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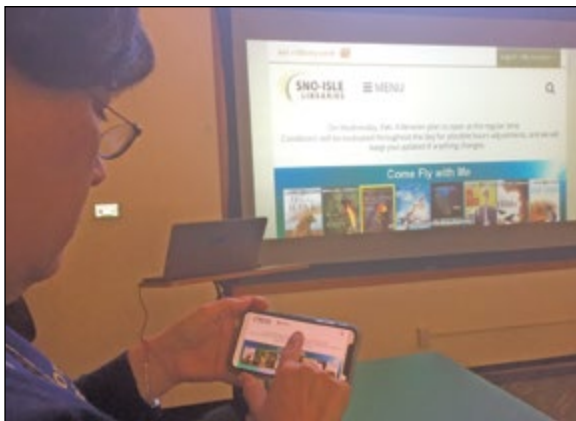
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Freeland Library's New Audiovisual System

Last January a brand new Overhead projection system was installed in the community room, making it possible for more people to attend programs. The projector now sits above the outside door and is controlled from an easy access wall plate with a touch screen at the front of the room. A switch electronically lowers and raises the screen. Mounted there is a Quick Start Guide with step-by-step instructions on how to use the system. The system can be used straight from a presenter's laptop computer or smart phone by simply pressing the "On" switch and navigating



The Quick Start Guide, touch wall plate and screen lowering/raising switch is at the front of the room.



Library staff Susan Hanzelka uses her smart phone to project onto the screen.

to the desired media setting from their device, streaming online content or using Apple TV.

A small wall-mounted cabinet in the back of the room holds the audiovisual rack with a Crestron Core 3 control processor with an integrated digital media switch, control processor and digital audio signal processor to manage all aspects of the system control, as well as all video source

routing. Library staff can help assist in its use.

The proposal to install the system began with our Managing Librarian Betsy Arand's 2018 Wish List, approved at the February 20, 2018 business meeting. The Friends of the Freeland Library Board met with Robert Kerr, Information Technician (IT) for Sno-Isle Libraries on June 7 to review bids. After much

Annual Meeting January 13

Please join us for the Friends of the Freeland Library's Annual Membership Meeting on Monday, January 13. We'll gather in the Milby Community Room at the Freeland Library from 1 to 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

If you haven't joined as a member, please come with your \$10 and join. See the membership/donation form on the last page of this newsletter.

The agenda includes election of board members, planning for 2020 and approval of Betsy's Wish List.

What's Betsy's Wish List? Our Managing Librarian Betsy Arand always prepares a list of items or programs the Friends of the Freeland Library can help fund, which are above the normal operating expenses provided by Sno-Isle Libraries. For example, you all paid for the new state-of-the-art audiovisual system installed last January.

Concerning this year's wish list, Betsy says, "The request for adult programming is higher than last year due to the cost associated with continuing the very popular Live Music in the Library series, including a monthly honorarium for the Books2Movies discussion leader, adding a monthly honorarium for the leader of an also very popular new community folk music jam and hosting a Greater Freeland Chamber After Hours event (it's hard to believe that the last one we hosted was six years ago!)."

Thank You, Friends!

Thank you, Friends of the Freeland Library for all of the support of the library in 2019! The single, major donation made to the library this year was the purchase of a state-of-the-art audiovisual system. Only a few commercial A/V companies in the Seattle area do this type of work. After a competitive bidding process, Sno-Isle Libraries awarded the contract to Jaymarc AV. The new system includes a projector mounted above the audience, a touch-screen control system for presenters, loudspeakers, electronic screen, an equipment rack, video switches, and miscellaneous cables, wires, connectors, and hardware. The system was installed at the end of January 2019.

Friends funding also made it possible for the library to offer a Live Music in the Library series with the Alder String Quartet (violins: Sue Baer and Margaret Storer, viola: Linda Morris, cello: Siri Bardarson). The 3-part series started with classic string quartets by Joseph Haydn in September, followed by string quartets of Mozart in October and Beethoven in November. Staff member Keith Bowers provided a brief introduction of

each composer and the music in relation to history at the time the music was composed. We were not sure about demand for this type of program so were delighted to have standing-room-only audiences at each event. Staff received many positive comments thanking the library for providing a quality concert during the daytime as it is difficult for many local residents to drive at night or afford ticket prices at other venues. With continued funding from the Friends, we are already scheduling Live Music in the Library events for 2020.

