

SUMMER 2017

THANK YOU, VOTERS!

On May 16, 2017, Ballot Measure 20-272 passed with 62% of the vote. This local option levy provides Fern Ridge Library district with vital operational funds for the next five years, allowing us to absorb the increases in minimum wage, add one part-time staff position, and to return our material budget to where it was two years ago.



Brooklyn Sias at the Elmira Elementary School Auction in March where the Library Yes PAC had an info table.

This show of democracy is a victory for the library, a victory for literacy, and a victory for Fern Ridge.

By supporting your library, you've affirmed that reading, learning, and

culture are important to rural life in Oregon. You've voted yes to Summer Reading, to the Friends of the Library book sale, to author visits and to educational programs for patrons of all ages. You support

bestsellers sharing space with first-time authors, popular non-fiction and literary fiction. You showed pride in local government, public service and activism. Most importantly, you voted yes for the future of your community.

At the helm of another current and vital issue is a long-time friend of the Fern Ridge Library and tireless advocate for the community, Pat Coy. Pat has been out this summer raising money for a kiddie pool so that the kids in our area can learn to swim. Knowing how to swim in a state with 363 miles of coastline and rivers fed by melting snow can mean the difference between life and death. Here at the library we recognize that knowing how to read, write, and think critically in a world flooded with technology and information can be just as vital.

So thank you, Fern Ridge community, for your continued support! Thank you to our staff and board members and many volunteers, for the hard work that keeps us moving forward. Thanks to everyone who advocated for the library, and thank you to everyone that voted, regardless of the box you checked. Democracy, y'all.

Make a Gift for 2017-18

Foundation is raising funds to inspire our youngest patrons to enjoy learning

The Fern Ridge Library Foundation is raising funds to bring the joy of learning to the library's youngest patrons. This year, the goal is to raise \$15,000 to purchase furniture that allows for more learning and play – book hideaways, tunnels, tactile learning stations, and more educational games and materials.

Patrons with young children rely on the library to inspire a desire to learn, read, and explore. Today literacy education needs to focus on both the written word and the digital word.

Library Director Colin Rea says "There is often a perception that smaller, rural libraries are years behind other institutions, especially where technology is concerned." Rea goes on to say, "We circulated digital devices before any other library in Lane County." By adding new digital educational resources for young patrons, the Fern Ridge Library will continue to be at the frontline.

Thank you for your contributions to the Fern Ridge Library Foundation.



**Fern Ridge Library Foundation
Seeks Your Support**

Goal: \$15,000

For tactile learning and integrated technology furniture for children learning and play.

Send checks payable to
Fern Ridge Library Foundation,
PO Box 397, Veneta, OR 97487

Writers & Wine 2017

Featuring Two Writers Inspired by History

Writers & Wine, the Fern Ridge Library Foundation's special event, coincides with harvest season in the fall. Join your fellow library patrons, Foundation donors, and friends in a special evening with local authors, plus a catered buffet dinner featuring food and fine wine (or beer).

The 2017 Writers & Wine festivities are set for Saturday, September 23 at Valhalla Winery at 23785 Highway 126 (formerly Domaine Meriwether Winery) from 6:00-8:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$30 per person and can be purchased at the door.

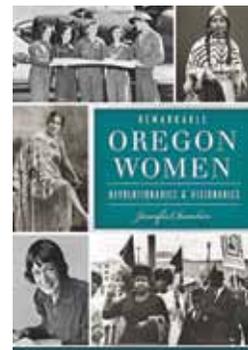
The event is a benefit for the Fern Ridge Library and the Foundation's annual fundraising goals for the library. This year, Eugene Urgent Care is the 2017 Presenting Sponsor for Writers & Wine.



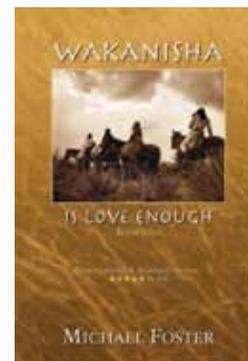
The Foundation will recognize Lane Electric Cooperative for their loyal financial support of the Fern Ridge Library Foundation. They are a business member of the Community Partner program.

Guests will enjoy a buffet dinner and wine before readings by two featured authors—Jennifer Chambers and Michael Foster. Both authors reside in the Fern Ridge area and are strong advocates for the Fern Ridge Library.

