

New Expanded Library's Successes Create Challenges

Stop and look around the next time you walk into the Stayton Public Library. The library is a beehive of activity. Adult and youth computer areas are full. Patrons wait in line to check out books. The meeting room is filled with people attending a music program, an

art exhibit, a class or a community event. Dedicated volunteers are hard at work. Each activity confirms the story: patrons value and heavily use our library. This year, circulation will top 160,000, up from 109,000 in 2007. In 2011, the doors will open over 150,000 times to admit visitors.

In 2004, when the Foundation proposed to build the library addition, the Mayor and city leaders expressed concern about the increased costs of an expanded library. This is an on-going concern and challenge. The Board of Directors of the Stayton Public Library Foundation plan to continue to be a part of the financial solution. Since 2008 SPLF has given the City an annual unrestricted gift for library operations. On February 21, a check



(left to right) Louise Meyers, Library Director; Dave Karr, Foundation Board President; Stephanie Jorgensen, Board Member; and Scott Vigil, Mayor.

for \$25,000 was presented to Mayor Scott Vigil and Library Director Louise Meyers. It is an important part of the library's \$425,000 annual budget. In order to continue such support, the Foundation needs to expand the

existing Endowment Fund.

The Crown Jewel Society was formed last September, to raise funds to support library operations and special programs. To date, 77 individuals and businesses have joined. Our goal is to raise \$75,000 and have 211 Crown Jewel Society members by December 31, 2011. If successful, the Stayton Public Library Foundation can continue to provide on-going financial support for the Stayton Public Library. We encourage you to join today and help us make a great community library even better, so it can continue to be Stayton's "Crown Jewel". For more information please go to our website at <http://www.staytonlibraryfoundation.org/> or call 503-769-3313.

Why does the Stayton Public Library Foundation want to continue to support on-going library operations?

1. Library usage has exploded since the 2007 building expansion.
2. The Library serves Stayton residents and those who live in the surrounding rural areas of Linn and Marion Counties.
3. As budgets get tighter, community financial support is vital.
4. Literacy is a key to economic success. Access to library materials and programs helps educate our citizens and makes our community stronger.
5. Maintaining quality library services is essential and makes the city of Stayton more attractive to residents and newcomers.
6. The Stayton Public Library is the hub and "Crown Jewel" of the community.

Crown Jewel Society Enjoys Special Events

The library hosted two very special spotlight events for patrons during the autumn. The

Stayton Public Library Foundation invited Crown Jewel Society members to meet and chat with authors preced-

ing the events. In November, Oregon's Poet Laureate, Paulann Petersen, read from her books of poetry to a rapt audience. Her poems of travels in Turkey were particularly enthusiastically received. December's literary event was a reading by novelist and former OPB and NPR reporter, Naseem Rakha, from her widely acclaimed book, *The Crying Tree*. She spoke eloquently on one of the major themes of her novel, of which Oregon's death penalty law is central, and moderated a lively discussion with the audience.

The Foundation intends to support more cultural events sponsored by the library with pre-functions for Crown Jewel Society members to meet artists, writers, and musicians.

2010-2011 Crown Jewel Society Members

Diamond Level

Carl and Patti Sampson
Stayton Friends of the Library
Eric and Robin Nichols
Ted and Diane Freres
Tyler and Deana Freres
Martie Johnson
Dave and Norma Karr
Bill and Jennifer Martinak
Robert and Kay Pendelton
The NORPAC Foundation
SCTC
The Tabor Family

Sapphire Level

Boldt, Carlisle & Smith, LLC
Helen Chamberland
Ed & Pat Jones
Edward P. Leslie

Emerald Level

Robert Schumacher
Lavern Cary
Lee and Barbara Howard
Stephanie & Damian Jorgensen, M.D.
Diana & Alan Maul
Tass Morrison and Tom Anderson
Michael and Barbara Reding
Gil and Roma Stewart
Sublimity Insurance Group
Mary Waldo
Steve and Teresa Zimmerman

Pearl Level

Elizabeth Bailey
Kay & Stephen Kiser
Stayton Mini Storage
Curtis and Fran Ward
Vincent and Terry Brand
Diane Brenner
Keith & Judith Brown
Dan & Marla Brummer
Charles and Ruth Clarkson
Vi and Ed Cotter

Pearl Level

Gisela Cowger
Nancy Grant
Glenn and Andrea Hilton
Marc & Chelo Icovino
Cathy Ingalls
Rich and Pam Kingsley
Irene Marchbanks
John & Diane McDermott
Ted and Mary Meier
Ron and Karen Mills
Dr. BC Nelson
Barbara Rice
Zoe Rose
The Foundation of Stayton Area Rotary Club

Ruby Level

Tom and Elizabeth Allman
Betty Batche
Chris & Denise Childs
Arthur and Leveta Christiansen
Jolene Crowther
Cheryl Degner
Sharon Frichtl
Helen Fritton
Judith Frohreich
George & Marjorie Gerspacher
Lyle and Susan Gibby
Hazel Glover
Colleen Graff
Lainey Jorgensen
Kellen Jorgensen
Katherine Kirsch
Carson and Colette Lord
Louise Meyers
William Moragne
Pam Pugsley
Morris & Judy Snider
Stayton Pharmacy
Lindsey Stibbard
James and Judith Templin
Monica and Baxter Weber
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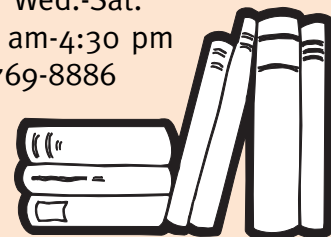
Check Out the Book Store!

