



UMATILLA COUNTY SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

Strengthening our community libraries

Library Happenings

Adams 541.566.3038

Athena 541.566.2470

Echo 541.376.8411

Helix 541.457.6130

Hermiston 541.567.2882

Nov 25 - Teen Advisory Council &
"Turkey Games"

Milton-Freewater 541.938.8247

Nov 1 - Oldies Night @ the Library
Dec 6 - Oldies Night @ the Library

Pendleton 541.966.0380

Nov 12 - Cell Phone Class
Nov 20 - Teen Movie Night

Pilot Rock 541.443.3285

4th Thursdays - Rocket Readers
Nov 16 - Zentagle®

Stanfield 541.449.1254

Tuesdays - Pre-school Story Time

Ukiah 541.427.3735

Umatilla 541.922.5704

Weston 541.566.2378

Nov 20 - Book Buddies
Nov 21 - Novel Readers

These and more programs are available. For specifics contact the local library.

Holidays Reminder

With Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas around the corner, check with your library for their Holiday Hours.

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Coordinator's Corner: Fall Update

Mary Nixon, UCSLD Coordinator



Fall is often the time of gentle breezes and not so gentle winds here in eastern Oregon. The gentle breeze of change is present in the

Umatilla County Special Library District.

First, the District has brought another helpful piece of technology to your local library. If you have checked out materials in the last week or so you have hopefully noticed that library staff is offering you a new option...a list of items you checked out that day. All on a single strip of paper! It looks similar to a grocery store receipt. No more hand stamping checkout cards thus saving staff time and no more purchasing of checkout cards and/or the pockets to put them in thus saving library funds. The printout makes an excellent bookmark or is easily attached to your frig with a magnet. But what if I lose the piece of paper you ask? No problem...just go onto your library's website and click on "my account." It will list your checked out items with due dates. Or even easier, sign up for e-mail notices that give you a heads up 3 days before your items are due. This change is a

good thing!

Second, fall is when the UCSLD Board usually contracts out the task of evaluating how well each library followed its Annual Library Service Plan (ALSP). This year we decided to try something a little different. Each library director was invited to make an oral presentation about her/his library to members of the Board. And what a wonderful array of presentations it was, each reflecting the diversity and character of both the library and its director! It's one change the Board will be following again next year. Our thanks to directors who, though a little anxious, were willing to try something new.

And last but not least, the District Board has been working on a revision of the City/District agreement. The agreement is a document which outlines roles and responsibilities of both groups regarding the use of tax payer funds distributed by the District to the cities for the operation of their libraries. The agreements were last revised and signed by both groups in 2005! Just think of how the world of libraries has changed in the last seven years. Time to update! Our goal is that the agreement continues to provide a framework for the District's mission of strengthening our libraries! It's who we are and what we do!

New Take Off! Program Manager



The Umatilla County Special Library District (UCSLD) is excited to announce the hiring of Brittany Young as the new Program Manager for the District's *Take Off!* early literacy program.

Brittany joins the District with experiences in the field of youth services in libraries, gained while working at the Pendleton Public library. Currently, she is working toward her Masters in Library and Information Science. Brittany said while working at the Pendleton Library, "I found and nurtured my passion for early childhood education." As the *Take Off!* Program Manager, Brittany will be providing resources to area partners who serve children ages 0-5.

Delay: Email Issues

We apologize for the tardiness in the arrival of this issue of the UCSLD Newsletter. The delay was caused by problems with our email server host, causing some of our email to be rejected because it was identified as "spam".

We waited for the problem to be corrected before sending out the newsletter.

Thank you for your understanding.

SPOTLIGHT ON: Helix Public Library

The Helix Public Library is located in the Helix City Hall at 119 Columbia Street. This building was originally the Helix Elementary School. In 1971, the City donated a

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Helix Library Director

room in the old school building to be used as the library. In 1988, the library was taken into the Umatilla County Special Library District and became known as the Helix Public Library. Being a part of the UCSLD opened up many new opportunities, but as the opportunities grew so did the library, and the original space became too small. In 2007, the City gave the library use of another vacant room. In addition to housing the birth to early readers' books and children's programs, it is our multi-purpose room, where we have special presentations, classes, movies, parties, etc.

The Helix Public Library serves the small city of Helix (a population of around 250) and the farming community around it. In addition to providing access to all of the books, audios, and services available through the Sage Library System, the library tries to

offer the residents of this area access to many services they would have to travel a 30-minute drive to obtain. We don't have access to a Red Box or any other DVD rental service, so we have been building up our DVD selection much to our patrons' delight. We can make copies, send faxes, laminate papers and cards, offer computer usage, and Wi-Fi.

