

Mount Vernon City Library



Express Checkout @ MVCL!, by Ellen Christilaw

In a hurry? Just want to pick up a few items? Don't want to wait in line? Use one of our new Express Checkout kiosks. Scan your card, check out your materials and you are on your way.

After months of research into what we want and need from self-checkout kiosks, visits from vendors, discussions with other libraries, and analysis of the potential impact on the budget, we accepted an offer from Bibliotheca to provide two free-standing self-checkout kiosks and the software, training and support necessary to keep them in top condition. Express Checkout allows you to do your own checkouts and renewals while you are in the library.

Staff is available to help you find items in the stacks, offer reading suggestions, or show you how to use the copier, your e-reader or our online databases. And of course, we will be happy to check out your items for you at the front desk. Payments, expired cards and other issues will be handled at the front desk as well.

Stop in and allow us to introduce you to Express Checkout. It is fast, private, convenient and easy to use.

Remember, staff is always ready to assist you. Have you noticed our "PLEASE INTERRUPT ME!" buttons? We mean it. Our goal is to provide outstanding service to you, our customers.



Adult Summer Reading Program,

by Beth Bermani



June 21-Aug 2

Weekly prize drawings every Friday!

Two ways to enter:

- 1-read books and write short reviews
- 2-Attend a presentation

Thank you to:

Friends of the Mount Vernon Library
Calico Cupboard
Lincoln Theatre
Skagit Valley Food Co-op
for the prize donations.

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Who supports the library?

- *You do, through City taxes*
- *The Friends of the Mount Vernon Library*
- *The Mount Vernon Library Foundation*
- *Individuals and organizations who believe in libraries, literacy and the quality of life in Mount Vernon.*

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Friends of the Mount Vernon Library, by Dave Johnson, Friends President

There is a temperate zone in the mind, between luxurious indolence and exacting work; and it is to this region, just between laziness and labor, that summer reading belongs. – Henry Ward Beecher

Who among us doesn't know that conflict between resolute and dissolute on a pleasant, Skagit County summer afternoon? As Rev. Beecher might advise, that's a great time to pick up a book!

It's also a great time to take advantage of some of the great summer programs you can read about elsewhere in this newsletter and which are funded, in whole or in part, by the Friends of the Mount Vernon Library. If you don't see us at the building, perhaps you can see us at the Farmer's Market, as representatives of the Library, the Foundation, and Friends are helping staff a booth a couple of times a month at the Market at its new location directly across Cleveland from the Library.

While you're there, be sure to check out the great new re-useable bag for sale! For only \$5, you can have a bag which proclaims your support for the Library whether you use it at the grocery or loading up with books at our favorite Snoqualmie Street location.

We'll also have information on joining the Friends at the booth and we'll explain how you can help set the direction for us for the future. We need new blood, we need new ideas, which all means we need YOU!

Have a great summer and don't feel guilty if, on occasion, you tend toward the dissolute on a lovely day. Isn't that what summer's for?

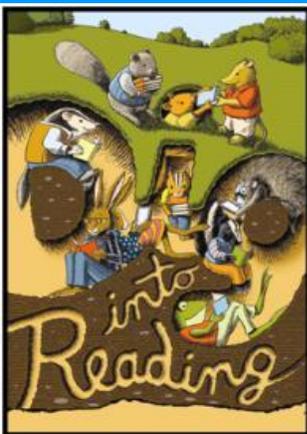


Mount Vernon Library Foundation, by Brian Soneda

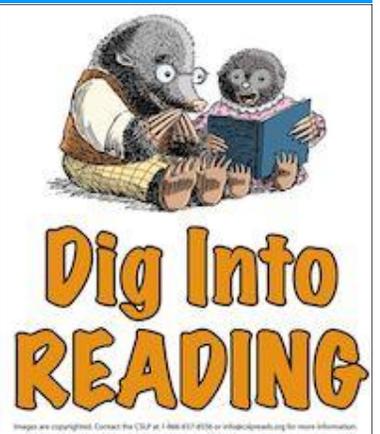
The Mount Vernon Library Foundation Board will not meet in person again until September, but that does not mean that this is not an important time for the Foundation. Recruitment of interested city stakeholders continues; if you believe that a great public library is (as the Vision Statement of the library states) "the heart of our thriving community" and you are committed to bringing a new library facility to Mount Vernon, I urge you to contact Harold Page, President of the Mount Vernon Library Foundation, at HaroldPage@comcast.net. There are open positions on the Foundation Board that I know Harold would love to talk to you about!

And since I am guest writing this column for this issue, I will gladly take the opportunity to remind our supporters about Sonya Beard's act of astonishing generosity and community spirit back in 2010. Terminally ill with cancer, Sonya identified projects she could support that would leave Mount Vernon a better place after she was gone. We are eternally grateful that among her visions for the future was a new library in Mount Vernon; she believed that a great library is about education, opportunity and welcome. She bequeathed over \$500,000 to the Skagit Community Foundation to jump start the effort toward that library. The work continues. As Harold Page, vocal supporter of the Mount Vernon City Library, often says, "This library is fantastic in everything but its building!" Sonya Beard wanted to do something about the building.

