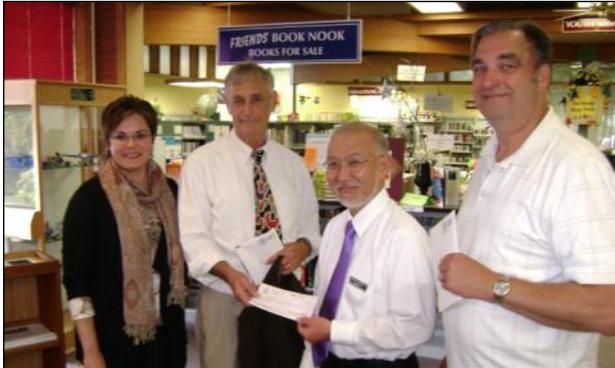


Mount Vernon City Library



Frank Bichler's enduring gift,

by Brian Soneda, Library Director



Left to right:
Mount Vernon Mayor,
Jill Boudreau;

Frank Bichler Estate Attorney,
Robert Cole;

Mount Vernon City Library
Director, Brian Soneda;

Skagit Community Foundation
Executive Director, John
White.

Photo by Sara Holahan

Frank Bichler was a library patron who cared about his community and about his library. He loved and appreciated the service and courtesy he received at the library, particularly from Reference staff members. Mr. Bichler passed away in December of 2010, but left an endowment with the Skagit Community Foundation, with the directive that annual proceeds go to support the Book Budget of the Mount Vernon City Library. The first annual disbursement from this endowment occurred on May 23, commemorated at the "photo op" above and validated by City Council action that evening, amending the library budget for 2012 in the amount of the check, \$18,800. On behalf of the entire library community, we thank Frank Bichler for his gift.

The Library "Steps" up to the Mayor's Wellness Challenge

by Ellen Christilaw, staff member

During the month of August library staff will join other city staff and city residents by participating in Mayor Jill Boudreau's Wellness Challenge. Mayor Boudreau knows that a healthy community is a happy and productive community.

Being healthy includes social, emotional, occupational, spiritual and intellectual health, as well as physical health. Throughout the month there will be events in each of these six categories.

All events are free and are open to all ages. Activities will include hikes, tai chi, music, fishing, and nutrition classes, just to name a few. Everyone is encouraged to participate. A schedule of events will be available June 30th.

To get ourselves ready for this August challenge library staff is currently competing with other city departments in a program called Step-To-It. During the month of June we are wearing pedometers and are recording our steps each day. At the end of the month there will be prizes for the department and for the individuals with the most steps for the month. Go librarians!

We are all having a great time getting out and getting active. Activities we are participating in include walking, hiking, zumba, treadmill and dog walking.

Challenge yourself this summer to get out and get active. You'll be glad you did.

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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

Summer afternoon - summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language. ~Henry James

While there's no record of Mr. James ever visiting Mount Vernon, at least 10 of his books reside on the library's shelves, each a great read offering a peek into an America on the cusp of modernity and the 20th century...a great way to while away a summer afternoon!

While away you might, but your Friends of the Library have been busy getting ready, sponsoring summer programs, purchasing new chairs for the computers (which you can name for only \$150), and even beautifying downtown! Check out the container garden just outside the entrance AND the container across the street, in front of the bank. Each is thanks to the efforts of FOMVL members!

This season, we need help in a couple of areas from you, a library supporter. First, we need volunteers to help staff an info booth at the Farmer's Market on Saturday morning. Two hours shifts are a lot of fun and a great way to help out. Interested? Send me an email at fundsandfun@yahoo.com and we'll get you all set!

We are also in need of a volunteer coordinator...someone to help us keep track of who are Friends, who's paid their dues, and to make sure our information is current. This would be a fun project for someone who's comfortable with Excel, for example. Does this one catch your eye? Email at fundsandfun@yahoo.com or call me at 360-630-5976.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our next book sale on September 22...and keep your donations of used books coming! Enjoy your summer...see you at the library!



