



January 2017 Newsletter

Supporting our library as a community gathering place

Friends to welcome arts, culture columnist

Don't miss our first meeting of 2017 at **6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26**, with arts and culture columnist Emily Hill!



Emily's weekly column, Artfully Edmonds, debuted on

MyEdmondsNews.com in January 2014. It covers the arts, culture, and events of Edmonds and received over 68,000 views in 2016.

When her column debuted, Emily said it would be a joy to give the readers of MyEdmondsNews.com a backstage peek at the local arts scene.

Emily keeps her readers up-to-date with the latest theater and gallery happenings, local celebrity (Speaker, 2)



Kindle prizes for FEL creativity participants

Community members enjoyed the Libraries Inspire Creativity November event sponsored by the Friends of the Edmonds Library/Symetra at the Edmonds Library.

Participants of all ages — from children to seniors — were asked to bring an entry to the library that showed their creativity, and they received a free raffle ticket and a chance to win a Kindle. All entries were displayed as part of the Friends of the Edmonds Library pop-up museum of exhibits celebrating community creativity. (Kindle, 2)



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features, new-to-the-scene artist profiles, and more.

She has lived in Edmonds since 2003 and is the owner of AV Harrison Publishing, which provides state-of-the-art consulting for progressive, award-winning authors.

Emily is also an award-winning author! She is the winner of the 2012 NaNoWriMo award for "Ghosts of White Raven Estate," a novel on the history of New Orleans occultism, and author of two historical novels and one short story collection.

Mark your calendar for Jan. 26. You won't want to miss the chance to hear all about the Edmonds arts and culture scene from Emily, a self-proclaimed proponent of community-building, quantum mechanics, and enthusiastic cheerleading!

Friends in the News

FEL annual book sale raises nearly \$10 K

Check out this story on MyEdmondsNews.com by FEL President Luke Distelhorst!

Thank you to all who made this year's book sale possible!

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Congratulations to all the winners who can now access library resources on their new Kindles: Elliot Blauvelt, Alexa Szilassy, Kayleigh Eckhardt, Rosa Gibbons, and Lesly Kaplan.

The Friends of the Edmonds Library also offered a "thank you" to Ashley Clemmer for providing gourmet cupcakes and Lynda Hughes for supplying the coffee. After the event, library fans and those participating in the Thursday Art Walk enjoyed smooth jazz sounds by Hot Club of Troy.

Happy New Year, Friends of the Edmonds Library



I'm personally very privileged and pleased to write those words on behalf of myself, FEL President Luke Distelhorst, and the FEL board.

For those members who were involved with the revitalization efforts last year, I hope you all are as happy as I am to see this great organization continue on! So,

where do we go from here...

I hope you all received our email holiday message in mid-December that announced one of the changes underway: FEL will primarily be communicating with you all through email.

The membership survey conducted in June showed that 90 percent of respondents preferred email for communications. It's fast, environmentally friendly and allows us to be in touch with you at any time regarding upcoming events, newsletters and special announcements. We will also continue select phone calls, where appropriate.

Another observation that many survey respondents made was that membership programs during the daytime cut out working members and potential new members. It is a hard decision to make and one that was not taken lightly, however, in 2017 we will be splitting membership programs between daytime meetings at 1:30 pm and evening meetings at 6 p.m.

Please know we will continue to send out (New Year, 3)

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media reminders to My Edmonds News and The Beacon as well as maintaining a calendar on our upcoming revamped website at www.edmondslibraryfriends.org and social media pages to ensure that members are aware of updated meeting times.

We're currently finalizing our program speakers and planning our first fundraiser event for the end of March, which should be a lot of fun! Also, if you haven't been to the library recently to see the new end caps installed in the non-fiction section just before Christmas, please stop by. They look really great and now every section in the library matches. Thanks to Managing Librarian Richard Suico and the 2016 board for completing that project!

Lastly, I hope everyone will keep the FEL's No. 1 purpose in mind: How can we best support our library as a multi-faceted community resource? I know you all have many ideas and I look forward to exploring them and seeing what we can do together to continue our work and contribute to the library's success.

Thank you for being a member, volunteering your time and supporting us and our goals. I look forward to seeing you at our first membership program at **6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26!**



Friends of the Edmonds Library helped support Hands on Henna over winter break. Kristen Lomonaco of Mehndi Madness taught youth ages 10-18 the art of henna in December.

