



Monroe Library

Library Board
Agenda
September 11, 2014 7:00PM

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1. Call to order
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Managing Librarian's Report(Learn about Phil Spirito)
4. Sno-isle report (Valerie Stevens)
5. City report
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Hoopla Demonstration
9. Adjournment



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Explore summer reading game bike winners Juan, age 11, and Annalisa, age 10 with Jack Houston and Wally Watkins of the Monroe Masons Lodge #160

Explore summer program statistics

- 485 children signed up
- 178 finished the program
- 2000 books were read

Issues that matter Public Forums

Both “Issues That Matter: Drugs in Our Communities” public forums ignited in-depth discussions amongst community members.

The event on Aug. 7 at the Monroe Library attracted 69 attendees and the event on Aug. 14 at the Snohomish Library had 51. The discussions included emotional testimonies from audience members and a variety of views about the complex issues communities face in dealing with drug problems.

Feedback from attendees in the audience indicates they appreciate Sno-Isle Libraries’ role in bringing people together to discuss and share information. Many of the participants, including the panelists, moderator, KSER, and staff team, felt the programs were worthwhile, well attended, and meaningful opportunities for dialogue on the topic of drugs in the communities along Highway 2. The Issues That Matter team leader Charles Pratt said “It was wonderful to receive such a high level of support in both communities.”

If you missed the event, get a recap here:

Watch the video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tw1-FbVOAHM>

[See photos of the Monroe event on Facebook.](#)

Find resources at sno-isle.org/issues-that-matter.

Prime Time Summer 2014

After the initial success of the first Primetime session in March we were very excited to be chosen to do a second session in the summer. During the first meeting, adult participants were asked to fill out an entry survey. The survey asks questions that determine habits and attitudes towards reading as a family and asking questions about the stories they read together. At the last meeting, adults were asked to complete the same survey again in order to measure a change in habits or attitudes toward reading as a family.

There were 12 surveys completed at the first meeting and 9 surveys were completed during the last meeting, which signifies a retention rate of **75%**. This was an improvement over the retention from the first session in March.

Participants were asked if “Prime Time changed the way you and your children read and discuss books together?” Comments included:

- “my son is more interested in reading”
- “they participate more on discussing the book”
- “they get more involved in thought”
- “disfrutamos mas la lectura y la biblioteca” (we enjoy reading and the library more)
- “con mas preguntas” (with more questions)

33% of participants reported an increase in asking questions about the stories during or after the reading

22% of participants reported an increase in finding new meanings, ideas, or conclusions during or after the reading

44% of participants reported an increase in visiting the public library with their children

44% increase in participants who “strongly agree” it’s important for families to share stories together

Anecdotally, this Prime Time session in comparison to the first one didn’t have as many participants but there was a stronger participation in the discussion from both parents and children. The conversation was very robust, and many parents commented on how much they enjoyed the program.

This was a very successful program. Shannon Dye our Children’s Librarian did a fantastic job organizing and facilitating the program. We have just been notified by Humanities WA that we are approved for having this program again in 2015.

Other summer programming of interest

Carnivorous Terrariums

Mary Fosse brought many varieties of carnivorous plants to amaze and educate the 12 teen attendees we had on June 24th. After showing off some of the more exotic varieties she led the group in creating their own terrarium to take home featuring a sundew plant. They chose their vessel and started filling it with rocks, dirt and moss then added the sundew and finished by adding personalized touches of miniature figurines all supplied by Mary. She had a great rapport with the kids and we would gladly welcome her back.

Star Wars Shakespeare

On July 16th Ian Doescher presented a reading from one of his books to 70 attendees comprised of adults, teens and school-age children. He started off singing a song written specifically for the audio version by the award-winning composer of the movie Frozen, Robert Lopez. He then did readings of various sections from *The Empire Striketh Back* and in two instances he invited audience members up to read with him. The program finished off with Ian answering questions from the audience and signing his books and posters for anybody in attendance.

THE GAME IS ON! The Seattle7Writers Crime Squad Trivia Show

On Saturday, June 21 authors Elizabeth George, Bernadette Pajer, Mike Lawson, Boyd Morrison and William Dietrich put on quite a show. It was a trivia competition among the authors, with help from audience members. I’ve never been at a program with that much laughter. The 25 audience members had a fantastic time and were able to learn about the authors and their writing process. Main Street Books was on hand at both events to sell the authors’ books.

Staffing changes

- Phil Spirito started as the new Managing Librarian on July 28th
- Amy Smith Library Associate II has taken a job as Circulation Supervisor in the Edmonds Library. The position has been changed to a Technical Assistant and will be filled by Larry Noorgard.
- Carrie Bolden Public Services Associate I took a position at the Snohomish library
- Lisa Abdallah Public Services Associate III Children's Liaison has taken a temporary position at the Granite Falls library

Friends of the Library

Programs funded by the Friends:

Ready Readers (incl., Baby & Me, Toddler and Preschool Story times and is ongoing)

Seattle7Writers' "Crime Squad" (Sat., June 21-no financial support, but they helped set-up and decorate)

Explore summer with Marco Cortes (special music event-Sat., June 28)

Found Object Art (kids' event-Tue., July 15)

Star Wars Shakespeare with Ian Doescher (Wed., July 16)

Marshmallow Structures and Puff Mobiles with Imagine Children's Museum (kids' event-Sat., July 19)

Movie Matinee: "Monsters University" (kids' event-Tue., July 22)

Lego Building (kids' event-Tue., July 29)

Science Magic! with Jeff Evans (kids' event-Tue., Aug. 19)

National Night Out Against Crime in Monroe (annual community event-meet & greet/info table, free kids' picture books, swag and Win A Box of Books contest-Tue., Aug. 5)

The Friends have also created a system to set aside library discards and/or donated books year-round that they deem appropriate for frequent distribution to several local charitable organizations and/or schools [ex: Cocoon House (teen shelter) and Frank Wagner Elementary school library]

Hoopla streaming resource for movies, TV shows, music, and audiobooks

In April the Sno-isle Library System added a new electronic media resource called Hoopla. This new resource provides movies, TV shows, music and audiobooks. The library system embraces our new streaming culture and encourages the use of new types of technology. This service works in the same way that Netflix, Hulu or other streaming services work so it should be familiar to people. This resource is also available as an app for mobile devices which will allow downloading of music and audiobooks so that the mobile user doesn't have to stream when they are out of WIFI range. The graphic below shows that after only four months Hoopla is our second most used electronic media resource. My guess is it may be number one by 2015. Hoopla is a great example of how quickly Sno-isle responds to cultural changes.

Start downloading movies and TV shows, music and audiobooks

Overview Instructions: Register for an account by visiting hoopladigital.com or using the hoopla app and clicking on Sign Up. You will need to provide an email address, create a password, and have your library card information (card number and pin).

Easily browse titles on your computer or mobile device by clicking Browse and choosing the Music, Movies, or Television tab. You can search for specific titles by clicking in the Search box and typing in your title or keyword. To borrow a title, click on its icon and then click the Borrow button. The borrowed titles can be found under the My Titles tab for viewing/listening. Enjoy! Borrowed titles will be automatically returned when your lending period is over.

Check out up to 10 items per month

Loan periods are:

- 3 days for movies and TV shows
- 7 days for music
- 21 days for audiobooks

Sno-isle Emedia Statistics

