

On the Shelves

By Shannon Romtvedt

We are pleased to announce that the children's books received through a matching grant from The Pilcrow Foundation are now on display and ready for check-out! We have a great mix of board books, picture books, early readers, easy non-fiction, children's non-fiction, and chapter books.

The Vernonia Library was the recipient of a matching grant from The Pilcrow Foundation in the fall of 2019. The Pilcrow Foundation provides "new, quality, hardcover children's books to rural public libraries." The grant is a 2:1 match. The Friends of the Vernonia Public Library contributed \$400 to the match, and the Library received an additional \$800 worth of books from The Pilcrow Foundation.

We were surprised to open up our first box of books upon arrival and find more books than expected! 77 books arrived directly through grant funding. We also received two books from Shout Mouse Press and an additional 24 books through a generous donation from Mr. & Mrs. Hal Berenson and Laura Ackerman of Colorado. This donation was of math and science books, worth \$402.60.

Thank you so much to The Pilcrow Foundation, the Friends of the Vernonia Library, Shout Mouse Press, and Mr. & Mrs. Hal Berenson and Laura Ackerman. We are looking forward to these books being read by the children and families in our community. If there is a particular book from the grant you enjoy or appreciate having available at our library, please let staff know. We would love to have feedback!

Upcoming Events

Fun@4

Tuesdays, 4-5pm, Now - May 12

Free snack served before the program at 3:45 pm

For elementary age children.

February 25 – Fun Food History with Islands Grill

*March 3 – Kitchen Techniques with Islands Grill

*March 10 – Cooking with Islands Grill

March 17 – St. Patty's Day Pre-Parade Craft

March 31 – Live Animal Visitors

*Program location at the Islands Grill Restaurant

Writer's Group

Thursday, February 20, 6-7:30 pm

Thursday, March 5, 6-7:30 pm

Now the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month, 6-7:30 pm. For writers with all levels of experience.

Book Discussion Group

Last Monday of every month, 3 pm*. Discussion for

February 24: *Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*

by Jamie Ford *Meeting at 3 pm during winter months

Storytimes

Library Playgroup

Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 am

Activity stations designed for young children, birth - preschool. Drop-in and play or stay the whole time.

Preschool Storytime

Fridays, 10:30-11:15 am

Stories, activities, and a craft for children up through age 6.

Did You Know: Technology Survey

The Library needs your input! We have a Technology Survey available at the library and online through March 15. We are considering community needs for new technology at the Library. The survey can be linked through the City website <https://www.vernonia-or.gov/> or accessed directly at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/685M7HK>. Paper surveys will also be sent

out with the March utility bill and available in the library. Thank you in advance for participating!

Featured Titles at the Library:

Pilcrow Grant Books

Here is a small selection of the fun new books for children we now have available at the Library through The Pilcrow Foundation!



Hours & Contact Info

Mon, Wed, Fri 10 am - 5 pm

Tues & Thurs 12 pm - 7 pm

Sat 12 pm - 5 pm

Closed Sundays

Phone: (503) 429-1818

E-mail: library@vernonia-or.gov

Website: www.vernonia-or.gov/departments/library/

County Public Works Sends Aid to Umatilla County

Road maintenance staff help in flood recovery effort

In the early morning hours of February 13, 2020, six members of Columbia County's Road Maintenance crew set off in a convoy of dump trucks to help their fellow road workers in Umatilla County.

Umatilla requested the help in response to the catastrophic damage they experienced as a result of the recent flooding there. "We figured they were needing some assistance, so we contacted them to let them know we

were available to help if needed," said Tristan Wood, Assistant Director of Public Works. Wood has coordinated the effort for Columbia County. Columbia County experienced something similar in the 1996 floods where other agencies came in to help open roads back up and assist in getting things back to normal. "We felt it was our turn to help someone else," said Wood.

Commissioner Alex Tardif also reached out to his counterpart in Umatilla County, Commissioner George Murdock, expressing Columbia County's willingness to help. Commissioner



Ryan Allen, Mark Shafer, Jeff Goodman, Jeremy Tull, Terry Miller, Kelley Lungberg

Murdock indicated that at least seven county roads remained closed and impassible with several bridges being wiped out completely.

In cases such as these, agencies are able to respond quickly without the need for developing agreements due to already being parties to the Managing Oregon Resources Efficiently Intergovernmental Agreement (MORE-IGA). The agreement lays out terms for cooperation and reimbursement so agencies can react quickly and provide support to each other. Both Columbia County and Umatilla County are parties to the agreement.

The Columbia County crew was scheduled to be there for a week, or longer if needed.

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