

Reading for All Literacy Awards

Some people go to work, do what they have to and let it go at that. Others go above and beyond, bringing a passion to their work that makes a huge difference to those around them. One such group, the Stayton Public Library children's team, Casle Portner, Heydi Smith, and Crystal Neal have been recognized for their efforts with the children we serve. Marion County's Commission on Children and Families "Reading for All" project recently honored them with the 1st annual Literacy Award. They were nominated due to the extra effort they put into making reading a focus among the children of our community.

Casle Portner, who has many years of experience in libraries has been instrumental in making the summer reading program one of the best in the county. She is skilled in matching children and their reading interests, with an extensive knowledge of children's literature. She makes it a point to get to know every child that comes to the library by name and they know her name also.

Heydi Smith has taken on the task of bringing our local teens into the library and created a Teen summer program that has become wildly successful. She has created a teen space

in the library that is welcoming and fun, and has worked on building a collection of books, graphic novels and movies that have wide appeal. Teens flock to the library to play Minute to Win It, for game night, for movie night, water fights and yes, to read.

Crystal Neal, the Outreach Storyteller takes the library outside our four walls, and brings it to the local preschools, daycares, and kindergartens. Her enthusiasm and the joy she brings is infectious. She presents story times, creates a newsletter for the parents, shares reading tips with the teachers and families, and the kids adore seeing her when they come into the library. Her position is funded by the Stayton Public Library Foundation, and is now in the third year.

All of these

dedicated and creative people have made our children's department one that is being noticed all over the area, and with the contributions made by the rest of the staff, who help with all the other, more mundane and less exciting activities that go into a successful library operation, we are able to make a huge difference in our community.

The awards were presented at a recent Salem-Keizer Volcanoes game at Reading for All night. The winners of the 2011 Literacy Awards were recognized and the spotlight shone on youth, adults and businesses/organizations who have made a difference in literacy in Marion County.



(left to right) Casle Portner, Crystal Neal and Heydi Smith.

Growing the Crown Jewel Society

The first ten months of the Crown Jewel Society have been an incredible success! Through June 30th, our donors gave a total of \$29,895, by making individual gift amounts ranging from \$50 to a \$5,000 gift from the Friends of the Library.

The Crown Jewel Society is a sustainer club, so we encourage each of

you who have joined during this past year to renew your gift at or near the anniversary date of your first gift. In addition, we encourage those of you who have not joined to do so. As of August 2011 we have 100 members, our goal for 2011 is to increase our membership to 211, so we have a ways to go. If every Crown Jewel Member recruited 1 new person or

business to join, we would be very close to reaching our goal before New Year's Day! We believe that this foundation is making a significant impact on this community and to our library. We encourage you to be a part of this effort. Please feel free to give your remit envelope and newsletter to someone you think might like to join the Crown Jewel Society. This will help support a true anchor for our community, its Library!

2010-2011 Crown Jewel Society Members

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“I Love the Library”

At the end of one of the shelves in the Stayton Public Library is a carved wood book spine, it reads, “I love the library.” –Isaac Jaeger.”

The plaque commemorates Isaac’s donation to the library addition building fund. A month ago, 13 year old Isaac again let the library know he loved it by “paying forward” a \$250 gift to the Crown Jewel Society of the Library Foundation, making him the youngest member at that level.

The youngest of six children (by 7 years), Isaac learned to bring along a book to keep himself entertained at the events for his older brothers and sisters. He likes to read in the evening, mostly fantasy, but is open to most everything. To buy each of the books he reads might cost a small fortune, so he has learned to check out the library

collection. If his book isn’t in Stayton, he will order it through the Regional Library system.

Isaac’s family moved to Stayton when he was just 9 months old. His father, Mike, is Manager at the Stayton Branch of the West Coast Bank. His mother, Katie, does substitute teaching at St. Mary’s, Regis and Lourdes. Each member of the family has spent time in the library and they believe that donating to a cause you care about is just something we all should do.

When he is not reading, Isaac likes to hang out with friends from his neighborhood, or ride bikes around town. He participates in Cross Country, Basketball and Boy Scouts. He is a frequent visitor at the Friends of the Library Used Book Store on

Third Street and looks forward to the Friends’ twice annual book sales. Where else could he find specialty books for a school report or fill a grocery sack of interesting new books for such reasonable prices?

We are happy to welcome Isaac to the Crown Jewel Society and to honor his support for our local library.

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Meet Crown Jewel Member: Dr. Marlee Hoffman

The Crown Jewel Society is a collection of people from our community whose common link is their love for the Stayton Public Library. Marlee Hoffman Ph. D is our newest member at the Diamond Level.

Marlee relocated to Stayton with her husband and three children JP (11), Tommy (9), and Mark (6). Marlee’s husband John Hoffman M.D. was recruited to Santiam Memorial Hospital as the Director of Radiology. Marlee’s first days in Stayton included preparing a home for her family, enrolling her children in their new school, and immediately joining the Crown Jewel Society and the Stayton Public Library Foundation. Marlee said she joined the Crown Jewel Society immediately

because “reading is the foundation for a lifetime of knowledge and fosters a positive and creative imagination for our children.”

Prior to relocating to Stayton, Marlee was the Interim Clinical Director for PreHab of Arizona and was adjunct faculty at Grand Canyon University. She used that work experience and opened Arizona Radiology and Open MRI which ultimately resulted in merging with a larger group. She continues her work in Arizona as one of the founders/owners of GreenNuture.com, HigherEdGrowth.com, and Mobileleads.com.

When Marlee isn’t working on fundraising projects for the library



you can find her riding. Marlee is nationally ranked by the United States Equestrian Federation and has won numerous State, Zone, and National titles dating back to 1990. Other interests include cooking, enjoying the outdoors, spending quality time with family and friends, and of course reading anything she can get her hands on.

Summer Spotlight Events for Crown Jewel Society Members

Crown Jewel Society (CJS) members enjoyed two spotlight events this summer (last summer) in conjunction with the Library's adult summer reading program. A feature of the program was an international film series on Friday nights, developed by Librarian Stephanie Rubel. On the first Friday in July and August CJS members were invited to a reception prior to the film, served special refreshments and heard a brief discus-

sion about each film. In July, Ms. Rubel discussed *Coco Before Chanel*, a French film; in August she discussed *The Secrets in Their Eyes*, a film from Argentina.

CJS members will continue to be invited to spotlight events in conjunction with literary events held at the Library throughout the year. Please let us know if you have an idea or suggestion for these events for CJS members.

The SPLF especially appreciates the opportunity to team with Director Louise Meyers, and the Library staff to provide special events for CJS members.

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Upcoming Programs and Events

September 7-15

Art exhibit by Judy Wong: A display of portraits and drawings

September 26 -30

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Drawing class by Judy Wong, \$50 includes all supplies. Registration required.

October 26, 2011 to December 16, 2011

Lincoln, the Constitution and the Civil War exhibit: Stayton Public Library was one of 200 sites in the

nation and one of 4 in Oregon to receive the exhibit. There will be several events during the time the display is here to highlight the exhibit. Please check www.stayton.plinkit.org for the most update information. Lincoln: the Constitution and the Civil War, a traveling exhibition for libraries, was organized by the National Constitution Center and the American Library Association Public Programs Office. The traveling exhibition has been made possible by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Lincoln: the Constitution and the Civil War is based on an exhibition of the same name developed by the National Constitution Center.



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