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Keizer library hires new manager



Kathy Thomas is the new manager of the Keizer Community Library at the Keizer Heritage Center, 980 Chemawa Road NE.

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Kathy Thomas first wandered into the Keizer Community Library (KCL) because she grew tired of driving to Salem for the offerings at the public library there.

"I came down to get a patron card and I was so surprised by the warmth and coziness of this little library that I thought it would be a great volunteer opportunity," Thomas said.

After volunteering for six weeks at the circulation desk, the Keizer Heritage Center board of directors approached her with an offer: how would she like to be the manager?

Thomas accepted and now spends her time at the library doing all sorts of things she

never quite expected.

"It's anything from vacuuming the floor and dusting shelves to ordering supplies, but the best part is working with the volunteers," said Thomas, a retired state government employee who worked with research and statistics involving workers' compensation.

Her primary role at the library is scheduling and overseeing a team of volunteers that take care of the library and its holdings.

"We have some that do circulation, some that catalogue our books. It's amazing how many jobs there are in a small library and so many require special skills," she said.

Each week, KCL receives about 260 visitors. While loaning books is still the primary function of KCL, Thomas said about 40 percent of patrons are making use of the public access computers.

"They read their e-mail, work on job applications and they can print things when they need to do that. It's one of the most popular services," Thomas said.

While she's still taking stock of the various hats she's going to wear as manager, Thomas already has visions of where and how she would like to see the library grow.

"My understanding is that the library started as a children's program and I would like to see it grow in terms of what we offer as children's programming and books," she said.

Unlike the offerings for adults at the library, children's books often wear out more quickly due to constant use and there is a steady stream of new authors and illustrators to choose from. She also wants to grow the collection of Spanish-language books available at KCL.

The small legion of volunteers, which numbers 40 currently, keeps the library up and running, but Thomas is keen to add to that number.

"We could really use volunteers who have the ability to communicate with our hearing-impaired and Spanish language-speaking patrons," she said.

Monetary donations and business sponsorships are also appreciated.

"We also have our big book sale coming up May 20 and 21 and it's our biggest fundraiser of the year," Thomas said.

Library hours are 1 to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.



A hunting they will go...

A community Easter egg hunt drew about 50 families to Keizer Christian Church Saturday, March 26.

Eager hunters listened to a Easter story before heading outdoors for the egg scramble.

ABOVE: Abigail and Ruby Mae Brown search for treasures under a bush. LEFT: Jeremy Angeles finds eggs tucked under a tree.

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Classes, artists reception on tap at KAA

The Keizer Art Association is hosting several classes at the Keizer Heritage Center in April.

An eight-week colored pencil class begins Monday, April 4, and meets every Monday from 9 a.m. to noon until May 23. Cost is \$60.

Calligraphy with Penny White will be taught Tuesdays from 2 to 4 p.m. The class begins April 5 and runs through May 24. Cost is \$50.

Steve Kleifer will teach a drawing class April 6, 13 and 20 (all Wednesdays), from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$75.

Kleifer will also teach an acrylic painting class on the same dates from noon to 3 p.m. Cost is \$95.

Watercolor with pen and ink will be taught by Angela Wrahtz April 7, 14, 21 and 28. Morning sessions are 9 a.m. to noon, afternoon sessions are 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$80.

Wrahtz will teach a one-day color workshop using grays, browns and neutrals April 16. The session runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a one-hour break. Cost is \$95 and a \$10 materials fee.

For lists of required materials and to register for any class, visit keizerarts.org.

KAA's April show provided by the Colored Pencil Society of America runs through May 4. An artist's reception will be held Saturday, April 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Keizer Heritage Center, 980 Chemawa Road NE.

Apply to be a TEDx speaker

TEDxSalem, Salem's independently organized TED event, is seeking speaker applicants for its fourth annual event on Jan. 7, 2017, at the Salem Convention Center.

The TEDxSalem speaker committee is looking for experts in a variety of fields who

have new and dynamic ideas worth spreading.

"We are looking for speakers that have an idea for a revolution they want to start in our community and beyond," said co-curator Brian Hart, "A

revolution can be anything... a more walkable city, passive housing, ecologic farming, big data, internet of things, internet

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