



# Friends of the Freeland Library

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## Freeland Library Friends and Volunteers Recognition Event



Harriet Baskas to speak at Recognition event

October 15 to 21 is National Friends of the Libraries week. The Freeland Library staff says, "Thank you, Friends!"

The tremendous work of the Friends organizations has been recognized via a resolution approved by the Sno-Isle Libraries Board of Trustees. You should have received an invitation to a recognition brunch for Freeland Library Friends and Volunteers. If

you didn't receive an invitation, come and be sure to join the Friends of the Freeland Library.



The brunch is **Wednesday morning, October 25, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.** The guest speaker is from Humanities Washington and is Harriet Baskas. Her talk is titled *The Ancient Fruitcake: What Really, Really Old Food Tells Us about History, Culture, Love and Memory*, about vittles found in burial tombs and old pantries. Baskas explores the how and why of gastronomic cultural traditions.

There'll be music too — a ukulele trio.

## From the Streets of Shakespeare... at the High School

With the support of the Friends of the Freeland Library the Freeland Library is presenting *From the Streets of Shakespeare to the Court of Elizabeth* to students at South Whidbey High School on **Thursday, October 26 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.** In this two-costume, 90-minute program, Tames Alan presents a look into the lives of people during the time of Shakespeare. She first appears in an authentic lower-middle class Elizabethan costume and talks about the daily lives of this group. She then changes into an authentic, 62-piece Elizabethan court costume. She

describes each piece of clothing and its significance. Once fully dressed in court costume, Tames describes the life and times in Elizabeth's court. This program is free and open to the public.



Tames Alan in one of her many costumes.

## TEDx Explores Sharing Our Future

TEDx this year is **Saturday, November 4, from 1 to 5 p.m.** at Kamiak High School in Mukilteo. Because of the conflict with the Friends' Book Sale, we won't be livestreaming it in Freeland this year. It will be livestreamed at the Coupeville Library. Registration for TEDxSnoIsle Libraries opened about October 2.

This year's theme is *Sharing Our Future*. Speakers and performers will explore the promise, risks, expectations and potential meaning of a future which is shared or not. More information can be found at: [sno-isle.org/tedx](http://sno-isle.org/tedx).

# Past President's Message: Fun Books to Read

It is time for some light and humorous reading.

Carl Hiaasen is the first author that comes to mind, especially his earlier books, which are funny but also carry a moral to the story. A reporter once asked him where he found his inspiration. "That is easy, he replied, "I just go down to the Miami courthouse." Hiaasen also has written books for children.

Another author is Dave Barry. He started out as a journalist and received a Pulitzer Prize, among other awards. Besides writing funny books and newspaper columns, he also had a TV show on the air for four years,

"Dave's World." I recently read one of his latest books, *Sin City*, and had a very good laugh.

I asked the Sno-Isle system to give me suggestions of funny authors and was rather surprised by some of the names and books they had written. Give it a try.

I was reminded of a wonderful series written by Alexander McCall Smith the other day at my book club meeting, *The No. One Ladies Detective Agency*. You follow Mma Precious Ramotswe and her loyal secretary Mma Grace Makutsi as they solve the many cases with common sense and endless cups of red bush tea. It

all takes place in Botswana, and McCall Smith writes so you can picture the place in your mind's eye. Make sure you also watch the mini-series (Sno-Isle has it). Great acting.

See you at the library!

— Else Christensen

**Board Note:** *Else has served as Friends of the Freeland Library President for 10-years, and she has been a member of the Board for 22 years. Can anyone beat that? Maybe Iris Linton, Past Vice President. Iris would say she's served on the board for "donkey's years." The Board also wants to thank Kathy Foster, Past Secretary and Joanna Snow Cruse, Director-at-large.*

# Friends Board and Bylaws Changes

Amended bylaws governing the Friends of the Freeland Library were presented at the Friends' Board Meeting last March and approved at the Annual Membership Meeting on May 16, 2017

President Else Christensen welcomed everyone to the annual meeting, attended by about 22 to 24 people. She talked about the Friends' mission to support the library by sponsoring programs and purchasing items.

She explained the need to amend the bylaws is due to lack of volun-

teers to serve on the board and committees. The proposed changes state the offices of the Board of Directors to be financial, membership, book sales, newsletter and records.

Other changes state that board meetings may be held by email and as needed. The annual membership meetings are the third Tuesday in February. Membership dues are now to be paid in January of each year, rather than on the anniversary of a member's joining. At this time dues are \$10 annually. Donations of any

amount are welcome at any time.

