

SUMMER 2020

among Friends

PUBLISHED BY FRIENDS OF WEST SLOPE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Thank You

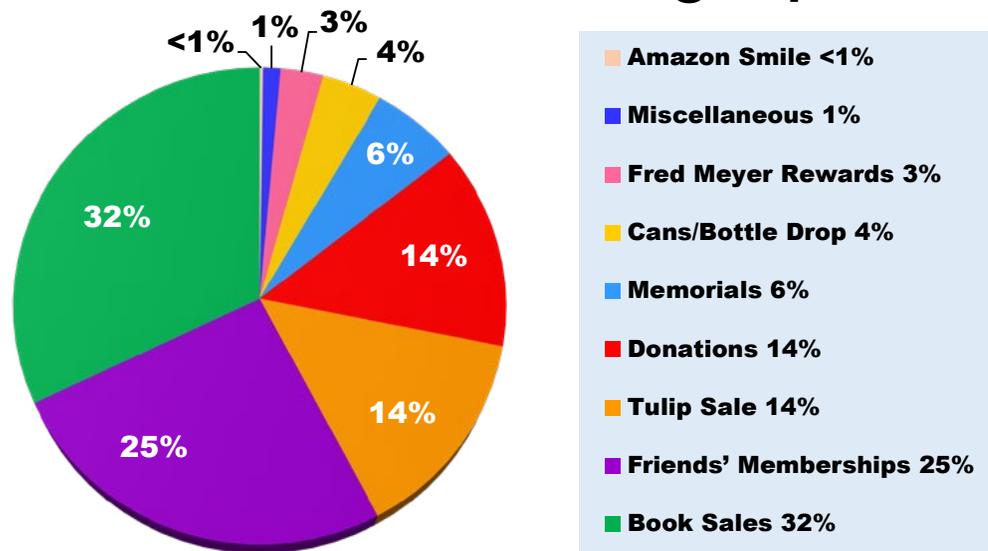
Our Community Loves Libraries!

Hello wonderful Friends! The entire West Slope Library team wants to send our thanks to you for all your support with the passing of the recent library levy. The next five years are going to be so important for our library to continue to enhance our already great services and create a positive impact for all of our community. *-Kristen Thorp, West Slope Library Director*

The Washington County library levy renewal passed with 68% of voters approving it. Wow! That is a ringing endorsement of the value of libraries in our communities and the fantastic work that our libraries do for us each and every day, even online and in a pandemic! The Friends of West Slope Community Library support these levies as we are able and allowed in IRS rules for nonprofit corporations.

We know that the 40% of operational funding our library gets from this levy renewal can't be matched by any private fundraising, and we are careful to closely follow the IRS regulations so that our nonprofit status is never at risk. We appreciate the advocacy work People For Libraries did for the levy, and we also thought that the informational materials provided by the county were great. This is a community effort, and your vote counted! Thank you, Friends! *--Friends of West Slope Library*

Friends' 2019 Fundraising Explained



2019 Friends of WSL Fundraising Income Total: \$18,675

In March, the Friends were able to present a \$15,600 check to the West Slope Library for programs, books, materials and other resources. This was due to the fundraising efforts of many volunteers, Friends memberships, and other donations. The money will be used as follows:

- \$6000 for books and materials
- \$500 for staff development
- \$9100 for library programs: (\$3300 for Child & Teen Programs \$5800 for Adult Programs and Workshops. This includes speakers, Summer Reading Program and materials for programs.)

In addition to these, the Friends have

set aside funds to purchase computer equipment and furniture, if needed, along with other unexpected expenses.

The Friends income comes from many sources. In 2019 the majority of funds came from the Book Sale, Friends' annual memberships, the Tulip Sale, and donations. Contributions were also made from the Fred Meyer Rewards, Bottle Drop donations, and a small amount from Amazon Smile.

With the cancellation of the Tulip Sale and inability to sell used books due to the temporary closure of the library, it is expected that the income for 2020 will be greatly reduced. The Friends look forward to brainstorming ways to close the gap for WSL.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello Friends, We hope you are all healthy and well. It's been only three short months since our last newsletter, but the world has changed considerably since then. The West Slope Library staff has been working remotely to provide a variety of online programs for patrons. While the library will likely remain closed during phase 1, plans are being developed for a safe re-opening. Look for news this summer on the newly updated WSL website (see below).



Sewing a mask for going outside. Stay safe Friends!

Amid the crisis of the pandemic, Washington County Libraries were on the May ballot to maintain current services for the library. I'm pleased, and grateful, that the levy passed. Thank you for voting!

