

# July, 2018

## Newsletter

EdmondsLibraryFriends.org

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The second annual May the 4th Star Wars event was a hit with all ages! Thank you to library staff for a great job

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- Sno-Isle levy approval to provide funding for next 7-10 years
- New Ongoing Sale record: \$1,929.50
- Privacy and your library
- April-June Membership meetings review
- Don't forget to visit the library for Explore Summer and summer reading programming for kids of all ages!

### FEL volunteer opportunities currently available!

FEL currently is seeking a few members to serve on short-term committees that help us determine the coming year's direction and priorities. We have spots open on the Nominating Committee and the Budget Committee. If you're interested, please email us for more information: [edmondslibfriends@gmail.com](mailto:edmondslibfriends@gmail.com)

The FEL Annual Book Sale is coming up this October 26th and 27th. An early volunteer signup sheet was passed around at June's membership meeting but if you missed it please email us if you're interested in such activities as cashier, book tally, room set up / tear down or general help. Thank you!



The cookbook sale was a big hit in May-June.

### Ongoing Book Sale income:

- ♦ April: \$1,847.50
- ♦ May: \$1,760
- ♦ June: \$1,929.50 (new record!)

## Ongoing Book Sale update!

With the help of the 20 volunteers and all the donations we have been receiving, we have been able to make record amounts of money in Ongoing. The displays have helped to attract more people and then explore what else we have to offer.

Our next display will be "Planes, Trains and Automobiles." Future displays will be "Birds," "Local Authors," and "Pets." We like to have something fun for everyone!

-Judy Forgey, Ongoing Book Sale Chair

## Edmonds approves Sno-Isle levy with 57% support, passes both counties with 50.46% tally

Edmonds voters cast 11% of the election's ballots (the most from any one city!) and were a significant supporter in ensuring passage across Snohomish and Island counties. Thank you for all your work writing letters to local media groups and engaging citizens in our communities.

"We know that voting for property taxes is a difficult decision for voters," Sno-Isle Libraries Executive Director Jonalyn Woolf-Ivory said. "While the library district has a long history of public-funds stewardship, the slim margin of passage is a reminder that we must show voters the value they are receiving from their tax dollars every day."

Woolf-Ivory noted that in addition to waiting nine years between levy-adjustment requests, the library district has received 31 straight years of clean audits from the state Auditor's Office.

"Now that the levy is approved, we will continue with that same thoughtful approach to our stewardship of public funds," Woolf-Ivory said. "We hear the message from those who supported the measure and we are just as mindful of the feelings and concerns of those who voted 'No.' Our goal is to continue to serve everyone."

Read more from Sno-Isle here: [Counties certify passage of library levy](#)



# Personal information privacy at your local libraries

In light of the Cambridge Analytica scandal where tens of millions of Facebook users' data was allegedly misused to influence elections throughout the world, the reaction and impact has been felt beyond Facebook and social media.

Governments, companies and organizations have updated or reassured people that their data and privacy is protected. You have probably received numerous emails or letters from businesses on updates to service agreements or reminders about how your privacy is protected and how your data is being used or shared.

What has the effect been on the library? Libraries have an obligation consistent with the constitution of the United States, state law as well as Library Bill of Rights and a professional code of conduct that have been safeguarding people's privacy long before social media or the internet. Sno-Isle Libraries has been well served by our library privacy statement which was revised most recently in 2016 and updated a few times since it was adopted by the Sno-Isle Libraries Board of Trustees in 1994.

Those privacy safeguards manifest in libraries in two ways. First is a library user's right to ask questions without that question examined or scrutinized by others. Second is the concept of confidentiality when the library gains your personally identifiable information and ensures records created from that information remains private and only used in the course of library business. Traditionally, confidential records have included circulation records, registration records, reference interviews, materials request lists, financial information or computer booking records.

With the emergence of social media and the digital transition to virtual, proprietary information like ebooks and databases, librarians must work with consumer expectations that deliver technology and online experiences library users find elsewhere. That means a balance between privacy and customizable, personalized experiences. A relevant example is the Bibliocommons catalog that functions as a typical catalog to find material but has the industry standard to track holds and renewals with the added social media characteristic of sharing and seeing other people's comments and reviews. Privacy is maintained by one's ability to opt out of those services by simply not using the social sharing aspects of the catalog or using parts of it that maintain your anonymity with the tradeoff of less than optimal functionality.

In addition, Sno-Isle Libraries have to work with third party vendors to provide an increasing number of online material like Ebsco, Beanstack, Overdrive, Hoopla, Freegal and Zinio who are vetted and selected based on their ability to provide material and enhance the customer library experience while adhering to our commitment to the privacy of users through signed contracts and license.

Tried and tested concepts of privacy and confidentiality central to the library's value to uphold each person's right to free and equal access to information and ideas will be a bulwark from any impact from the recent Facebook scandal and I'm confident that it will help guide us and inform you in the next privacy scandal du jour.

Richard Suico, MLIS

Managing Librarian, Edmonds Library

For more information, you can visit the Privacy section on the Sno-Isle Libraries website:

[About Sno-Isle Libraries : Privacy](#)



# Membership Programs

## April Membership Meeting

Scriber Lake High School students from Marjie Bowker's program once again shared their moving stories and talked about the writing process they go through. The Edmonds School District even covered the event! For more information on their work, please visit: [Steep Stairs Press](#).



## May Membership Meeting

We continued with student presentations as Edmonds Community College international students from Saudi Arabia, China and Thailand shared information about their countries and impressions from studying in the United States. There currently are 1,512 international students from 62 different countries studying at EdCC!



## June Membership Meeting

Filling in for the scholarship program, FEL President Luke Distelhorst shared a slideshow and talk about his five years living and working in Mongolia. Thank you to VP Membership Karen Kipper for bringing drinks, snacks and two cakes!

Membership meetings will resume in September with Mary Kay Sneeringer from the Edmonds Bookshop, September 27, 6:30pm.



## Upcoming FEL and Library Events

- Trivia night, Salish Sea Brewing, August 20 (more details coming)
- September Program: Mary Kay Sneeringer, Edmonds Bookshop, September 27, 6:30pm
- October Program: To be confirmed, October 25, 6:30pm
- Annual Book Sale, October 26 (members), 27 (public)
- FEL Annual Meeting, November 15, 1:30pm



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