

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

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Changes Abound at the Vernonia Public Library!

In this day and age libraries run operations using an automation system. Small libraries often find it difficult to purchase an automation system as they can be quite expensive. Here in Vernonia we have been very fortunate that an automation system was sought out and acquired in 2000. This has worked well for many years. Now, 13 years later, this system is no longer supported by the manufacturer and lacks the ability to upgrade any further. Time has become critical for replacement. Fortunately, on April 17th *The Collins Foundation* awarded over \$5,700 to The Vernonia Public Library to replace the 13 year old system with a new web based program called Apollo by Biblionix. Some of the highlighted features:

- The Vernonia Public Library catalog can be viewed in real time from any computer or touch screen device.
- Patrons can reserve books, make

book requests, identify favorite authors (patrons can be notified when a favorite author has a new book!), leave book reviews, and much more!

- Patrons can receive a text or e-mail reminder 3 days BEFORE items are due.

In addition to replacing the old automation system the grant award will cover costs for replacement hardware, a receipt printer and staff training.

Please have patience with library staff as we try to navigate all of the changes. We are working hard to learn everything and be prepared for the transition but as with all change there will be a learning curve. Also, all patrons will be asked to complete a Library Card Application in order to update patron data. It is a requirement for the new system and should only take a couple of minutes.

Information about The Collins Foundation can be found at the Vernonia Public Library. The new system is scheduled to be online April 30, 2013. Enjoy!

Free discussion about the real history of African Americans in Oregon

Have you ever wondered why the Black population in Oregon is so small? Oregon has a history not only of Black exclusion and discrimination, but also of a vibrant Black culture that helped sustain many communities throughout the state – a history that is not taught in schools.

This is the focus of “Why Aren’t There More Black People in Oregon?: A Hidden History,” a free conversation with Portland State University author and adjunct professor Walidah Imarisha on Saturday, May, 11, 2013 at 4:00 PM at the Vernonia Public Library; 701 Weed Ave, Vernonia, OR 97064. This program is hosted by Friends of the Vernonia Public Library and the Vernonia Library Board and sponsored by Oregon Humanities.

Imarisha has taught in Portland State University’s Black studies department, where she has created classes about topics as diverse as the history of the Black Panther Party, race and the history of prisons, Hurricane

Katrina, and hip hop as literature. She has facilitated writing workshops, for students in third grade to twelfth, in community centers, youth detention facilities, and women’s prisons.

Through the Conversation Project, Oregon Humanities offers free programs that engage community members in thoughtful, challenging conversations about ideas critical to our daily lives and our state’s future.

Oregon Humanities (813 SW Alder St, #702; Portland, OR 97205) connects Oregonians to ideas to change lives and transform communities. More information about Oregon Humanities’ programs and publications, which include the Conversation Project, Think & Drink, Humanity in Perspective, Idea Lab, Public Program Grants, Responsive Program Grants, and Oregon Humanities magazine, can be found at oregonhumanities.org. Oregon Humanities is an independent, nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities and a partner of the Oregon Cultural Trust.

Vernonia Police Blotter - April 2013

Arrests/Reports/Criminal Citations

- 4/17/2013 – Arrest an outstanding warrant and Driving While Revoked.
- 4/18/2013 – Report of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card in the 1000 Block of 2nd Ave.
- 4/23/2013 – Report of found Drug Paraphernalia in the 1100 block of Riverside Dr. Property taken for destruction.
- 4/28/2013 – Report of Harassment and Criminal Trespass in the 700 Block of Madison Ave. Report forwarded to the Columbia County District Attorney’s Office for prosecution.

Traffic/Other Citations

- 4/06/2013 – Issued traffic citations for No Operators License and Driving Uninsured.
- 4/08/2013 – Issued traffic citations for Driving While Suspended and Fail to Carry Proof of Insurance.
- 4/08/2013 – Issued a traffic citation for Violation of the Basic Rule (75/55).
- 4/08/2013 – Issued a traffic citation

for Violation of the Basic Rule (66/55).

- 4/10/2013 – Issued traffic citations for No Operators License and Driving Uninsured.
- 4/17/2013 - Issued traffic citations for Driving Uninsured, Illegal display of plate(s), and Failure to renew registration
- 4/18/2013 – Issued a traffic citation for No Operators License.
- 4/18/2013 – Issued traffic citations for Fail to Carry Proof of Insurance, Fail to Register, and Illegal Display.
- 4/21/2013 – Issued traffic citations for Driving While Suspended, Fail to Carry Proof of Insurance, and Fail to Carry Proof of Registration.
- 4/22/2013 – Issued a traffic citation for Violation of the Basic Rule (70/55).
- 4/27/2013 – Issued a citation for Driving without a License. 04/23/2013 – Report of found Drug Paraphernalia in the 1100 block of Riverside Dr. Property taken for destruction.
- 4/27/2013 – Issued a citation for Driving without a License.

