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"It's both wonderful and fascinating that books can become a part of our life story—and stay with us forever." – Nancy Leson



FEL Fundraiser at Gallaghers' nets \$996 for Edmonds Library

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#MeetYourLibrarian!

This week we started a Meet Your Librarian series on FEL's social media pages. We are spotlighting Edmonds Library employees who have volunteered to be featured in an effort to both recognize them for the work they do and better introduce them to library patrons. Check our Facebook, Instagram or Twitter to see some familiar, and maybe even new, faces and learn more about what they enjoy to do at work and elsewhere!

Upcoming FEL and Library Events

- Seattle Opera Preview: The Magical Flute, April 19, 6:30pm
- Best Book I Ever Read poster contest (sponsored by FEL): April 20, 6:00pm
- Music at the Library Series: Tropical Escape, April 26, 6:30pm
- April Membership Program: Denise Frisino, April 27, 1:30pm
- May Membership Program: Marjie Bowker, May 25, 1:30pm
- June Membership Program: Scholarship award, June 23, 6:30pm

January–March financial highlights

- ◆ Ongoing Sale income:
 - ◆ January: \$1,206.25
 - ◆ February: \$1,239
 - ◆ March: \$1,190 (est)
- ◆ Gallaghers' fundraiser: \$996
- ◆ Membership: \$165



Nancy Leson speaking at our March evening program

February–March programs

At our February meeting we enjoyed a presentation from two Edmonds Community College students from Yemen. Yunes and Ali taught us about their home country, the differences in culture there, their appreciation of America, and reasons for leaving their families to study here. They also shared with us the beauty of their hometown and country through photos and stories. The audience asked many great questions. Although Yunes and Ali were humorous and engaging, there was also a sobering element to their talk due to current circumstances in Yemen and the world. To learn more about their story, see photos of how they are using their time here, or help in their hardships ahead, you can access their GoFundMe page here: www.gofundme.com/fundforyemenis

Our March program was our second evening meeting, and did not disappoint! The community heard from "Seattle's voice of food and fun," Nancy Leson. Nancy drew quite a crowd and many laughs were shared. For those unacquainted with Nancy she is a nationally recognized food writer, radio personality on KNKX, food instructor at PCC Natural Markets, and entertaining public speaker. Nancy took the crowd through the highlights of her personal library. Many of the books she found browsing used bookstores and yard sales. She weaved her beloved collection pieces through stories about her life in the most humorous and touching way. From her cookbook personally signed by Julia Child to her early editions of childhood favorites, we learned about her fascinating life, her love of books, and her love of the library. To learn more about Nancy you can visit her website: www.nancyleson.com

Both programs were well attended by current members and members of the community coming to learn more about the Friends of the Edmonds Library. Refreshments were coordinated and served by our own Lynda Hughes, who did a wonderful job as always. Thank you to all who were able to come out and support the library!

Key Board decisions from February and March

- Approved motion to rejoin the Edmonds Chamber of Commerce. This will give us excellent networking opportunities in hopes to obtain sponsors for various events, such as tables at our Annual Sale.
- Approved motion to purchase computer desks for library. They will be installed at the same time as the circulation desk renovation at the end of May, and Sno-Isle will provide new all-in-one computers.
- Joined AmazonSmile (www.smile.amazon.com): FEL will receive 0.5% of purchases of products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation."



Ali and Yunes, in February

Ongoing Sale continues strong sales with themed displays

At our March program Ongoing Sale Chair Judy Forgey gave membership an update on some sorting changes to ensure that shelved books continue to be the most interesting we have available in order to sell well. Judy also noted that the last themed sale (Railroads) sold out in 24 hours! The current themed sale focuses on the Pacific Northwest and as of April 6 there still were some books left.



Ongoing's Railroad display (top) and the current Pacific Northwest sale happening now!



