

Letters from the Librarian

"After the keen still days of September, the October sun filled the world with mellow warmth...The maple tree in front of the doorstep burned like a gigantic red torch. The oaks along the roadway glowed yellow and bronze. The fields stretched like a carpet of jewels, emerald and topaz and garnet. Everywhere she walked the color shouted and sang around her."

—Elizabeth George Speare, *The Witch of Blackbird Pond*



Our community greets October and all its autumn goodness. Look for the return of "yarn club" on Wednesdays at 4 pm, where knitting and crocheting and good company are available for all ages. Group leaders can instruct you in a new fiber art or you can bring your existing work in progress.

Honoring and learning about our area's first residents, this month the library hosts a four-week program of Kalapuya cultural fun for students from North Douglas Elementary School. We wrap up that series by inviting the whole community on Saturday October 26 at 1 pm. Hear a Native American flute, see traditional

beadwork and regalia. For our preschool and toddler friends, storytime returns Tuesdays at 11 am beginning November 4. Movies for families are Wednesdays at 5.

Looking to get involved with a club or community volunteer opportunity? Garden club is the second Saturday of each month, Friends of the Library meets the first Tuesday, the board meets the third Wednesday, YonDr book group alternates between Yoncalla and Drain, and the Civic Center volunteer committee meets regularly as well. Call the library at 541-836-2648 for more information about any of these programs or materials. Miriam Sisson, Director Mildred Whipple Library, North Douglas Library District ndld.org 541-836-2648

Yoncalla Public Library Notes

by Fawn Sybrant

Here comes Fall! Join us at The Haunted Library on October 31st from 4-7pm. Wear your best costume and stay for some candy and activities for the kids. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for all the details.

The library is looking for volunteers! We're looking for a few people that are interested in planning events or programs several times a year. If you've ever had an idea of something you'd like to see at the library and would like to become more involved in the Yoncalla

community, this might be a great option for you.

We're also looking for someone who is interested in bringing art to the library by working with local artists and crafters to display their work. If this sounds like you, please reach out by leaving us a comment, sending a message, or giving us a call at (541) 849-2128

Follow us on Facebook for more information and to see what we're up to every week. Our hours are M 1-5, W 10-4, Th 4-7, and Sat 10-2. See you at the library!

Good News

for Yoncalla Beautification Projects

The Yoncalla Beautification Committee recently was notified that its Federal non-profit status has been renewed. This allows tax deductible status for all donations and contributions made to the Committee. Mary Ellen Lasswell, Committee president, received confirmation of how the non-profit status benefits the community when she received a phone call from an anonymous donor pledging matching funds up to \$5000 for community beautification projects. This pledge has the potential to become a \$10,000 donation. Public donations are vital for the completion of Beautification Committee projects as the committee has no base financial support.

At the October 24 meeting, Committee members conducted a brain-storming session to discuss proposed projects for the coming year. A current proposal is to increase the number of hanging flower baskets on Eagle Valley Road and Main Street. Metal posts for the baskets would be built by Yoncalla High School shop students. Another proposal is to update and replace signs listing services within Yoncalla. The Committee encourages attendance by anyone who has ideas for "improving the livability for our community while reflecting the pride of our small town." Beautification Project meetings are regularly held the 4th Thursday of each month beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Editorial

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opportunities that can significantly address some of their own complaints than what I heard in Council. Literally dismissed without going beyond the obvious lack of any informed source information so that hip pocket speculation gave way to embracing an environmentally, un-neighborly, continually costly, dangerous and unreliable, but familiar, alternative that doesn't actually fit the bill.

I want thank all of our readers as we go through a transitional phase. The Herald has suspended our free mailed subscriptions. It's a necessary move to continue expanding and improving the newspaper. The cost of mailing was already draining our resources and the last rate hike just about did us in. Like I said it's a good thing because the Herald is still free to all and it is more feasible to expand our pickup points, increase production and content to give you an even better product, more pages, more color and more news. I am projecting 5000 readers by the first of the year 2025. Along the way we will be adding newspaper racks at our pickup points and a new delivery vehicle to shorten delivery times. Please consider a donation to help us in that important expansion.

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