

On the Shelves

By Shannon Romtvedt

On July 1, 2019, the Library will make a slight change in hours. We are currently open 39 hours per week, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 am - 5 pm; Tuesday, Thursday 1 pm - 7 pm, Saturday 10 am - 4 pm. Starting July 1, the Library will be open 40 hours per week, Tuesday, Thursday 12 pm - 7 pm and Saturday, 12 pm - 5 pm. No change to Monday, Wednesday, Friday hours. The change has been made with approval by the Library Board and City Council. The goal is to move underused hours (Saturday morning) to hours that will have more potential use. The change of hours was made based on usage statistics, staff observation, and patron suggestions.

The Library Board has been working closely with Vernonia Middle School/High School art teacher Kaitlyn Carr-Kiprotich to bring the "Student Art Gallery" to the Library. The Library has purchased 17 frames, soon to be filled with student art and on the walls before the end of school. Library Board will select art from student projects on Wednesday, May 29, 6 pm at a public meeting. Art will be switched out bi-annually and artwork returned to students at the end of the display period. Thank you to Kaitlyn Carr-Kiprotich, Library Board Chair, Haley Ayres, and other Library Board members for developing this idea and making it happen!

Summer Reading is just around the corner, sign ups begin Monday, June 17. The theme this year is *A Universe of Stories*. Children ages 0-14 can participate in Summer Reading for incentives, prize drawings, and fun, free programs. This year, the Library is hosting a juggler, Mad Scientist, and an interactive program with the Museum of Natural and Cultural History. Information about Summer Reading and a full schedule of summer events at the Library will be coming soon. Summer is a great time to visit the Library!

Upcoming Events

Official Ballot Drop Site

The Vernonia Public Library is an official ballot drop site. Special District Election is Tuesday, May

21. Ballots must be in by 8 pm to be counted. No stamp is necessary for ballot drop. The Library will be open extra hours on Election Day (May 21), 9 am - 8 pm.

Flagship Columbia County

Saturday, May 18, 2 - 4 pm
Using 5" x 8" pieces of Tyvek (a waterproof siding material), we will paint an array of "flags" to represent our uniqueness. The flags will be assembled to create a colorful banner to be displayed in Columbia County over the summer. The project is sponsored in part by the Columbia County Art Guild and The Oregon Community Foundation. Free and everyone is welcome to paint. For questions, please contact program creator Joan Youngberg at greenhouseyellowdoor@gmail.com.

Movie Night: Oregon Experience

Tuesday, May 21, 6:30 pm
Featuring two Oregon Experience documentaries, approx. 30 min. each. *Kam Wah Chung*, related to the Chinese in eastern Oregon in the late 1880s near the town of John Day. Also, *Massacre at Hells Canyon*, 1887 murder of 34 Chinese gold miners along the Snake River.

Ongoing Programs

Writer's Group

Thursday, May 16, 6 - 7:30 pm
3rd Thursday of every month. For writers with all levels of experience.

Book Discussion Group

Last Monday of every month, 5:30 pm. Discussion for June 3*: *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith
* Meeting one week late due to Memorial Day Holiday

Storytimes

Baby and Toddler Time

Mondays, 10:30 - 11:15 am
Songs, short stories, toys, and bubbles for 0-3.

Preschool Storytime

Fridays, 10:30 - 11:15 am
Stories and a craft/activity for up to age 5. Older

siblings welcome!

Did You Know?

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Every year, the Friends of the Library host a book sale during Jamboree weekend. The book sale involves many hours of publicity, set up, sorting, customer service, and tear down. For the second year, the book sale will be at the Vernonia Grange. The Friends can use volunteers for the sale and also book donations. Summer is a great time to donate books! If you have 2-3 boxes/bags or less to donate, feel free to bring them to the Library during open hours. The Friends are looking for books that are gently used. Please no textbooks, magazines, outdated non-fiction, or books that are dusty, musty, or have loose pages or binding. For large donations, please call the Library ahead of time to schedule a drop off time. For questions about donations or volunteering, please contact Shannon at the Library (503) 429-1818.

Staff Favorites at the Library: Brandi's Picks

Books by Alex Lake: *Copy Cat*, *The Last Lie*, *After Anna*, *Killing Kate*
Not Her Daughter by Rea Frey
Someone Knows by Lisa Scottoline
The Girl with No Name by Marina Chapman
Shout by Laurie Halse Anderson
The Boy by Tami Hoag
I was Anastasia by Ariel Lawhon
Now You See Me by Sharon J. Bolton
Look for a display with "Staff Pick" badges on books to see Brandi's and other staff favorites.

Library Closures

Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day Holiday

Hours & Contact Info

Mon, Wed, Fri 10 am - 5 pm
Tues & Thurs 1 pm - 7 pm
Sat 10 am - 4 pm
Closed Sundays

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States Set 2019 Summer and Fall Salmon Seasons

Oregon and Washington fishery managers recently announced seasons and regulations for 2019 summer and fall Columbia River fisheries.

Although coho returns are projected to be much better than recent runs, below-average projections for summer Chinook, fall Chinook, sockeye, and

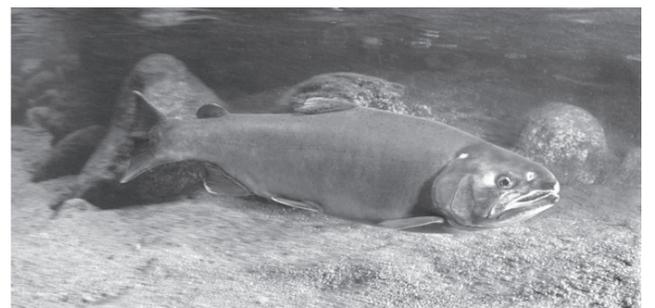
upriver summer steelhead will require another year of reduced seasons and bag limits, and in some cases closures for these runs.

The summer season will be limited to steelhead retention. The weak summer Chinook forecast of 35,900 fish returning to the Columbia River would

be the lowest return since 2000 and too small to provide for directed harvest in non-treaty fisheries. Similar to 2018, sockeye retention will also be prohibited due to projected low escapement.

The fall seasons will start August 1 based on a projected return of 349,700 fall Chinook, which is almost 20% higher than the actual return of 293,400 last year. This year's forecast includes 159,250 upriver bright Chinook, compared to a return of 149,000 in 2018. The allowed harvest rate of 8.25% on this stock is down from 15% available during many recent years, resulting in shorter fall Chinook retention seasons.

"The reduced harvest rate for upriver bright fall Chinook has made it challenging to design fall recreational fisheries the last two years," said John North, fisheries manager for ODFW's Columbia River Program. "Working with the public in the recent season-setting process, we tried to balance oppor-



tunity with management constraints for fall Chinook and steelhead."

Due to the low projected returns for upriver summer steelhead, additional protective regulations are needed this fall including a one steelhead daily bag limit and area-specific steelhead retention closures. The rolling 1-2 month closures start in August and progress upriver following the steelhead return to reduce take of both hatchery and wild fish. These closures affect the mainstem Columbia and the lower reaches of specific tributaries.

For more information about upcoming Columbia River seasons, including regulation updates, visit ODFW's online fishing reports at www.myodfw.com.

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