

**Introducing ...
Adult Services Manager
Christopher Rumbaugh**



Salem Public Library welcomes our new Adult Services Manager, Christopher Rumbaugh.

Christopher, an active member of the library profession, keeps current on library trends and is a passionate advocate of eBooks and other emerging technologies. He is excited about joining the Salem Public Library team and has already rolled up his sleeves and begun to work.

Christopher may look familiar to some Salem library customers. He and his family are long-time Salem residents and library users. He says he is glad that he will no longer be commuting to Corvallis, where he has been a well-regarded reference librarian for over a decade.

If you see Christopher, stop and say hello!

Family Festival of the Arts

*Tears of Joy Theatre
presents ...*

**The
Ugliest
Duckling**



7 p.m. Friday, February 17
Loucks Auditorium

The Ugliest Duckling is a retelling of the famous story by beloved Danish author Hans Christian Anderson, set in Australia and starring little Yuckay, a platypus, in the role of the duckling that grows up to become a swan.

The event is free on a first-come, first-seated basis with the support of the Friends of the Salem Public Library. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

More information is available from the Youth Services Desk at 503-588-6088.

Also inspired by Scandinavian culture ...

NORDIC EXPOSURE

Anyone who has ever wondered about life in Scandinavia will now find a land of northern wonder in the Discovery Room. Visitors can create dala horses, row a Viking longship, play with representations of mischievous trolls, learn about the gods Thor and Freyja of Norse mythology, dress in Scandinavian attire, and more.

Discovery Room hours are subject to volunteer availability.

Thursday and Friday mornings are reserved for class visits.

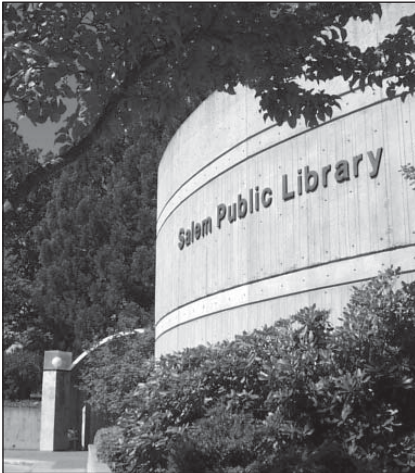
Please call ahead to find out when the Discovery Room will be open.

This Discovery Room exhibit is funded by the Rise Trust.

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World of Music at the Library

Al-Andalus

7 p.m. Friday, February 3
 Loucks Auditorium

Tickets \$5 in advance/\$7 at the door

Now on sale at all library Circulation desks

Led by oud player Tarik Banzi, Al-Andalus is internationally known for their creative fusion of east and west. They weave classical, jazz, and contemporary music with musical traditions from medieval Spain.

Banzi was born into an old Andalusian family in Morocco and grew up immersed in the Andalusian and North African musical traditions. His major instrument, the stringed oud, is a relative of the European lute. Banzi is joined by his wife Julia, a classical and flamenco guitarist, and singer Emily Miles. In addition to the musicians, the concert includes two flamenco dancers.



The lobby opens at 6 p.m., with the house opening at 6:30. More information about this show and the World of Music series is available at 503-588-6052.

Cover Band Showcase

7 p.m. Friday, March 2 ♦ Loucks Auditorium

SPECIAL PRICING!! Tickets sold at the door only.

\$2 OR 2 cans of food (to be donated to Marion-Polk Food Share)

The finest, funnest, and funkiest of the Salem area's cover bands will gather on the Loucks Auditorium stage for this new addition to the World of Music at the Library series. Three bands will be chosen to rock the night away, emulating and celebrating well-known and lesser-known hits. Participating bands will be announced on the library website and on Facebook in early February.

As part of this celebration of local talent, the library is introducing a special admission rate for the Cover Band Showcase only. More information is available at www.salemlibrary.org or 503-588-6083.

Camerata Musica

Cello Connection

2:30 p.m. Sunday, February 26 ♦ Loucks Auditorium

Cello Connection is an ensemble of local cellists playing some works composed directly for cello ensembles as well as arrangements of other music. The concert is organized by Bruce McIntosh and Noah Seitz.

