

# Summer reading even though school's out

Summer has officially arrived in Cottage Grove, and last week brought kick-off celebrations for programs meant to ensure that local youth are getting their reading in during the summer break:

## Library kick-off draws a crowd

Officials with the Cottage Grove Library reported that 185 children and 130 adults attended the Library's Summer Reading Program kick-off on Wednesday, June 17, where

203 children signed up to participate in summer reading activities. Another 30 signed up the next day. Each student received a free book donated by the Friends of the Library and ice cream donated by Umpqua Bank. They also had the opportunity to meet representatives of the National Guard, Cottage Grove Police and South Lane County Fire and Rescue.

Summer Reading Program activities are planned every Wednesday from 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the Library, and on Wednesday, June 24, Lane County Search and Rescue will attend

the event. Other events include Reading with Rover, which offers a chance for kids to read to a canine listener on July 14 and Aug. 11 at 6:30 p.m. The Library also offers Preschool Story Time every Friday morning at 10:30 a.m.

The Summer Reading Program offers kids the chance to track the time they spend reading (or being read to), and a raffle ticket for prizes to be distributed at the program's wrap party on Aug. 19 is earned for every 10 hours of reading.

The Library also wants to issue a reminder that families outside the Cottage Grove city limits are eligible for a free three-month library card courtesy of Friends of the Library, Rotary Club of Cottage Grove and the City of Cottage Grove.



photo by Bruce Kelsh  
Micah Hanke and his mother, Jennifer, pick out a free book at the Library's Summer Reading Kick-off.

## Bohemia's the 'spot' for United Way program

A free book is offered every Tuesday through Thursday

On Tuesday, June 16, volunteers with United Way met up with area youth at Bohemia Elementary for the kick-off party of the Summer Reading Spot, which offers an hour of reading and the chance to take home a free book every day. The program's organizer, Chandler Duff, said the Summer Reading Spot will be held Tuesdays through Thursdays from 12:30-1:30 p.m., a time that occurs immediately after the free summer lunch offered at Bohemia by Food for Lane County. Duff said the reading spot is in need of volunteers throughout the summer who wish to read to kids, and those interested in volunteering are asked to contact Duff at [cduff@unitedwaylane.org](mailto:cduff@unitedwaylane.org) or at 541-741-6000 ext. 133.



photo by Jon Stinnett  
United Way's Ryan O'Connor Wolik speaks with Kaeleigh Cavaner at the kick-off party for the Summer Reading Spot at Bohemia Elementary. Cavaner's mom, Jamie, said she brought three children to the event and each had a great time.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### Block party

Grove Community Church announces that a free summer block party and showing of the movie "Big Hero 6" will take place on Saturday, June 27 at the church, located at 77820 Mosby Creek Road.

The event begins at 5 p.m. with a barbecue, games and prizes. The movie begins at 7 p.m. All are welcome. Questions can be directed to 541-942-0123.

### Fret Boys

Popular Cottage Grove-area classic rock band The Fret Boys will play Saginaw Vineyard on Friday, June 26 from 6-9 p.m. The show is for those age 21

and over, and there is no cover charge.

### Weeding the garden

On Wednesdays from now until school starts, volunteers will be weeding the Harrison School Garden from 10 a.m.-11 a.m., and help is always welcome.

### Library presentation

Friends of the Cottage Grove Library will offer a presentation of books written by soldiers and reporters about the Iraq and Afghanistan wars on Monday,

June 29 at 11 a.m. at the Library. Veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars are invited to attend as honored guests. Representing the City of Cottage Grove at the book presentation will be Mayor Tom Munroe, Commander Jeff Gowing of the American Legion and Post Commander Kenn Hunt of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

### New video series teaches trout angling

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has introduced a new video series titled "How to fish for trout in Oregon" to help

newcomers learn how to fish.

The 14-part series, sponsored by ODFW and starring professional guide Cody Herman of Day One Outdoors, takes the beginning angler from picking out the proper gear at the local sporting goods store, to cleaning and cooking their catch. In between, anglers can learn proven techniques for attaching tackle and bait, casting, and what to do when a fish bites.

The new video series is part of ODFW's on-going efforts to introduce newcomers and others to the fun of fishing.

Links to the video series, and other resources about how and where to fish in Oregon, can be found on the Learn to Fish page of the ODFW website.

### Meet the DJ/Program Host



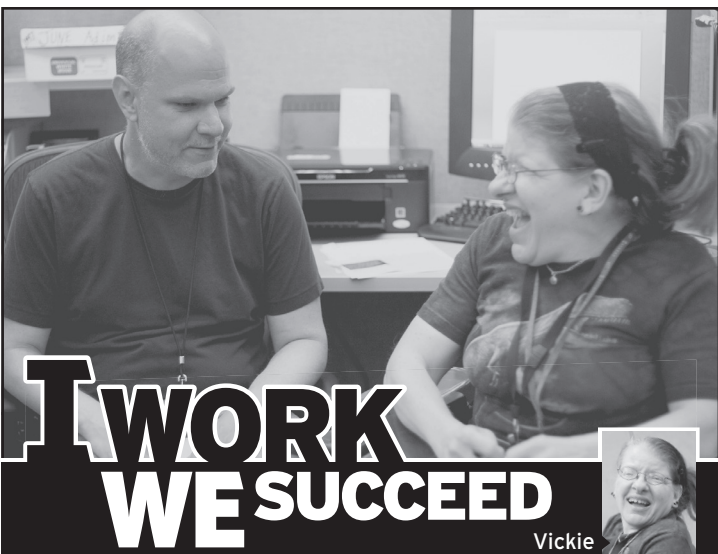
#### LLOYD WILLIAMS

I was born in Eugene and grew up in Cottage Grove, graduating from CGHS in 1968 -- go Lions! I studied radio at Lane Community College in the 1970s, graduating with a degree in both radio broadcasting and television design. I subsequently moved my studies to the University of Oregon, graduating with a B.S. in Communications. I worked my way through school, first in the plywood plant at the Cottage Grove Weyerhaeuser mill, and later while working in radio. I took classes as I could afford them. It was a slow

process. I graduated from the UO at the ripe old age of 39. While working at the mill, I had the good fortune to meet Don Work who had a popular Saturday Oldies request show on KNND. He asked me to help him pull records for his show. That experience hooked me on radio and I changed my LCC major from Business to Radio Broadcasting and began interning at KNND in late-1971. In six months, I joined the KNND team as a full-time employee working 36 hours a week on the air and other assignments (that's code for cleaning the bathroom and hauling out trash!). I eventually worked in all capacities: air talent, production, music director, program director. By 1973, I was also working at KEED in Eugene on the weekends. I don't recall having a day off from radio for a couple of years. I left KNND in 1976 and worked my way into a full-time position at Keed where I had a terrific run on the air and as music director. While I was still at KNND, I assisted Keed in developing a new record library when they changed their music format from Top-40 to Country. In return, KNND received all their old Top-40 record library! Old-timers will remember "K-double-E-D"! What a great radio station. Much of what I learned at Keed helped me as the KNND music director, program director, and mid-day air talent. And I was ecstatic to be able to add all the Keed oldies from the 1950s and '60s to our increasingly popular music rotation! It is that music that I play exclusively today: the music of the '50s and '60s, "the greatest musical era", right here on KNND on Mondays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. I hope you'll join me.



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