Many other programs for all ages are financially supported by the Friends, including, but not limited to, Explore Summer Reading, Whidbey Reads, Trudy Sundberg lectures, local author presentations, Books2Movies, Made-by-Hand, and library booths at the Whidbey Fair, Children’s Day and the Bayview Farmers’ Market. The vision of Sno-Isle Libraries is that everyone in our community is connected to their library and the Friends make this possible for Freeland.

— *Betsy Arand, Managing Librarian*

Membership Renewals Due in January

If you’ve been a member of Friends of the Freeland Library, January is the month that our membership dues are due.

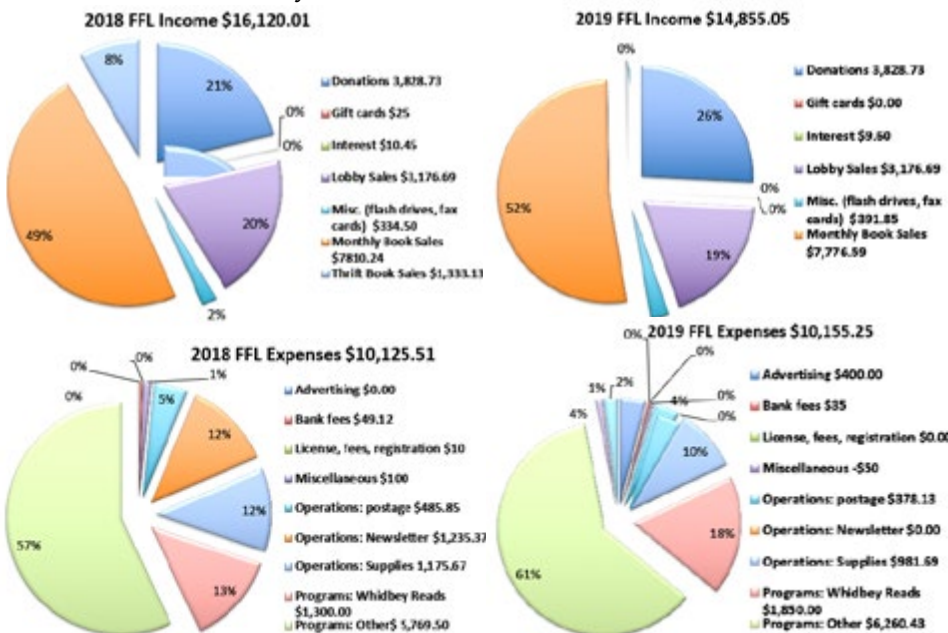
It’s only \$10 and it gives you the opportunity to update your contact information, including email and mailing address and phone number and to include

another member of your household. You can also check a volunteer task you’d like to be involved in. Please fill out the form on the last page, mail it or drop it off at the library.

An additional donation goes toward supporting the programs and activities of our library.

Friends General Income and Expenses 2018 and 2019

The new audiovisual system, new chairs, etc. are assets and don’t appear in this chart.



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The Annual Membership Meeting is on Tuesday, January 13 at 1 p.m. The Board conducts business on a needs basis and via email. Contact any of the Board members with suggestions and opinions. Your support is important to us as we all work to support our library.

Freeland Friends Used Book Sale — Do You Donate?

Hopefully most of our readers know that the library accepts used books by donation, and what we hope you know is that to support the Friends of the Freeland Library, those books are then offered for sale the first Saturday of each month at the book sale in the Milby Community Room at the library.

What you might not know is what happens to your donation once you drop it off. Nearly every day a volunteer checks in to see what might have been donated by our patrons. The books are carried up to the shed on the other side of the parking lot and stored there.

When the books arrive, they are sorted by topic (we accept fiction, nonfiction, children's, cooking, gardening, self-help, hobbies and crafts, poetry, travel, animals, sports, science and science fiction, "coffee table" books (art, music, geographical, etc.), media (DVDs/CDs), and paperbacks. Whew!