Camerata Musica concerts are free and open to the public. Late-comers will be seated only between pieces.

The series is supported by a grant from the Salem Foundation and contributions from patrons. More information is available at www.cameratamusica.org or from George Struble, 503-364-3929.

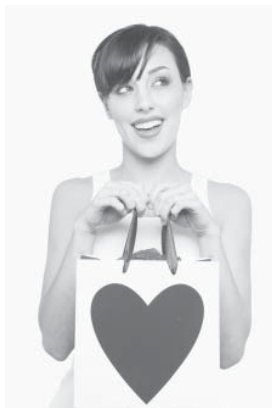
Special Holiday Grown-Up Storytime*Love is Strange*

7 p.m. Tuesday, February 14 ♦ Loucks Auditorium

Actors from local theater companies return to Salem Public Library to read stories about love in this special edition of Grown-Up Storytime.

Stories at Grown-Up Storytime are intended for an adult audience, but may be suitable for younger listeners with good attention spans. Some stories explore mature themes, so parental discretion is advised.

This program is free and open to the public on a first-come, first-seated basis. More information is available at the Information Desk at 503-588-6052.

**All About eReaders: TWO SESSIONS!**

10:30 a.m.-12 noon Saturday, January 28

10:30 a.m.-12 noon Saturday, February 25

Anderson Rooms A&B

As eReaders become an increasingly attractive option for library patrons, this class explores some of the factors to consider before purchasing an eReader, and how to download library books through Library2Go. In addition, participants will explore some of the Library2Go features that make selecting materials quicker and easier.

No registration is required. More information is available at www.salemlibrary.org or from the Information Desk at 503-588-6052.

Public Book Discussion Groups

Books for Lunch and Books for Dessert are free, public book discussion groups organized by Salem Public Library staff. New members are always welcome. More information is available at www.salemlibrary.org or 503-588-6052. Books for upcoming discussions are available from special book kits available at book club meetings or at the Information Desk on the main floor at the Central Library.

People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks

7 p.m. Tuesday, February 7 ♦ Plaza Room

In 1996, book conservator Hanna Heath is called to analyze a priceless six-hundred-year-old Jewish prayer book. When Hanna discovers a series of artifacts in the centuries' old binding, she unwittingly exposes an international cover-up.

Special Book Club Event*Best Books of 2011***TWO PRESENTATIONS!**

12 noon- 1 p.m. Wednesday, February 15 ♦ Anderson A & B

7-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 6 ♦ Loucks Auditorium

Salem Public Library Readers' Advisor Robin Beerbower will introduce the best fiction and non-fiction books published in 2011, as chosen by herself, library staff and volunteers, and the book critics.

These programs are free on a first-come, first-seated basis. More information is available at 503-588-6052.

**Grown-Up Storytime****My Funny Valentine**

12:15 p.m. Fridays

Anderson Room A

Library staff and community volunteers read short fiction or non-fiction aloud for adults. Listeners are welcome to bring lunches or knitting. February's stories are all about love. Doors open at noon.

Friday, February 3***Ocean Avenue***

by Michael Chabon

Friday, February 10***How Old, How Young***

by John O'Hara

Friday, February 17***The Kugelmass Episode***

by Woody Allen

Friday, February 24***The Plan*** by Edna O'Brien**Library Advisory Board**

6 p.m. Wednesday, February 8

Heritage Room

The Library Advisory Board serves to provide citizen input and advise library management. Board meetings are held monthly, except July and December.

All meetings are open to the public. More information is available at www.salemlibrary.org or at 503-588-6071.



World at Your Doorstep

*Our Native American
Neighbors*

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Saturday, February 4

The World at Your Doorstep is a year-long series of programs, presented in partnership with Salem-Keizer Public Schools and with other organizations that celebrate just a few of Salem's many cultural communities. In February, with the help of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, the focus will be on Salem's Native American Community. Activities include:

Grande Ronde History

11 a.m.-12 noon

Anderson Rooms A& B

Dr. David Lewis, Cultural Resources Department Manager of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, will discuss the history of the Grand Ronde Tribe.

Family Crafts & Activities

12 noon-2 p.m.