Through a donation and a grant, we were able to obtain a projector, large screen, and movie licensing. By using our multi-purpose room and setting up chairs or having people bring their own comfortable lawn chairs, we are able to offer special

children's movies and family night movies.

The Helix Public Library belongs to the people of Helix and the community around it. We are always excited to find a new service that we can provide for them.



Stan Prowant came to Helix and presented a great hands-on archaeology program to our Summer Reading participants. Using small fossils that he brought with him, they made their own plaster molds. He also brought many larger fossils and models with him and after explaining each one, he answered the group's questions.

UCSLD Board: Bill Gregory

Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles introducing the members of UCSLD Board of Directors.

I was born in Denver, Co. and moved to eastern Washington in 1953 with my younger sister. I started school in Benton City, Washington and graduated there in 1967. Two weeks after graduation I married Frances Johnson from Prosser, Washington. We have been together almost 47 years. We have 4 grown sons and 8 grand children.

With a wife and 4 children I almost always had at least 2 jobs and sometimes 3. My wife stayed home with the

children. When they were school age we chose to home school them. Between home schooling and running a sewing business out of our home my wife was very busy. We have owned multiple businesses during the time we were raising our children. We had a landscaping business for 21 years after the children got old enough to work in the business.

In 2000 we turned the landscaping business over to one of our sons who still operates the business in Kitsap County, Washington. My wife and I move to Tucson, Az. And planned to basically retire. Nine months
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Stanfield: Summer Reading Winner

The Griffin Family of Stanfield was randomly selected as a winner in this summer's *We Dig Summer Reading and Saving for College* campaign, sponsored by the Oregon College Savings Plan in partnership with the Oregon State Library and Oregon Library Association. Wendy and Jim Griffin will receive a \$1,000 Oregon College Savings Plan account on behalf of their child's higher education.

We Dig Summer Reading and Saving for College was a component of this year's summer reading program held at public libraries throughout Oregon to encourage children of all ages to maintain their

reading skills during summer break. Stanfield Public Library where the Griffin's child participated in the summer reading program, also received a \$500 cash prize from the Oregon College Savings Plan.

"It is great to see someone from our community win the College Savings Account. The Stanfield Library is proud to encourage reading through the summer while at the same time participating in this program. We are also thrilled with the \$500 prize, which will go a long way toward enhancing our future summer reading programs," said Stanfield Library Director Cecil Longhorn.

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The Hermiston Friends of the Library held their annual Book Sale in September.



Rebecca Lerner, author of *Dandelion Hunter*, an expert urban forager made and gave a talk on finding wild food in the city landscape. The presentation was in Pendleton.



Pendleton Public Library hosted a Barbie Party in September.



The Hermiston Public Library staff designed their new circulation desk. The desk was installed the end of October.

Bill Gregory: Continued

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later we decided to go to truck driving school and get our CDL. So we went to L.A. and got the schooling we needed and we both got our CDL. We drove long-haul for about 5 years and then moved back to Bremerton, Washington. So we could be around our kids and grandkids. In 2012 we moved to Pendleton to get away from all the rainy weather and traffic of Bremerton. It put us half way between Bremerton and Boise where we have other grandkids.

My reason for running for the UCSLD board was to get involved in the community in an area that I care about. I am an avid reader and also interested in children having opportunities to learn to read and appreciate books at an early age. The Board is made up of very dedicated people who take the challenges we face very seriously. It has been a pleasure to work with the Board and staff of the Special Library District.

Stanfield: Library a Winner, Too

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The *We Dig Summer Reading and Saving for College* program received 6,542 entries statewide, helping to spread awareness of the importance of both summer reading and saving early for college. A total of 15 winners, three from each Oregon congressional district, were selected in a random drawing.

"This is the fourth year that we've partnered with the Oregon College Savings Plan on summer reading," said MaryKay Dahlgreen, Oregon State Librarian. "The *We Dig Summer Reading and Saving for College* campaign was a great incentive for all Oregon students to participate in their library's summer reading program."

As part of its sponsorship, the Oregon College Savings Plan also underwrote a series of free special performances in libraries in communities with a population of 10,000 or less. The goal was to

engage and motivate young readers, while helping these smaller libraries drive traffic and encourage summer reading.

The summer reading program is offered through Oregon's public libraries each year to encourage children to continue to read through the summer.

UCSLD's Vision is to ensure that:

- Libraries within the District are seen as integral parts of the infrastructure and critical to the livability and economic development of the communities

- Local governments are held accountable for high quality library services and programs.

- Libraries are equipped to provide 21st century programs and services.

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