

# Librarian

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mid-20s, when she packed her belongings into a Volkswagen Rabbit and drove across the country from her hometown of Bloomington, Ind., to Fort Klamath, a tiny town near Crater Lake.

She drove west, armed with a copy of "The Mists of Avalon" on cassette tape and a plan help care for her fiancé's ailing relative for a year.

"In Kansas, my car wouldn't stay in fourth gear anymore, so I tied the passenger-side seatbelt around the gearshift," she recalled, shaking her head.

That trip wasn't Davis' first adventure either.

Growing up with two sisters and a brother, she sought learning and new experiences from early childhood. Although neither of her parents went college, she and her siblings absorbed much of the vibrant artistic culture Indiana University brought to their hometown.

After high school, Davis enrolled in the university, moved onto campus and reveled in her role as "ambassador" for her home state, taking friends on trips outside the city limits. She and her husband still love the outdoors, regularly taking camping trips in their Volkswagen Eurovan.

A voracious reader who consumed everything from classic literature to experimental works by authors such as Anthony Burgess, Albert Camus and Ken Kesey, Davis focused her attention on the arts, graduating college with a bachelor's degree in studio art.

A trip to Budapest in 1987, before the fall of communism in Eastern Europe, captured her interest.

So, when the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, she secured grant money to travel to Europe and photograph the great old cities of Iron Curtain countries as they opened to the West.

Five years later, in 1995, she was taking a leap again, driving cross-country to try life in Oregon.

In 1996, she landed her first job with Klamath County Library, operating the Story Van, where she visited 60 daycare centers, many of them in-home, to provide free story times for kids. The library's service area is 6,000 square miles, it has 12 branches, and it currently has 56 employees.

Davis moved on to operate the Klamath County's "honor shelves," free exchanges in small communities and then to manage branch staff. She promoted to adult and reference services, became supervising librarian and then a deputy director.

She landed the library's directorship the same year she earned her master's degree in library science.

As director, she spearheaded a remodel of Klamath's South Suburban Branch and added windows to the main library's second floor. She made sure each branch received attention each year, carefully saving and waiting for the right time to do projects to avoid debt, Johnston said.

Someone with mature fiscal planning skills was important to the five board members who hired Davis.

Library funding was in trouble when Marlys (Swalboski) started," said Board President Wayne Suggs.

"Through careful planning and budgeting of funds over the years, she, in working with board members, strengthened library funding and has put us in an enviable position among other Oregon libraries."

Last year, the board selected Davis from among 25 applicants – five of whom interviewed in person – largely because of her experience and tenure in Klamath Falls.

They were also impressed by her unique knowledge of Oregon law and practice, Suggs said.

Now Davis is in "listen and observe mode," she said, absorbing the details of Silver Falls' operations. She's delighted the library has its own special taxing district, governed by board members with specific interest in library services. In Klamath County, commissioners were responsible for overseeing library

services in addition to other county business.

She's also pleased with the way Chemeketa Cooperative Regional Library Service connects and enriches libraries in Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties.

With a \$1.2 million annual budget, Silver Falls Library runs with a staff of 16 employees and a cadre of volunteers.

In 2017, 20 steady volunteers contributed 915 hours of labor to library services, according to the State Library of Oregon.

Now Davis said she's mulling how best to increase library programming and visibility while continuing to offer great service to dedicated patrons. The tools she needs to get the job done – a sound budget, trained staff and functional facility – are all in place.

That's a fact she remembers nearly every time she sits down at her desk. There in the corner, by her coffee maker is a stick, a piece of wood probably left over from construction. Covered in penciled measurements, it was used properly shelf books.

A phone call by Davis to the retired director revealed why it's still in the office.

Swalboski used it to give the overhead light a good thump whenever it started rattling, and, like so many other things, she was good enough to leave it behind for her successor.

# Church

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"We consider any exposure to the dry chemical ingredients as hazardous to our health -- and it tastes nasty," Grambusch said.

The church contracted Summit Cleaning and Restoration, whose workers were wearing protective air masks Wednesday as they labored inside and out at the church. By midday, they had piled up a mound of church carpeting outside, one piece of the process in restoring the building back to a healthy environment.

Damages to the building are estimated to be more than \$50,000, according to Jonathan Russell, assistant to the president for multimedia communications for the Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

"It's not good," Church Pastor Jose

Galvez said.

The pastor said church staff and some parishioners discovered the mess when they came into work Feb. 10. It looked like a disaster area.

Galvez pointed to a window on the backside of the building that had been broken out, presumably to gain entry. In addition to the hazardous fire extinguisher chemicals, he said the vandals left graffiti, including lewd and anti-Christian messages and a swastika.

"We're saddened that this would happen in the Silverton community," said Dan Linrud, Oregon Conference president.

"Yet we are thankful that the damage wasn't worse. I'm amazed at how God can use these difficult circumstances to bring people closer together.