It's not too late...to *Dig Into Reading*, by Linda Allen



Summer Reading Program is off to a terrific start! During the month of July there are several fun, free programs for all ages almost every day the library is open! These programs include regular storytimes, a magician, drumming, gardening, LEGO building and conclude with the return of the Reptile Man on August 1 (at Hillcrest Park). Besides all the entertainment, Summer Reading participation helps kids keep up their reading skills. It's definitely a "Win/Win" activity! See elsewhere in this newsletter for information on the Adult and Teen versions of Summer Reading Program. If you haven't already registered the Summer Reading Program that fits for you, do so TODAY!



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2013 July—September Library Events Calendar

Jul 3-Sep 25	LEGO Building for All Ages, 1-6:30 pm, Wednesdays.	 <p><i>Legos, Wednesdays & Saturdays</i></p>
Jul 6-Jul 27	Play & Learn, 10-11:30 am, ages 2-6, Saturdays.	
Jul 6-Sep 28	LEGO Building for All Ages, 1-4:30 pm, Saturdays.	
Jul 8	Teen Nail Art (nail polish provided), 2-3 pm, teens.	
Jul 9-Jul 30	Toddler Storytime, 10:30 am, 2-3 years, Tuesdays.	
Jul 9-Jul 30	Bilingual Storytime for Families, 5:30 pm, all ages, Tuesdays.	
Jul 10	Rain Barrels-A Groundbreaking Reads program, 6 pm.	 <p><i>Louie Foxx, Magician</i></p>
Jul 10-Jul 31	Preschool Storytime, 10:30 am, 3-5 years, Wednesdays.	
Jul 11-Aug 1	Teddy Bear Time, 10:30 am, birth-24 months, Thursdays.	
Jul 11	Magician Louie Foxx, 6 pm, all ages.	
Jul 11-Aug 8	Summer Explorers, 2-3 pm, ages 8-11, Thursdays.	
Jul 12	Native American Weaving with Skagit County Museum staff, ages 6 and up.	
Jul 15	Planning & Planting Your Fall and Winter Garden-A Groundbreaking Reads program, 6:30 pm.	
Jul 16	Digging into Nature with North Cascades Institute staff, 2-3 pm, ages 6 and up.	 <p><i>Deidre Czoberek, artist</i></p>
Jul 19	Dig into African Drumming with Ray Soriano, 6-7 pm, ages 6 and up.	
Jul 20	Hillcrest Art Festival, 10 am-4 pm, @Hillcrest Park .	
Jul 22	Tie-Dye T-Shirts (bring a clean T-shirt to dye), 2-3 pm, teens.	
Jul 23	Earthscape Art with Deidre Czoberek, 2-3 pm, ages 6 and up.	
Jul 26	Amazing Race Game Night for Teens, 6-8 pm.	 <p><i>The Reptile Man and a friend</i></p>
Jul 29	Gardening with Native Plants-A Groundbreaking Reads program, 6 pm.	
Jul 30	If You Were a Pioneer, 2-3 pm, ages 6 and up.	
Aug 1	Reptile Man, 6 pm, all ages, @Hillcrest Lodge/Park .	
Sep 21	Friends of the Mount Vernon Library Fall Book Sale, 10 am-4 pm, behind the library.	



Teen Summer Reading...

by Alberta Hendrickson

The library is offering an "Amazing" Teen Summer Reading program this year! We will be having weekly prize drawings and a writing contest, as well as fun programs for teens. You can enter to win prizes by submitting book reviews and attending FREE teen events! But that's not all. Every teen who completes a reading log receives a FREE book, and can use their reading log to ride a Skagit Transit Bus to any library in the county. Grades 7-12 are welcome to sign up at the library. This year's Teen Summer Reading program is sponsored by The Friends of Skagit Libraries, The Friends of the Mount Vernon Library, and many wonderful local businesses!

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“The Chain of Command”

The library director reports to the Mayor,
Jill Boudreau.

The library director is advised by the Board of Trustees. Trustees are appointed by the Mayor and are confirmed by City Council. Trustees serve 5 year terms. Current Trustees are: Marija Anderson (Chair), Bill Craig (Vice Chair), Scott Correa (Secretary), Carrie Odlin and Sharon Sackett.

The library director and library staff serve you, the public.

This newsletter is edited by: Brian Soneda, Library Director

Mount Vernon City Library

Vision Statement:

Mount Vernon City Library - The Heart of Our Thriving Community

Mission Statement:

Mount Vernon City Library promotes lifelong learning by providing access to information and materials that are varied in format and viewpoint. We connect our diverse community through innovative programming and excellent service.

Core Values:

Mount Vernon City Library stands on a foundation of core value including, but not limited to:

<i>Excellent customer service</i>	<i>Relevancy</i>
<i>Patience, understanding and caring</i>	<i>Tolerance</i>
<i>Community leadership</i>	<i>Sensitivity</i>
<i>Helpfulness</i>	<i>Welcoming spirit</i>
<i>Contributor to the community's quality of life</i>	

2013 Library Hours

Monday	10 AM-7 PM
Tuesday	10 AM-7 PM
Wednesday	10 AM-7 PM
Thursday	10 AM-7 PM
Friday	10 AM-6 PM
Saturday	10 AM-5 PM

Holiday and other closures:

January 1	New Years Day
January 21	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 18	Presidents' Day
May 27	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 2	Labor Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 28-29	Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas Day



Children's Garden is coming along!

