

**Multnomah Farmer's Market**

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said Walsh, who also mentioned the good work of fellow Village market advocates Ty Steinbach, Beth Sorenson, and Chris Dearth.



"The more we explored the idea, the more it became clear that this would be a great service to local citizens, a great outlet for local farmers, and a great way for Portland Parks & Recreation [which owns the Multnomah Center] to support the community," said Walsh.

When asked what might differentiate the Village market from the Hillsdale market, Molloy replied, "People shop differently on a Thursday than they do on a Sunday. It will take some time for this new market to develop its own identity."

For more information and to volunteer to help with the market e-mail [contact@hillsdalefarmersmarket.com](mailto:contact@hillsdalefarmersmarket.com).

**Reading to the Dogs**

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Head Start programs, and low income housing projects. Twice each month librarian Lisa Martin heads out to Hillsdale Terrace with Angela Lowman and her dog, Marilyn. "I feel like the Pied Piper," Lowman said, about the children who run out to greet them as they walk to the complex's homework room.

Lowman, who lives in Beaverton, owns a pet sitting and dog walking service. "The

kids benefit immensely from the read aloud skills," said Martin, who has worked at the Hillsdale Library for 25 years. Although many of the preschoolers cannot read, they enjoy looking at pictures in the variety of books Martin brings. Sometimes older kids read to younger ones as well as to Marilyn the dog.

"It's an interesting place," Martin said about the complex. "The families are diverse, and a high percentage are immigrants. One family is from Bosnia and many are Spanish speaking." Martin said she found several children at the

complex initially feared animals but felt comfortable around Marilyn. "It fosters a love of animals."

It's the excitement of seeing Marilyn, and maybe the novelty of reading to a dog, Lowman says about reasons for the program's success. She also finds children enjoy choosing books instead of having them assigned. If children ask Lowman how to pronounce a word, she tells them. "There's no judgment," she said. "I just let them read. If they mispronounce a word, I don't correct them."

When Sam Way finishes reading, Fogerty asks if he wants a picture. All sessions end with a Polaroid photo of the reader and dog, and a certificate stating the number of pages read that day. Fogerty signs Sam Way up for his next session before they say goodbye.

Sonja Haugen, who lives in Hillsdale, laughed as she watched Sam Way and Angie at the library. Her own mother read to the dogs when she was well into her 90s, she said.

"Mom had this idea that when you grew old you forgot how to talk and how to think," explained Haugen. "So,

she would read out loud constantly – Wall Street Journal, Fortune, anything she could get her hands on. My dog would sit there the whole time and look up with these adoring eyes."

Haugen also owned an African Gray parrot named Gracie. "Mom read to Gracie as well. Gracie would sit and look at her -- and then repeat things back."

For more information on *Read to the Dogs*, contact the Hillsdale Library 503.988.5388, the Capitol Hill Library 503.988.5385, or DoveLewis Emergency Animal Hospital 971.255.5910.

**Building Bridges**

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Museum of Science and Industry spoke to the importance of the bridge in their own development plans. Williams said OHSU wants "very much" to have their proposed new 19-acre South Waterfront campus "within five minutes walk of light rail."

LaCross said that OMSI hoped to double in size in the next 10 years, but that they would still occupy less than half of a 50-acre campus that could be developed for other uses. A station at Sherman would be 260 feet from the museum's front door, he said, and would help them realize a goal of having half their visitors come by transit. Architect Greg Baldwin said the rail route would provide a "unique opportunity" to link the two institutions with each other and Portland State University.

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