



Friends of the Freeland Library

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Winter Break Activities for Children

While children are home or visiting from out of town and looking for something to do during the winter break, the Freeland Library has some wonderful programs planned.

Rockin' Rollercoasters for Kids



Sno-Isle Libraries photo

Kids can find hands-on fun at Sno-Isle Libraries' Winter Science Extravaganza programs. Six different programs, scheduled at 10 community libraries, will be geared toward children ages five and up.

Freeland Library is hosting this Imagine Children's Museum program, Rockin' Rollercoasters, at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, December 22. Children learn about energy as they engineer a rollercoaster of recycled materials and test the tracks of their coaster. Registration is required and can be done by clicking [Sno-Isle Libraries website event](#) page or by contacting the Freeland Library.

"Science Extravaganza is designed to delight and spark scientific curiosity," said Joy Feldman, early learning coordinator for the library district.

Gingerbread Architecture*

School-age children can make a gingerbread structure with friends at the library at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 24. The graham crackers, icing and some candies are supplied and funded by the Friends of the Freeland Library. Bring your creativity and other supplies. Space is limited and registration is required.

Make Snow Globes*

Create your own winter wonderland on Saturday, December 26 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Materials are supplied to make a snow globe, but participants are encouraged to bring small pictures to laminate or other waterproof mementos to personalize their globes. Preregistration is needed for this Made-by-Hand event for all ages.

Monday Movie: *Cinderella*

Kenneth Branagh directs Disney's 2015, live-action take on the classic fairy tale *Cinderella* at 2 p.m. on Monday, December 28. The film stars Lily James as the put-upon young woman forced to endure a life of labor at the hands of her stepmother (Cate Blanchett) after her father dies unexpectedly. Rated PG, the feature is 112 minutes. Popcorn is provided by Friends of the Freeland Library.

Ozobots on Tuesday, December 29

Code tiny robots using colored markers and paper, program Ozobots to race through mazes. For ages 9 to 13 from 2 to 3 p.m.

Rockin,' Toddlin' New Year's Eve Party!*

Families with younger children can dance, shake and wiggle in the New Year. Make some noise and count down to 12 (noon – that is). Come at 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 31.

*Funded by Friends of the Freeland Library.

Movie Scene for Adults

Singin' in the Rain is the free Friday Matinee for adults, at 2 p.m. on December 18 in the Freeland Library meeting room. The musical romance features tunes such as "You Were Meant for Me," "You Are My Lucky Star," "The Broadway Melody," and the title song, "Singin' In The Rain," the film becomes one of the greatest Hollywood musicals ever made. It was produced in 1952 and stars Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor and Debbie Reynolds.

Books2Movies

Starting in January is a new program focusing on books that were made into movies. Read or listen to the book, and/or watch the movie and take part in a lively talk on the third Friday of each month beginning

President's Message: Little Free Libraries

I hope you all had a good summer, we certainly cannot complain about the weather we had, absolutely wonderful day after day.

I love this time of year, you start thinking about making a big pot of soup and curling up with a good book. A lot of great programs are being planned; be sure to pick up a copy of the monthly *What's Happening* at the library.

In the Fall 2012 issue of the Friends newsletter I wrote about Millie Erickson and her Little Free Library on Smugglers Cove Road. A former Whidbey Island resident, Helga Johnson, took the idea and ran with it in a big way. She had moved to Cle Elum and thanks to reporter Nicole Klauss of *The Daily Record* I can share what Helga did in her new home town.

Helga started her Little Free Li-



Photos by Nicole Klauss

Helga Johnson is seen outside her home on July 16 in South Cle Elum near her free little library. Johnson started the library which includes two boxes for children and three for adults, as a way to bring a library to South Cle Elum, which does not have its own library.

brary project in 2012 with two stands and 35 books. Now she has five, two for children and three for adults. Her son had to build shelves in her garage to hold all the books she has accumulated; "People borrow two books and bring back five."

Summer is the busiest time and the best part Helga says, is seeing the

children come on their bicycles or walking the dog. Helga has a small bench and chairs for the kids to sit and enjoy their books.

If you want to read more about the [Little Free Library](#) go to their website, (click blue text).

See you at our library.

— Else Christensen



Johnson rotates her libraries' book collection regularly, and has shelves full of books in her garage.

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Friends of Freeland Library Pop Quiz

Do you know who started the Freeland Library? What was its first name? How were funds raised to make the current library building a reality?