For the complete Police Blotter go to: <http://vpd.vernonia-or.gov/>

Public Hearing Notice

When: City Council Meeting, Monday, May 6, 2013

Where: Vernonia City Hall Council Chambers

Why: Wastewater System Improvements Final Design Phase 2 project #P06021

City of Vernonia is completing a City of Vernonia Wastewater System Improvements Final Design Phase 2 project, Grant Number P06021, funded with Community Development Block Grant funds from the Oregon Business Development Department. The location of the project is: the City of Vernonia. It is estimated that this project will benefit at least 1921 persons of whom at least 54% are low or moderate income.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council at 7:00 p.m. on May 6th, 2013 at 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064.

The purpose of the hearing is for the City

Council to obtain citizens views about the project and to take comments about the local government’s performance. Written comments are also welcome and must be received by Friday, May 3, 2013 at Vernonia City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064. Both oral and written comments will be reviewed by the City Council.

The location of the hearing is accessible to the disabled. Please let Joann Glass at 503.429.5291 know if you need any special accommodations to attend or participate in the hearing.

More information about the Oregon Community Development Block Grant program and the project is available for public review at Vernonia City Hall, 1001 Bridge Street, Vernonia, OR 97064 during regular office hours. Advance notice is requested. The City of Vernonia is an Equal Opportunity Provider

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placed is strictly limited.” - E.F. Schumacher)

Clinton proposed that our population has become cynical (“We are wondering between two worlds, one dead, the other powerless to be born.” - Matthew Arnold, 1885) about our ability to influence our government, our economy, and our environment. “We’ve had all kinds of warnings, but we don’t pay attention, we don’t act,” said Clinton.

Clinton noted that science overwhelmingly shows that global warming is real and that 98% of scientists worldwide agree that human caused climate change is occurring. Clinton blames what he calls “astroturf organizations” (as opposed to grassroots organizations), which have been created by the fossil fuel companies that pay scientists to convince Americans that the threat is not real. He also referenced a film, “Chasing Ice” that documents evidence of climate change.

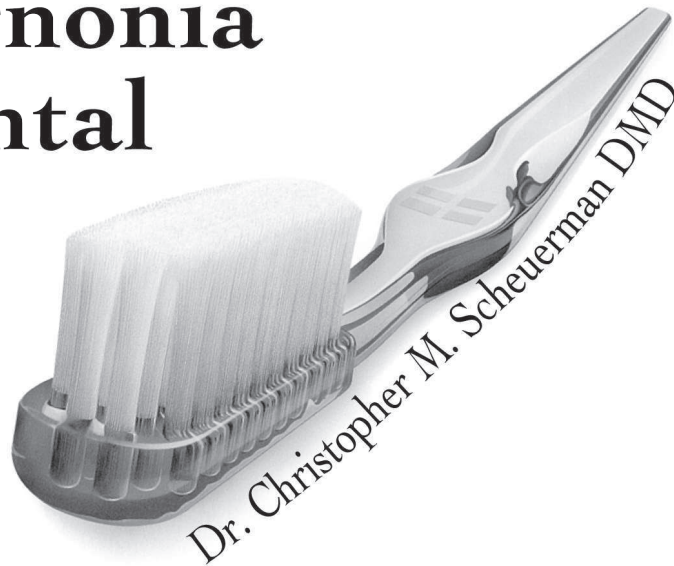
Clinton provided a reference

list for his audience and several times referenced Herman Daly, author of “Economics, Ecology, Ethics, Essays Towards a Steady-State Economy.” Clinton attended Vanderbilt University with Daly, who portends that there is no need for continued growth in population and the economy for there to be continued moral, mental and social progress. Daly suggests a stationary condition of capital and population, a “Steady-State Economy.” “The important issue of the steady state will be distribution, not production, says Daly.” Clinton says the decision about how to distribute resources more equitably and fairly is a moral issue.

Clinton suggests that by working together, questioning our culture and talking about the issues he has raised, the populous has the ability to find the wisdom to proceed. “These people have been talking about a revolution in the way we think about our world,” says Clinton. “It’s up to us to finally do something about it.”

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