Main Floor

Participants of all ages are welcome to attend. All events are free and open to the public.

More information on the series is available at www.salemlibrary.org. or at the Information Desk at 503-588-6052.

Human Trafficking in Oregon: A Human Rights Presentation

League of Women Voters of Marion & Polk Counties

7 p.m. Tuesday, February 7

Loucks Auditorium

Willamette Law School Professor Gwynne Skinner will discuss the extent to which Oregon is complying with both national and international law in the area of prevention of human trafficking. She will discuss international and national law in this area, and possible legislative changes that could impact the situation in Oregon.

This program is free and open to the public. More information is available from the League of Women Voters of Marion & Polk Counties at www.marionpolk.or.lwvnet.org

Mid-Valley Travel Club

Syria: A Stunning, Scenic Secret

7 p.m. Thursday, February 9

Loucks Auditorium

Although civic unrest inhibits travel to Syria at present, this diverse country deserves a place on every "Bucket List." Presenter Virgil Funk will discuss his 2010 trip that included visits to Damascus and Aleppo and discuss the Iraqi Student Project, which aids young Iraqi refugees in Syria.

TRAVEL SKILLS TOPIC: Traveling with a Disability, introduced by Carol Schroeder.

Meetings of the MVTVC are free and open to the public. Participation in a lively discussion is strongly encouraged. More information is available at www.midvalleytravelclub.org.

Japanese Earthquake Memorial Concert

Taiko Drumming and Koto Music

2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 3

Loucks Auditorium

On March 11, 2011, a tragic earthquake and tsunami occurred in Japan, causing a serious nuclear power crisis, severe loss of property, and over 18,000 deaths. This concert expresses our condolences for the Japanese earthquake victims.

The concert will include performances by Monmouth Taiko, featuring musicians Masumi Timson and Noriko Dozono on koto, a string instrument and Larry Tyrrell playing shakuhachi, a traditional Japanese flute.

This program is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.monmouthtaiko.org.



8th Annual Straub Environmental Lecture Series

Once and Future Giants

7 p.m. Thursday, February 23 ♦ Loucks Auditorium

Veteran science journalist Sharon Levy discusses lessons learned from former giant species such as the woolly mammoth, camels, and saber-toothed cats. We can draw parallels to our own “modern giants,” such as elephants, lions, and grizzly bears, which are currently threatened worldwide.

Happy Hour and book signing will immediately follow the lecture at Orupa. More information is available from the Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center at 503-391-4145 or www.fselc.org.

ADA Statement

The Salem Public Library affirms its support of equal access for persons with disabilities and will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Salem Public Library seeks to make its services, facilities, and programs accessible to the public.

Service Accessibility

The Salem Library has policies, practices, procedures, and routines that govern our operation. When those policies, practices, procedures, or routines create a barrier to persons with disabilities, the Library must make “reasonable accommodations” to allow library patrons with disabilities to have the same access to the Library’s services, programs, and activities as patrons without disabilities. Accommodations will be reviewed with the library user to find the best approach. Most accommodations can be made easily at the staff level and involve minor adjustments in procedures or providing extra assistance to a library user. Other accommodations may require more detailed discussions with the library user, depending on the disability, and may need to involve the ADA Coordinator.

A map that identifies accessible facilities and services at the library is included on the library’s website, is displayed on each floor of the library and is available at all service desks.

Requesting an Accommodation

To request an accommodation, alternative format of communication, and/or modification of policies and procedures in order to access and benefit from a Library program, service and activity, a library patron must submit a request for reasonable accommodation. The Request for Reasonable Accommodation Form is available on the City’s website. (Alternative formats for the form are also available upon request.) The request for reasonable accommodation must be submitted at least five business days before the scheduled event. If a patron submits a request for reasonable accommodation less than five business days before the event, but the accommodation can still be made before the event begins, library staff will make good faith efforts to provide the accommodation. For questions on a particular accommodation request or for further information on requesting a reasonable accommodation, please contact the Library ADA Coordinator at 503-588-6064.

Complaints About Accessibility

Any person who believes that he or she or any other program beneficiary has been subjected to unequal treatment or discrimination in the receipt of benefits or services from the City because of a person’s disability may file a complaint with the City’s ADA Coordinator. The Complaint of ADA Non-Compliance Form is available on the Library’s website.

