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WEEKLY BOOK SALE

AND PROJECT CHAT



Every Wednesday from 3:30- 6 p.m. at the library site, 7968 Birch Bay Drive.

Community Events

Date	Event
May 30	Kite Festival
June 13-14	Rollback Weekend
June 27	2nd Annual FOBBL Community BBQ
July 18-19	Sandcastle Sculpture Competition
Aug. 4	National Night Out
Sept. 5-6	Discover Birch Bay Days
Dec. 31	Ring of Fire



FUNDRAISING REPORT

The Dine, Dance and Donate event held on October 26, was a big hit. We had a complete sell out on all 100 tickets. It was a fun filled night where guests were served a wonderful meal prepared by Silver Reef Casino catering. Guests were entertained by WCLS Deputy Director, Michael Cox, showing off his magic tricks. The big excitement came with the announcement of the silent auction and raffle winners! We want to thank all the guests, donors and sponsors for making this event a success.

Bailey's Holiday Bake Sale held on December 13, was organized by 10 year old Birch Bay resident Bailey Black. Bailey set a goal to raise

\$300 for the new library and the Community turned out in droves to make her goal and surpass it, for a grand total of \$2267! Thank you Bailey and all those who came out to support her and us.



All of our fundraising efforts in 2019 helped raise \$17,000 to add the library fund. We have started the new year off with a big bang donation of \$10,000 from a very generous supporter from Seattle.

Be sure to watch for our Spring events and come out and enjoy the fun!

WAYS TO DONATE

Friends of Birch Bay Library (FOBBL) is non-profit 501(c)3 organization and your donation may be tax deductible. To make a donation to help with the building of Birch Bay Vogt Community Library you can:

- Make a donation on our website: <https://friendsofbirchbaylibrary.org/#donate>
- Donate through Whatcom County Library System (WCLS) Foundation: <https://www.wcls.org/library-foundation/donation-form-birch-bay/>
- Become a sustaining partner by setting up a monthly donation at either website above.
- Drop a donation off at every event you attend! Cash, Check or Credit Cards accepted.
- Consider arranging a tax-free donation from your IRA annual required distribution.
- Create a Facebook Fundraising event to celebrate your special occasions and list Friends of Birch Bay Library as the beneficiary.

For more information on making a donation, contact Di Marrs-Smith at ddiannesmith@gmail.com.

MEET YOUR NEW LIBRARY: *Birch Bay Vogt Community Library*

As plans are being firmed up for the Birch Bay Vogt Community Library, we want to show our readers the current design plans and all the services that will soon be available. Join us on this journey to explore all the possibilities our library will provide for our community.

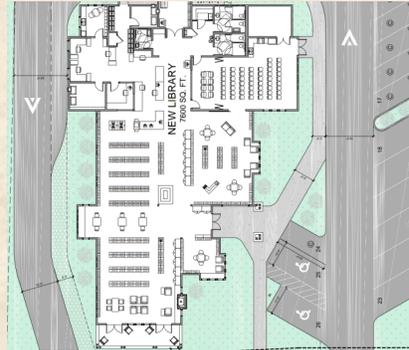
When this project was started, the goal was to incorporate the existing historical Vogt home. Sadly, due to structural requirements, it was not feasible. Zervas Architects, the principal design group, has gone to great lengths to incorporate the essence of the Vogt house into the new design, which can be seen in the design graphic. The replication of the



stone porch at the front of the house and the fireplace are very similar to those of the original home. The Craftsman style in the upper dormers is

reminiscent of the second story of the house.

The new design will allow for an open and spacious floor plan that would not have been possible with the old house. The Architects will now be able to move



the building closer to the front of the lot. This will provide ample parking for cars, bikes, and golf carts. A U-shaped drive will surround the building and lead to a drop box.

The main entrance will be located on the east side. The rear entry will house a Library Express that will operate from 6 a.m. - 11 p.m. The Library Express will give patrons the flexibility to place an order online that can be picked up at their convenience. There will be plenty of room on the front lawn for outdoor activities, such as Children's Story Time or our Annual Community BBQ.

The Library will have easy access for all its visitors. It will provide entries and walk ways with no ramps or stairs to navigate.

Follow us in future newsletters as we explore the inside of the full service library.

How You Can Help

Share your special talents and time to help us to reach our goal. We have many opportunities where you can make a difference. Help a little or help a lot, all are welcome.

Contact Di Marrs-Smith, 206-850-8590 or ddiannesmith@gmail.com, to find a place and time that fits your schedule. Help is needed in:

- Book Sales
- Communications Committee
- Event Planning and Support
- Fundraising
- Summer Booth Staffing



Many hands make light work ~John Heywood

Birch Bay Book Club

Join the Birch Bay Book Club on the third Wednesday of each month to discuss and review the latest books. Members will meet at the house on the Library site from 4-5:30 p.m. No membership fee required to join. Contact Harieklia Bryant, kli@mac.com, for more information.