Summer Programs for Teens @ the Library, by Alberta Hendrickson



At the Teen **Top Chef/Dessert Challenge** Game Night on June 29 we had fourteen attendees and everyone had a blast! Upcoming Teen Programs this quarter include:

Thursday, July 12th Teen Writing Group 6-8pm
 Thursday, July 19th Manga Club 5-6pm
 Thursday, August 9th Teen Writing Group 5:30-7:30pm
 Thursday, August 16th Manga Club 5-6pm
 Thursday, September 13th Teen Writing Group 5:30-7:30pm
 Thursday, September 20th Manga Club 5-6pm

For other Teen events and programs at the library, contact Alberta the Teen Librarian: albertah@mountvernonwa.gov, visit the Teen website (www.ci.mount-vernon.wa.us) or become a fan of the Teen Facebook page.

Adult Summer Reading Program!

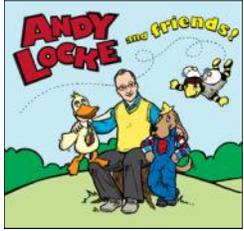
by Sara Holahan

Adults can join the summer reading challenge too. Read (and listen) to lots of books and write brief book reviews. Your name will be entered to win a **BIG NIGHT OUT** in historic downtown Mount Vernon, sponsored by the Friends of the Mount Vernon Library. The more you enter, the better your chances to win. So read and **DREAM BIG!** Last day to enter is August 31st.



2012 July—September Library Events Calendar

(all programs are free and no sign up is required)

July 7 and Aug 2	Tales for Tails (reading with certified therapy dogs), 1-2 pm, 6-12 years.	
July 10-Aug 4	Toddler Storytime, 10:30 am, 2-3 years, Tuesdays and Saturdays.	
July 10-July 24	Bilingual Storytime for Families, 6:30 pm, all ages, Tuesdays.	
July 11-Aug 1	Preschool Storytime, 10:30 am, 3-5 years, Wednesdays.	
July 11	Andy Locke (Ventriloquist), 2 pm, all ages.	
July 12-Aug 2	Teddy Bear Time, 10:30 am, birth-24 months, Thursdays.	
July 12-Aug 30	Summer Explorers, 2-3 pm, ages 7-10, Thursdays	
July 14-Aug 25	LEGO Building for All Ages, 1-4:30 pm, Saturdays.	
July 17	Louie Foxx (Juggler), 2 pm, all ages.	
July 18	Cupcake Decorating/Zombie Felties, 3-4 pm, teens.	
July 18-Aug 29	LEGO Building for All Ages, 1-7 pm, Wednesdays.	
July 18	Friends of the Library meeting, 6-7:30 pm.	
July 24	Cowboy Buck & Elizabeth (musical program), 2 pm, all ages.	
July 27	Quidditch Game Night, 6-8 pm, teens.	
July 31	Reptile Man (Finishers Event for participants reaching their SRP Reading Goal, 6 pm, Hillcrest Park	
Aug 10	Sidewalk Chalk Day, 10-4:30, Snoqualmie and Cleveland St. sidewalks around library, all ages.	
Aug 28	Peter Ali (musical program), 6:30 pm, adults.	
Sept 22	<u>Friends of the Mount Vernon Fall Book Sale, 10 am-4 pm, behind the library.</u>	

New program—**August Craft Days-Dream Big in Our Community** (Fridays and Saturdays in August (August 1-31), Children may drop in throughout August to create crafts which will be sold at the Friends of the Mount Vernon Library Book Sale on September 15. All proceeds will be donated to the Mount Vernon Food Bank.

We are off to a great start with SRP sign-ups. Our goal is to increase participation every year. 2011 was a record SRP, with 1,254 youth, ages 2-18 years participating. The record number of finishers (reached the reading goal of 800 minutes) is 563. If your children haven't signed up, it's not too late. Participant count as of July 2 is 930. We (you) can do it!

The Children's Garden Grows! by Carol Harmon-Watilo



This past spring some students from the after-school program started a container garden. They planted tomatoes, herbs, snap peas, lettuce and carrots. Stop by and see how our garden grows!

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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) and Sharon Sackett.

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

2012 Library Hours

Monday	10 AM-5 PM
Tuesday	10 AM-8 PM
Wednesday	10 AM-8 PM
Thursday	10 AM-8 PM
Friday	10 AM-5 PM
Saturday	10 AM-5 PM

Holiday and other closures:

July 4	Independence Day
September 3	Labor Day
October 17	All Staff Day (training)
November 12	Veteran’s Day observed
November 22-23	Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas Day

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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>	