"We look forward, as part of the Silverton community, to forging positive relationships that are beneficial to all who live in and love this community."

Galvez, who also serves as the pastor

of Stayton Seventh-day Adventist Church, said his parishioners have had to go elsewhere to worship while work at the church takes place. There is no clear estimate on when it will be finished.

Russell said the Silverton church currently has an attendance of around 70 people each weekend.

"Some (Silverton church members) have gone to Stayton, and some have gone to other churches in the area," Galvez said.

Randy Blom, a church deacon and security officer agreed.

"I feel a special bond because my parents and our relatives helped build the church. I've been going here since 1960s," Blom said. "It's sad that people would come to my church to destroy it.

"But I've always believed: The church isn't bricks and mortar," he added. "The church is the people. So we've been kind of disbanded. I've been going to church every Sabbath for years. Seeing those people has been a constant for me. It's

hard not to see them each week right now.

"I hope this will make our church family stronger as we get back together."

Galvez said churches in east Salem, Keizer and other mid valley communities have reached out.

"All the other churches have been very supportive, which is good because we are a sisterhood," he said, but stressed that the Silverton members want to be whole again soon."

"We are hoping that we can rent a church somewhere," he said. "Because this (clean up) could be four weeks, six weeks or eight weeks (from completion). We just don't know how long the work will take.

"This is where our church is, and it would be good to have our group back together."

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# Series

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internationally about how to survive trauma.

Much of her work has been with communities after catastrophes such as mass shootings and fatal storms, but she's also spoken to groups as diverse as zookeepers, schoolteachers, pilots and small-practice doctors, according to her website.

She wrote her book and founded the Trauma Stewardship Institute after she herself suffered from what she witnessed while working in a homeless shelter, as a community organizer, and with the survivors of child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault and natural disasters.

Ten years into her career, van Der-noot Lipski said she experienced, "what can best be described as a near-psychotic break," which she realized was a result of "witnessing and being intimately involved with trauma while lacking insight into how to sustain (myself) amidst such conditions."

Out of that realization grew her research into and theories about how to keep trauma from leading to, among other things, exhaustion, depleted mo-

rale, addiction, cynicism, anger, guilt and fear.

She told audiences at a TEDx Talk in 2015, "We remind ourselves, with everything that is out of our control every single day, one of the things that remains in our control at any given time is your ability to bring your exquisite quality of presence to what you are doing and who you are being."

A Keizer Police Department school resource officer (SRO) is the second speaker, set to talk on **Wednesday, Feb. 28**, at 6:30 p.m. at Silverton Community Center.

Sponsored by Silverton Together, his talk is titled, "Youth and Technology: Are Our Children at Risk?" It will show parents some of the ways children and teens are using social media, teach how to better monitor and protect the tech-savvy child, and explain parents' legal rights.

Silver Falls' own Jennifer Hannan, director of teaching and learning, will give the third lecture – on anxiety in school-aged children – on **Thursday, March 8**, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in the high school auditorium. A mother of four children and educator with a master's degree in counseling, Hannan worked as a school counselor, behavior specialist and principal before taking her current administrative job. Her perspective

on student anxiety comes from her practical experiences, she said.

Studies show that somewhere between 25 and 38 percent of school-aged children nationwide have anxiety disorders, Hannan said.

She'll talk about the categories of anxiety, what's happening physiologically when someone's experiencing an anxiety cycle, and how to know when normal anxiety rises to a level needing intervention.

"Everyone has anxiety," she said. "But how do you know when you're on this level that's abnormal, that you're looking at an anxiety disorder?"

Kristilyn Woolner, Willamette ESD suicide prevention consultant, will be the fourth and final presenter. The date and time of her talk will be announced later, district staff said.

Woolner trains staff members at schools throughout Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties. Earlier this year, she was in Silverton, training staff in the QPR – Question, Persuade, Respond – approach to suicide prevention.

At her upcoming public talk, she'll teach those same techniques in a one-to-two-hour session.

"QPR is a best-practice model, research and evidence-based," Woolner said. "It teaches basic awareness ... how to recognize the signs that someone's

## Books on anxiety

Recommended by presenter Jennifer Hannan

**For children:**

"From Worrier to Warrior: A Guide to Conquering Your Fears"

"What to do when you Worry Too Much: A Kid's Guide to Overcoming Anxiety"

**For teens:**

"My Anxious Mind: A Teen's Guide to Managing Anxiety and Panic"

**For Parents:**

"Growing Up Brave: Expert Strategies for Helping Your Child Overcome Fear, Stress, and Anxiety"

considering suicide, how to ask questions, and what to do."

Those interested in more information about Silverton's four lectures can call the district office at 503-873-5303 or log on to <http://silverfalls-schools.org/2018/02/20/upcoming-parent-children-support-program/>.

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