



Siletz Library Celebrates First Year in New Bulding

by Laurel V. Johnson

With contributions from the Siletz Tribe and other donors, the Siletz Public Library opened the doors to its new building on Jan. 6, 2007. This past year, the library's expansion and many additions have enabled the library staff to provide a wealth of services to area patrons.

According to Library Manager Laura Hamilton, total circulation for the Siletz Library in 2007 was 12,345. The prior year it was 7,677, which represents an increase of more than 60 percent. The number of patron visits is roughly 1,000 per month (6,035 over the past six months, with some variance in the summer).

"Folks come to read the paper, check out magazines, books, CDs, movies and audio books," Hamilton said. The library has six Internet-ready computers and anticipates the donation of three laptops in the next month or two.

"We have a fax machine and a copier with staff who can generally help solve problems that users of any of our technological equipment may encounter," added Hamilton.

In addition to these services, the library offers a summer reading program that represents most of the planning and events the library's staff provides. In the coming year, Hamilton indicates there will again be 10 or 11 weeks of activities, performers (some



Siletz Public Library Manager Laura Hamilton (left) introduces Portland residents Lynne Duddy (middle) and Lawrence Howard (right) as they prepare to read to a group of children from the Siletz area. Duddy and Howard work together as StoryHarmonics to deliver lively storytelling performances that use creative audience participation, characterization, music, poetry and drama, entertaining listeners throughout the Pacific Northwest. (courtesy photo)

from quite far away) and prizes for children and teens who use some of their free time to read.

"Last summer there were several weeks when the attendance exceeded the capacity of our meeting room with more than 80 children and their folks gathered together," said Hamilton. "We expect more interest this year as we will have

done more outreach to the school and to the Head Start community by then."

"In 2008, we have a three-person staff, with the addition of two new employees late last year. We have nearly 20 volunteers who serve in a variety of capacities and are always eager to welcome more help, even if it is as little as a flexible hour per week," Hamilton

added. "In December we said a heartfelt thank you to Leona Southwell, who completed her 35th year of service, helping to keep the library open one night each week."

The Siletz Library continues to get dozens of donated books and other ma-

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Tribe Hosts Weekly Radio Program

by Diane Rodriguez

Thanks to radio station KCUP in Newport, Ore., the Siletz Tribe now has a consistent presence on local radio.

I host a program focused on the Siletz Tribe and the Siletz community, titled *Spotlight on Siletz*, each Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. The program can be heard on KCUP (1230 AM), on HD radio at 100.7-2 and at www.kcup.net.

Topics covered have included the 30th Restoration Celebration, Siletz Valley School, Halloween safety, Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, new tribal buildings in the area, Siletz Valley Partnership, Siletz Public Li-

brary, holiday events in the Siletz community, and the Tillicum Cancer Support Group.

In late August, representatives from KCUP approached the tribe about hosting the radio program in conjunction with 19 other programs produced in Lincoln County. These include programs from Lincoln City, Depoe Bay, Toledo, Seal Rock/Waldport, Yachats, and Pacific City; plus those that focus on Oregon Coast Community College, Lincoln County, the sheriff's office, health, local athletics, local non-profits and other hot topics of the day.

"We're pleased that KCUP thought of the tribe when considering their new programming," said Brenda Bremner, tribal general manager. "This is an exciting opportunity for us to not only tell people about tribal programs and events, but to show the many ways the tribe and the community are connected through various projects."

Highlighting Tribal Businesses

Starting in March, tribal business owners will have the opportunity to discuss their business on *Spotlight on Siletz*. We'll take seven of the final 10 minutes of the program (the last three minutes are for announcements) to talk with you about your business (one business per week). We'll discuss such things as:

- Name of your business
- Where your business is located

- What service(s) or item(s) you provide
- Your hours of operation
- How people can reach you

We can do this one of three ways:

- You can come to the tribal administration building in Siletz where we do our part of the program via telephone and we can talk about your business on the air.
- You can call KCUP in Newport, the staff there can hook you into the phone line I'm on, and we can talk about your business on the air.
- You can send your information to me and I can tell listeners about your business. Send the details to dianer@ctsi.nsn.us or to Diane Rodriguez, Siletz Tribe, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

Please consider using this resource to promote your business.

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