We do not accept dictionaries, textbooks, catalogues, or technical manuals — those books go to be recycled.

There is a great team of folks who work on this all month, and then the Friday before the sale an enlarged team of volunteers sets up for that first Saturday event. Tables and signs are set up; boxes AND BOXES of books are hauled down and arranged so that shoppers can easily peruse the selection. Saturday brings regulars, first-timers, children, visitors . . . each month we have a mix of readers who help support the library.

We raise over \$7,000 a year and, those funds go to help purchase equipment and supplies, and support library programs.

Friends of the Freeland Library is extremely grateful to the volunteers, donors and patrons who help to sustain our community library. If you are one of our regular customers, we especially thank you for your support. If you have never attended one of the book sales we heartily invite you to try it out — our next book sale will be Saturday, February 1, 2020.

— *Rebecca Rickabaugh, volunteer*

Freeland Library Staff Picks—Resources Enjoyed in 2019

Though it's now a new year, you still have time to discover another book, movie or online resource from the staff picks for 2019. To that end, one of the library's displays (the one located near the holds shelf) featured the Freeland Library staff's picks for 2019. The books, movies and online resources featured in this display are all things staff members have enjoyed this year and personally recommend. The display was up through the end of the year, but if you didn't get an opportunity to check it out before the year end, don't worry; the handouts listing the staff picks are available for the asking.

— *Nathan Savage, Library Staff*



Patrons browsing the used books at a Saturday sale.



Book sale volunteers gather for a holiday party at Candy and Robin Charlwoods'.

Friends of the Freeland Library
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The Library Goes to School

We love it when we get the opportunity to bring our library resources out into the community. It is especially gratifying to visit our local schools. Tracy Miller and I do book talks during class visits to promote summer reading and share resources throughout the year.

For the last couple of years, I have been visiting all the eighth graders at South Whidbey Middle School once a month in Katherine Mack's classroom. We talk about different subjects and genres and explore related Sno-Isle databases. I bring boxes of books and let them check out from the comfort of their classroom.

We also work with the *Third Grade Reading Challenge*, called the Sno-Isle Libraries *Mega-Fun, Biblio-Trivia, Rockem-Sockem Third-Grade Reading Challenge*. South Whidbey Elementary has been participating since it started as the *Island Reading Challenge* in 2012. Teams of six to eight students read six books chosen by Sno-Isle Libraries staff members for the challenge. In 2019, the South Whidbey team, Rocket Readers, competed with other top scoring teams at the regional semifinals in Oak Harbor and won, advancing to the finals on March 25.

The school keeps the books after the challenge and has the chance to Skype with a couple of the authors. The teams test their knowledge in a quiz-bowl style game.

The event organizer Joy Feldman, Lead Librarian for Early Literacy at Sno-Isle Libraries, says, "Research

shows that reading ability in third grade can be a tipping point for later academic and life success. Students who don't read at grade level are less likely to finish high school, so the Third Grade Reading Challenge emphasizes reading quality over quantity."

The 2020 challenge is under way and the titles are: *Here's Hank: Bookmarks Are People Too!* by Henry Winkler (yes, that Henry Winkler); *Juana & Lucas* by Juana Medina; *Key Hunters: The Mysterious Moonstone* by Eric Luper; *Life According to Og the Frog* by Betty Birney; *Zoey and Sassafra: Dragons and Marshmallows* by Asia Citro of Seattle and *Wedgie & Gizmo* by Suzanne Selfors of Bainbridge Island.

Watch for news about the 2020 Rocket Readers in March.

—Jayanne Bixby, Librarian for Freeland and Langley



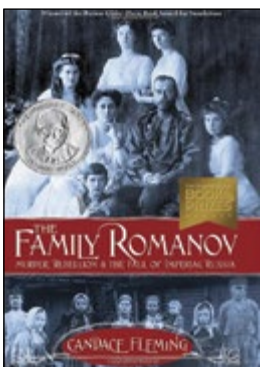
2019 Rocket Readers won the semi-finals locally. Pictured here is Dylan McKnight, Weston Dill, Mackenly Rourk, Jemma Kukuk, June Murray. Not pictured, Etta Cameron

Tracy Attends Children's Literature Conference

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends, I was able to attend the Children's Literature Conference at Western Washington University last February. It was a wonderful day of listening to five award-winning children's and young adult authors talk about their work.