Informal Resolution

Every effort will be made to obtain early resolution of complaints at the lowest level possible. The option of informal meeting(s) between the Library’s ADA Coordinator (Kelley Jacobs, 503-588-6064), City staff, or other affected persons may be utilized for resolution. If informal resolution is not successful or the complainant wishes to proceed with a formal investigation, then the complainant may appeal the matter to the City’s ADA Coordinator who shall proceed with a formal investigation.

Formal Resolution

The City’s ADA Coordinator (Constance Munnell, Human Resources Department Director) receives requests for formal complaints of ADA non compliance and proceeds with an investigation of the complaint in accordance with the City of Salem’s Americans with Disabilities Act Grievance Procedure.

Volunteer of the Month

Ray Lambeth
Library Advisory Board



Long-time library volunteer, Ray Lambeth, was encouraged to apply with the City to become a member of the Library Advisory Board.

He was appointed in 2006. For the past six years, Ray has faithfully served on the Board, both as a member and for two years as Chair. The Board meets monthly at the Library and advises City Council on Library matters. Ray encourages community members with a passion for the Library to consider contributing in this way. He believes the Board is more effective with a wide variety of perspectives.

Ray had a 25-year career with the Oregon Public Utility Commission. Ray and his wife, Terry, have vacationed all over the world, especially enjoying New Zealand and the South of France.

For the past 15 years, Ray has supported the library in many ways in addition to serving on the LAB. For 10 years, he maintained the Library’s now-defunct Community Service Database. He has led book discussion groups and helped keep the Adult fiction and mystery collections current and attractive.

Ray’s last LAB meeting will take place this month, as he and his wife are moving to Portland. Library staff and patrons salute Ray for his many years of dedicated support to Salem Public Library.

Art Display
Rivers Edge
Photographs by
Jim Schomaker
February 1-29



Jim Schomaker has been photographing and printing for more than 30 years. Jim has had seven one-man shows, participated in more than 40 group shows, and had prints displayed in four museums.

His photographs were taken over three years in an area approximately 30 miles due East of Salem on or near the Little North Santiam River.

“We are fortunate to have such wonderful wilderness areas so close to where we live,” Jim said. “I hope these photographs convey a feeling of place and the unique environment there.”

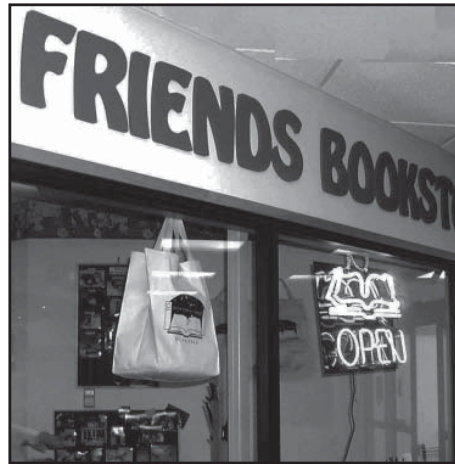
Database Spotlight
Historic Maps 24/7

Originally created to help insurance companies assess the fire risk of urban buildings, Sanborn Maps are now available online for more than 170 cities in Oregon.

The Sanborn Maps can be accessed 24/7 through the Library’s website (www.salemlibrary.org) by clicking on the Online Resources link and then on Family & History. Additional information is available from the reference staff 503-588-6052 or library@cityofsalem.net.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Email: splfriends@peak.org
www.salemfriends.org



Friends Bookstore

Inside at the Central Library
585 Liberty St. SE

HOURS

MondayCLOSED
Tues.-Thurs. 10:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Fri. & Sat. 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Sunday 1:30-4:30 p.m.*
**Fall to spring only*
Information503-362-1755

Store Special

February is the month for romance, so the Friends Bookstore is selling romance novels at 2-for-1 pricing.

Silent Auction

Up for bid is a fun book, *501 Must-See Movies*. Divided into 10 genres with 50 films and a beautiful description for each film, this is a must-have for movie buffs.