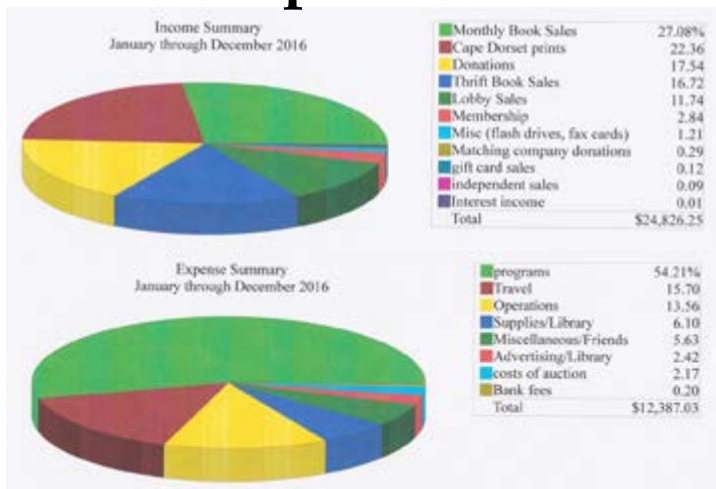
To review the amended bylaws ask the Records Chair or visit the Friends of the Freeland Library archives on Shutterfly and on the Sno-Isle Libraries website on the Freeland page.

The following nominees were elected to the board: Financial Chair – Candy Charlwood, Membership Chair – Michael Moch, Book Sales Chair – Candy Charlwood, Newsletter Chair – Susan Prescott and Records Chair – Keith Jacobs.

# 2016 Financial Report

Here is a summary of how we use your membership dues, contributions and used book sale revenue.

Renew your membership each January for only \$10 a year. Mail or bring in the form on the back page.



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The Annual Membership Meeting is now February 20, 2018, the third Tuesday in February 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 of our library.

# Volunteers Welcome to Help Set Up the Book Sale

We welcome your help with the Friends of Freeland Library monthly used book sale on the first Saturday of each month. Email Candy Charlwood at [candy.charlwood@gmail.com](mailto:candy.charlwood@gmail.com) or call 425-478-1643 to learn what is needed.

Some of the tasks include helping to sort during the month preceding a sale, setting up, cashiering and cleaning up. We are most in need of those who are able-bodied for the following:

*Friday, before the sale, 9 to 10:30 a.m.*

- stack the chairs in the library's conference room and move the library's tables from the conference room into the library proper for storage during the sale
- bring the Friends' tables stored in the small shed and set them up in the library conference room
- move display boxes of books from the shed to the library conference room

*Saturday, after the sale, 2 to 3:30 p.m.*

- move display boxes of some unsold books back to the shed for the next month's sale, prepare and pack boxes for other unsold books, tape them shut and move them to the small shed.



A young mother and her little one are browsing the children's section at one of this summer's monthly book sales.

Sales of books, DVDs, music, etc. helps to raise money to support our library.

## New DVD Access

Last spring the Friends of the Freeland Library agreed to honor the staff request for DVD drawers. Several board members visited the Coupeville Library to see what the drawers were like and all proclaimed it a wise investment. They were installed this summer.

On behalf of the Freeland Library staff, manager Betsy Arand said, "I want to say a big thank you for funding the library's new DVD drawers — they've been installed and actually allow us to shelve more DVDs than we could before. People enjoy being able to see the front cover of the DVDs without needing to pull them off the shelf or turn their heads sideways to read the movie titles."



Library patron Daniel Lanphere is exploring the DVDs in the accessible drawers.

**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.**  
**November 4 • December 2 • January 6**

All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Freeland Library

## Appreciate Someone with a Gift Certificate

It's soon holiday gift giving time and the Friends have gift certificates ready to stuff into holiday stockings. The gift certificates are to be redeemed at the monthly used book sales 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. It's a nice way to welcome new neighbors or celebrate a birthday.



## Building a Better World, One Reader at a Time

Another summer has drifted on, and we spent some fantastic sunny days exploring animals, bridges, shadow puppets, and more. We had excellent presenters in Chris Fascione, *Juggling Funny Stories*; Idea Hatcher; and performances by Last Leaf Productions and Magic Tree Puppets.



With Pacific Science Center staff, children work as a group to design how to roll a ball as slowly as possible for the Slowball Challenge.

At the finale, Linda and Roger Kennedy of the Charlie Bates Solar Astronomy Project gave a fascinating explanation of the eclipse and handed out over 200 glasses (in addition to the glasses that the Friends purchased to be distributed at Freeland).

The Pacific Science Center delivered four workshops. One memorable moment: a child testing the capsule they designed for their “egg-stronaut” pronounced gleefully “It’s alive!”

We saw increased attendance this year as kids also made marble mazes, roller coasters and clay boats — all in pursuit of scientific knowledge and fun. They painted pigs, made glow jars, veggie critters and fairy houses. Each week, children were able to pick up an activity to take and make at home.

This summer’s theme, “Building a Better World,” encompassed everything from engineering and architecture to community involvement. We explained that it starts out by participating in your community. So we en-

couraged the children to reach out and share what they were doing. Some opportunities came as we participated in the Maxwelton Fourth of July Parade and at the Bayview Farmers’ Market.



Children connecting with the community at the farmers’ market.

As part of the reading prize this year, kids were asked to vote on one of three additional items for the library. The winning selection was a set of animal and plant specimens encased in acrylic cubes.

Thank you to all of our Friends of the Freeland Library for encouraging reading, wonder and for making summer better for all of our children.

