

Library website in Washington Co. improved – try it for yourself

Getting to the Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) website just got a whole lot easier. The Cooperative Library Services recently launched a new and much improved URL (www.wccls.org), replacing the previous www.WILInet.wccls.lib.or.us. Making the move to the eight character URL from a nineteen character one was easy. What comes with the new URL – a new logo and website redesign – took a bit more work and creativity. According to WCCLS Manager Eva Calcagno, the new look and content were in

response to patron feedback and WCCLS' desire to increase the services and information delivered to library users via the website. "The website is an additional library branch that can be used 24 hours a day," said Calcagno. This is the first major overhaul of the website since 1998. The new website was designed by a Portland-based design firm, Sparkplug. The process began with user interviews and included testing and feedback this Spring. The result is a cohesive design that provides easy navigation and logical content arrangement,

featuring photos that depict the beauty of Washington County. Through the WCCLS website patrons may access the shared catalog of seventeen WCCLS member libraries, a variety of periodicals, recommend websites for research and information, a library events calendar, and information about library hours and programs. Patrons may use the library catalog to request books, CDs, DVDs, and more. They may even renew materials electronically, cancel, suspend and reactivate requests, check on the status of loans,

requests and fines. Individuals with a WCCLS library card may access the nearly 1.3 million items in the shared collection of the member libraries. For information about local library services, open hours and programming visit the Washington County Cooperative Library Services website home page www.wccls.org. The Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS) library catalog includes the holdings of public libraries in Banks, Beaverton, Cedar Mill, Bethany, Cornelius, Forest Grove, Garden Home, Hillsboro

(Main and Shute Park), North Plains, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin and West Slope, plus WCCLS Outreach to Homebound, Oregon College of Art and Craft, and the Tuality Health Resource Center.

Children & Families Commission members sought in Wash. County

The following Washington County board is currently seeking applications for new members: Commission on Children and Families (CCF).

Description: Working with many partners, the Commission looks at conditions in the community that impact children and families and recommends planned strategies and specific funding to improve those conditions. The Washington County Commission allocates over \$9 million biennially in federal, state, local and private funds to

community organizations for a range of services focused on improving family functioning, early childhood care and education, school success, positive youth development and community engagement.

Membership: Fifteen members who represent the geographic and cultural diversity of the county, and bring expertise and knowledge about the developmental stages of childhood and adolescence, and issues facing children and families. At least eight of the mem-

bers must be lay citizens who do not derive income from children & family services.

Time Commitment: 10 to 15 hours per month

Meeting Times: Second Thursday of every month, 7:00 p.m.

Term Length: 4 year

The application deadline is October 16, or when all vacancies are filled. Applications may be obtained by visiting the website or by calling 503-846-8685. Descriptions of all the boards can also be found on the web-

site: www.co.washington.or.us/cgi/boards/commis.pl.

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