Raffle

A very special package for Chris Isaak fans: Chris Isaak Show VHS promo tapes, an autographed T-shirt, black and white photo, and a few old clippings. Each chance is just \$1.

Annual Meeting

The Friends of the Library’s Annual Board Meeting is at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 16 in the Plaza Room. The annual meeting is open to the public, as are all of the Friends Board meetings.

Booked!

6:30 p.m. February 16 —
Board meeting in the Plaza Room

Other Library Groups

Classic Poetry Group

7 p.m. Thursday, February 2
Plaza Room

For more information call Wendell Buck at 503-588-6217.

Groupe de Conversation en Français/French Conversation Group

6 p.m. Monday, February 27
West Salem Branch

This is a casual, supportive group of speakers at various levels, including native speakers.

For more information, please contact GwenEllyn Anderson at 503-585-2856 or gwenellyn@gmail.com.

Literary Discussion Group

1 p.m. Wednesdays
Plaza Room

More information is available at 503-588-6186.

Writers Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow (WYTTs)

12:30 p.m. Thursdays
Plaza Room

More information is available from Christel Jonge Vos at 503-371-1366.

Scrabble Club

6 p.m. Wednesdays
Plaza Room

More information is available from Leesa Bergeron, 503-551-9394.

Youth Programs



Boogie Woogie Concert

Eric Herman: Cool Tunes for Kids
10:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 7
Loucks Auditorium

Eric Herman, one of the most creative and entertaining kids' musicians in the U.S. today, is a local favorite. With non-stop interaction and incredibly fun, engaging songs, Eric's concert is an ideal choice for the entire family.

Seating is free on a first-come, first-seated basis.

Note: This concert takes the place of the Library's Preschool Storytime for the day.

Brain Boosters

11:15-12 noon Saturday, February 18
Anderson Rooms A&B

Sharing books and doing hands-on activities is one of the best ways to be sure that preschoolers will be ready to read when they enter school. Brain Boosters offers families of young children a chance to share a story and do fun science and math activities that will boost early literacy learning.

This program is designed to be a special time for parents to play and learn with their three, four and five-year-old children. It is limited to 30 families on a first-come, first-served basis. More information about the program is available from the Youth Services Reference Desk 503-588-6088.

Beverly Cleary Children's Choice Book Club

How Oliver Olson Changed the World by Claudia Mills AND
Calvin Coconut: Trouble Magnet by Graham Salisbury

4 p.m. Thursday, February 16
Children's Activity Room

Children in grades 2 to 4 will read each of the books nominated for the 2012 Beverly Cleary Children's Choice Award and participate in a fun and interactive book club. The group has been meeting on the third Thursday of each month to discuss each book, play a game, or make a craft. In February, they will discuss the last two books - ***How Oliver Olson Changed the World*** by Claudia Mills and ***Calvin Coconut: Trouble Magnet*** by Graham Salisbury, and finish up by voting for a favorite nominee.

Participants may stop by the Youth Services Desk to sign up and pick up a copy of the current book or call 503-588-6088 for more information.

"Snuggle Up!" Family Reading Club



Sign up through February!

Families are invited to add sparkle to the winter by joining the "Snuggle Up!" Family Reading Club offered by Salem Public Library during February and March.

For the eighth year, families who read aloud together for at least 15 minutes each and every day for one month will earn a new children's paperback book for their home library.

Families who do so for both February and March will earn an additional paperback book.

Registrations continue through February at the Youth Services Desk.

Each family will receive a reading log on which to record the time spent reading aloud together.

More information is available at www.salemlibrary.org or 503-588-6088.



Preschool Valentine Party

10:30-11:15 a.m.
Tuesday, February 14
Anderson Rooms A&B

All preschool-aged children are invited to a special celebration of Valentine's Day with holiday-themed stories, songs and a craft. Children will also be given a special Valentine's Day treat.

Pre-registration is required online using the "My Calendar" link at www.salemlibrary.org or at the Youth Services Desk in person or by calling 503-588-6088.

(Please note: The Valentine's Party replaces the regular 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime for the day.)

Fiction-to-Film Fest

Youth Services staff present free family movies based on books on the second Friday of each month through spring 2012. All shows are at 4 p.m. in Loucks Auditorium. Doors open at 3:45 p.m.