Jennifer Chambers will read from her book, *Remarkable Women of Oregon: Revolutionaries & Visionaries*. She writes about strong women with bold stories. From native tribes and Oregon Trail pioneers to Victorian suffragists and unlikely politicians, strong female leaders give profound meaning to the Oregon state motto, *alis volat propriis* – she flies with her own wings.



Michael Foster will read from his book, *Wakanisha: Is Love Enough*. A well-researched volume of over 300 pages, Foster follows three generations of Lakota Sioux people. To the Lakota Sioux, the word Wakanisha roughly translates as children, but has a far deeper meaning. Wakanisha are their sacred vessels of culture, spirituality, and most importantly, love. These first inhabitants of America strived for harmony in all things, with the land of rolling plains they freely roamed, and within their tribes, families, and hearts.



Books will be for sale. Authors will be available to autograph books after the reading.

Community Partner Program Recognizes Dari-Mart

The third year of the Foundation's Community Partner program welcomed 20 new members and renewed businesses and organizations for the Fern Ridge Library Foundation.

Increasing recognition for business and organization donors is one way the Foundation can support the business community.

Each year the Foundation recognizes one loyal business donors in this newsletter. One of most loyal donors to the Fern Ridge Library Foundation is Dari-Mart.

Foundation board member Bill DeChent spoke with Pat Straube, owner and manager of Dari-Mart Stores, about the company's support of the library. "Our family has always been bookworms and supporters of libraries," Straube explains. The company supports several libraries in the region—the Fern Ridge Library, as well as the Florence and Junction City libraries. "We want to do our part, if we can help buy a book or computer to help kids, then that is our goal," Straube says. "We have a real interest in seeing kids educated."

"Fostering visibility and good will for our business and organization donors with the Community Partner program is a win-win for the Foundation and business community," says DeChent.

All business and organization gifts of any amount will establish membership in the Community Partners program. Each membership level has benefits and recognitions.





I LOVE MY LIBRARY

Super Volunteers Aid Many Library Projects

Les Benoy is a library patron and volunteer who loves the Fern Ridge Library. He appreciates the variety of programs that the library does for people of all ages, and the variety of materials available for patrons. Les and his wife, Joanne Sweeny, volunteer as a way of giving back to the community. They are members of the Friends of the Fern

Ridge Library and are regular book sale volunteers. Les usually helps with set-up and Joanne works as the cashier. Les serves on the library's budget committee and does shelf-reading. He is also working on a project for the library Foundation's Adopt-a-Shelf program – creating a map and list of all the shelf tags that have been placed on the library's shelves over the years. When the project is complete, patrons and donors will be able to locate the shelves they have “adopted.”

Les and Joanne have lived in the Fern Ridge area for about ten year's. Les retired from a career as a civil engineer and land surveyor in the St. Louis area. Joanne has worked as a dental hygienist and also worked with Les in their engineering business. Les is a native of the Midwest while Joanne hails from eastern Washington. In their spare time, they enjoy visiting the Oregon coast with their yellow lab, Hoodwink, as well as gardening. They also volunteer at the Fern Ridge Service Center. Joanne works in the kitchen and Les delivers Meals on Wheels. Les and Hoodwink enjoy spending time at Zumwalt Park and Les volunteers there with Friends of Zumwalt Park. Thank you Les and Joanne!

News from the Library Board

The Fern Ridge Library Board welcomes two newly elected members, Erik Carlstrom and Becky Lemler. Long-time board secretary Joyce Bilderback has retired from her position. The board thanks her for her service, and thanks board members Steve Recca and Ashley Westerlund for their contributions.

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P.O. Box 397
Veneta, OR 97487
541-935-7512
www.fernridgelibrary.org

➤ HOURS

Monday	CLOSED	Thursday	10 – 8
Tuesday	10 – 8	Friday	10 – 6
Wednesday	10 – 8	Saturday	10 – 5

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Book Release and Reading Delights Patrons

The Fern Ridge Library Foundation hosted a preview reception for award winning authors, John Daniel and Garth Stein, who received a warm welcome by members of the library community at the book release and reading held at the Fern Ridge Library on April 21, 2017. “It is a real honor for the Fern Ridge Library to be able to host these authors for such important releases as these new works,” says Colin Rea, library director. The event featured beer by Plough Monday, wine from Territorial Vineyard, and catering by Broadway Grill.