Gallaghers' fundraiser

A huge thank you to all FEL members and volunteers who came out on March 26 to support our Edmonds Library, as well as the businesses and individuals who donated gifts for the raffle! Thanks to your generous donations we raised \$996 dollars: Gallagher's donated \$370 from sales proceeds, we raised \$341 from our raffle and community members donated another \$285.

Raffle prize donations were provided by: Gallagher's, Edmonds Chamber of Commerce, Ongoing Book Sale (baskets by Sharron Cramer), Karen Kipper and Leslie Elsaesser.

Cash donations were made by: Steve Pennington, Daniel Levin, Kristin Distelhorst, Steve Rankin and Cliff Louie.

Managing Librarian's report

Spring manifests itself with telltale signs for me--cherry blossoms confidently proclaim the end of winter with a gorgeous array of pink hues; morning and evening runs without headlamps or reflective gear; school-aged children free and unencumbered for a whole week from the routine of mandated learning.

As for the library, spring traditionally means the wind down of the very popular tax preparation service and the ramp up of our focus on end of school year visits and preparation for summer reading programs for children and young adults.

The spring also brings a variety of programs for all ages: story times for babies, toddlers and preschoolers on Friday, Wednesday and Tuesday mornings respectively until mid May. The 8th Annual Fairy Parade is on May 13 where would be fairies and elves of every age gather at 11am to make crafts and parade prep for the noon time parade from the library to the Farmer's Market.

April is National Financial Literacy month. Certified Financial educator, Kasey Hill will facilitate "Money Tips for Kids: Be an Entrepreneur!" on Saturday, April 15 at 2pm. She will share tips for kids on starting your own business and having fun with finances.

Jeff Yeager, author of the "Ultimate Cheapskate" will share how to live frugally and focus on tips for green living on a budget with his program called "Saving Green While Living Green" on Monday, April 17 at 6pm.

For music aficionados, the last of the Music at the Library series is on April 26 at 6:30p where Ian Dobson will take you on a tropical musical trip as he sings, dances and plays steel drums, ukulele and marimba.

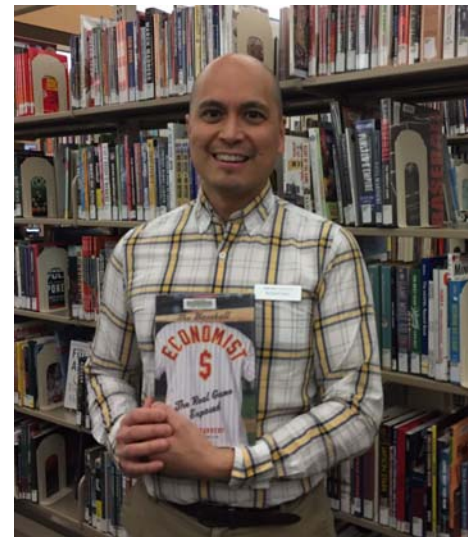
The library will continue its partnership with both ESL Talk Time on Fridays at 10am as well as the Local Writing Group facilitated by EPIC group writers at various days and times focusing on a different aspect of the craft of writing— please check the events calendar.

Lastly, like the Friends, the Library has rejoined the Chamber of Commerce recently, which has dovetailed seamlessly with one of Sno-Isle Libraries' strategic priorities of strengthening our local economy by supporting entrepreneurs and small business owners.

As a result I'm happy to announce our Business Pros classes held one Sunday a month starting on June 4 from 2-4p. The inaugural class is "Business Planning: Planning for Success!" with Giselle Saguid who will highlight the importance of a successful business plan.

Edmonds Library will also be a site for SCORE, counselors to America's small business. An experienced business mentor and expert will provide business advice about starting and running a small business. Counselling sessions are free, require preregistration via the online calendar and held every third Saturday from 10am-1pm.

I would be remiss not to mention these programs and events are funded and supported by Friends of the Edmonds Library. Thank you for all your hard work to make the library the vibrant and what Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, David McCullough, called "the best institution in our society." Enjoy the spring!



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