Want some answers? Click [this link](#) to our website on Shutterfly

and scroll through the magical archive articles and videos. Learn about our past and what is happening now with this wonderful community resource.

— Meri McCormick

R.I.P. Peggy

Peggy Berto, a past-president of Friends of the Freeland Library, died July 15 this year at the age of 97. Her nephews Bob, Rick and Marvin hosted a reception in her memory at the Freeland Library on August 8.



Deadline for the Winter 2016 newsletter issue is Monday, January 25
Please email articles, pictures, inspirations, and more to the editor, [Prescott](#), or call 360-682-8642.

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Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings. The next meetings are Tuesday, January 19 and March 15. All meetings begin at 1 p.m. in the program room of the Freeland Library at 5495 Harbor Avenue.

Gift Certificates for Used Books, Etc.

Just in time for holiday gift giving, the Friends have gift certificates ready to stuff into holiday stockings. The gift certificates are to be redeemed at any monthly used book sale of the Friends of the Freeland Library. They can be made out for any amount, but must be used

within 12 months from the date issued. Ask the library staff about purchasing some. Consider purchasing certificates as gifts all year around for friends and family.



Heavy Lifters Welcome

Volunteers with stamina and strength are also needed to help with the monthly book sale of the Friends. These splendid book sales scheduled for the first Saturday do not always happen when there are not enough people able to carry the boxes of books from the storage shed across the parking lot to the community room and back. Burly volunteers are scarcest during summer vacation and during holidays. Both February and August book sales were cancelled in 2015. Please leave your contact information with the library staff if you can help, even occasionally, with the heavy lifting.

Note: The August 2016 book sale is being cancelled since both volunteers and customers are away.

Inspired by Our Library: Financial News Current

For years, a Freeland Library patron has been coming to the Freeland Library every morning to read the *Wall Street Journal*. However the news is always a day or more late because it was being delivered to the library's post office box. Library staff member Keith Bowers contacted the newspaper's circulation department to arrange for delivery directly to the library in the early morning. After three months of persistent "nagging" he succeeded. A note accompanied by a \$100 check arrived shortly thereafter, stating:

"With special thanks to Keith Bowers, who was instrumental in unravelling the years-old-delivery problem of the *Wall Street Journal*."

Editor's note: "Inspired by Our Library" is a regular feature of this newsletter. If you have a special experience about how the Freeland Library has affected your life, please share it. Please contact the [editor](#).

For information about upcoming Freeland Library events, click the colored text to get to the [Sno-Isle Libraries website](#), select "Classes & Events." A list of libraries appears; select "Freeland Library" and view a calendar. Scroll to the month you wish to see. To refine your search, select the event types and the age group of interest to you.

Friends of the Freeland Library
USED BOOK SALES
Hundreds of gently-used books available at great prices!

First SATURDAYS —10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
January 9 • February 6 • March 5 • April 2

All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Freeland Library

Libraries Are Open Longer

Last May the Sno-Isle Libraries changed and, in some cases, expanded its library hours to meet customer needs.

All libraries stay open until 6 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, instead of closing at 5 p.m. Some libraries open earlier and close earlier.

Freeland has been open seven days a week during the school year for some time. Coupeville Library now has seven-day-a-week service as well. And now both libraries are open Sundays all year around.

Freeland Library hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The Sno-Isle district serves 21 communities throughout Snohomish and Island counties. Hours, locations and services for each can be found online by clicking this [link to Sno-Isle Libraries](#). Pick up schedule of the Whidbey Island library hours at the checkout counter and keep it in your wallet or on your refrigerator for easy reference.



Pick up the Library Hours schedule for Whidbey's libraries at the check out counter.

Save the date: *Political Incivility and Polarization in America*

Join us at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, February 17 for Humanities Washington speaker Dr. Cornell Clayton, Director of the Thomas S. Foley Institute for Public Policy and Public Service at Washington State University. In this election year, his talk “Political Incivility and Polarization in America” seems especially pertinent.

Does political incivility threaten American democracy? Is there a correlation between political incivility and productivity? Dr. Cornell Clayton leads a lively

discussion about some of the connections and what they mean. He charts the changes over the last 30 years. He challenges assumptions about the relationship between civility and democratic participation. He explores factors that contribute to political polarization.



Cornell Clayton,
PH.D.

It Was a Super Summer!

I'm sure when you visited the library this summer you noticed our “Super Staff” sporting their capes as they promoted our superhero themed summer reading program. Everyone had a fantastic time. More importantly the kids at the Freeland Library read over 1400 hours — taking a big swing at our nemesis, the “Summer Slump!”