Starting the day were the husband and wife team of Candace Fleming and Eric Rohmann.

Candace, known for her large body of work including everything from picture books to historical biographies,



was a charming speaker. Both *The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia* and *Fatal Throne: The Wives of Henry VIII Tell All* reveal her attention to facts and details, her fascination with her subjects and her ability to bring characters to life for teens and adults. She writes with a no frills blue Bic pen on wide-ruled paper. The pen smears on her arm

as she writes making her feel like she is playing.

Eric Rohmann is the author and illustrator of many books, including *Bone Dog*, the Caldecott Medal winner *My Friend Rabbit* and Caldecott Honor Book *Time Flies*. His illustrations for *Giant Squid* (living mostly in the dark) and *Oh, No!* (taking place mostly in a hole) show his artistic mastery.



With different publishers, different writing studios and different styles of working, Candace and Eric are somewhat reluctant, but occasional collaborators. When they do pair up, they create amazing work. Writing about the mysterious giant squid was Eric's idea, but after months of research and printmaking, he could not

Humanities Washington: *Let It Not Happen Again* — *Lessons of the Japanese-American Exclusion*

Clarence Moriwaki explores the fear, racism and failure of political leadership that led to these unconstitutional actions during World War II, and why we must not let it happen again.

What led to the incarceration of 120,000 Japanese Americans, and how can we prevent similar tragedies?

In March of 1942, 227 Japanese Americans were forcibly removed from their homes on Bainbridge Island by the US Army. Starting with this small community, a national strategy began, with more than 120,000 Japanese American men, women, and children forcibly removed and incarcerated during World War II.

Clarence Moriwaki provides a human, historical account of this national tragedy, to ask the question: Are there parallels to what's happening in America now?

Bad weather caused the January 14 program to be rescheduled to Thursday, March 26 at 2 p.m.

Moriwaki uses historical images and current propaganda to explore the fear, racism and failure of political leadership that led to these unconstitutional actions during World War II, and why we must not let it happen again.

Moriwaki is the president of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Community and a founder and former president of the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial Association.

An interesting note from Betsy Arand, who says, "The high school students previously reviewed all of the speakers that are part of the Humanities Washington Speakers Bureau and Mr. Moriwaki was their first choice. Mr. Moriwaki will be speaking to students at South Whidbey High School in the morning before coming to the Freeland Library." Funded by the Friends of the Freeland Library.

Shakespeare for Everyone

Shakespeare tells us that, "The course of true love never did run smooth." Engaged in the conflicts and disappointments of young lovers, we at once anticipate the promised ending of comedy, "all shall be well."

Beginning on February 11 at 2 p.m., retired English professor, Marsha Robinson, will offer a series of programs we're calling "Shakespeare for Everyone." This program is designed for those who want to explore Shakespeare's plays. It takes a little work, but it is well worth the effort. We'll read and discuss three comedies, and watch some clips.

February 11 and 18, *The Taming of the Shrew*: An angry woman in a world in which female anger is ridiculed, Katherina does battle with her aggressive suitor, the intrepid Petruchio. Claiming to fight fire with fire, he relishes the challenge of domesticating and silencing an unruly wife.

March 3 and 10, *Much Ado about Nothing*: The witty and delightful Rosalind, Shakespeare's most beloved female character, revels in her independence as a single woman. Her counterpart Benedick hides behind the defensive posture of a woman hater. Driven by misunderstandings of fact and self, this play's battle of the sexes almost destroys the reputation of an innocent woman.

March 17 and 24, *All's Well that Ends Well*: Obsessed with a young aristocrat, a devoted and determined Helena seizes control of her own destiny. She defies the

conventional gender roles and class boundaries of Renaissance culture and overcomes formidable obstacles in pursuit of the man of her dreams.