John Daniel



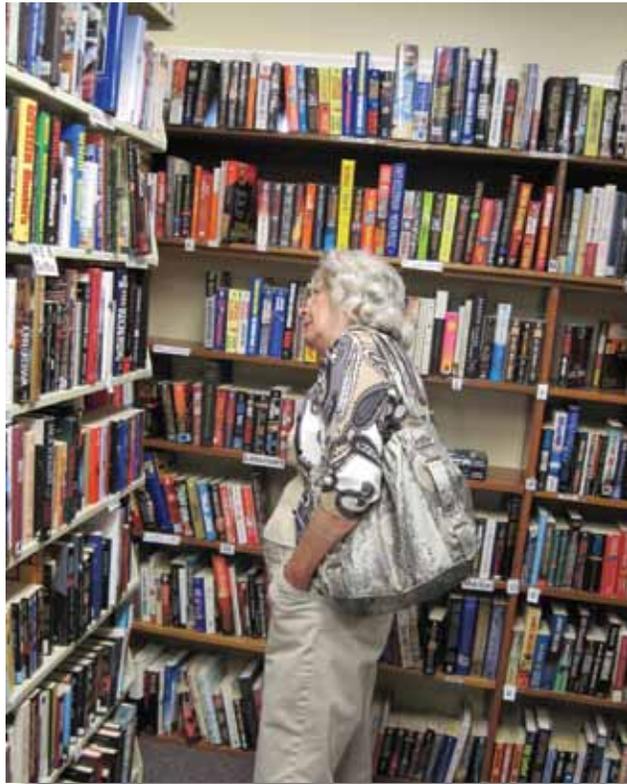
Garth Stein

News from the Friends

The Friends of the Fern Ridge Library are an all-volunteer nonprofit group dedicated to supporting the Fern Ridge Library. We raise money through annual memberships and book sales and advocate for our library. The funds we raise help to support the following needs:

- Purchase nonbudgeted special materials for the library. In 2016, we made a donation to the Foundation to help purchase a new reader board for the library. We have also purchased a die-cut machine and additional dies. This machine is also available for patron use.
- Fund library programs, such as the summer reading program;
- Purchase supplemental materials for the library's collections, including a duplicate set of OBOB (Oregon Battle of the Books) books, providing access to these popular books for more local students. We also purchase books on the topics of our community programs that the library adds to the collection.
- Publicize the library's activities by paying for the printing of the library's monthly calendar of events, as well as cosponsoring a booth at the annual Veneta Harvest Festival. In 2016, we also purchased a banner for library use at off-site events.

Book sales provide most of the funds that we spend. In addition to hosting several two-day book sales each year, the Friends stock the "every day book sale" shelves near the circulation desk—so anyone can buy gently used books every time they are in the library. The sale shelves are restocked weekly so there is always something new. The two-day sales continue to be very popular and are supported by a hard-working group of volunteers. We depend on the community for donations of books and DVDs as well as to shop at the sales.



Our monthly evening programs on a wide variety of topics provide information of interest to library patrons and community members. Program topics over the past year have included decluttering, preparing to return to the workforce, energy conservation, sustainable farming, food fermentation, solar and wind power, and investing.

The Friends of the Library also offered two workshops on card-making, one in the fall and one in the spring. Participants made cards for their own use as well as making some for the Friends to sell.

The Friends offer a small annual scholarship to a promising young person who has volunteered at the library. For the past three years, we have been able to offer two scholarships, and to increase the amount of the awards, through the generosity of the late Robbie Sue Main, one of our long-time members.

Further information about the Friends of the Fern Ridge Library, including a downloadable membership brochure, can be found at fernridgelibrary.org under the "About Us" tab.



Honor Roll of Donors

2016 - 2017

Annual Fund Donors

Fern Ridge Library Foundation Endowment Donors

The Fern Ridge Library Foundation acknowledges the financial support of these individuals, families, and local businesses, community organizations, and foundations. Business donors are recognized as members of the Foundation's Community Partner Program for their generous annual gifts. We express our gratitude to The Redtail Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation for their grant. Thank you to the donors who contribute to the Fern Ridge Library, a jewel in our community.

We express our special thank you to the friends and family members who made memorial gifts to the Fern Ridge Library Foundation Endowment Fund in honor of loved ones.

