girls and very good companions to me.

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

AC: I love my sewing machine. It is where I can be creative. Of course, I'm not an artist! It's still fun, though. I can copy anything!

kc: What food can't you live without?

AC: I hate to have to say this...but my favorite food would be chocolate. I know I'm supposed to share healthy living, but I LOVE chocolate!

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

AC: It would probably be feeding the horse and alpaca. I have to do it daily from October to May. Being retired I'm not as goofy about housework and everything being in its place!

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

AC: My favorite Zen place would be on my sofa with a good book or sitting on the deck in the sunshine, when there is sunshine! Also, we have a fire pit that gets used a lot when it's not raining.

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Audrey Casper, continued

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

AC: My craziest thing I ever did was not a job. My niece invited me to Portland to do the Polar Plunge in the Columbia River when I was 70 years young, in January. I have never cross-country skied until I was 76 years old. So, naturally, I slipped and fell and bumped my head right at the end of the run. My granddaughter talked me into going with her and she recorded it all!

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

AC: My life is pretty much an open book. The only thing people probably don't know about me is how naïve I am. Believe it or not, I led a very sheltered life as a child, teenager and young married woman. I was married at 18 to the most wonderful, marvelous man in the world. He took such good care of his family. I never really worked until the children were in middle school. I would say my one accomplishment was that I supported our family in 1977 when Ken's Union, the AWPWW, went on strike for 9 months. I worked at the meat processing plant in Siletz where I learned to correctly package meat. To this day, I wrap all the game that is harvested in the fall of the year.

kc: What is your favorite accomplishment?

AC: My favorite accomplishment is the raising of my children. They have brought me joy throughout my whole, entire life. The icing on the cake is that the grandchildren included me and their grandpa in their lives. I have a very loving family and spend lots of time with them. My life is very fulfilled with family.

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

AC: My granddaughter and I are planning a trip to Switzerland when the Covid-19 pandemic is over.

kc: Thank you, Audrey!



Many Thanks for your Donations!

Due to pandemic restrictions, SVFOL had to cancel its annual Pow Wow fundraiser last August and annual Birthday book, bake and rummage sale.

We are planning fundraisers later this year but always welcome donations.

Tax-deductible donations can be mailed to:
SVFOL, PO Box 130, Siletz OR 97380-0130

STCCF Grant Awarded for Library's Security

Great news and a huge “thank you” to grant writer Carla Clark and also to Karen Carlson and Carol Schramm who provided vital input. **Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund (STCCF)** awarded us **\$1799** to upgrade the security cameras at our library. Live and captured video will be viewable remotely 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Updated surveillance cameras will be installed outside the Siletz Public Library building. The new surveillance system will allow a complete view of the parking lot and grounds during the day and remotely at night.

This new system will enable the library staff to monitor the building and grounds both day

and night and request assistance from law enforcement in a timely manner if the need arises.

Protecting our library from theft, vandalism and illegal drug-associated activity will increase safety and security for our library building, staff, and the community served by the library for many years to come.

We will add this grant award to the \$600 donated by two of our board members. Total cost of the project is \$2,399.

Congratulations, Carla, and thank you, **Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund!**

-- Sally Jennings
SVFOL President

New Computers Coming to our Library in the Near Future

Submitted by Carla Clark

Last week, Cascade West Economic Development District (CED) and Lincoln County Library District (LCLD) signed an agreement for a \$7,593.99 Community and Economic Development Grant.

Siletz Public Library's public access computer system, in use since 2011, is outdated and cannot adequately run current programs nor accommodate new programming. The new system will upgrade the existing six stations which will be linked to one host computer located at the circulation desk. This system will feature updated security and greater processing ability. Additionally, six new laptop computers to be used for classes and activity groups in the library community room will be purchased.

During the initial notification process, Anne Whittington, of CED, said this project was not chosen for the very first round because they had so many requests on a relatively small pot of money. However, the review team thought the Siletz Public Library project was so important that they decided to fund us out of a separate pot of CARES money; CARES money is the Covid economic relief funding.

The new equipment will soon be on order.

Why Do We Keep Fundraising and Asking for Donations?

During the COVID-19 pandemic, SVFOL (Siletz Valley Friends of the Library) could not hold our normal fundraisers in August, 2020, and February and August, 2021.

Our board members are busy writing grants but those grants often require matching funds from SVFOL. We help with repairs, landscape maintenance and other needs that aren't covered by Lincoln County Library District's Siletz budget. SVFOL pays for its own insurance, accounting fees, postage, etc.

Thank goodness for you, our community, for helping with donations!

Do You Buy from Amazon?

Did you know that Amazon will donate to a charity you select if you buy through its “Smile” program? Amazon donates ½ of one per cent of qualifying purchases made through “Amazon Smile” every quarter. It is easy to sign up. Just log on to Amazon at the <https://smile.amazon.com/> website with your Amazon credentials. The first time you sign on, you will be asked to select your charity. Just start typing Siletz Valley Friends of the Library and it should pop up. You can always change your charity selection but we hope you will select us!

Siletz Public Library Events Calendar

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

Limited Browsing & Curbside Service

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
Saturdays: 12:00 noon – 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 16th, 2021, 5:30 to 6:30 PM. Meetings are held at the Library. Call Sally Jennings for information: 541-444-2687.

Did you know ...

... that the green and yellow **Sunflower Lanyard and Awareness Ribbon** is a growing initiative to aid the wearer with hidden or invisible disabilities to receive more support in public places such as airports, libraries, and transport facilities? Examples of hidden disabilities include: Autism, Brain injuries, Crohn's Disease, Chronic pain, Diabetes, Epilepsy, ADHD, and Rheumatoid Arthritis.

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Siletz Public Library Notes

-- Carol Rasmussen Schramm
Library Manager

The **Siletz Public Library** was the recipient of a **STEM Week 2021 Mini-Grant**, sponsored by **Remake Learning Days** and **STEM Oregon**. The library is committed to encouraging and supporting children in their learning about science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). We spent the funds on a fun and educational take-and-make kit: Make a Terrific Terrarium! Children between the ages of 4 and 12 picked up their kits which contained a terrarium container, a magnifying glass, instructions, and the other materials needed to complete this project.

The library also participated in **Lincoln County Reads** program, where everyone reads the same book. The choice this year was *Circe* by Madeline Miller. Miller gave a really interesting and thought-provoking talk about the book on April 25th via Zoom.

We are currently in full swing with **2021 Summer Reading Program**. The theme this year is "Reading Colors Your World." We are offering a summer full of fun programs- all online this year. Families can stream or live view story tellers, a ventriloquist, a play, a science show, an animal show, and a comedian. This year, we are giving each child participant a Siletz Public Library lanyard and, as they check out and read books, watch performances or complete other activities, they earn badges to decorate their lanyards. Make-and-take kits are also available. Find details about registration on our Facebook page and website. **Children can still sign up!**

You can find out what is happening at the library by visiting our website:

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

or our Facebook page:

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

or by signing up for our email list the next time you are at the library.

Library hours are currently Tuesday-Friday from 10-4, and Saturday from 12-4.