Stuart Little

(Rated PG; 85 minutes; 1999)
4 p.m. Friday, February 10
Loucks Auditorium

Based on E.B. White's beloved classic, it's the story of a mouse who is raised by the Littles, a human family. He's a clever, enthusiastic, 'can do' guy with attitude, leading to many adventures that teach him the true meaning of family, loyalty, and friendship.

Coming up ...

March 9 — *Holes*

Regular Weekly Programs

STORYTIMES

Salem Public Library offers eight storytimes each week, welcoming infants, toddlers, and families. No registration is needed for these programs.

Preschool Storytime

10:30 a.m. Tuesdays
10:30 a.m. Saturdays
Children's Activity Room

Preschoolers will learn and laugh at this storytime which offers 30 minutes of stories, songs, films, and fingerplays. Stories and activities are geared for children ages 30 months-6 years.

Family Bedtime Storytime

7 p.m. Tuesdays
Children's Activity Room

Children of all ages are invited for 30 minutes of stories, songs, and films. Children are welcome to come in PJs and bring a teddy bear or other bedtime companion.

Infant/Toddler Storytime

10:15 & 11 a.m. Wednesdays
10:30 a.m. Fridays
Children's Activity Room

These special storytimes start building a foundation for literacy. Parents with infants through 30 months old are invited to these 30-minute programs. The group shares simple stories, songs, fingerplays, and other rhythmic activities for parents and babies to enjoy together.

Brainy Babies

Bebés Super-Inteligentes
1:30 p.m. Wednesdays/miércoles
Children's Activity Room

Scientists have discovered that hearing more than one language during the first year of life benefits brain development. Brainy Babies is a bilingual storytime for babies from birth-18 months. Adults do not need to speak Spanish to participate.

Los científicos han descubierto que para aprender múltiples idiomas se empieza mejor durante la infancia. Cuentos Bilingües para Bebés es para bebés entre los recién nacidos y los que tienen 18 meses. Los adultos no necesitan hablar inglés para participar.

Cuentos En Español/ Spanish Family Storytime

6:30 p.m. miércoles/Wednesdays
Children's Activity Room

Cada miércoles, habrá cuentos en español para toda la familia. Los programas incluirán cuentos y canciones en español para niños de todas edades. No se necesita registrar para este programa.

Families are invited to a storytime that will be conducted in Spanish. The programs will include stories, songs, and films for children of all ages.

Read to a Pet

1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, February 11 & 25
Children's Room

Read to a Pet offers a chance for children to try the most relaxing, non-threatening way to practice reading out loud — reading to a dog or cat.

These visiting furry friends have been trained and certified by Paws for Love as therapy animals and are mellow and friendly. They visit the library on the second and last Saturday of each month. Parents are asked to call 503-588-6088 to sign a youngster up as a reader.

Coming in March ...

Boogie Woogie Concert
 10:30 a.m.
 Tuesday, March 6
 Loucks Auditorium

This free concert of family-friendly music and fun is free and open to the public on a first-come, first-seated basis. More information is available from the Youth Services Reference Desk at 503-588-6088.

Marie Haws: Kodály Music
 10:30 a.m.
 Thursday, March 15
 Anderson Rooms A&B

This class is taught in the tradition of Hungarian composer Zoltan Kodály, and will include songs, chants, and singing games for young children. Pre-registration is required online or at the Youth Services Desk at 503-588-6088.

Brain Boosters
 11:15-12 noon
 Saturday, March 17
 Anderson Rooms A&B

Families of young children will share a story and do fun science and math activities to boost early literacy learning. It is limited to 30 families on first-come, first-served basis.

**Friends of the Library
 Youth Drawing**

Every month, the Friends of Salem Public Library present one boy and one girl with a \$10 gift certificate to The Book Bin. January winners are Frankie Black, a sixth grader from Crossler Middle School, and Isabel Swain, a second grader from Grant Community School.

The monthly drawing is open to young people through age 18 who enter the drawing by filling out a form each time they visit the library. Forms can be filled out and left in the designated box at the Youth Services Reference Desk.

