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On Your Mark... Get Set... READ! Explore Summer 2016

In parallel with the Olympics, this year's children and teen summer programs will emphasize sports, fitness, and games. The children's theme is "On your mark ... Get set ... READ!" and the teen theme is "Get into the Game: READ!" We've had fun coming up with ideas and we have scheduled some wonderful performers. We start off summer programming on Wednesday June 22 at the Freeland Library with *Clap Hands, Stomp Feet, Find Brazil's Olympic Beat!* Ian Dobson takes us on a rhythm and dance journey where all roads lead to Brazil.

We will have four Friday workshops from the Pacific Science Center that fit the theme. *Bone Zone* and *Cells-R-U's* on July 8 and *Fun with Fitness* and *Food Detectives* on July 22. Our final performers, the *Knights of Veritas* on August 12, help us discover facts and myths about medieval sports and fitness practices, and just what life is really like inside a suit of armor.

Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon will feature

staff led programming for school-aged, tween and teen customers including crafts and movies. For instance, there will be a 1950s Sock Hop featuring games, stories, and songs of the Fifties; we will be making Hula-hoops, testing out our cerebellums at the Brain Games, playing some "giant-sized" games, building fairy houses and veggie creatures and navigating a scavenger hunt.

There will also be weekly projects available in the "Treasure Chest."

The goal is: *to promote reading, learning and discovery for enjoyment, leading to lifelong readers and library users, and to avoid summer setback.*

In addition to programming, prizes are offered for children and teens who have met specific reading goals. This year there are three prize levels:

- **Bronze Medal Reader:** after reading for 10 hours a reader may choose a prize book (supplied by

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Friends Spin Tales and Skip Stones May 17

The Friends of the Freeland Library meet for its Annual Membership Meeting on Tuesday May 17 at 1 p.m.

A special program features author Gloria Koll, whose book, *Skip-ping Stones*, personalizes early Scandinavian immigration. Gloria lives on Whidbey Island with her husband, William Koll. She graduated with an English degree from Pacific Lutheran University and taught junior high and high school English and history in Washington, California, and on Okinawa. Her short stories and articles have been published in regional



Gloria Koll models her Norwegian costume

and national magazines and newspapers.

Skip-ping Stones, her first novel, tells the story of Kari, a brave young woman who travels alone from the mountains of Norway to the flat plains of 1880s Dakota. Vowing to make herself lucky, she shapes a prairie life, encountering grasshoppers, blizzards, obstinate Swedish neighbors, bankers who steal, and sons who love baseball.

Gloria's readings will be alternated with Norwegian and early American songs played and sung by Mary McLeod. There will be books for sale and an opportunity to have them signed by Gloria.

Prior to the program, there is a short board meeting to introduce the board. Nominations will be requested for several positions followed by elections. Please consider joining the board. It is a good opportunity to learn more about the inner workings of the Sno-Isle Libraries system.

Board members provide punch, cheese and crackers, fruit, cookies, authentic Danish Kringler and a special cake from Cj&Y Decadent Desserts.

President's Message: How I Became a Friend

I am sitting here reflecting on the many years I have been on the board of the Freeland Library Friends. It all started in January 1996. My husband came home from the library and told me that there was a Danish librarian and I had to drive down and meet her. It was Eva Poppen, who I am sure several of you remember. She and her husband Curtis have been dear friends of my family ever since.

Before I knew it I had a call from Bettie Bell telling me I would be just the person for the treasurer's job on

the Friends of the Freeland Library (FFL) Board. I hadn't even joined and paid my dues yet, minor detail to Betty.

The 20 years have flown by and I have enjoyed every minute and made some wonderful friendships along the way. We have been so lucky to have so many great volunteers: Bettie Bell keeping us all on our toes. Peggy Berto who I always picture up high changing light bulbs. Art and Joann Peterson guiding us through the legal process of changing ownership of the building from us to Sno-Isle. Iris and

Peter Linton always ready to lend a hand. You can also thank Iris and her gardening crew for the beautiful landscaping. Every week they would be down on their knees weeding. That takes commitment. There are so many more dedicated volunteers, too numerous to mention.

