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NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF BIRCH BAY LIBRARY

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FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our first AGM was held June 25th with 31 attendees and 16 new members joining. Following a welcome and short history by Vice President Keith Alesse, reports were offered by WCLS Deputy Director and Design Committee Chair Michael Cox; Development Committee Chair Pat Jerns; and Communications Chair Brian Bell. With the resignation of one board member in October, another in June, and a change in the bylaws extending the total to 11, there were seven board seats to be filled. New board members are: Bea Ball, Doralee Booth, Harieklia Bryant, Stephanie Gordon, Dianne Marrs-Smith, Dawn Wetherby and Monica Zikusooka.

Board meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m., currently at the Birch Bay Bible Community Church. Members (or those planning to become members) are welcome to attend; if wishing to speak, please contact the secretary to get time on the agenda at birchbaycommunitylibrary@gmail.com.

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A NEW
LOGO



Suzanne Carr, creator of the new logo, was presented with a plaque at the AGM.

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The Communications Committee focused on the new logo project for the first half of 2018, recognizing that all other projects rested on that. Those projects include a brochure, bookmarks, and stationery. Membership cards incorporating the new logo were produced just in time for the AGM. The Committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month, at 6:00 p.m. at the Birch Bay Bible Community Church. If interested in attending or joining, please contact Chair Brian Bell at bgbell@acm.org.

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The Development Committee is continuing to make plans on several fronts for the future fundraising effort. One of the main and important lessons the committee has recognized is that this is not something that can, or will, happen quickly. Many of the plans we are working on today may not result in actual monies being received for some time. However, the current groundwork is necessary before we can expect the financial support we will be seeking.

One important task currently being developed is “Our Story”, which will explain why a Birch Bay library is a genuine need. “Our Story” will be an essential part of any presentation, be it to an individual, family, group or other entity, when making a request for financial support.

The committee is in ongoing communications with several individuals and firms to understand the circumstances that will allow them to support the library through financial grants or donations. It is not always as simple as, “We want to help”, due to the specific nature of their established procedures. Knowing what those procedures are and being able to demonstrate how our library will meet them is crucial.

We are excited to announce that the Development Committee has attracted two new members who have deep experience in fundraising, for both libraries and other causes. They bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to assist us in our mission.

Lastly, the Development Committee asks that if you know someone who may be interested in donating to our library, regardless of where they live, to please help. You can do this by either contacting those people and asking if we can add them to our database for receiving updates on the library’s efforts or providing their contact information to the Development Committee so we may keep them informed. You may reach the committee Chair at patjerns@gmail.com.

HELP
WANTED

Volunteers are the backbone of our organization. Staffing booths is the major need in these summer months. Volunteers are most urgently needed for Sunday’s two-hour shifts. An orientation is provided.

Events coming up are:

~~Sand Castle Competition~~ — July 14 & 15

Rollback Weekend — August 11 & 12

Discover Birch Bay Days — September 1 & 2

To volunteer for two-hour shifts on Sundays , please contact the Events Task Force at 360-371-5312 or birchbaycommunitylibrary@gmail.com. THANK YOU!

MESSAGE
FROM THE
PRESIDENT

Members of FOBBL, ~

My name is Dianne Marrs-Smith and I have been elected your new FOBBL President.

Here is a little bit about me: I first landed in Whatcom County in 2005. After a brief time in Blaine, I became a resident of Bay Crest South in 2009. You can find me on Clamdigger Drive when I'm not at the Lynden Library.

I have worked for the Whatcom County Library System since 2006, 10 years in Ferndale and now two years as the branch manager in Lynden.

Pop-Up library events, are among my favorite things, meeting patrons of all ages, working along side my wonderful team from the Lynden Library, and being involved in community activities like our Birch Bay summer events.

I am most excited to get to know each of you and work with you all to make the dream of having a library in Birch Bay a reality.

I hope to see you at a FOBBL meeting, a Birch Bay Library Community event, or at one of our summer Pop-Ups.

Until then, enjoy a great book, the warm weather, and thinking about how you can help make our library a reality.

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