

## Volunteer Job Fair to Highlight Community Opportunities

Vernonia area residents are invited to attend a unique job fair to learn about volunteer opportunities within the community.

The Volunteer Job Fair will be held on Thursday, June 9 from 5:00 to 9:00 pm in the large gymnasium at the Vernonia Schools. The job fair is being hosted by Vernonia Community Solutions.

A recent community survey revealed that while a large segment of the Vernonia area population would like to volunteer, they don't for many reasons. Several of the top reasons included, being unaware of opportunities and not being asked.

The Volunteer Job Fair will bring together organizations from around the community with potential volunteers looking for ways they can participate in and improve their hometown. Potential volunteers will have a chance to meet with current volunteers and hear about groups, histories, missions, and descriptions of jobs that need volunteers.

Volunteers are often the lifeblood of a small community and

the organizations they participate in are routinely the way much work gets accomplished in a small town. Groups like the Vernonia Lions Club, the Vernonia Boosters, the Vernonia Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Vernonia Rural Fire Protection District all provide needed services and are all operated mostly on the power of volunteers.

Most organizations throughout the community are currently finding it difficult to recruit new volunteers because local residents have numerous commitments and constraints including commute times to work and family obligations. Vernonia has seen a steady decline in volunteers over the past several years, but the need is still present. In some situations it is even greater as long-time, and often over worked, volunteers become burned out and quit.

The Volunteer Job Fair is a great chance for citizens to get involved in their community, develop new relationships, lend a helping hand, and make a difference.

For more information contact Bill Langmaid at [bill@rangelights.com](mailto:bill@rangelights.com).

## P.E.O. Tea Party

Young girls and their moms, grandmas, aunties, cousins and sisters had fun at the Second Annual Tea Party at the Cabin in Vernonia on May 14. During the afternoon, light refreshments and desserts were served.

A Vernonia scholarship recipient, Jeana Gump, entertained the group with memories of her personal life and schooling. She worked her way through much adversity to obtain a Bachelor of Arts degree. "I am very thankful to P.E.O. for providing a scholarship to help me reach my goal," she said.

Along with her studies and family responsibilities, Jeana has found time to become a long distance runner, and has competed in a number of marathons and half-marathons. Her inspirational talk was highlighted by much humor and sincerity, and was enjoyed by all.

Musical entertainment was furnished by Alexa, Katie and Mariah Cook, and Breanna Gardner, who delighted the audience with a cappella songs.

Three baskets were raffled off during the party, and the winners were:

- A large flower pot filled with gardener's supplies—won by Mary Ann Shaw.
- A "bath" basket of scents and lotions—won by Dede Webb.
- A young girl's basket full of girlie things—won by Evalynn Burch.

The Best Hat contest was won by Gwen Estes.

All of the proceeds from the tea party will be used to provide scholarships for women. P.E.O. is very appreciative of the community support for this annual spring tea, and is already looking forward to the third annual tea party!

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## On The Shelves

By Shannon Romtvedt

### Out of City Limit Sponsorship Program and Reduced Fee

For community members who live outside of the city limits interested in having a membership at the library, please come by and check out the library. As of March 1, 2016, the fee has been reduced from \$40 a year to \$25 a year per household. With a library membership at the Vernonia Public Library, you not only have access to our materials but also to other libraries through the Oregon Passport Program (includes all Washington County Libraries, Multnomah County Libraries, and more).

Friends of the Vernonia Public Library is also now sponsoring memberships through the "Out of City Limit Sponsorship Program." This option is for individuals and families who are interested in joining the library but the membership fee poses a financial hardship. If interested in a sponsorship, fill out an application at the library. If interested in donating to the sponsorship program (to help make more sponsorships available), contact the Library Director (503) 429-1818 or [shannonr@vernonia-or.gov](mailto:shannonr@vernonia-or.gov).

### Summer Reading is Coming!

First day to sign-up for Summer Reading: Monday, June 13. For children, birth through age 14. Sign-up at the library. Receive free Oregon State Fair, Oregon Zoo tickets (limited number available) and other incentives. Enter a weekly prize drawing for every hour you read. Return your time log between July 25 and August 12 to choose a free paperback book and enter a grand prize drawing. During Summer Reading there are also a variety of free programs and events. Story and Craft programs every Tuesday, 10:30 – 11:30 am, June 13 – June 19. Readers Theater, Charlie Brown the Juggler, "Move Like a Mammoth" with the Museum of Natural and Cultural History, Stages Youth Academy, and Reptile Man! A full list of Summer Reading programs will be available at the library, on the library website, on the library Facebook page, and in the Voice.

### Make Vernonia Shine

Thank you to the following volunteers for helping spread bark dust, weed, prune, paint, fix table legs, and sweep at the library for Make Vernonia Shine Day: Saturday, April 23. Mariah Miller, Connor Fennell, Caitlyn Fennell, Haily Fennell, Anastasiya Panchenko, Brady Romtvedt, Dennis Nelson, Eileen and Steve McRoberts, Marty Van Dyken, and Janelle Cedergreen. Thanks for helping make the library shine!

### Upcoming Events at the Library

#### Beyond the Scoreboard: Sports in Our Lives and Communities

Tuesday, May 24, 6:30 pm  
A free conversation with Andrew Guest, associate professor at the University of Portland with a background as a coach and athlete. Sponsored by Oregon Humanities and hosted by the Friends of the Vernonia Public Library.

#### Family Movie Night

Thursday, May 26, 6:00 pm  
Relax and enjoy a new movie and free popcorn. Contact the library for movie titles.

### Ongoing Programs

#### Writers' Group

May 19  
Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, 6 – 7:30 pm. Opportunity for writers with all levels of experience to get together, write, and get feedback.

#### Baby and Toddler Time

Mondays, 10:30 – 11:15 am  
Songs, short stories, toys, and bubbles for 0 – 3. Older siblings welcome.

#### Preschool Storytime

Fridays, 10:30 – 11:15 am (through Friday, June 3)  
Stories and a craft/activity for children up to age 5.

#### Book Discussion Group

Last Monday of every month, 5:30 pm  
Selection for May 30: *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* by Deborah Maggach

### Board Pick's: Some of Janelle's Favorites

Janelle Cedergreen is the President of the Library Board and volunteers her time, along with six other members, to improve library services, update library rules and policies, and help maintain the building/grounds. Janelle enjoys mysteries also; favorite authors are J.A. Jance, Agatha Christie, and recently, Craig Johnson's Longmire Mysteries. Janelle says she may be stuck in a rut, but mystery stories totally peek her interest. She is currently reading *A Study In Scarlet* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

#### Mysteries

*N or M?* by Agatha Christie (Tommy & Tuppence series)

*The Sinister Pig* by Tony Hillerman

*Back Story* by Robert Parker (Spenser Detective series)

#### Fiction

*The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George

*An Irish Country Doctor* by Patrick Taylor (Book-of-the-Month Club Best Novel of the Month)

#### Oregon Author Collection

Cathy Lamb Novels

#### Nonfiction

*Travels With Charlie* by John Steinbeck (In Search of America)

*Growing Up* by Russell Baker (Growing up in America)

#### Juvenile Fiction Collection (Picture Books)

All of Dr. Seuss books

*There's No Such Place As Far Away* by Richard Bach

### Library Closures

Monday, May 30 for the Memorial Day Holiday (open only for Book Discussion Group at 5:30 pm)

### Hours & Contact Info

Mon, Wed, Fri 10 am – 5 pm

Tues & Thurs 1 pm – 7pm

Sat 10 am – 4 pm

Closed Sundays

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