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Newsletter

EdmondsLibraryFriends.org

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Monthly membership programs are back!

Our first program of the year started out 2018 right with a presentation from local author and FEL member Judith Works. Judith shared with the Friends a wonderful discovery she made during her past volunteer work sorting book donations: a woman's reading list complete with personal notes and clippings dating 1889–1943. It was fascinating to read entries on classics we all know, as well as books that didn't stand the test of time. Through Judith's investigations and the author's own often entertaining words, we learned about an interesting character who left her mark through her love of reading and meticulous record-keeping. See back page for upcoming speakers.



The Ongoing Book Sale Valentines display items didn't last long...

Calendars and Magazines a Big Hit

Recently the Ongoing Book Sale team sold 100+ calendars! Thank you for all your donations. Selling them was a treat.

If you happen to have extra, current magazines, please keep in mind that we accept them and usually will sell them quickly.

Ongoing Book Sale income:

- ◆ November: \$1,345
- ◆ December: \$1,495
- ◆ January: \$1,588

Vote YES for Sno-Isle Libraries!

As mentioned at our last meeting, Sno-Isle Libraries will have a levy lid lift measure on this April's ballot. For more information you can visit sno-isle.org/levy. We hope you will vote YES and also speak about this important issue with your friends, family, and colleagues. More info here: yesforlibraries.com

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Managing Librarian's report

Welcome to 2018--a new year brings fresh starts and resolutions! For the library, we start the year focused on increasing kindergarten readiness, building civic engagement to address community issues and supporting our local entrepreneurs and small business.

In practical terms, you will see that manifested in our story times and children's programs helping children build their language and literacy skills. A longstanding and successful "Reading with Rover" is on the second Saturday every month. Children read aloud to their canine listener strengthening reading skills and improving reading confidence.

Thanks to Lisa Castrogiovanni, our adult/teen librarian, for setting up our local forum dealing with mental health. Edmonds Library will be hosting an Issues That Matter forum on teen depression and suicide on Tuesday, April 17 at 630pm. The panelist include Robin Fenn, Superintendent of Verdant Health Commission, Shira Hasson-Schiff, Director of Prevention Services at Cocoon House and Jo Anna Rockwood, School Psychologist and Behavioral Specialist for the Edmonds School District. This is a difficult, sobering and necessary discussion considering a recent Snohomish Health District survey found that "1 in 5" 12th graders have seriously considered suicide and "2 in 5" are severely depressed: http://www.snohd.org/Portals/0/Snohd/Reports/Depression_and_Suicide_HYS_2016_FINAL.pdf

Our host will be Yazmin Mehdi, Outreach Coordinator for Congresswoman's Jayapal's office.

We continue to support our local entrepreneurs and small business owners in ways that respond practically to their needs. The Library has expanded the very popular SCORE program from every second Saturday from 10a to 1pm to include every first Thursday of the month from 4p-7p. SCORE helps these new and small business owners receive one on one business advice from business experts who give advice about starting, running and growing a small business.

Lastly, please share with your friends and neighbors that the Sno-Isle Libraries' Board of Trustees voted unanimously to ask voters to consider restoring a 9 cents to the library district's regular operating levy. The 2018 levy rate is expected to be 38 cents to \$1,000 of assessed property value which would make the 2019 levy rate 47 cents if approved by voters on the April 24, 2018 ballot.

The last time the Library went to voters was in 2009 so it has been 9 years since the last "levy lid lift". If the levy passes, the library district will continue to operate its day-to-day library services. If the levy fails, there would be a need to cut \$2 million from the 2019 budget with continued budget reductions in subsequent years.

Again, my new year's resolution is to make sure the Library is responsive in your lives through our mission to be a community doorway to reading, resources and lifelong learning and a center for people, ideas and culture.

- Richard Suico

2nd Annual Gallaghers' Fundraiser!

Mark your calendars: March 25th we will hold our second fundraiser with Gallaghers' in the Harbor Square complex. A portion of the day's proceeds will be donated to FEL and we will host a great raffle. Have something to donate? Please email us! Gallaghers' is family and dog friendly.



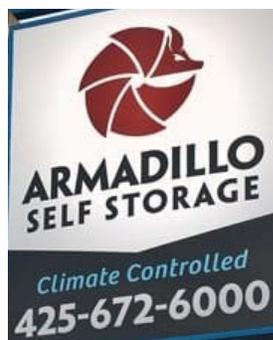
Membership Drive

Are you interested in representing the Friends at community events around Edmonds and promoting membership in our group? Please reach out to: edmondslibfriends@gmail.com!



Upcoming FEL and Library Events

- February Program: Jennifer Bardsley, February 22, 1:30pm
- Jamie Ford: March 9, 6:30pm
- March Program: Sheryl Speight, Courthouse Dogs Foundation, March 25, 6:30pm
- April Program: Scriber Lake High School student authors, April 26, 1:30pm
- May Program: Edmonds Community College International Students, May 24, 6:30pm
- June Program: FEL Scholarship Award, June 28, 6:30pm



Book Storage

With the demolition of Civic Stadium this winter FEL lost its long-term storage for sorting and storage of books for the Annual Sale. Fortunately, thanks to two local businesses, we've been able to find a long-term solution.

Following the Annual Sale last October we moved our book sorting and storage items into Armadillo Self Storage. They provided us with one free unit and a significantly-discounted second unit.

This week we will be relocating a few miles down the road to West Coast Self-Storage Shoreline. They are donating two units to FEL to ensure that we are able to put on our Annual Sale. If you are looking for your own personal storage and mention FEL to West Coast, you can get a sizable discount as well.

Thank you to both businesses for your support of our activities!



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