The selection for March is *Before We Were Yours*, by Lisa Wingate. Follow along the intrigue as Avery finds a new friend that will lead her into her family's well hidden past. In April the Club will read *Upstairs at the White House*; *My Life with the First Ladies* by J.B. West. As chief usher at the White House 3 decades, J.B. West shares his time with the First Ladies.

All selections are available in a variety of formats from WCLS.

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2020 BEGINS NEW PLANNING

BY DI MARRS-SMITH

As we begin the new year, we are laying out plans for new community events to help us in our fundraising goals and to keep our community informed on Birch Bay Vogt Community Library project progress

Last year we started *Book Sales and Project Chat* weekly on Wednesdays during Bookmobile visits, from 3:30-6 p.m. We will continue with this program.

We value community input and would love to hear your thoughts on the project. Come visit with us on Wednesdays where Friends will be on site to answer your questions and give you the latest news on the project. We will also

have our Friends merchandise available for purchase.

We are updating our Newsletter to include information on the new library and the services that will be provided. We will also include news from Whatcom County Library Service (WCLS) that may be of interest to library patrons in Birch Bay.

The Kite Festival will be held on the library site May 30 and 31. We will be partnering with WCLS and the Birch Bay Chamber during this two day event. There will be plenty of family fun and activities for everyone. Watch for more information as it becomes available.

STORY TIME

Library Time Travels

By Brian Bell

Skeptics insist that time travel will always be the stuff of science fiction. Around 58 years ago the Kerrisdale Elementary School library in Vancouver, B.C. informed me otherwise.

We all know Grade 3 is a busy time for a kid. Between classes, goofing around in hallways, eating lunch, and recess, there's not a lot time left over. Eventually my first library period rolled around. On entering the library, we slapped eyes on a largish room with bookshelves on every wall and low reading tables scattered around. And more books than I'd seen in one place in my entire life! Time seemed to slow down the instant I crossed into the room...

It was a bit like when I lost control of my new bike and crashed into a girl; I had plenty of time to think, "Is this actually happening? Should I yell out a warning? How am I going to explain this?" – all in the seconds before she turned and braced for impact. My 8-year-old's ego was the only thing bruised in the encounter, but in that instant my mind captured details enough for a small book...

Which leads me back to the school library. I finally picked a book at random from the Fiction section. It was a story about magical talking parrots, set in the prehistoric past. The class lasted only 20 minutes, but I'll swear that by the time it ended my young mind was smelling volcanoes and wondering how it was that birds could be so darn clever. I was far away and long, long ago when that buzzer snapped me back to the present. Blink. Blink.



Some people seek out libraries for sanctuary. That's cool, but mainly I go there to travel in time.

TELL US YOUR STORY

Library Time Travels is the second story in a series and is brought to you by Brian Bell. Brian serves on the Friends of Birch Bay Library Board and Chairs the Communications Committee, where he is able to utilize his many years of IT experience. He and wife Karen have been residents of Birch Bay since 2012. They are both avid supporters of our community and the library project. Thanks for sharing Brian!

We want to hear your library story—your favorite, earliest, or happiest experience in a library. Share your story by submitting a 300 word essay to Ruth Higgins, ruthhiggins7@gmail.com.



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NEWS FROM WCLS

BOOK BUZZ



FAREWELL TO OVERDUE FINES!

As of January 2, 2020, all overdue fines have been wiped clean. Whatcom County Library Service and Bellingham Public Library are joining forces to eliminate overdue fines to provide better access for all of their patrons. However, they do need their materials and

resources returned and will still implement replacement or damage fees. For complete information on the overdue fines please visit <https://www.wcls.org/>.



CENSUS DAY, APRIL 1, 2020

The 2020 Census counts every person living in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories. From March 12 through March 20, 2020, households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone, or by mail. WCLS libraries will serve as Question

Assistance Centers to guide people to census information. Visit your local library to find more information on the 2020 Census.



The Bookmobile is available every Wednesday from 3-7 p.m. It is located on the library site, 7968 Birch Bay Drive. You can order a book online and pick it up on their next visit.

Underland: A Deep Time Journey by Robert MacFarlane

Review by Wendy McLeod

It would be guideless to say that Robert MacFarlane reaches deep with his writings of nature and etymology. In *Underland: A Deep Time Journey*, we find that in exploring the depths we discover what humankind cherishes, hates, loves and fears is buried just under the surface. For your existential types, it is a dizzying and delightful if not a very dark matter of life touched and entombed in particular cooperation. Be sure to keep your night lamp on as Robert has us cling to England's flowing salt walled Boulby laboratory, tap into wood-wide web tree chatter and trace the Spanish red dust finger paintings of centuries past all to emerge enlightened.

Explore more new titles and Book Buzz reviews at <https://www.wcls.org/category/reviews/book-buzz/>

BOARD MEETINGS

FOBBL Board of Directors meet the second Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the house on the library site, 7968 Birch Bay Drive.

Visitors are welcome. If you have a discussion item you would like on the agenda or need accommodations to attend, please contact Di Marrs-Smith, ddiannesmith@gmail.com or 206-850-8590. Agenda requests must be received three days prior to meeting to be included.

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