Our annual meeting is May 17th. I will consider serving as president of the Friends of Freeland library for another year, but plan to recruit a new president next year. I want to thank each and every one of you for the generosity and unwavering support you have given to the Friends which, in turn, have benefited the Freeland library, OUR library.

Hope to see you on May 17 at 1 p.m. at the library. We have a great program planned and plenty of refreshments.

The more that you read the more things you'll know.

The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.

— Dr. Seuss

— Else Christensen, president

Book Donations for Sales

Book donations are always welcomed to support the Friends of the Freeland Library

We do have some restrictions, however. The following should serve as a guide to what we cannot take:

- books cannot have been stored in garages, due to the mustiness and mildew that is common;
- encyclopedia volumes are not taken, as we have no way to dispose of them if not sold;
- VHS tapes, are no longer accept-

ed as they are not selling (the technology is too old for some).

We are interested in contact with estate sellers and, in some cases, might be interested in purchasing. We would at least like to be advised of upcoming sales and an opportunity to view what is planned for sale in advance. Tax-deduction forms are also available from us, as the Friends is a 501c3 organization. Please consider us in the future.

— Keith Jacobs, Director and Book Sale Chair

Volunteer Archivist Needed

The Friends of the Freeland Library is still looking for someone to maintain a record of its activities. It could be a board position or simply a volunteer task. The Friends have decades of fascinating material that illustrate the fun its members have had all these years. The materials are kept in scrapbooks and also uploaded to the Friends' website on

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If you have an itch for history and can help, please leave a message with the library staff for President Else Christensen. Friends of the Freeland Library have some very good times. The time it takes to do this work is very flexible and requires only the time you have to give.

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Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings. All meetings begin at 1 p.m. in the Freeland Library program room at 5495 Harbor Avenue. The next meetings are Tuesdays, the annual meeting on May 17 and September 19.

Keith Bowers Honored with Library Leader Award

Sno-Isle employees are given an opportunity each year to nominate a coworker or supervisor for excellent work in the previous year. These leadership awards recognize four employees from throughout the library system who role model teamwork, respect, courtesy, a positive attitude on the job and who consistently provide excellent, ongoing service. At the recognition and awards ceremony held on March 17, 2016, Freeland library staff member, Keith Bowers, was honored as the recipient of the Library Leader award for full-time employees.



technical support for Freeland's simulcast of the TEDx event last November and demonstrated outstanding performance by serving on the system-wide team that analyzed and refined Sno-Isle's digital literacy instruction. One of Keith's contributions to this effort was the design and creation of the curriculum and handouts for the Files and Folders class that is now offered as a core technology class throughout Sno-Isle.

Keith was recognized for his expertise in providing technical assistance to library customers, who often ask for him by name. Coworkers also consider him their "go to" person for help with technical questions. He demonstrates respect and courtesy to older learners by patiently answering the same question multiple times, not rushing a presentation and using analogies effectively to help them gain better understanding of a concept. He was very enthusiastic about providing

level of outstanding performance that he consistently delivers: "Very nicely done, thank you very much;" "very enjoyable and patient;" "there were Wi-Fi problems that the instructor handled with grace;" and "I will come to any class that Keith teaches!"

— *Betsy Arand, Managing Librarian*

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the Friends) This will include a bookmark to track an additional 40 reading hours.

- **Silver Medal Reader:** after reading for a total of 25 hours a reader is entered into a branch raffle for a \$50 gift certificate to Moonraker Bookstore. There are two gift certificates per community library, one for children and one for teens. Funded by the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation.
- **Gold Medal Reader:** Once readers have read a total of 50 hours (initial 10, plus the 40 on the bookmark) they will be entered as Gold Medal Readers, eligible for a second book (funded by the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation).

Details for this summer program are being finalized, but I would love to hear any ideas that you have for programming. Let us know if you would be interested in volunteering at an event or perhaps join us as we march in the Maxwelton Fourth of July Parade. As ever, we are thankful for the generosity of the Friends of the Freeland Library for providing the funding that makes all of this possible.