Marsha S. Robinson holds a Ph.D. in English from the University of Pennsylvania where she specialized in Shakespeare and early modern drama. She taught Shakespeare and early modern literature for 26 years at Kean University in Union, New Jersey. She has published work on Shakespeare's English history plays, Shakespearean comedy, Reformation drama and John Foxe's female martyrs.

This series opened the floodgates for all the other great programming we could offer with a Shakespearean theme. Some things we have planned include: a live music performance on the lute, Shakespeare Pub Trivia, Made By Hand: Pomanders and Sachets, a spring break movie and crafts for kids: Gnomeo & Juliet and a Books2Movies program for adults.

Langley Library has caught Shakespeare fever as well, and they are hoping to offer a cooking program. We also plan to collaborate with Island Shakespeare Festival for some educational programs leading up to their summer season.

So, check the online or printed "Events & Classes" calendar and join us for some (or a lot) of Shakespeare fun!

— Tracy Miller, Librarian

Audiovisual System, from page 1

discussion over the next few months the contract was awarded to JayMarc AV, October 12, 2018. On February 6, the Freeland Library staff and Friends board members met with the JayMarc AV Design Consultant Alex McNeill for an orientation about how to use the new system.

Your membership, donations and participation in events, such as the monthly book sale, paid the \$22,651 cost of this remarkable asset in our library.



For comparison, this was the old audiovisual system cabinet that took up a lot of floor space.



In this photo, the new projector is mounted above the door and on the lower right, mounted on the wall, is the locked black cabinet containing the AV rack with the processor and DVD player elements.

Visit Our Friends' Scrapbook Online!

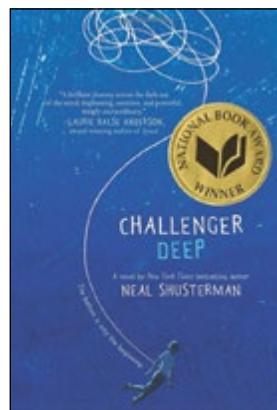
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Children's Literature, from page 4

piece together a story. It finally dawned on him that story writing is Candace's strength and they began again together. His art media changed to oil, she found a connection between the random bits of facts and *Giant Squid* was born.

Next up was Neal Shusterman, author of *Dry*, *Unwind* and many more young adult titles. He credited two life experiences that led him to a life as an author. His third grade teacher did not like him, so he spent most of that year in the school library where the librarian methodically turned him into a reader. She said of Neal, "I've named all my gray hairs Neal Shusterman." As a camp counsellor, he discovered his knack for getting kids to settle down with his bedtime stories about a kid named Midas and his magic sunglasses. After his own teenage son suffered a psychotic episode, Neal wrote *Challenger Deep*,



winner of the National Book Award. Neal does much of his writing on cruise ships (eight trips last year).

As you can see, the day was too rich to tell you everything, so I will just say, after lunch were addresses by Barbara O'Connor (*How to Steal a Dog*) and Jerry Pinkney (Coretta Scott King Awards, Caldecott medals, and two lifetime achievement awards). Barbara writes realistic fiction for middle grades because her passion is to show children the world as it really is, not how we wish it was. Jerry advised that it is time to reconsider what we all have in common. Both authors are working to increase empathy and compassion.

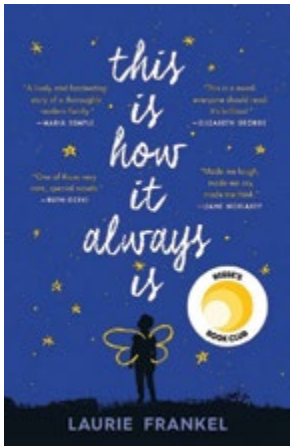
It was a heartwarming day in an auditorium packed with like-minded writers, illustrators, teachers and librarians. What all these authors showed repeatedly was their vast love of the work they create for young readers.

Also spotted at the conference were local children's book author Deb Lund and artist/illustrator Anne Belov.

Thanks again to the Friends and their hard work to raise money to provide such valuable opportunities for staff.

