

On the Shelves

By Shannon Romtvedt

We are celebrating music this month at the Vernonia Library with Get Rhythm at the Library. The goal of our music program series is to encourage the use of music in early education and spread the love of music in the community, particularly with children.

Our program series kicked off with a performance at the library by Andy Ferguson "Red Yarn": Folk music and puppets. Red Yarn had the kids singing, dancing, jumping up, laying down, and even playing the guitar. Red Yarn donated some of his music cds to the library, which are available to check out. He played several songs from his albums *Born in the Deep Woods* and *Deep Woods Revival*. We will be asking him back next year as both kids and adults in attendance enjoyed the performance. One of the best we've had.

Coming up, we are looking forward to the Rutabaga Rhythm Workshop at the School and the Vernonia Library. See the event schedule in "Upcoming Events" below. A Timberbound Concert will follow the workshops on Thursday, April 27, 7 pm at the Vernonia Grange. All ages are welcome to the Grange concert. Free admission, with donations accepted for the band and the Grange. At daytime workshops, students will have an opportunity to learn more about Vernonia's rich music history. Younger students will stomp, clap, sing, and learn about rhythm. Older students, grades 3 - 5, will work on their own lyrics to folk tunes that originated from the

Vernonia area.

Thank you to Aaron Miller, Kendra Schlegel, and Dana Hyde at the Vernonia Schools for helping coordinate the workshop, and to the Vernonia Grange for hosting the Timberbound Concert. Our Get Rhythm at the Library series is made possible by grant funding through the Columbia County Cultural Coalition supported by the Oregon Cultural Trust, and through donations by the Friends of the Library, Vernonia Lions Club, and John "Jack" and Randal Harvey.

Upcoming Events

Rutabaga Rhythm Workshop and Timberbound Concert

Rutabaga Rhythm Workshop
With Joe Seamons and Tina Dietz

Wednesday, April 26
for K-5 students at the Vernonia Schools

Thursday, April 27
10 am Workshop for K-5 Homeschoolers at the Vernonia Library. Pre-Register at the Library.
2 pm Performance at the Vernonia Schools

7 pm Timberbound Performance
at the Vernonia Grange. All ages welcome, Free Admission. Students from the workshops will be invited to participate at the beginning of the concert.

Beginning Knitting for Kids
Tuesday, April 25, 4-5 pm
Free and all materials provided for children age 8-17. Class taught by Caitlin Hunter. Contact boylandknitworks@gmail.com for

information.

Knitting Workshop for Adults!

Saturday, May 13. Free. Time TBA
For information or to register, contact Caitlin Hunter at boylandknitworks@gmail.com or inquire at the library. Limited to 10 students.

Community Conversation with Timbermen Don Webb and Fred Heller

Tuesday, May 2, 6:30 pm
Presented by the Oregon Folklife Network. Learn about living traditions in the Vernonia Community.

Ongoing Programs

Book Discussion Group

Last Monday of every month, 5:30 pm. Selection for April 24: *A Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman

Writer's Group

Thursday, April 20, 6-7:30 pm
Third Thursday of the month. For all levels of writing experience. New members always welcome.

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
Stories and a craft/activity for up to age 5.

Featured Book

Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls by Elena Favilli and Francesca Cavallo was added to the library collection through a donation by John "Jack" and Randal Harvey. Library Assistant, Brandi Fennell says: "I was really

drawn to this book the first time I opened it. *Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls* is a fabulous book not only for young girls but boys as well. Beautiful stories of women/teens and even a 10 year old, from all different cultures and from all different nations, that have overcome adversity and have become role models for all ages. Such an inspiring and empowering book with beautiful artwork."

Did You Know?

Volunteer/Community Service Opportunity

The library will be closed to the public on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22 for an indoor and outdoor clean-up event. Projects include weeding, pruning, sweeping, window washing, and cleaning shelves and shifting books. Staff are currently seeking volunteers for the event, both for indoor and outdoor projects. This would be a great community service opportunity. The clean-up event will start at 10 am and lunch is provided. If interested in volunteering, contact Shannon Romtvedt at the library, shannonr@vernonia-or.gov or (503) 429-1818.

Library Closures

The library will be closed on Saturday, April 22 for a Library Clean-Up Event. See above for more information.

Hours & Contact Info

Mon, Wed, Fri 10 am - 5 pm
Tues & Thurs 1 pm - 7 pm
Sat 10 am - 4 pm
Closed Sundays
Phone: (503) 429-1818
E-mail: library@vernonia-or.gov

Why I Support the School Bond *continued from front page*

District and did not attend there ourselves, we strongly believe in the value of local, public education from which we benefited in another Oregon community. Selfishly, we would hate to see our property value plummet if we hadn't an accredited school system here, but we love this community and the many students and parents we've met as volunteers for

various school-related activities. As a mentor for several years for the robotics team, my husband was frustrated for the students that we had no metals shop in which to develop, build and test the robots.

I was a representative of the non-profit Hands-on Art on Vernonia Solutions, the team that was instrumen-

tal in the development and plans for our replacement schools. I experienced firsthand the anguish of having to eliminate things like a proper art classroom and metals shop because we had insufficient funding. I've been on the VSD Budget Committee for the better part of the last fifteen years and volunteer for this to give a voice for those who support the

schools without having children in the system. I know the struggle each year to keep our expenditures in line, and I CANNOT imagine what cuts we would have to make if the debt repayment had to come from our annual operating budget.

Craig Tolonen, Business Owner – I just think our schools are one of the most important parts of our community. I don't mind paying taxes for things like police and fire and schools. Our kids need a chance and it's a no brainer for me. I voted for the first bond in 2009, I voted for the last bond in November that failed, and I'll vote for this one.

Dana Hyde, School District Employee – It is absolutely my adult responsibility to support the bond for the simple fact that the students are my future. They deserve the best possible education we can offer. Students need to know they are cared for enough to spend that extra \$20 a year on. Passing the bond is a no brainer! Even my 83 year old mother on a fixed income will vote YES. Also, the issue of our property value, it's the bulk of most people's net wealth.



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