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NEWSLETTER OF THE FRIENDS OF BIRCH BAY LIBRARY

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Happy Fall, Friends! With summer behind us, the Friends have been hard at work planning our "Dine, Dance, and Donate" event. Our fundraiser will be at Loomis Trail Golf Course on Saturday, October 26th from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Early Bird tickets are \$50 until September 30 and then go to \$65. See the **Events Committee** section for how to get tickets.

The Silver Reef Casino is catering our Northwest Buffet. The Rod's Holler bluegrass band will be playing live music our first hour. DJ Kitchen Sink will be playing some awesome dance music until 10:00 pm. Our Events Committee has been working to secure auction and raffle items. So far we've a night stay at the Silver Reef Casino and Golf package for two with golf cart, transportation to the Silver Reef Hotel and breakfast the next morning; a night at the Inn at Lynden; two tickets to the Upright Theater; a \$150 gift certificate for hair and nail services from Valentine at the Grotto in Fairhaven; and a \$100 gift certificate to the Birch Bay Cafe — just to name a few items.

Fundraising is coming along. Chuck Kinzer, with help from Michael Cox, Pat Jerns, and Bonnie White completed a detailed project proposal for Phillips 66 in September. We will hear back on this proposal to corporate headquarters early in the new year.

Frisky Fandoms Nerdlesque Troupe held a fundraiser for us in September. It was a fun, wild night that focused on Literary Heroes and donations for our project. We ended up getting \$146.00 plus 149 books for our book sale. Also, I got to talk to lots of people about our project. I appreciated the troupe's efforts to support us.

A Facebook Birthday Donation for Charity. Our awesome Secretary, Wendy McLeod, gave this simple fundraiser a try for her birthday this summer. We recently received \$397.00 for the building project. If you have Facebook and would like to do a Birthday Donation Charity event for the Friends of Birch Bay Library, we would be very grateful.

We are getting our fall groove going at the library site. You can find one of us there every Wednesday from 3:00 pm to 6:00pm. Come out the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 4:00 to 5:30 pm and join our newly created Birch Bay Library Book Club. In October, we will be selling books out of the garage during our Wednesday time.

An update on WCLS and funding options. Our state appropriated \$2 million has a project deadline of May 2021 so WCLS has been looking at other ways to make our dream a reality. The library system has given serious consideration to a Library Capital Facility Area (LCFA), the method Washington State law provides for funding public library capital improvement projects. It would be based on a designated service area; for us that would be Birch Bay. The library system would put two measures out to voters in either a special election or during a regular election cycle: Measure 1 — residents would vote to approve or decline to become an LCFA; Measure 2 — residents would vote to approve or decline to accept the tax the LCFA would raise.

I will keep you posted as more information comes available. We anticipate that the WCLS Board of Trustees will have a decision about the LCFA at their October meeting. Thank you for all your support of the building project thus far. It will take our community's financial support, creative fundraising, and vigorous advocacy to complete our project by the May 2021 deadline.

We continue working on private fundraising. Every dollar gets us closer to our goal and reduces the amount that might be needed if an LCFA is sought.

See you at Bookmobile Wednesdays!

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COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

New FOBBL Website! Two and a half years ago the Friends of Birch Bay Library (FOBBL) Board of directors recommended creation of a website to serve as the electronic anchor for our fundraising and community outreach activities. The resulting volunteer-built site (friendsof-birchbaylibrary.org) has been live for a couple of years now. While proving to be reliable, functional and readable, the experience of visiting that initial website — assuming you were able to find it at all — was pretty old school.

Earlier this year FOBBL was approached by Serge Samoylenko of local graphic design firm [Spoken Designs](#). Serge expressed his strong support for FOBBL's mission and offered to

export our initial website to a more mainstream, expandable platform. The twin goals of this effort were identified as:

1. Solve the well-known problem that people couldn't find us (unless they already knew where we were), and
2. Break free of the limiting 'walled garden' imposed by our initial hosting platform.

The first iteration of the new website design was submitted for review a few short weeks later. The second iteration (incorporating FOBBL's detailed feedback) became available in mid-September and is very close to being ready for release. Stay tuned for the public unveiling!

Imagine your Birch Bay community with the [pedestrian Berm project](#) complete, the [Community Park](#) full of happy kids, and [a first-class library](#) in the middle to knit it all together! Our Communications Committee is honored to be a part of the team working to make this vision a reality.

Fundraising for an important cause. FOBBL's Communications Committee exists primarily to support fundraising initiatives at all levels. Right now, our whole team is engaged in preparations for the exciting [Dine, Dance, Donate!](#) fundraiser to be held on October 26th at the Loomis Trail Golf Club. That evening is sure to be a lot of fun, and we have high hopes for the donations it will attract in support of Birch Bay's library project.

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EVENTS COMMITTEE

Our main fundraising event of the year, the Dine, Dance, Donate! fun evening, has been well described above. We appreciate your support and welcome all offers of auction items to further enhance the experience.

Don't forget — Early Bird tickets are just \$50 until September 30! After that, the price goes up to \$65 while they last. Here are three convenient ways to get tickets using your credit or debit card:

1. Call Dianne Marrs-Smith, FOBBL President, at 206-850-8590;
2. Visit the future library site on Bookmobile Wednesdays from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm;
3. Buy them online at [this secure site](#).

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HELP WANTED

We are all volunteers. Staffing information booths, joining a committee, and/or walking in parades are ways people get informed, involved and invested in our goal of a building a branch library in Birch Bay. Please contact Dianne with ideas on how you would like to become part of this miracle on the bay.

FOBBL Board Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at the Birch Bay Bible Community Church, corner of Blaine and Bay Roads. All are welcome to attend. If you want to speak, please contact Dianne to arrange time on the agenda, at least three days prior to the meeting, at 206-850-8590; ddiannesmith@gmail.com

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