WEST SALEM BRANCH

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HOURS

Monday 1-8 p.m.
 Tuesday-Friday..... 1-6 p.m.
 Saturday 1-5 p.m.
 Sunday CLOSED

For information call503-588-6301

Tax Help

1 p.m. Mondays & Fridays
 Starting February 3
 West Salem Branch

TaxAide provides trained volunteers to help with tax preparation by appointment 1 p.m.-7 p.m. on Mondays and from 1 p.m.- 5 p.m. on Fridays.

This is a joint program sponsored by the AARP and the IRS.

This is NOT a drop-in program. Appointments can be arranged at the West Salem Branch at 503-588-6301.

Polk County History Display

February 1-29
 West Salem Branch

Honoring Oregon's birthday, the Polk County Museum will display several historic pieces.

Be My Valentine!

1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 8
 West Salem Branch

Preschoolers are invited to a Valentine's Day storytime party with stories, a Valentine's craft and a special treat. No sign-ups are necessary.

Monthly Lego Party

3 p.m. Friday, February 24
 West Salem Branch

Kids are invited on the last Friday of every month for an hour or two of unstructured Lego play. Legos are provided. Kids only need to bring their imaginations. No sign-ups are necessary.

Preschool Storytime

1:30 p.m. Wednesdays
 West Salem Branch

Every Wednesday afternoon, children ages 2-1/2 to 6 are invited to a preschool storytime, offering a fun half-hour of stories and a special craft.

The group is small, so interaction is high. Sign-ups are not necessary.

Make a child's day!

Volunteer shifts for evenings and weekends are now available in the Discovery Room.

To learn how you can help, contact the Youth Services Desk in person or by phone at 503-588-6088.



Teen Scene

Visitors of all ages are invited to visit the Salem Public Library Teen Scene to find and check out books, movies, and music. However, use of the seating area, study tables, computers, and gaming systems is limited to middle and high school-aged youth (generally 11 1/2-18 years of age).

Teen Scene is divided into two sections. The collection is available during all open hours at the library. The seating area is open after school and on weekends during the school year as follows:

Teen Scene Hours

Tuesday..... 3-9 p.m.
 Wednesday..... 3-9 p.m.
 Thursday..... 3-9 p.m.
 Friday..... 3-6 p.m.
 Saturday 12-6 p.m.
 Sunday..... 1-5 p.m.*

**Fall to spring only*

Phone number: 503-588-6364

Tuesday Night Writes

3-7 p.m. each Tuesday
 In Teen Scene

Middle and high school-aged writers are invited to drop in any Tuesday afternoon to work on projects, enjoy the support of other writers, and discuss ideas. This informal group is self-selected and self-paced. On the first Tuesdays of the month, group members plan to do some critiquing exercises, so it's a good time to bring completed work or later drafts to share.

More information is available from Teen Services Librarian Sonja Somerville at ssomerville@cityofsaalem.net or 503-588-6083.

Teen Knit Night

6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 2
 Anderson Room A

Teens interested in knitting – whether wanting to learn for the first time or skilled knitters looking for a group to hang out with – are invited to a kick-off Teen Knit Night program. Basic knitting instruction will be available to new knitters, with more advanced instruction offered to those working on projects. Plenty of new project ideas will also be on hand.

A selection of donated yarn is available, but knitters should each bring their own needles.

The group will also discuss the possibility of having a regular “teen knit-in” night in the library’s Teen Scene.

Pre-registration is recommended using the “My Calendar” link at www.salemlibrary.org or by calling the Teen Scene Service Desk at 503-588-6364.

Tuesdays with the Stars: Valentine’s Day Edition

Mamma Mia

6:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 14
 Teen Scene

Teens craving a little romance mixed with excellent music are invited to laugh, hum, or even break out and sing along with the big screen version of the stage musical featuring the songs of ABBA. In the days before Sophie (Amanda Seyfried) gets married, she is on a quest to discover the identity of her father, resulting in an unforgettable trip down memory lane.

There will also be fresh popcorn, drinks, and a special Valentine’s treat supplied by the Teen Scene’s Teen Advisory Board. This event is open to middle and high school-aged youth on a first-come, first-seated basis.