Get ready for spring at the Friends of the Library Used Book Store. During the month of April all gardening, diet and exercise books are buy one, get one free.

We have also been moving books and shelving to make room for more fiction. We have added two new bookshelves to hold hard covers and large paperbacks.

The Friends of the Library Used Book Store is located at: 349 N. Third Ave.

OPEN Wed.-Sat.
11:30 am-4:30 pm
503-769-8886



Crown Jewel Society Introduced

In a mailing to our friends last September, the Crown Jewel Society was introduced. This is a sustainer club for those who love the Stayton Public Library and want to support it and its programs through the Stayton Public Library Foundation. Donors may do so with gifts of \$50, \$250 or more annually. Many people like to make monthly payments to their membership, starting at \$10 a month. In addition, we plan to provide library related programs of interest to members of the Society for their enjoyment and education.

After six months we have 77 members who have contributed just over

\$24,000. Our goal for the full year is 211 members in 2011 and \$75,000. We are encouraged by our strong beginning, and are working hard to reach our goal.

All funds raised will be used to support the Foundation and library activities. Our emphasis is on funding the Outreach Storyteller program and assisting the City to maintain basic library services.

We have a wonderful library, and we want to sustain and enhance it. We can only do as much as our donors allow, and we hope that you will join the Crown Jewel Society today and help us reach our goal.

Meet Crown Jewel Member: Stephanie Jorgensen

The Crown Jewel Society is a collection of people from our community whose common link is their love for the Stayton Public Library. Stephanie Jorgensen is very expressive about her dedication to the library and her interest in welcoming new members to the Crown Jewel Society.

Stephanie Jorgensen graduated from the University of Oregon with a B.S. in Business Administration. Professionally she managed sales teams and developed marketing events within the grocery industry. She put her career on hold to start a family with her husband Damian Jorgensen M.D. Their children Kellen (6) and Lainey (4) were both born in Wisconsin where Damian completed his medical residency training and then, in 2007, the family relocated back to Oregon. Stephanie recalls her first tour of Stayton, "I saw the beautiful windows of the Stayton Public Library, the children's library



space overlooking the stream, and a path leading to a park; I knew immediately that we would be happy here."

Shortly after arriving in Stayton, Stephanie started the "Music Monday" program at the Stayton Public Library to encourage parents to sing and dance with their toddlers. "I look silly singing and dancing in public but I know it helps direct a parent at home with new ways to connect, play, and teach their toddlers." Stephanie also volunteers at her children's school. She dedicates an hour a week in the classroom and four

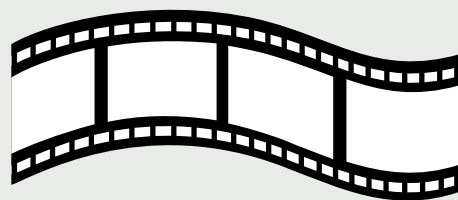


Adult's Night Out: Foreign Film Series

Coming this summer at the Stayton Library!

Starting June 24th at 7pm on Fridays.

For details please contact Stephanie Rubel at (503) 769-3313



hours a week on fundraising. Stephanie joined the Board of Directors for the Stayton Public Library Foundation in September 2010. "The Foundation is the fundraising component for our library. I am passionate to support programs like the Outreach Storyteller program and the Children's Story time along with the summer reading program because they are essential tools for literacy. We have an amazing library staff and I want to continue fundraising to support our librarians and the programs they teach."

Stephanie's personal triumph for the year has been the completion of the Disney Princess Half-Marathon. She spent most of the year training for the 13.1 mile run and loved celebrating her achievement with her children.

Stephanie and Damian Jorgensen are members of the Crown Jewel Society. Kellen and Lainey are both Ruby Members of the Crown Jewel society. Stephanie says, "The Crown Jewel Society is for EVERYONE who enjoys the library."

Stayton Library Receives Outstanding Library Award

The Stayton Library received an Outstanding Library Award from the Oregon State Library for the Ready to Read Grant Summer Reading Program. Katie Anderson, Oregon State Library Youth Services Coordinator, presented the award to library staff at a recent city council

meeting. "This award", states Louise Meyers, Library Director, "is an honor for our entire staff, especially Casle Portner, the Children's Library Assistant who organized such an exciting and fun summer reading program. Everyone at the library was involved, both staff and volunteers. Crystal Neal, the Outreach Storyteller, funded by the Stayton Public Library Foundation, took the program to the preschools. We partnered with local community groups and schools, and got funding from the Friends of the Library as well. We are especially grateful for the families of Stayton, who recognize the value of reading for fun in the summer to keep up reading skills, who brought their



(left to right) Louise Meyers, Library Director; Mayor Scott Vigil; Katie Anderson from the State Library; Casle Portner, Children's Library Assistant; and Heydi Smith, Library Aide.

Pigeon Wants a Party!

Saturday, May 14th

Sign-up begins April 14th

Pigeon is inviting friends (age 8 and under) for a stuffed animal sleep-over. Bring your favorite stuffed animal or doll for a sleepover at the library. After a lively evening of stories, music and fun, tuck the animals in and say goodnight. Pick your stuffed animals up the next day and see what kind of mischief they find at night in the library.

PARTY?
PLEASE?



(left to right) back row: Kris O'Donnell, Patti Sampson, Casle Portner, Heydi Smith, Stephanie Jorgensen; front row: Louise Meyers and Katie Anderson.

children to events, and signed them up in record numbers to keep track of their reading. Thank you and we promise this summer will be even better!"



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