— Tracy Miller, Librarian

Whidbey Reads: *This Is How It Always Is*



The Whidbey Reads Committee chose Laurie Frankel's 2017 novel, *This Is How It Always Is* as its 2020 book for Whidbey's readers to engage with. It was a Pacific Northwest Book Award finalist and won the Washington State Book Award.

Publisher Flatiron Books describes the story, "This is Claude. He's five years old, the youngest of five brothers. He also loves peanut butter sandwiches. He also loves wearing

a dress, and dreams of being a princess. When he grows up, Claude says, he wants to be a girl. Rosie and Penn want Claude to be whoever Claude wants to be. They're just not sure they're ready to share that with the world. Soon the entire family is keeping Claude's secret. Until one day it explodes."

Author Laurie Frankel used her family's experience with their transgender child as inspiration for the plot. She writes with a sweet, authentic style.

Whidbey Reads is a collaborative effort between Sno-Isle Libraries, Whidbey Island Friends of the Library groups, and volunteers from each community on Whidbey Island. Other partners include The Book Rack, Kingfisher Books, Moonraker Books and the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation.

Watch for Whidbey Reads events starting in March.

Frankel will present at three locations in April: Thursday, April 23 at noon at the Coupeville Library, 788 NW Alexander Street; and at 4 p.m. in the Langley United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 301 Anthes Avenue. Also Wednesday, April 22 at 3 p.m. at the Oak Harbor Library, 1000 SE Regatta Drive.



Laurie Frankel

Adult Game Night

Got the winter blues? Join us for a night of board games, karaoke, crafts and activities just for adults on **Wednesday, February 26 from 7 to 9 p.m.** an hour after the library closes in the community room. Alcohol will be available for purchase from the Friends of the Freeland Library which uses the proceeds to support the Freeland Library.

Come alone or with friends; join a group game or enjoy a solo craft. If you're feeling adventurous, show off your singing chops in our karaoke room. At the end of the night we will choose one lucky grand prize winner to take home a Game Night trophy and prize.

This event is for adults age 21 and over. Supported by the Friends of the Freeland Library and the Jester's Keep game shop in Langley.

Live Music in the Library

A really popular activity that began this fall is the free *Live Music in the Library* series funded by the Friends on the last Friday of each month from 1 to 2 p.m. in the community room. Please come an hour early to make reservations at the door.

January 24: Guitarist and composer Andre Feriante presents a program of music and spoken poetry. He will take you on a meditative, multi-cultural, musical journey using several stringed instruments, the Spanish guitar, oud, baglama, sitar, charango and voice. The intention is to bring you to the intersection of the silence, the self and the collective imagination. He will read and recite original poetry that relates to music, the realms of dream, and journeys with love and loss.

February 28: The Alder String Quartet perform the Art of the Fugue. The musical form of fugue was considered the high point of craft in the Baroque and Classic eras. The Quartet performs examples from the mas-

ters, including Bach, Mozart, Haydn, Mendelssohn and Beethoven. A short historical talk will examine the importance of the fugue in western music. The technique of Fugue, based on imitative entrances of melodic lines in multiple voices, grew out of the vocal works of the late middle ages.

Members of the Alder String Quartet are Sue Baer and Margaret Storer, violins; Linda Morris, viola; and Siri Bardarson, cello.

For information about upcoming Freeland Library events, go to the Sno-Isle Libraries website, www.sno-isle.org; select "Events" on the upper menu, a roll-down menu includes "Classes and Events Calendar" (and other features). When you click on the calendar option, a new page opens with a list of libraries; select "Freeland Library" (or any other library of interest) and view a list of events. You can refine your search by selecting a day, week or month as well as by an age group or event type.

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Your Donations Help the Freeland Library

Each time a newsletter is published, individuals, families and businesses join the Friends of the Freeland Library by making a donation, either with annual membership donation or by making several annual donations. **It’s time to renew your membership dues for 2020.** Your dues and donations help provide extras for the library, such as new work tables, book shelves, event supplies, prizes for the summer reading program. Your library benefits in countless ways from your support. Please join us. **Thank you!**

Join Friends of the Freeland Library with a donation. Donors receive a quarterly newsletter, program invitations, participation in meetings and early notice of events.

Contact your current or former employer about matching your donation.

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