60-Second Showdown

6:30 p.m. Thursday, February 16
 Anderson Room A&B

NBC’s hit show “Minute to Win It” has demonstrated genius when it comes to inventing ridiculously silly, strangely difficult tasks using everyday items. Now, Salem teens are invited to try their hand at games inspired by a show in a carnival-style activity that allows everyone to try out the games before signing up for the exciting championship round. Prizes will be awarded and the snacks will be awesome.



Pre-registration is recommended using the “My Calendar” link at www.salemlibrary.org or at the Teen Scene desk at 503-588-6364.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Meeting

6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 9
Anderson Room A

In February, the Teen Advisory Board will continue work on the list for summer movie nights, pack up a special treat for the Valentine's Day movie, and begin to plan for Put the Give in Thanksgiving 2012. As always, there will be delicious snacks.

New members are always welcome. Teens interested in being a part of the Teen Advisory Board can contact Teen Librarian Sonja Somerville at 503-588-6083 or ssomerville@cityofsalem.net to learn more.

Live Music in the Teen Scene

3-5 p.m. Saturday, February 11
in Teen Scene

The music continues as the new Teen Library space welcomes musicians through each month, featuring local middle and high school-aged students playing acoustic music. The performances are free and open to middle and high school-aged youth. More information is available at the Teen Scene Service Desk at 503-588-6364.

Musicians who play contemporary music suitable as background or dinner music are urged to apply to perform at an upcoming monthly showcase. Interested musicians should contact Teen Librarian Sonja Somerville at 503-588-6083 or ssomerville@cityofsalem.net.

Teen Tech Week – March 4-10

Geek Out @ Your Library

Wall of Memes: Kick Off

3-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 6
in Teen Scene

Middle and high school-aged youth are urged to stop in and use the Teen Scene Creation Stations to explore meme-building sites, make a meme, visit memes created by others, and print a favorite (an original or someone else's) to add to the Wall of Memes that will be built in Teen Scene. Those who can't come on Tuesday are welcome to visit later in the week. The goal is to cover the whole Wall of Memes window by the end of Teen Tech Week.

Mini-Movie Making, Wiki-races, and Trivia – Oh My!

6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 8
Anderson Rooms A&B

Teens are invited to get their tech on in this program that offers the chance to film wild, two-minute adaptations of a favorite book; compete in Wiki-races; answer trivia questions about the Internet; and visit the Creation Stations in Teen Scene to make beautiful music.

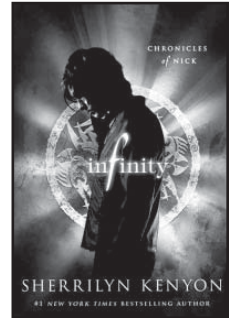
Pre-registration is recommended using the "My Calendar" link at www.salempubliclibrary.org or at the Teen Scene desk at 503-588-6364.

Speak Up! Teen Book Club

***Infinity* by Sherrilyn Kenyon**

4-5 p.m. Tuesday, February 28
in Teen Scene

Middle and high school-aged youth are invited to weigh in and share their thoughts in a casual, high-interaction setting at monthly meetings of the Speak Up! Book Club. New members are always welcome.



In February's book, 14-year-old Nick Gautier is an average kid who runs with the wrong crowd. When he tries to go straight, everything goes wrong until he connects with Kyrian of Thrace, a vampire slayer who introduces Nick to a world that he never imagined.

Interested readers are encouraged to stop by the Teen Scene Service Desk to sign up and get a copy of the book. More information is available at 503-588-6364.

Teen Scene - Art Scene

Teen Scene would like to highlight the artwork of area middle and high school-aged students.

School groups, community-based groups, and individuals may apply to display paintings, drawings, photographs, or other two-dimensional work for a month in a designated gallery space in Teen Scene.

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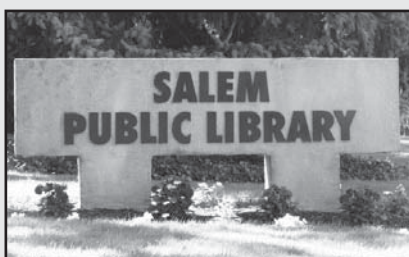
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