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SUMMER READING PROGRAM RECORD ENROLLMENT!



2009 Mayor's Award Winners Celebrate Their Accomplishment on August 27 at the Civic Auditorium

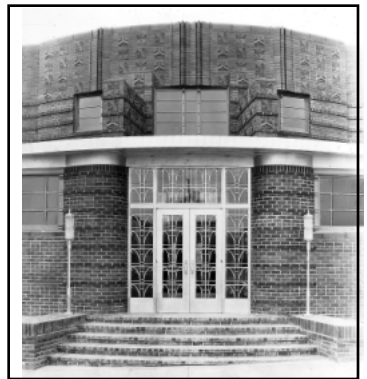
It was a great year for the library's annual Summer Reading Program. Almost 2,500 kids signed up, and 628 of them, from kindergarten through grade 12, completed their reading goals. An additional 300 Read-to-Me participants completed their reading

Program. These are our youngest readers, and they rely on their parents to read to them. The Mayor's Award ceremony took place in the Civic Auditorium, and 314 children and their parents attended. The audience was treated to a story by Esta

Anderson, and punch and cookies thanks to McDonald's and the Friends of the Library. Many many thanks to our wonderful sponsors who make our program so successful, especially Peninsular Lodge No. 95 F&AM who contributed 4 bicycles.

FALL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS MAIN LIBRARY

- *Author Matt Ruff, Sept. 20, 2:00 p.m.*
- *Beginning Genealogy Online, September 30, Noon.*
- *Where in the World is Matt Harding? Oct 4, 2:00 p.m.*
- *Organizing Your Paper Chaos, October 7, 7:00 p.m.*



CELEBRATE 75 YEARS OF THE MAIN LIBRARY

This fall the Main Library celebrates 75 years on the corner of Hoyt and Everett Avenues.

The building was made possible by a \$75,000 donation from Leonard Howarth. It was designed by Carl Gould, and opened to the public on October 3, 1934.

Join us on Saturday, October 10, 2009 for appetizers, desserts, wine, and coffee—and an evening of

history with local historians David Dilgard and Melinda Van Wingen.

Because we're actually trying to raise money for a teen room and an expanded storyroom, admission will be \$75.00 per person (for 75 years!). In return we promise you great food and drink, and a fascinating program. You'll get to hear a lecture by David Dilgard, small group tours of the art

in the library, and a peek at treasures from our very own library vault.

Enjoy catering by the Savory Table, a selection of Washington wines, and coffee from Espresso Americano.

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A PLACE FOR TEENS IN THE MAIN LIBRARY

How many places are there in Everett where teenagers can hang out in a safe, supervised environment for free? How many are open evenings and weekends, offer materials that help with school projects, books for leisure reading, computers with free Internet access, and great programs? And how many have staff trained to help teens find what they need? The only place like that we can think of is the library.

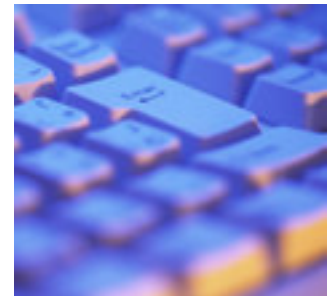
We are now raising money to create a great new space just for teens at our Main Library.

In addition to a room of their own with comfortable seating, and books and magazines chosen for their appeal to teens, the room will feature Internet computers just for teens, and lots of outlets for laptops, phones, and other devices.

We've received two grants from local philanthropists

totaling \$65,000, and we are waiting to hear back from several foundations. You can donate by clicking on www.epls.org/friends/ and indicating your donation is for the teen room, or by attending the 75th Anniversary event on October 10 (see first page).

We know teens are in the library—after all, over 8,000 have library cards. Now we want to make them feel really welcome.



GATES COMPUTERS ARE HERE!

In the spring of 2008 we received notification that we were eligible for an Online Opportunity Hardware grant from the Gates Foundation that would help fund at least 32 new public Internet computers over the next two years.

The only catch was that we had to come up with a match—25% in the first year

and 50% in the second. We are very grateful to the City of Everett for agreeing to provide the \$30,550 match we needed.

The first phase of the project is now up and running. Everett residents have access to 11 more computers at the Main Library and 6 additional work stations at the Evergreen Branch. Look for at

least 15 more computers sometime in 2010.

In this time of high unemployment the library is delighted to be able to provide the online resources that people need. Many companies now require online applications, and we hear from people every day that they no longer can afford Internet at home.

EARLY LEARNING TOYS THANKS TO ROTARY

Thanks to the generosity of the Rotary Club of Everett the Main Library and Evergreen Branch Children's Rooms each have two new early learning activity stations. These stations help young children develop hand-eye coordination, learn their alphabet, and have a good time doing it.

Research tells us early learning activities are critical for school success.

These new stations are a wonderful addition to the things the library already does to promote early literacy. Our baby storytimes introduce little ones to the joys of reading, songs, and fingerplays.



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