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FOCUSING ON GENEROSITY: SO MANY WAYS TO GIVE

IT'S A THANK YOU PARTY FOR DONORS: THE PARTY'S ON US!

It's not very often that the library holds invitation-only events, but that's what's happening on Saturday, November 1 at 7 p.m. at the Main Library. You might well ask why we're doing this, and the answer is we want to celebrate the extraordinary generosity of Genette Brocken, who left the Everett Public Library approximately \$500,000 in her will. We also want to thank our endowment donors, our loyal Friends of the Library, and our special event sponsors whose support year after year helps make the library a better place for everyone.

Invitations go out soon. We hope you'll plan to attend to learn about the library's latest



Genette Brocken

projects—from the Quiet Room and the new Northwest Room work area, to STEM for babies, and digitizing Everett High School yearbooks. The library's been busy this year, and this event is a great opportunity to see what the staff has been up to.

The Friends of the Library are hosting the bar, and there will be appetizers, coffee, and dessert as well. Music will be provided by the Jazz Pearls, a local all ladies jazz combo.

If you're a current member of the Friends of the Library, you'll be getting an invitation in the mail. If you're behind in your dues, it's not too late to write a check and get an invitation to an this lively—and free—event.



FRIENDS ENDOWMENT FUNDED!

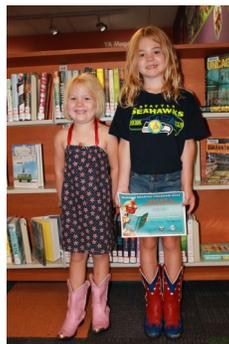
In 2014 the Friends focused on fully funding the endowment they started several years ago with the Greater Everett Community Foundation. Thanks to a jump start from an anonymous donor, we met our goal of \$50,000.

This means, beginning in 2015, we'll be able to begin using the interest from our fund to support library programs and materials. This will be an exciting change from having to raise money to fund the endowment.

We don't want to rest on our laurels, though. The endowment may be fully funded, but that doesn't mean you can't continue to donate to it. After all, the bigger the endowment gets, the more money we'll have to spend on your library.

VOLUNTEERS GIVE TIME & ENERGY

Another way Everett residents contribute to their libraries is by volunteering. Our annual Summer Reading Mayor's Award event pictured below is one of our more fun volunteer opportunities. Friends help with this event every year. But there are lots of on-going projects, from cleaning book covers, to working on NW Room projects, to outdoor clean-up. Call volunteer coordinator Anita Johansen at 425-257-8012 to learn more.



Join the Friends: support great things for kids, library beautification, excellent collections, and more!

Sign up online or in the library. Details on back.



When HomeStreet Bank opened their Everett office, they made a generous donation to the Everett Public Library. Now we've found the perfect way to use it.

During our strategic plan update in 2013, many of you told us you wanted a quiet place to study—a place that reminded you of the way libraries used to be. We listened, and the result is a Quiet Room at the Main Library. HomeStreet is one of several donors whose contributions helped make this happen.

While we would love to do a similar project at the Evergreen Branch, there simply is no room at the branch for it. It is on our list of amenities for the as-yet unscheduled branch expansion.

FOUNDATION FOR EARLY LEARNING GRANT FUNDS STEM AT YOUR LIBRARY



Our children's librarians have been figuring out how kids and their parents can have fun while learning the basics of science, technology, math, and engineering—and they are almost ready to roll out the results of their work, as our 18-month-long grant from the Foundation for Early Learning nears the end. We've had water play in the auditorium, ramps at

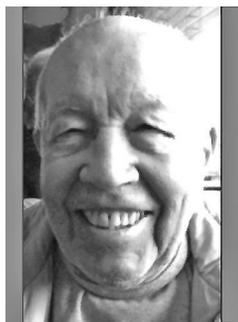
the Branch, giant blocks, and lots of kids and paraphernalia everywhere. Learning kits parents and caregivers can check out will be available soon.

REMEMBERING FAMILY & FRIENDS

Are you interested in having the library purchase books or media in someone's memory? When long-time library staff retire, the Friends have donated money to purchase books to acknowledge years of service. People find it more meaningful than a plaque.

Library patrons often ask the library to purchase books in honor of family or friends who have died. We are always happy to do this, and there is even a staff member responsible for making sure the donor's wishes are carried out. Requests may include a bookplate and sending an acknowledgement of the donation to the family.

Sometimes families request in an obituary that in lieu of flowers donations be made to the library or to Friends of the Library. That was the case recently when Dr. Lyle Ostlund died. Friends received many donations in memory of Dr. Ostlund, who practiced dentistry in Everett for 50 years.



Dr. Ostlund, at left

IF YOU LIKE OUR PROGRAMS, THANK OUR ENDOWMENT DONORS

You've probably noticed that the library hosts a variety of fun and educational programs for adults, children, and families. In 2013 over 37,000 people of all ages attended our programs.

There was a time when the library focused on children's programs, but didn't have many for adults. We do now, thanks to the support of our Collections for Excellence donors. Interest from these funds is used to purchase materials and support programs at both libraries. Whether it's a program on the latest Seattle Opera performance or a visit from the Reptile Man, chances are a library endowment helped make it happen.

Orcas of the Salish Sea, presented by Howard Garrett, Saturday, October 4 at 2 p.m., Main Library.

Women at the Western Front, presented by Tames Alan, Sunday, October 26 at 2 p.m., Main Library.



Join the Friends; Support the Library. Your contribution makes a difference.
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