Many thanks to Emily House, who has served as a Friends Board member for the last four years. We are grateful for her hard work, dedication and insight to the Friends and wish her much happiness in beautiful Yamhill County!

Check out the article on this page to see how your generous donations support West Slope Library. Your contributions make a difference. Thank you for your continued support!

Be well,
Julie Cooper



Make sure to check out the recent redesign of the WSL website undertaken by the staff for a more user-friendly computer and mobile browsing experience for patrons. Go to: www.westslopelibrary.org to see all the exciting new changes!

SUMMER 2020 ONLINE PROGRAMS

Summer Reading continues to celebrate literacy, discovery, and creativity through our online activities and free book giveaways. WSL and other member libraries across Washington County will be giving away over 15,000 free books and art supplies to kids birth to 18 at Summer Meal sites. Go to: www.summerfoodoregon.org/ for more information.

In addition, there are many interesting online library activities for kids and adults at: www.wccls.org/libraries-continue Here you can learn how to check out ebooks, study a new language, discover your genealogy, get homework and career help, sign up for streaming movies, and more.

Every week throughout the summer WSL will have activities for patrons of all ages to have fun connecting. Visit our Summer Reading information page on our website www.westslope.library.org and sign up for our monthly newsletter to learn about the activities offered. Here is a sample of what you'll be able to do with your library online.

PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

OREGON BATTLE OF THE BOOKS BOOK CLUB. (GRADES 3-5)

Read one of this year's OBOB books and have fun talking with other kids in the club. Register in advance at www.westslope.library.org

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 1- 2 PM *The Oddmire: The Changeling* by William Ritter

TUESDAY, JULY 28, 1-2 PM *Small Spaces* by Katherine Arden

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 1-2 PM *Space Case* by Stewart Gibbs

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS

WE PICKED THE THEME, YOU PICK THE BOOK

Readers pick their own books and share their selections. The library will have suggested titles featured in our newsletter. Register in advance at www.westslope.library.org

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1-2 PM *Fantasy Book*

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 1-2 PM *Summer Romance*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 1-2 PM *Back to School*

PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

Adult readers can connect and have fun reading new titles in our Book Group and with our "Ten Books in 2020 Challenge" and book chat events. Please register in advance at www.westslope.library.org

BOOK CLUB

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2-3:30 PM *The Best We Could Do* by Thi Bui

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2-3:30 PM *Gertrude Bell* by Georgina Howell

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2-3:30 PM *A Visit from the Goon Squad* by Jennifer Egan

TEN BOOKS IN 2020: READING CHALLENGE

Read all Ten Books and enter to win prizes. Visit www.westslope.library.org for details.

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 6-7 PM & WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2-3 PM

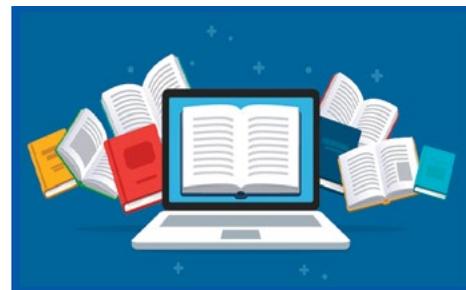
Read a book about someone you admire

MONDAY, JULY 13, 6-7 PM & WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2-3 PM

Read a fix-it, how-to, or self-help book

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 6-7 PM & WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2-3 PM

Read a book that has been adapted to the screen



Discovery!

YOUTH CRAFTS AT HOME

With everyday items found in your home and some library resources, you'll be able to learn how to make your own puzzle, bobble heads, slime, and MORE!

Visit www.westslope.library.org and you'll be given a new set of instructions and links to make your own creation.

ADULT MINDFULNESS CIRCLE

Every Tuesday from 2-3 pm, adults will meet weekly in an online meeting room to watch an episode of "Practicing Mindfulness: An Introduction to Meditation," one of the Great Courses available through KANOPY. Library staff will use the KOSMI app to share the streaming video through an online meeting room. Register at our website:

www.westslope.library.org



Creativity!

We are all creative and we look forward to celebrating creativity together. Watercolor classes, coding, and creating a sketchbook journal and more will be happening throughout summer. Some classes will have an instructor and others will be self-led. Enjoy the process of self-expression. Register for events at

www.westslope.library.org.



AMONG FRIENDS
3678 SW 78TH
PORTLAND, OR 97225

Address correction requested

Help us save on paper and printing costs by signing up for future issues via email. Contact us at friendsofwsl@gmail.com. Thanks for your support!