Your gifts make it possible for the library to meet the needs of our community. **Thank you!**

Key: ♦ Denotes Annual Fund Donor ★ Denotes Endowment Fund Donor

Community Partner Program	Individuals		Endowment Fund Donors
<p>Leadership Members (\$500 and above)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Champion Technologies, Inc. ♦ Eugene Urgent Care ♦ IBM ♦ The Redtail Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation ♦ ★ Swanson Bros. Lumber Co. Inc ♦ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steven Abbott, DMD ♦ John Allcott, MD ♦ Paul Atkinson & Sid Baum ♦ Patricia & William Baron ♦ ★ Dr. Jack & Margaret Bentley ♦ Laura Blankenship & Family William & Katherine Bondioli ♦ Gail & Timothy Bradshaw ♦ Krystina Burns ♦ Dan Caplis & Stephanie Powers ♦ Julian & Linda Case ♦ Elizabeth Chalcroft ♦ Suzanne & Breeze Chanti ♦ David & Kristi Crowell ♦ John & Marilyn Daniel ♦ Dave D'Avanzo ♦ Bill & Gayle DeChent ♦ William & Cynthia Dietrich ♦ Laurie Doscher ♦ Robert & Sharon Dowling ♦ Patricia and the late Wayne DuVal ♦ Barbara Falk ♦ David Floyd MD & Bets Cole ♦ Michael & Mary Foster ♦ William "Willy" Foster ♦ Ellen Frances & Greg Zochowski ♦ Linda & James Frazier ♦ Judy Fuller ♦ Tony & Linda Garcia ♦ Carol Gates ♦ Quinton Hallett & Dennis Gould ♦ Jack Gray & Mary Jo Wade ♦ ★ J P Hammer ♦ Linda Hanchett ♦ Lucille Heitz ♦ Ron & Diane Hellekson ♦ Barbara & Robert Jacobs ♦ Allen & Kathy Johnson ♦ Richard & Vicky Johnston ♦ Katharyn & Lee Klein ♦ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Larry Konnie ♦ Maxine Knebel ♦ Bill Koss & family ♦ Tony & Cindy LaMorticella ♦ The late Robbie Sue Main ♦ Jo Mazurek ♦ Martin Mead ♦ Jackie & Maynard Meadows ♦ James & Constance Micarelli ♦ Matt Michel ♦ Pepper Kim Miller ♦ Twinkle Ann Morton & Joan Mariner ♦ Nan & Jeffrey Muir ♦ Judy Myers ♦ Shirley Overed ♦ Grant Perkins ♦ Cheryl Podpeskar ♦ Susan Posner ♦ Peggy & Steve Recca ♦ Rod & Susan Regnerus ♦ Casey Roscoe ♦ Nick & Karen Russo ♦ Ronda Shankle & Terry Pier ♦ Ravinder Shields ♦ Louis Sinniger ♦ Catherine & John Smith ♦ Roger, Vicky & Travis Soverns ♦ Pam Spettel ♦ Sofie Steward ♦ Kurt Straube ♦ Richard Stumpf ♦ David & Janice Taylor ♦ Margaret Theisen ♦ Devon D. Trotter, V.M.D. ♦ Jabrila & Wali Via ♦ Virginia & Dwight Wartenbee ★ James & LaVonne Wilcox ♦ Robyn Willoughby ♦ Linda Hoover Woodrich ♦ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patricia & William Baron ★ The Redtail Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation ★ <i>In Memory of Frank and Mavis Jurries</i> Wartenbee Trucking Virginia & Dwight Wartenbee ★
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Use the Oregon Cultural Trust tax credit

The Fern Ridge Library Foundation is a qualifying nonprofit organization with the Oregon Cultural Trust. If you make a donation to the Fern Ridge Library Foundation and a matching gift to the Oregon Cultural Trust before December 31, you will be eligible to receive a 100% tax credit. This means you can double your contribution to Oregon culture! And the Foundation is eligible to apply for small grants funded by the Trust.

Find our more at www.culturaltrust.org



Fern Ridge scenic photo by Breeze Chanti

So, what now?



By Colin Rea, Library Director

2016 was many things...a Presidential election year, Michael Phelps' final Olympics (so he says), and the warmest year on record for our planet, among other things. Here at the Fern Ridge Library, we turned 50 without receiving a single 'Over the Hill' card! We also came to the end of our most recent strategic plan, one that focused on the library as a clean, comfortable place to access information.

During the last five years, we completed a major renovation to the oldest parts of the building that added storage space and shelf space to the adult area. We created a teen area with window seating and space for collaborative study. We purchased comfortable new furniture, doubled the number of public computers, updated the HVAC system, and installed energy efficient windows. When that project was complete, we continued to focus on making the library a place our patrons want to spend time in. We renovated the bathrooms and replaced the carpet in the youth area (look for the rest of the carpet to be replaced sometime this fall). All of this while continuing to provide excellent library services for readers of all ages.

