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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

Next Meeting
Wednesday, November 16
at noon

Roseburg Headquarters
Library Ford Room
Open to all members

NEW DAYS AND HOURS!

Friends of the Library

BOOK SALE

HQ LIBRARY (ROSEBURG)
1409 DIAMOND LAKE BLVD

WEDNESDAY (OCT 12) 10-2
Special members preview

THURSDAY (OCT 13) 10-3:30
NO FRIDAY SALE!

SATURDAY (OCT 15) 9:30-1:30
Saturday is \$2.00 a bag day!



Buy a Friends Book Bag

\$10

We still have a few library book bags for sale. These are good quality bags which make excellent gifts full of our wonderful recycled books. You can earn a free bag by sponsoring 5 new Friends members.

Contact Wendell Hall 541-957-8499 to arrange your purchase or pick up yours at the Friends Preview Book Sale day October 12 and fill it with books.

**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 get preferences in book sale purchases.

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.

Friends of the Library Volunteer Opportunities

Do you have a little spare time?

- **Can you move, sort and stack books, tally sales, make change?**

We need you to help with our book sales. We have two large sales each year in the spring and fall, replenish and replace books in our Library book store weekly, and sort donations as they are received so help is needed year round for this very important source of funds. Contact Omar Susewind 541-459-0604 for dates of opportunity.

- **Can you bake or buy cookies for activity refreshments?**

We provide refreshments for our activities and always need help with this. Contact Suzanne Hall 541-672-3552 to volunteer for future activities.

- **Do you have ideas for programs to sponsor or can attend to be an event chaperone?**

We always need program ideas. If you have something you would like to share with your community, a talented friend who would contribute a program to assist the Library or can give your time to attend events to represent the Friends, contact Geneva Croft 541-464-8333.

- **Do you have articles or ideas for newsletters or can you help fold and mail?**

We publish three newsletters each calendar year. We need information to include and a small crew to fold the newsletter for mailing. Please contact Suzanne Hall 541-672-3552.

If you still want to help but don't see your ideal job, please contact any of these board members and we will find a spot to use your time and talents!

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 Max Leek Library Director

Volunteers in the library

We're all concerned about money to run the library. Library budgets are always a concern to library lovers, but it's hard for even steady library patrons to understand why it costs so much money for the simple service they love. Most library patrons don't need to look beyond their personal use of the library, including any direct interaction they have with library staff. So if I borrow a couple of books a week, how can it cost TWO MILLION DOLLARS to run a library with reduced hours, and \$3 million or more to operate a lean but effective modern library? The question becomes more and more common the more the library budget is threatened.

In fact, why can't volunteers run the library? Does it take a master's degree to

scan a barcode to check out a book?

Volunteers are necessary to the operation of the Douglas County Library System, and they will play an even larger role in the future. To provide anything like the Public Library services we're used to, however, requires many dollars of public money and public resources, and hundreds of people, some of whom are paid county employees.

It does cost plenty to manage this complex business. It is not only a business, but a service of county government, with hundreds of thousands of public dollars being managed carefully and consistently in order to buy books and

other materials that the library makes available. That's just to pay for the books and electronic services. Staff, both paid and volunteer, have to be trained, supervised, and scheduled in order to select those books and other materials, and then make them easy to locate and obtain in eleven library buildings. The Douglas County Library System must move, and track, millions of items per year. Keeping track of those items, whether they are in the borrower's hands or on a library shelf, or being transported from library to library, is important to each individual borrower and important to borrowers collectively. Scanning the barcode is important, but getting to the point where that barcode can be scanned requires training for all, and sometimes

specialized education and skills. That's just the checking out part.

Volunteers can play a part in other library services, too, such as fostering reading for children and making networked computers available in each branch. Those services, and many others, can be supported by volunteers, but cannot be effectively created and managed at the necessary level, with the necessary security, by volunteers.

Without volunteers, we would not have the library services we have. Without adequate funding, though, we would not have library services.

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Library locations

Drain

Yoncalla

Oakland

Reedsport

Sutherlin

Roseburg

Winston

Myrtle Creek

Riddle

Canyonville

Glendale

Information from the

Library Futures Committee

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11 cities—11 Libraries

Unless a funding solution is found before July 1, 2012, the Douglas County Library system will likely be completely closed. **Don't you think it is worth saving?**

- Do you know that all eleven of the Douglas County libraries have had their hours cut?
- Do you know that there are only 3 full time employees in the Douglas County library system?
- Do you know the safety net funding has been declining by 10% a year and after July 2012 there will be no funds?
- Do you know what you and our children will do without a free public library?
- Do you know what you can do to help save the library system?

Contact Ginger Nickel, Coordinator Library Futures Committee Awareness Campaign

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