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

Friends of the Freeland Library

USED BOOK SALES

Hundreds of gently-used books available at great prices!

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June 4 • July 2 • (none in August) • September 3

All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Freeland Library

Reading Challenge Update

The Raging Readers of South Whidbey Elementary School came in second at the March 16 semi-finals, missing just one question. Team members were Cody Redford, Hayden Welfare, Drew Mellish, Kaylie Baker, Kiersti Ringsrud, Jackson Martin and Thea Williams. Congratulations on a job well done!

This was the fourth year that South Whidbey Elementary participated in the Sno-Isle Libraries Mega-Fun, Biblio-Trivia, Rockem-Sockem Third Grade Reading Challenge. See the full story on page 3 of the Friends of the Freeland Library newsletter, Winter 2016 issue.

Lajo Earns a President's Volunteer Service Award

Gail Lajo of the Freeland Library was one of 38 out of 654 Sno-Isle Libraries volunteers to earn the 2015 President's Volunteer Service Award. She was presented with the bronze on April 16 at the Sno-Isle Libraries Service Center. Several Friends of the Freeland Library attended to celebrate.

The President's Volunteer Service Award is a nationally recognized initiative of the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency founded in 1990. With a mission of inspiring more to answer the call to service, the agency and the award



Volunteer Gail Lajo receives her award.



Photos from the Sno-Isle Libraries website

Gail is pictured with the President — a life-size image of him.

celebrate the impact volunteers can make in bettering their communities.

Library Events Supported by the Friends Groups

Explore Summer Activities

Baby and Toddler Storytime — Every Tuesday morning from 10 to 11. Wiggle and giggle with your baby or toddler through silly stories, happy songs and rhymes that inspire a love of reading. Playtime follows. For newborns through 3 years. A caregiver is required.

Hula Hooping — Tuesday, June 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. for ages 9 to 13. Hula hooping is fun and a great form of exercise. Make and decorate your own hula hoop.

DIY Games — Thursday, June 30 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. for ages 6 to 11. Make your own games and take home what you make. Also spend the time playing your games or other games provided.

Games with Dice — Tuesday, July 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. for teens. Play different games with dice — games that can be played anywhere.

The 1950s: At the Hop — Thursday, July 21 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Play games such as jacks and marbles, hear stories, learn dances and enjoy the music of the era. Dress for a sock hop, take a selfie, and post on social media. For children ages 6+ and siblings, when accompanied by an adult caregiver.

Sand Art Bracelets — Tuesday, July 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. for teens. In 1915 the five colored rings officially became the symbol of the Olympic Games. The five interlaced rings, blue, yellow, black, green and red, represent the five inhabited continents of the world. Make a sand art bracelet. All materials are provided.

Animals of the Amazon — Thursday, July 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. for ages 6 to 11. Stories, art and games inspired by the awesome animals of the Amazon Rainforest.

Giant Game Night — Friday, July 29 from 7 to 9 p.m. Come after the library closes for some supersized fun

to play larger-than-life board games.

Family Movies, Tuesdays, 2 to 4

Shaun the Sheep — Tuesday, June 21

Goosebumps — Tuesday, July 5

The Good Dinosaur — Tuesday, July 19

Books2Movies

Join Brandon Henry on the third Friday of each month from 2 to 4:30 p.m. for a film based on a book, followed by discussion.

May 20: *In the Heart of the Sea* by Nathaniel Philbrick

June 17: *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini

This Victorian Life

Wednesday, May 25, author Sarah Chrisman of Port Townsend and her husband Gabriel Chrisman, present the insights they have gained while engaging in their passion for history by adopting the dress, technologies and cultural customs of the Victorian era in their everyday life. Everyone is welcome, the program is from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Meet the Author Events

A Painter's Journal by Nan Hahn; Friday, June 10 at 1 p.m.

Life Beyond Shame: Rewriting the Rules by Connie Dawson, Ph.D.; Thursday, June 16 at 2 p.m.