We were unable to pass a 50 cent local option levy in 2016, but we were very pleased when voters approved a 35 cent levy in 2017. With that, our material budget is restored and our future looks bright. But what IS that future? It's time to write another strategic plan. This fall we'll get a group together that will look hard at the resources of the library and the needs of the community and come up with a series of goals that will bring Fern Ridge Library into the 2020's. If you'd like to be a part of this process, stop by the library and let us know, or contact the director, Colin Rea, at crea@fernridgelibrary.org.

In the meantime, we're focused on programs. Hopefully you've noticed that we have expanded our community programming for adults and that our programs for kids and teens are as good as ever. We'll be adding a part-time staff member to better the customer service at the circulation desk and looking for other ways to maximize our services with our available resources. 2017-18 will be many things. On a national level, what that means is anyone's guess, but here in Fern Ridge, your library will continue to be the center of information, culture, and recreation.

FERN RIDGE LIBRARY MISSION AND VISION

The MISSION of the Fern Ridge Library District is to provide a comfortable space to access and explore information.

The VISION of the Fern Ridge Library District is to promote community improvement through active collaboration.

President's Message

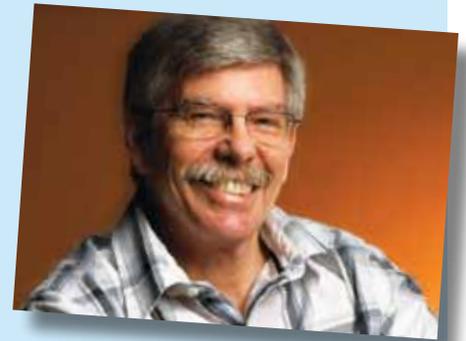
Our library was built by the local community and depends on the community to keep it strong. Donations to the library through the Foundation provide funding beyond that which comes through the tax base, allowing improvements in services and amenities that, over the years, have made our library the special place it is today.

Supporting the library makes good business sense. A great library adds to the vitality and livability of our area, and a vibrant, growing community is good for business.

I want to reach out to local businesses and encourage participation in the Foundation's Community Partners program which facilitates and recognizes business donations to the library.

Join us and we can grow together!

David Floyd, M.D.
President, Fern Ridge Library Foundation



Fern Ridge Library Foundation Endowment Fund is a smart investment

The Library Foundation has established an endowment fund with the Oregon Community Foundation to provide investment earnings to support the Library.

“The nice thing about donations to the fund is that they are never spent! Only the investment earnings are used. Consequently a donation to the fund will support the Library forever. If you would like more information about the endowment fund please contact me.”

Dan Caplis, CPA
Foundation Treasurer
Phone: 541-935-8332

Donations for memorials and endowment fund donations are accepted. Send gifts payable to the Fern Ridge Library Foundation, PO Box 397, Veneta, OR 97487.

THANK YOU DONORS!

The Foundation thanks all donors who stepped up to successfully replace the outdoor readerboard for the 50th Anniversary gift to the library. Donors also provided funds for increasing the collection of large print books for the senior center library, an outreach service of the Fern Ridge Library. Each gift makes a difference.



FERN RIDGE LIBRARY FOUNDATION ~ MISSION AND VISION

The MISSION of the Fern Ridge Library Foundation is to serve the community through advocacy and support of the Fern Ridge Library.

The VISION of the Fern Ridge Library Foundation is to be a vibrant, sustainable, leading organization that works collaboratively and enhances the library's service to the community.

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YOU'RE INVITED

Writers & Wine

Saturday, September 23, 2017
Valhalla Winery ~ 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Featuring Oregon authors
Catered food and wine

Tickets: \$30 per person at the door

Event Sponsor:



Fern Ridge Library Foundation

The Foundation is comprised of community volunteers and raises PRIVATE money for capital improvements and other library projects. Community Partner business donors and Endowment Fund gifts help the Foundation support the needs of the library.

Library Board

The Board is comprised of five publicly elected directors. They meet monthly to set policy.

Fern Ridge Library
A Jewel in Our Community

Staff and Volunteers

Staff and volunteers are in the library daily to operate the library and serve patrons.

Friends

The Friends of the Library support the library with book sales and adult programs. Patrons can become a Friend of the Library for \$10 per year.



The Library Family