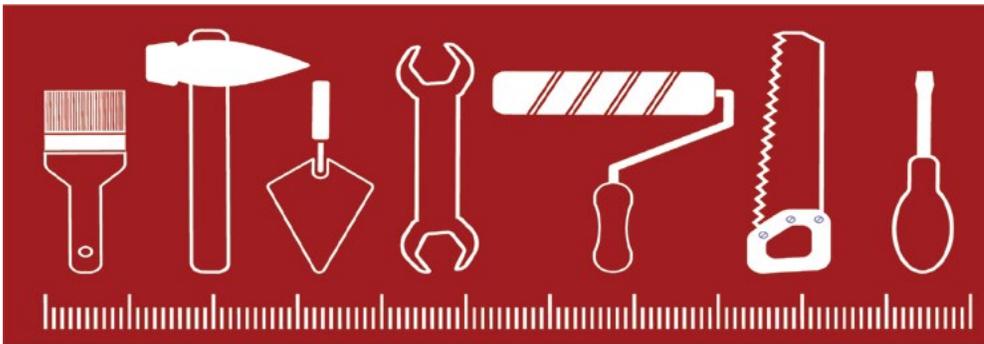


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WEST SLOPE LIBRARY REMODEL

In the next few months, the West Slope Library is getting a much-needed re-freshed interior! And even more exciting, it won't be limited to just carpet, paint, and new furniture. The library is also creating a new layout that will open up lots of great opportunities and services for patrons. Here are a few of the changes you'll notice right away:

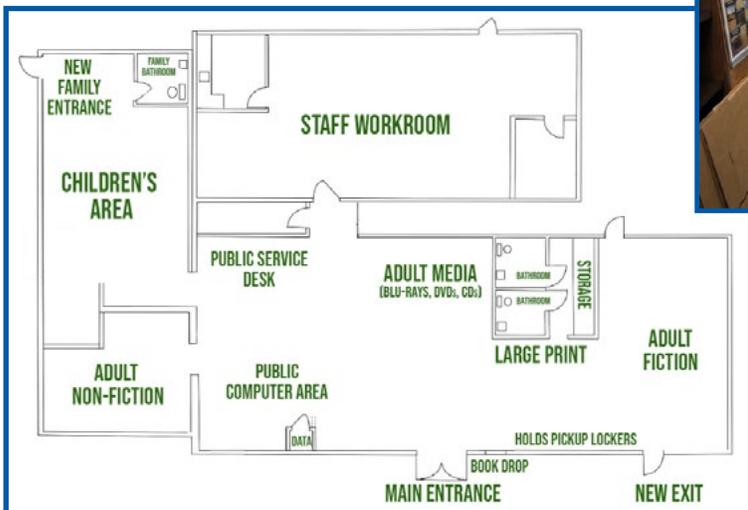
- 1** New smart lockers will be installed during the remodel that will allow patrons a low-to-no touch opportunity to pick up and check out held items. There will be 74 lockers of various sizes installed so the library will be able to help more people get library materials each day.
- 2** We'll have an entirely new kids' space, with a family restroom, family entrance, proximity to our outside lawn, and self-check-out.
- 3** We'll be able to offer more technology help and workshops because computers will be together in one location, instead of scattered throughout the library. Once COVID restrictions can be relaxed, we'll be developing lots of new technology programs for patrons.
- 4** Accessibility will be improved with new doors and a new circulation desk.
- 5** Our staff workspace will be improved to enable physical distancing and increase our work capacity and efficiency.



Rendering of new Smart Lockers

As you can see, these exciting changes prioritize patron service, health and safety, and overall accessibility, allowing everyone to get the most out of our facility. Improvements began at the end of November and will continue through February, 2021. Although the building itself will be closed during that time, we will continue to offer all our virtual programs like storytimes, adult book club, *Here to Help*, *Booktalks*, and *Book a Librarian*, lending of ebooks and audiobooks, and streaming video services, uninterrupted.

For holds placed while we are closed, you will need to select a different pickup location. You will be able to return your items to one of our neighbor libraries, or any other Washington County library. Garden Home and Beaverton are closest to West Slope. -Kristen Thorp, West Slope Library Director



WSL staff packed up all library materials in anticipation of the upcoming remodel. See a rendering of the new layout, at left.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Coming Soon: Great Library Experiences!

