

# Mount Vernon City Library



## Busy Summer, Lots Happening!

by Brian Soneda

1. The New Library Needs Assessment continues, with community input from the Visioning Survey and other sources part of a preliminary report. You have two opportunities to learn where we are to this point on **July 9**: from 5-6:30 PM at an Open House at the Library, and at the City Council meeting (1805 Continental Place) starting at 7 PM that evening. Join us!
2. Summer Reading Program is in full swing; find out what great events are on tap by viewing the Calendar of Events on page 3. And don't forget to keep reading this summer!
3. Visit the Library booth at Farmers Market every other Saturday—get your fresh produce AND keep up with what is going on at the library. (Library days at the Market are July 12 & 26, August 9 & 23, September 6 & 20, October 4 & 18.) Library Foundation and Friends Board members, as well as Library Trustees will join staff at the booth.
4. Two special events! Read the Book/See the Movie(s) featuring the first two films in *The Hobbit* series, at the Lincoln on **July 26**, with a BBQ in Pine Square between showings, all sponsored by the Elks Club. Enjoy a Picnic at 3 pm following the Farmers Market on **August 16**, a partnership between the Library and Helping Hearts and Hands.



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### Who supports the library?

- You do, through City taxes
- The Friends of the Mount Vernon Library
- The Mount Vernon Library Foundation
- Individuals and organizations who believe in libraries, literacy and the quality of life in Mount Vernon.

## Summer Reading—Fizz, Boom, Read!

by Beth Bermani

Please see the **Library Events Calendar** on Page 3 for a list of great library events this summer, part of our great Summer Reading Program. Here are some other important things to remember about the library's Summer Reading Program.

**Summer Reading Mascot Hunt.** Have you seen Professor Fizziwog? Spot him in a downtown MV business front window and win a prize! He moves to a new location every Tuesday. Game ends August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Summer Reading Program Half Way Prize distribution starts on July 8.

The big Summer Reading Bike Drawing is on August 29.



*Professor Fizziwog is GREAT at hiding: How are you at finding?*

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## Friends of the Mount Vernon Library, by David Johnson, Friends Vice-President



"Books are a uniquely portable magic," says Stephen King and perhaps no more so than in summertime when the livin' is a little bit easier (with apologies to George Gershwin). We of the Friends hope you'll take advantage of some of the summer reading programs we sponsor, pick up a bit of magic at our Book Nook just inside the Library, and just enjoy this special time of year.

Come see us when you visit the Saturday Farmer's Market in Mount Vernon! With the help of other volunteers and Library staff, we're there every other Saturday providing information about the Library and the Friends as well as having books for sale. It's a fun and easy way to connect while taking advantage of Skagit Valley's bounty.

Thanks to all who made time to visit us at our book sale in April. Pictured to the right is the current Board of Directors for the Friends...maybe next time, we can put YOU in the picture. Make sure to contact Jenny Lee to find out how! Drop her a line at frndmvlb@gmail.com.

*(l-r—Steve Jordan, Secretary; Bryan Milliren, Treasurer; David Johnson, Vice-President; Jenny Lee, Membership Chair; Justin Holmes, President)*



## Try this research tool @ the library, by Betsy Cherednik

One of our computer reference tools you can access at the Library, or from home with your Library Card is **A to Z Databases**. It is useful for both personal and business purposes. With it you can find a job, find a business, find a person, and create sales leads lists.. Tutorial videos are available on the webpage as well as dates you can register for free webinars to help you learn how you can utilize this database to your advantage.

Why AtoZdatabases?

- Because it is a Job Search Tool
- With 15 Million Executive Emails
- That is the ONLY Triple-Verified Business Database
- With 225 Million Residents
- With 30 Million Businesses
- And you can do unlimited Background Searches before you hire!

Contact Betsy at the Library for further information regarding A to Z databases and other great tools we subscribe to at the Mount Vernon City Library.



## Cool things that happened @ your Library last quarter...



After months of planning, the three rocks inscribed with literary quotations were installed on the grounds outside the library. (The other two quotations are by Dr. Seuss and Jorge Luis Borges.) Thanks, Mayor Boudreau!



Friends of the Mount Vernon Library Secretary Steve Jordan (and some unidentified library director) work on setting up the April Friends Book Sale, which ended up earning the Friends over \$2,000!



Past Library employee Elizabeth Rodriguez (l) and current Library employee Mayra Fernandez (r) make us all proud at the Skagit Valley College graduation ceremonies on June 19.

## 2014 July-September Library Events Calendar

(all programs are free and no sign up is required)

