

# Mount Vernon City Library



## Library Benefactor, Sonya Beard, Honored at Art Unveiling, by Brian Soneda



Photograph by Michael Thompson

March 7 was an important day at the Mount Vernon City Library. Supporters of the need for a new library in Mount Vernon gathered to honor library benefactor Sonya Beard at an evening unveiling of a favorite art piece from her collection. Sonya pledge over \$500,000 toward a future campaign to fund a new library in Mount Vernon. She passed away in 2010 but her memory and her vision live on.

Skagit Community Foundation Director John White spoke at the event, as did Mount Vernon Library Foundation President Harold Page and Pam Methner, a dear friend of Sonya's. Aeron Eco was on hand to say a few words about the commissioned museum-quality display case he designed and built to house the art piece, and to help me "unveil" the display.

Finally, noted glass artist Christopher Morrison (pictured above) spoke about the piece, "Tiger Eye Pod with Flowers," and how he created glass art such as this. He also shared with the audience how honored he was to have his work be part of a memorial to a person of Sonya Beard's integrity and generosity.

If you have not yet seen "Tiger Eye Pod with Flowers" please visit the library and find out more about Sonya Beard and her vision. The display holds a place of honor directly in front of the main checkout desk at the library.

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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

*"It's spring fever...you don't know what it is you DO want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!"* Mark Twain

In one of those odd coincidences of life, perhaps the greatest American storyteller of the 19<sup>th</sup> century left us 102 years ago, to the day, before the Friends of the Mount Vernon Library Spring Book Sale. He is credited with lots of things, some of which he never said, but we do know the quote above and this: "A person who won't read has no advantage over one who can't read" are true.

Let's extrapolate that a bit..."a person who won't help their library, has no advantage over one who has no library to help." (Where I come from, we call that 'poetic license'.)

Your Friends have only one true goal: to supplement civic funding with private donations to make our library the prime location for furthering our sense of community in Mount Vernon. We do this by anticipating changing needs, responding to shifting times, and utilizing the funds with which you entrust us to strengthen our library's ties to the community.

Your donations of dollars, books, and time help us to help keep our MV library a vibrant place. Donate your books to our April 21 Book Sale and, better yet, come buy lots of books! YOU have the advantage of being a reader...and what better show of your love than to share it?

It's spring! Feed your heart...support your library!



## Mount Vernon Library Foundation, by Sara Holahan, Foundation Vice-President

What's happening with the Foundation?

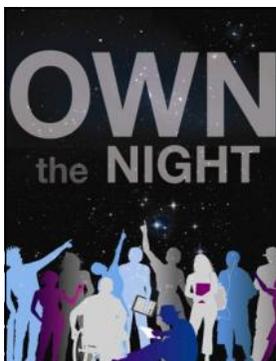
The Mount Vernon Library Foundation added three new directors to its board in January: Marija Anderson, Twila Johnson-Tate and Greg Tate. The full list of officers and directors is on the [website](#).

With the assistance of CPA Kim Ray, the application for 501(c)3 tax exempt status was filed with the IRS in February and a determination should be received in April. This will make it possible to do more significant fundraising. We are pleased to have such strong and motivated support from Mayor Jill Boudreau who voiced her enthusiasm at the Foundation's January meeting. More strategic planning will be done with the mayor and appropriate city department heads to clarify how the Foundation can best assist the campaign for a new library building. The Foundation adopted an annual membership donation of \$35. If you are interested in joining or serving the Foundation, speak to me or library director Brian Soneda. It's an exciting time to be involved!



## Summer Reading Program coming soon!

by Alberta Hendrickson, staff member



**Dream Big READ!** is the **Summer Reading 2012** theme for children preschool-elementary school age. Participants earn prizes for reading and can attend free programs and activities at the library. Signups begin June 11. The Kickoff Program is Jason Quick the one-armed juggler, on Tuesday, June 26. Be prepared to be entertained and inspired!



**Own The Night!** is this year's **Summer Reading** theme for teens in grades 7-12. Participants are eligible to win awesome prizes and attend free programs at the library. Join us this summer for Quidditch Game Night and other fun teen events. This is going to be the most outrageous Summer Reading program yet, so get out there and *Own the Night!* Signups begin June 11<sup>th</sup>.

## 2012 April—June Library Events Calendar

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

April 3-May 19	Toddler Storytime, 10:30 am, 2-3 years, Tuesdays.
April 3-May 15	Bilingual Storytime, 6:30 pm, all ages, Tuesdays.
April 4-May 16	Preschool Storytime, 10:30 am, 3-5 years, Wednesdays.
April 5-May 17	Teddy Bear Time, 10:30 am, birth-24 months, Thursdays.
April 5-May 17	Travels with SKOOB, 4-4:30 pm, 6-8 years, Thursdays.
April 7-May 19	Toddler Storytime, 10:30 am, 2-3 years, Saturdays.
April 7, May 5, June 2	Tales for Tails (reading with certified therapy dogs), 1-2 pm, 6-12 years.
April 8-14	National Library Week (see below for some NLW events).
April 10	Library Snapshot Day.
April 11, May 9, June 13	LEGO Building for All Ages, 1-7 pm.
April 12, May 10, Jun 14	Teen Writing Group, 5:30-7:30 pm.
April 14, May 12	Science Saturday, 2-3 pm, ages 9-11.
April 21	Friends of the Mount Vernon Library Spring Book Sale, 10 am-4 pm.
Apr 21, May 19, June 16	LEGO Building for All Ages, 1-4:30 pm.
April 27	Teen Game Night, 6-8 pm.
May 16	Friends of the Library meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm.
May 25	Teen Murder Mystery Night, 6-8 pm.
June 26	Summer Reading Kick-off program, Jason Quick (juggler), 2 pm, at Hillcrest Park, all ages.
June 29	Minute To Win It Game Night, 6-8 pm, teens.



*Therapy dogs!*



*Book Sale!*

### National Library Week is April 8-14, 2012

#### **Tuesday, April 10, 6:30 pm**

Travel Tales @ Your Library      Exotic Egypt With Kids

#### **Wednesday, April 11, 6:30 pm**

Music @ Your Library      Spirit Music storytelling and songs with Yaqui musician Peter Ali

#### **Thursday, April 12, 6:30 pm**

Gardening @ Your Library      The Armchair Book of Gardens with author Jane Billingham

We have also chosen **Tuesday, April 10** as "Library Snapshot Day" for Mount Vernon City Library. Library Snapshot Day is part of a national event where what happens in a library is chronicled for one full day. Library Snapshot Day includes taking photos of library programs and library visitors using the library (photos used only with permission of course), as well as the collection of usage statistics (how many people came to the library, how many books were checked out, how many people attended programs, etc.).

**SNAPSHOT!**  
ONE DAY IN THE LIFE OF WASHINGTON'S LIBRARIES  
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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), Sharon Sackett and Carrie Odlin.

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:**

January 2	New Years Day observed
January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 20	President’s Day
May 28	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 3	Labor Day
November 12	Veteran’s Day observed
November 22-23	Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas Day

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## *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>	