**Letter from Leslie
Elsaesser, FEL past
president**

This past year the Friends of Edmonds Library Board of Directors leadership focus has been revitalizing our 37-year-old organization.

We have sought new and younger members to build on the past efforts of members over the years and to continue carrying out the mission of enhancing the Edmonds Library in future years.

With the recent election of the new 2017 Board of Directors, we celebrate our success in this endeavor. The 2016 Board is currently helping the transition efforts.

It will be important for all of us to continue to contribute and support the efforts of the new leaders.

I have enjoyed the leadership opportunity in the FEL and have come to know many of you in our partnerships in many activities.

I wish all of you the best! We are fortunate to have this resource in our community.

Happy reading and enjoying all the activities encouraged by our library. See you in the Library!

Mark your calendars!

2017 Membership Meetings

- 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26
- 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23
- 6 p.m. Thursday, March 23
- 1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27
- 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25
- 6 p.m. Thursday, June 22
- 6 p.m. Thursday, September 28
- 6 p.m. Thursday, October 26

Annual Book Sale

Friday & Saturday, October 27-28

Annual Meeting

1:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 16

News from Managing Librarian Richard Suico

Like for many of us during the holiday season, it is a festive and hectic time of year at the library, too. How and what we do is as nuanced and varied as the people the library serves.

If I were to broadly categorize how I will spend this time, it will be on reflection, connection and anticipation. It is with those concepts I would like to highlight some library happenings and resources.

Upon reflection, what really stood out this year were programs and events. They were well attended, mirrored the community's needs and attendees recognized themselves as part of the library community. From children story times to tween and teen makerspace labs to author talks as well as grassroots initiated classes courtesy of the EPIC writers group or the ESL volunteers, programs were popular and engaging.

Many of them were supported with money raised by your volunteer time and effort. It is difficult to choose just one to highlight, but I did want to single out the monthly Music at the Library series, which is held the third Thursday each month on the same evening as Art Walk Edmonds.

It is a great example of collaboration with Edmonds Arts Commission, Art Walk Edmonds, the Friends and the Library. Plus, it is a venue to exhibit some of the talented

In November, in addition to hosting over 70 people for the Hot Club of Troy's jazz music, the Friends sponsored the "Libraries Inspire Creativity" event. It drew artists of all ages with library inspired projects. There were four raffle drawing winners who received a new Kindle tablet and a free "book a librarian" session to setup the device.

The idea of connection is a vital part of what the library does every day in numerous ways. It can be the daily interaction with staff when you check out a book at circulation or when a librarian helps you with finding your next best read or helps you download an e-book. It can also be at home as you search the catalog for a book or use one of the databases.

Did you know that we have a new search tool that accesses many of the library's databases in one fast, single search experience? It is called EDS (Ebsco Discovery Service) and available on the research resources page at the sno-isle.org website tab labelled "Research."

It answers the initial research question: Where do I begin my research on a topic? (Suico, page 5)

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It is intuitive and as familiar as using a commercial search engine with results that have been evaluated for accuracy, currency and credibility.

Ask at the info desk for a demo or help.

In terms of anticipation, I look forward to implementing Sno-Isle Libraries strategic priorities in early 2017. It will provide the library with guidance and direction for the next 3 years. The Library Board has already approved values and purposes earlier this year based on the beliefs that:

- Each individual's right to free and equal access to information and ideas.
- The worth and appreciation of diverse points of view
- The value of individuals, community and culture
- The importance of innovation in meeting evolving customer needs and expectations
- Accountability for the public's resources.

And our organization will promote a literate and informed citizenry by:

- Offering equal access to the library and its resources for all
- Championing early literacy
- Supporting lifelong learning
- Providing space to think, meet, work, and create
- Convening people for public discourse.

By sharing these values and purposes, I hope it helps you understand what will drive our actions in the coming years. In practical terms, you can continue to rely on the library to be an authoritative source for your information and research needs; and a place to obtain advice on your next great read or help with your device or technology question.

We will be a place where you'll feel part of a community of shared interests while attending a program or event and find opportunities to meet and socialize with others in the community. Hope you had a great holiday season, and I'll see you in the library in 2017!