Jul 2-Sep 24	LEGO Building for All Ages, 3-6:30 pm, Wednesdays.	
Jul 5-Sep 27	Play & Learn, 10-11:30 am, Saturdays, ages 2-6.	
Jul 5, Aug 2, Sep 6	Garden Thyme: gardening, garden art...& the science of the garden, 11 am-12 noon, ages 8-12.	
Jul 5-Sep 27	LEGO Building for All Ages, 2-4:30 pm, Saturdays.	
Jul 8	Cowboy Buck & Elizabeth, 3 pm, all ages.	
Jul 8-Jul 29; Sep 16-Nov 18	Toddler Storytime, 10:30 am, Tuesdays, 2-3 years.	
Jul 9-Jul 30; Sep 17-Nov 19	Preschool Storytime, 10:30 am, Wednesdays, 3-5 years,.	
July 9	Imagining Mount Vernon Library's Future OPEN HOUSE, 5-6:30 pm	
Jul 10-Jul 30; Sep 18-Nov 20	Teddy Bear Time, 10:30 am, Thursdays, birth-24 months.	
Jul 10, Aug 14, Sep 11	Adult Book Club, 12:30-1:30 pm.	
Jul 10	Teen Makey Makey, 5-6:30 pm, teens.	
Jul 15	Pacific Science Center presents <i>Radical Reactions</i> (interactive chemistry show), 3 pm, all ages.	<i>Radical Reactions</i>
Jul 16, Aug 20, Sep 17	Friends of the Mount Vernon Library meeting, 6 pm, new members welcome!	
Jul 17, Aug 21, Sep 11	Teen Writing Group, 4:30-6:30 pm, grades 9-12 welcome.	
Jul 21	Mindport Exhibits presents <i>Technology of Writing</i> , 3 pm, ages 4 and up.	
Jul 22	Magician Elliot Hofferth ("...a very unique show!"), 3 pm, all ages.	
Jul 26	Read the Book/See the Movie(s) (both <i>Hobbit</i> movies and a BBQ), beginning at 3 pm, all ages.	<i>Elliot Hofferth</i>
Jul 29	Tie-Dye T-Shirts, 5-6:30 pm, teens.	
Jul 31	Son of Reptile Man, 5 pm, all ages (at <b>Hillcrest Park</b> , bring blankets for lawn seating)	
Aug 16	Tales for Tails, Kids read to certified therapy dogs*, 1-2 pm, ages 6-12.	
Aug 16	Library Picnic with Helping Hearts & Hands, 3 pm, Skagit Bank parking lot.	
Sep 16-Nov 18	Create & Investigate (Art & Science), 4 pm, Tuesdays, 9-12 years.	
Sep 18-Nov 20	Travels with SKOOB, 4 pm, Thursdays, 6-8 years.	*part of the Mayor's Wellness Challenge Month

## Great Programs @ the Library! (featuring Literary Elements), by Mike Bonacci

**William Dietrich** 7/7 Program Title: *An Ethan Gage Adventure*. Reading from his newest novel The Three Emperors.

**Stacie Zinn Roberts** 7/14 Program Title: *What's Your Avocado? How to define your life's purpose*, reading from her recently published book How to Live Your Passion & Fulfill Your Dreams.

**Judith Kirscht** 7/21 Program title: *The rewards of "real life" fiction*. Reading from her novel Home Fires.

**Tom Kelly** 7/28 Program Title: *History buffs, high school sports fans, & mystery readers*. Reading from his novel Cold Crossover and the upcoming sequel Hovering Above a Homicide.

### List of Monday Evening Author Events

**Helmata Vasavada** 8/4 Program Title: *How to include historical events and life experiences in a story*. Reading from her novel Cascade Winners.

**Justin Bog** 8/11 Program Title: *Dark fiction can be the most curious...* Reading from his short story collection Sandcastle and new works as well.

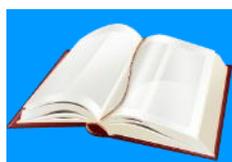
**Kate Lloyd** 8/18 Program Title: *Breaking All the Rules: How I Became a Successful Amish Author*. Reading from the Lancaster Trilogy.

**Vangi DeMaster** 8/25 Program Title: Not Yet: A Story of Faith and Hope. Reading from her true story that puts the hardships of war into perspective.

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## *“The Chain of Command”*

The library director reports to the Mayor,  
Jill Boudreau.

The library director is advised by the Board of Trustees. Trustees are appointed by the Mayor and are confirmed by City Council. Trustees serve 5 year terms. Current Trustees are: Marija Anderson (Secretary), Bill Craig (Chair), Carrie Odlin (Vice Chair), Laura Riquelme and Sharon Sackett.

The library director and library staff serve you, the public.

This newsletter is edited by: Brian Soneda, Library Director

## *Mount Vernon City Library*

### ***Vision Statement:***

*Mount Vernon City Library - The Heart of Our Thriving Community*

### ***Mission Statement:***

*Mount Vernon City Library promotes lifelong learning by providing access to information and materials that are varied in format and viewpoint. We connect our diverse community through innovative programming and excellent service.*

### ***Core Values:***

*Mount Vernon City Library stands on a foundation of core value including, but not limited to:*

<i>Excellent customer service</i>	<i>Relevancy</i>
<i>Patience, understanding and caring</i>	<i>Tolerance</i>
<i>Community leadership</i>	<i>Sensitivity</i>
<i>Helpfulness</i>	<i>Welcoming spirit</i>
<i>Contributor to the community's quality of life</i>	

## 2014 Library Hours

Monday	10 AM-7 PM
Tuesday	10 AM-7 PM
Wednesday	10 AM-7 PM
Thursday	10 AM-7 PM
Friday	10 AM-5 PM
Saturday	10 AM-5 PM

### **Holiday and other closures:**

January 1	New Years Day
January 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 17	Presidents' Day
May 26	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 1	Labor Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 27-28	Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas Day



*Children's "Circle" Garden*