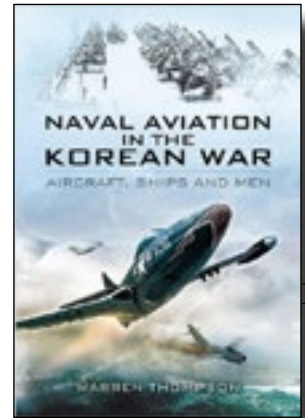
For information about upcoming Freeland Library events, go to the [Sno-Isle Libraries website](#); look on the lower half for the purple banner, "Classes & Events," click on it or [click here](#). A new page opens with a list of libraries; select "Freeland Library" (or any other library of interest) 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.

Book Review: Naval Aviation in the Korean War: Aircraft, Ships, and Men

Author Warren Thompson combines naval aviation history with personal recollections of pilots who flew from both carriers and land during the Korean War. The Korean War began in June 1950 and US Navy aircraft carriers were in the thick of fighting to interdict the North Korean People's Army from the earliest days of the conflict. As the author notes, "The timing by the North Koreans could not have been better, not only because the American military was at a low point, but also the US Air Force, Navy and Marines were in a period of transition, entering the new jet age." The era of the propeller-driven aircraft was accompanied by smaller numbers of subsonic jet aircraft; for the navy, these were mostly F9F Panther and F2H Banshee jets.

The complexities of operating both jet and props is illustrated by cycle rates and fuel loads: "The Essex-class carriers operated on a 15-hour cycle (air op) for the F9F Panthers, with the F4U (Corsair) and AD (Skyraider) prop-types on a 3-hour double cycle. The AD could do this on its 326-gallons of internal fuel....

but the F4U carried only 230-gallons of internal fuel and needed a drop tank to provide a safe margin of fuel for the usual 45 minutes or so of circling at the end of a flight while waiting to land." It was indeed, an interesting time for naval aviators, many of whom were still in cockpits when the Vietnam War began.



The book's three appendices include the following lists: US Navy Carrier Deployment (with dates), US Navy Aircraft Lost During the Korean War and Aircraft Shot Down by Navy Pilots during the Korean War. The author is known for his thirty-plus aviation books — this is one of his best!

Published October 2014 by Pen and Sword (UK), distributed by US Naval Institute, Annapolis, MD; 175 pages.

— Keith Jacobs

Hedrick Smith on the American Dream

Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation launched the Trudy Sundberg Lecture Series, May 6 and 7 on Whidbey Island — Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and author, Hedrick Smith, spoke about the undoing of America's middle class, and why it matters.

Smith discussed his most recent book, *Who Stole the American Dream?* in which he analyses the growing gap in income and wealth in the United States. In his book, Smith traces growing income inequality back to major policy changes made in the 1970s such as 401(k) retirement plans and the transfer of huge wealth to banks that came with the housing boom. Perhaps of most interest in this presidential election season are the multiple solutions he offers to restore middle-class stability, including significant infrastructure investments, expanded innovation, research initiatives and federal tax reform.

He explained he'd written five drafts before the publisher would accept it. "It was just a report, I was told," he quipped. "The book now has ten handy-dandy things the reader can do to change our country."

Hedrick Smith is a renowned public speaker and author of several bestselling books. As a *New York Times* reporter, Smith was a member of the news team that broke the *Pentagon Papers* story in 1971, which won him

a Pulitzer Prize. In 1974, he again won a Pulitzer Prize for his reporting on the Soviet Union and its allies. Mr. Smith is also an Emmy Award winning reporter and producer for his documentaries on PBS Frontline. Learn more about [Hedrick Smith](#) from his website.



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Trudy Sundberg Lecture Series

This is the first annual Trudy Sundberg Lecture Series, presented by the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation, to promote civic engagement and lifelong learning by covering national and global topics of current interest on Whidbey Island. Trudy Sundberg was a longtime, beloved Whidbey Island teacher whose passion for education, the arts and civic engagement touched many lives. Click [Trudy Sundberg Lecture Series](#) to learn more about the Foundation. Hedrick Smith's visit was funded in part by Humanities Washington.

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