

On the Shelves: What's Happening at the Vernonia Library

By Jennifer Moloney

One request that we hear repeatedly is for the ability to obtain materials from other libraries. I am happy to say that the Vernonia Public Library will be participating in a pilot program beginning January 1st that may help satisfy this request.

New Program to Extend Library Access Statewide

Beginning in January, a new Oregon Library Passport Program will allow card-holders from participating libraries to register and use other participating libraries across the state. The Oregon Library Association is excited to launch this voluntary program that expands Oregonians'

access to library materials, something that has been a goal of the professional organization for many years.

"The Oregon Library Passport Program recognizes that library service ought to mirror the way Oregonians live, work, shop, and play, and reduce barriers to library service," says Michele Burke, President of the Oregon Library Association. The underlying premise of the Passport Program is that cardholders of legally-established libraries ought to be able to use other legally-established libraries. The Passport Program is meant to be an exchange; a library extends

service to users of other participating libraries, and vice versa.

Here is how it works: Oregon public and academic libraries opt to become Passport Program participating libraries. Their registered card-holders are then able to visit, register without the customary "out of area" card fees, and use the materials at any other participating library. Their home library card becomes their "passport" or ticket to registering for library cards at other participating libraries throughout Oregon. Patrons are responsible for managing their checkouts, complying with the Passport member library's policies regarding due dates, late fees, and materials limits, and must return materials directly to the library they borrowed from; there is no library-to-library return delivery mechanism.



So, if you are vacationing at the coast and need some beach reading, you can register for library cards in Astoria, Rockaway, Garibaldi, or Florence. Or perhaps you live in Scappoose, but work in Hillsboro, and want to use the Hillsboro Public Library during your lunch hour. No problem. In addition, Oregonians who are conducting research will be able to tap into the vast resources of academic libraries, including the Oregon State University libraries,

Oregon Health Sciences University and several community colleges. The key to the Passport Program is that you first need a library card from your participating local "Home" Library.

Passport Program details can be found at www.librariesoforegon.org/Passport including a list of Participating libraries. The list continues to grow – by January there will be over 55 libraries statewide signed up for the program and additional libraries will continue to join throughout 2013. If Oregonians are interested in using the Passport Program, but your local library is not yet listed as a Participant, please inquire with your library's staff.

For nearly 75 years, the Oregon Library Association has existed to promote and advance library service through public and professional education and cooperation. Learn more at www.OLAweb.org.

If you would like to participate in this program you will need a Vernonia Public Library patron card before registering for a library card at a participating passport library. If you have any questions please stop by the Vernonia Public Library or call 503-429-1818.

There will be movie matinees shown at 12:00 p.m. on December 24th and December 31st. Changes to our regular hours are as follows:

- December 24th: open 10:00 – 2:00
- December 25th: CLOSED
- December 31st: open 10:00 - 2:00
- January 1st: CLOSED

From all of the Vernonia Public Library staff ~ Happy Holidays!

The Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District is Hiring a Volunteer Public Information Officer

Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District located in Vernonia, OR is currently hiring a Volunteer Public Information Officer.

VRFPD is comprised of volunteers that dedicate their time to make their community safe! It takes enthusiasm, time, motivation, and commitment

from those volunteer's to ensure the safety of our district.

VRFPD's Volunteer Staff is comprised of many diversely skilled people who share their spare time every day to help keep their district a better and safer place to live.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES

VRFPD's Public Information Officer (PIO) position has been established to keep Vernonia citizens informed about the activities of this agency, and to build a bridge between VRFPD and the community it serves.

EXAMPLES OF PRINCIPAL DUTIES

- The Public information officer will serve as a liaison between VRFPD and the media. The PIO will write news releases, plan news conferences and respond to inquiries from the media. He/she may escort reporters and photographers who come to our facility for interviews or photographs. The designated PIO will be expected to maintain an archive of news clippings about the agency, and will also respond to open records requests submitted by reporters.

- In addition to facilitating media stories, he/she will keep the public informed through direct communication, VRFPD's website and Facebook. VRFPD's PIO will prepare printed and electronic newsletters, brochures, and posters, and may write/place newspaper, radio and/or television ads. He/she will



answer phone calls from citizens, may represent the agency at public meetings, and plan for the agency's presence at conferences, state fairs or community events.

- VRFPD's PIO will be expected to commit 5-10 hours of their time per week and be available to respond to incidents as needed.

- VRFPD's PIO must have a valid ODL and reliable transportation.

Skills, Abilities and Personal Traits

- Public information officers need strong writing skills and should be proficient in Microsoft Office products. Photography skills are a plus, as is familiarity with Adobe Photoshop. PIOs should have strong grammar, spelling and punctuation skills and may also need to be fluent in Associated Press style.

- PIOs need to be outgoing, detail-oriented individuals with strong communication abilities. They must work well under stress and be able to meet tight deadlines.

Education and Experience

- High School Diploma

- Work experience in communication, journalism, public relations or a related field is preferred.

- VRFPD is willing to provide the right candidate with continued education to meet these job requirements.

If you would like to apply for this Volunteer Position with VRFPD, please pick up your application at:

555 East Bridge Street, Vernonia, Oregon, or contact Deputy Chief Dean Smith at: 503-429-8252 if you need additional information.

The deadline for this application is Jan. 1, 2013.

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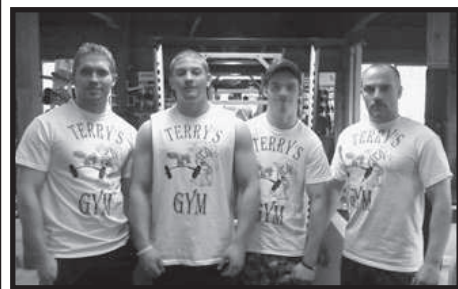
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