Things are already humming along as

we put together our playlist for next summer’s music-themed Summer Reading program, “Libraries Rock!” Have ideas or want to help at a program? Please let me know.

— Jayanne Bixby, Librarian, [jbixby@sno-isle.org](mailto:jbixby@sno-isle.org)



Specimens encased in heavy-duty, lightweight acrylic...with the name of each specimen silkscreened right on it for easy identification.

## Reading Raccoons Make It to the Finals of the Third Grade Reading Challenge

Rylee, Walden, George, Lilja, Jett, and Sienna of the South Whidbey Elementary (SWES) Reading Raccoons competed against teams from 50 other schools in this year’s Sno-Isle Libraries *Mega-Fun, Biblio-Trivia, Rockem-Sockem Third Grade Reading Challenge*. After reading six books, children participate in three competitions: in-school, semi-final and final reading challenge events in a book-knowledge-quiz-bowl game to determine champion teams. After being the highest scoring team at SWES, the Reading Raccoons went on to compete against seven other Island schools and were the top scoring team at the semi-finals. On March 30th, in front of a packed audience at Rosehill Community Center in Mukilteo, the Raccoons competed in the final. While the



South Whidbey Elementary School’s reading challenge team.

Raccoons only missed three questions the entire night, this year the Mount Pilchuck Bookworms were the top scoring team. We are so proud of the Reading Raccoons and we’re excited to see what next year’s challenge will bring.

## Forum's Keynote Addresses Civic Engagement

The Sno-Isle Libraries Board and Friends Forum and Recognition event took place September 30 at Everett School District Public Resource Center. Our own Else Christensen, ambassador *extraordinaire*, attended. The event drew more than 80 members of Friends of the Library groups, members of the library district Board of Trustees and staff members. The annual event is an opportunity for Friends members to hear from and engage with other groups as well as library district officials. The event began with a welcome from Board of Trustees



Keynote speaker  
Renee Radcliff  
Sinclair

President Marti Anamosa, followed by addresses from Executive Director Jonalyn Woolf-Ivory and Deputy Director Kendra Trachta. Attendees then chose from among four interactive sessions for more information. Following lunch, the keynote speaker was President and CEO of TVW, Renee Radcliff Sinclair.

Teach With TVW, Washington's public-affairs network, promotes civic learning through its *'Teach with TVW'* project, focusing on hands-on civic education.

## Growing Healthy Children: A STARS Training Series

STARS is the acronym for State Training and Registry System, the Washington State mandated training program for childcare providers. It is a career development system designed to improve childcare through basic and ongoing training for childcare providers.

Sno-Isle Libraries offers a series of STARS classes every fall, winter and spring. These classes are led by Sno-Isle Libraries staff who are state-approved trainers and have an expertise in early literacy and early learning. The classes are always free and meet the ongoing professional development outlined by the [Washington state Department of Early Learning](#) (click blue text).

Jayanne Bixby, Children's Librarian in Freeland, is a certified STARS trainer. She taught *ABCs...Easy as 1, 2, 3* last April. The class explored some of the new alphabet and counting picture books available in the system. Attendees participated in stories and other interactive activities that encourage letter and number recognition.

By registering for STARS classes offered by Sno-Isle Libraries, daycare providers are able to earn 2 STARS credits free of charge, follow this link: [sno-isle.org/kids/stars](http://sno-isle.org/kids/stars).

Freeland Library Manager Betsy Arand reported, "Ms. Sinclair was both funny and passionate about the need for children to understand how government is designed to work." She added, "Building civic engagement to address community issues' is one of the strategic priorities for Sno-Isle Libraries in 2017 to 2019."

The day after the forum the *Seattle Times* ran an editorial, "Civics education makes better citizens," which included Ms. Sinclair. Read the editorial on the [Seattle Times website](#).



Else Christensen, foreground, is among many others enjoying speakers at the Board and Friends Forum.

## Help Update Hold Lists

An October 5 server failure at Sno-Isle Libraries resulted in the loss of reservations for materials placed by customers from September 14 through October 5.

The server is now online and customers can help by logging on to their accounts and placing new holds for the materials they had previously requested.

There was no security breach of customer personal information and no customer data was released as a result of the server failure.

## Library Levy

Libraries need to return to their communities periodically to request adequate funding to meet current and future needs. This is typically a four- or five-year cycle. In our case, it has been eight years. The Sno-Isle Libraries Board of Trustees is currently considering a district-wide levy lid vote sometime in 2018. Voter approval will enable Sno-Isle to maintain services and meet community needs for five or more years. I'll be sharing more information as it becomes available and also at the annual meeting in February.

— Betsy Arand, Freeland Library Manager

For information about upcoming Freeland Library events, go to the [Sno-Isle Libraries website](#); select "Events" on the upper menu. A new page opens with a list of libraries; select "Freeland Library" (or any other library of interest) 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. (Blue text is a hot link, just click on it.)

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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 donations annually. Your dues and donations help provide extras for the library, such as new DVD drawers, work tables, book shelves, event supplies, prizes for the summer reading program. Your library benefits in countless ways from your support. Membership renewal is now January of each year. 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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