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Goals:
ADVOCACY FOR
THE LIBRARY
GRASS ROOTS
ACTIVITIES
EVENTS THAT ENHANCE
and PROMOTE LIBRARY
SERVICES by
PROVIDING FUNDS TO
ENHANCE THE LIBRARY
BUDGET

Annual Meeting
Election of Officers
Tuesday, March 19
at 10 AM

Roseburg Headquarters
Library Ford Room
Open to all members

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

BOOK SALE

HQ LIBRARY (ROSEBURG)
1409 DIAMOND LAKE BLVD.

APRIL 10 (WED.) 10 - 2

APRIL 11 (THURS.) 10 - 3:30

APRIL 13 (SAT.) 9:30 - 1:30
Saturday is \$2.00 a bag day!

Book Clubs at the Library Branches

Use the web site to check for current information

<http://www.dclibrary.us>

Click any of the branches on the map and the book club and all other activities will display.

Remember you are always welcome to check out the book clubs before joining.

The Importance of Membership

Friends members demonstrate their support of the importance of libraries to their community.

Friends members stay in touch with the library activities.

Friends members have opportunities to network with other library supporters.

Friends members are some of the best citizens of their community by their support of the opportunities available only at free public libraries.

Thank you for being a friend.

Annual Membership Drive

Its again time to renew your Friends membership. We especially need you to continue to support for the free public library system by continuing to belong to the Friends. Each year the ongoing operations of our libraries are dependent on the ever-shrinking funds available through and allocated by the County administration.

Through the book sales and other fund raising activities, the Friends provides all the money available to be used on books and library loaning materials for the public.

Your membership fees provide funds needed to administer the organization all the funds raised can be used for library materials and activities.

The renewal form and mailing envelope is enclosed.

Library Book Store

The Friends of the Library continues to stock and re-stock the book store in the Library. There is a box for you to put your payment in the book store and is strictly on the honor system.

New titles are added each week so check it out each time you are in the Library.

Current Roseburg Library Open Hours

TUES Noon to 7 pm Wed 11 am to 6 pm THU 11 AM-5 PM SAT 10AM-2 PM

A Message from Harold Hayes

Library Director

Introducing Harold Hayes

Many of you have read one or more of the fascinating adventures of one 'Harold' with his trusty purple crayon. For those of you with a very vivid imagination this could be thought of as a brief sequel of an older 'Harold' who somehow lost his purple crayon along the way. While he lost that purple crayon and the ability to illustrate wonderful adventures in timeless stories, books never truly left the life of 'Harold'. (If he ever finds that purple crayon again perhaps an illustrated version could be attempted of this brief narrative.)

The first part of this story revolves around my mother. She read to us, my sibs and I, and read to us a lot! I remember evenings cracking walnuts with Mom reading to us and long road trips to the Grandparents where she read until she lost her voice. (It's amazing what lengths you'll go to when trying to keep a station wagon loaded with five kids and their stuff going down the road on an even keel.) Stories I remember included: the Laura Ingalls Wilder series, which I enjoyed, but was thrilled when Farmer Boy came along, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang which was read to us several times, Tom Sawyer while traveling on a vacation down the Mississippi to Hannibal Missouri and many others. She had an amazing ability to choose books that were above our reading level but right on target for our interest level. Along with this were frequent trips to our local library.

I was not a typical library patron for my age. My choices

were typically from the adult section and I must confess were chosen for their pictures – not their text. Pyramids, old airplanes, and other such themes were fascinating to me. But, I was a reluctant reader. I did not read well, and only read what I had to for school. But those wonderful stories read by my mother and those regular trips to the library were, unbeknownst to me, slowly undermining my reluctance. The second player in this part of the story was Mr. Jones, my sixth grade teacher. My first man teacher and all the trepidation and angst that goes along with that initial experience. And, moan and groan, we had to read books and do book reports. Moreover, we had free reading time in class where we had to read!

I still own that first book of my sixth grade year read for a book report. It is a cherished possession. Sunrise Island by Charlotte Baker was that first book. I still cannot really explain what happened with the reading of that book, but I was hooked. Many opinions are expressed about education generally and the teaching of reading specifically. But there was one boy who became a reader because of free reading time in class and a required book report. Well, Sunrise Island got me started on dog stories. I finished The Call of the Wild in class,

what a disaster! Do you have any idea what it is like to finish that book in class and maintain that sixth grade persona? A sixth grade boy can not cry in public. Period. I did manage to maintain that persona, but barely. I went onto other Jack London titles including White Fang. I found a selection of his short stories and once again finished To Build a Fire in class. And he died! The story ended and the protagonist was dead! That certainly hadn't happened before.

Those forays as a reluctant reader into the adult section did have their effect too. By the time I had finished the sixth grade I had run out of dog stories and everything Jack London had written. Jack London led me into regular adult fiction and I also went back to some of those books about Egypt and old airplanes and read them too. By the seventh grade I never looked back.

The Friends of
the Douglas
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welcome
Harold Hayes
New Library
Director

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