More than 500 kids attended programs! In addition to storytime, we also had family movie matinees; science programs that explored dry ice, water, kitchen concoctions, and life in Puget Sound; we met knights; and had



Super hero in flight.



Kindle winner Jena M.

an insect safari. Library staff also created and presented programs on Nature Crusaders; Heroes of Ancient Egypt; Spies; Dynamic Duos and teamwork; Small (but mighty) heroes; and a hero training camp. Kids could also try their hands at various crafts including: making plantable paper, fairy house building, veggie critter creations and pig painting! Kids who weren't able to attend a program were still able to come to the library and pick up an activity from our Treasure Chest. Teens had a chance to make masks, create superhero magnets and cuffs, write a unique story, design with henna, construct art using maps, and if they could solve the clues — escape from a locked room!

Every kid (and teen) that met their initial reading goal of 10 hours received a free book! Our “power readers,” who each read an additional 40 hours, were entered into a drawing to win a Kindle HD 6. The prizes and funding for supplies and presenters all came from our fabulous *Super-Friends!* Thank you for another wonderful summer!

— *Jayanne Bixby, librarian for children and teen programs*



Books2Movies, continued from page 1

at 2 p.m. Enjoy coffee and movie snacks (funded by Friends of the Freeland Library) and meet with fellow book lovers. Brandon Henry leads the discussion.

The Da Vinci Code, Dan Brown's controversial best-selling novel, is the film for January 15. The book follows clues to an ingenious code hidden in the works of Leonardo da Vinci.

On February 19, *The Help*, by Kathryn Stockett is the film. Set in Mississippi during the 1960s, Skeeter is a southern society girl who returns from college determined to become a writer, but turns her friends' lives — and a small Mississippi town — upside down when she decides to interview the black women who have spent their lives taking care of prominent southern families.

Suggestions for future titles are welcome.

Seattle Opera Previews at the Library this Winter

At noon on Tuesday, January 5, Seattle Opera's educator Nick Malinowski presents an hour-long introduction to the music, history and stagecraft of the upcoming production, Mozart's *Marriage of Figaro*.



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Chaos and hilarity abound as clever servants outwit arrogant masters, crafty women outsmart foolish men folk, and one crazy day ends in happiness and love. Performances are January 16, 17, 20, 23, 24, 27, 29 and 30. See more about the *Marriage of Figaro* on the [Seattle Opera's website](#) (click colored text).

The next opera program, *Mary Stuart* by Gaetano Donizetti, previews at noon, Tuesday, February 9 at the Freeland Library (Coupeville at 2 p.m.)

Two icons of English royalty, Queen Elizabeth I and Mary Queen of Scots, clash in a powerful story of jealousy, pity, doubt, menace, exaltation and remorse. Extravagant period costumes and virtuosic bel canto singing heighten the many moods of this haunting, unforgettable battle of wills. Does Elizabeth retain her nobility and show clemency to her rival? Or will spite and ambition drive her to seal Mary's grisly fate? See more about *Mary Stuart* on the [Opera's website](#).

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Writing Personal Narrative

On Saturday, January 30 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. discover how to write a personal narrative that goes beyond the surface story. Theo Pauline Nestor, author of *Writing is My Drink*, directs this memoir writing class. Bring pen and paper or a fully-charged laptop. Please preregister.

Sno-Isle Libraries Refurbish Freeland Building

You might have noticed a lot of extra activity at the library during the past few months. It's hard to believe that the library is now more than 20 years old and like any building of its age, some work needed to be done.

Some of these improvements aren't as visible as others, so I'd like to provide a list of them for you:

- The main parking lot on the east side of the building has been resurfaced and re-stripped. This includes painting the edge of the sidewalk bright white to make it easier for customers to judge the height from the parking lot to the sidewalk.
- The building exterior has been painted; damaged siding and trellises have been replaced.

- The old HVAC (heating, ventilation and cooling) system was removed and a new, more efficient one was installed.
- Many of the fluorescent light bulbs and fixtures have been upgraded to LED lights, which should last longer and be more cost efficient.
- An office space was created for the library's circulation supervisor.

I hope you weren't inconvenienced by any of the work necessary to make these upgrades and thank you for your patience!

— Betsy Arand, Managing Librarian

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when you plan your
year-end gift giving!

Wishing you a
wonderful holiday and
a happy new year!

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. Those who made any donation in 2015 are considered members through 2016. All 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!*

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