Dear Friends,

What a year! We've all had to endure many changes. While the end of the pandemic can't come soon enough, I am confident that we will get through this together.

An unexpected bonus is that during the library closure we are getting a revamped West Slope Library! See the article to the left and go to the WSL website at www.westslopelibrary.org to view updates. We look forward to seeing the changes this spring.

Not surprisingly, our fundraising has been disrupted because of the pandemic. We appreciate your continued Friends membership renewals, donations, Bottle Drop contributions, AmazonSmile and Fred Meyer Rewards participation. Please consider renewing your Friends Membership if you haven't already. The library will use the funds for online programs, additions to the collection, and a new check out WiFi program for patrons. We appreciate all your support, especially now.

Take care,

Julie Copron

"I'm not a bit changed--not really. I'm only just pruned down and branched out. The real ME - back here - is just the same."
~ Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery

P.S. If you receive this newsletter by mail, the address label has the date of your membership expiration, in case you need that information. We have included a membership renewal form and an envelope for easy return by mail.

If you receive this newsletter electronically, check with us at our email: friendsofws@gmail.com for your renewal date. Your membership renewal payment can be done through PayPal at our website: www.FriendsofWSL.org.

Some Ways to Support Friends of WSL During the “Covid Crisis”



WINTER 2020 ONLINE PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

**ADULT BOOK CLUB
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2,
JANUARY 6, & FEBRUARY 3, 2 PM**
Adult Book Club continues to meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 2 pm. The members are currently voting on titles to read in 2021 so please check the library's website at www.westslopelibrary.org for details and to place holds on books you might be interested in reading.

For reading recommendations or how-to videos check out the library's [YouTube page](#) for our Here to Help or Book Talk videos. We will be adding more videos and they are available to watch anytime.



ONLINE PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

**ONLINE STORYTIMES
EVERY TUESDAY AT 10 AM**
Youth Services Librarian, Terisa Brown, will read books and sing songs. Register at the WSL website: www.westslopelibrary.org and receive a link to join all the fun!



One Thin Dime!

That's right – it's the Oregon Bottle Refund for the beverage bottles we all use. Many of our patrons support the Friends by picking up blue BottleDrop recycle bags to put their bottles and cans into. The Friends have a special bar code sticker on the bags, so all you have to do is drink, collect your bottles and cans in the bags, and then drop them off at one of the many BottleDrop locations found around the Portland Metro area.

The money for the refunds comes directly to the Friends. It's simple and impactful. Friends of WSL will receive several hundred dollars this year from BottleDrop, and appreciate people thinking of the library when recycling. If you run out of bags while the library is closed, email: friendsofwsl@gmail.com



Amazon Smiles & Sends Dollars

The Smile.Amazon.com site is the part of the regular Amazon website where a small percentage of Amazon purchases goes to a charity of the buyer's choice. When shopping, go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> and select Friends of West Slope Community Library as the charity of your choice. Then just shop... it's that easy.

We get a little bit with every purchase, and over the years it's contributed to our ability to fund the special programs and speakers that make our library special.



Fred Meyer Rewards Card Benefits Friends & Community

Friends of West Slope Library sustains our ability to support library programs and reading materials through both large and small contributions. The little bit that many people contribute when using the Fred Meyer Rewards Card has certainly started to add up. The Rewards Card not only gives patrons cash back and personalized coupons – they also provide a small donation to a charity of each card holder.

Each card holder must designate the charity on the Fred Meyer website after activating their card. Please set your Fred Meyer Rewards card to QT950 and you'll be giving us a donation with every shopping trip. Once set, the donations are invisible to the Fred Meyer patron, but keep flowing to the Friends.

The Friends of WSL have raised hundreds of dollars every year for the past five years from Fred Meyer Rewards. We have about 50 patrons that have chosen us as their designated charity, and we'd like to see this increased by another 25 people to make this a great support for the library programs.

We thank our patrons for your continued support of Friends of West Slope Library through all of these different methods of donation. Our fundraising has been severely impacted during the pandemic so every little bit helps. We look forward to resuming our regular fundraising events and programs in addition to these methods sometime in the future.



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