

Mount Vernon City Library



2015, Reimagining Library Service

by Brian Soneda

I hope you all had a great 2014 and are looking forward to, as I am, the promise of 2015. We have recently completed the new library Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study. We will continue to work on bringing a new library closer to reality in 2015. But until a new library does open, we are obligated to provide great service to you the public in our current building. This is an obligation we take very seriously. One of the best things about the Needs Assessment final report was the inclusion of the comments taken from the 363 survey respondents as well as from attendees at several public forums; these comments don't just capture public vision for a new library, they eloquently illustrate what you want from your current library. Again, we feel obligated to be as responsive as we can be to our public's comments. As it happens, our 2015 Goals will include a "Reimagining Library Service in 2015" component and we expect to have implemented several new ideas for better service in the first months of 2015. Some we hope you will notice almost immediately, others very soon. We thank you for your support. Come visit us often in 2015.



Late breaking news to add to Marija Anderson's Library Foundation article on page 2: **Tom Keegan, Skagit Valley College's President**, will be the guest speaker at the Library Foundation's Annual meeting, January 12, 5:30 p.m., at Skagit PUD's Aqua Room!

Reimagine

Celebrate Teen Tech Week!

by Alberta Hendrickson

Celebrate Teen Tech Week (March 8-14) by learning to code! Kids and teens interested in computer programming are invited to participate in hands-on workshops at the library on March 9 and 11 from 3-5pm. Participants will learn coding basics using online and unplugged activities and games. Our Learning Lab will be set up in the children's area and an instructor will be on hand to answer questions. No experience is necessary! Ages 9-18 welcome. Our Learning Lab is a result of a generous grant from SPEEA and will have multiple creative uses beyond SPEEA's intended core focus as a STEM learning center. (See Page 3 if you think this is TOO MUCH JARGON!)



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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.

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Friends of the Mount Vernon Library

ANNUAL MEETING

**Wednesday, January 21, 6pm
at the Library**

Interested in supporting the library?
Join us!

*New members and interested public
are welcome*

Please call the library for more information
336-6209



President Justin Holmes, Treasurer Bryan Milliren, Vice President David Johnson and Membership Chair Jenny Lee

Mount Vernon Library Foundation, by Marija Anderson, Foundation President

Dear Mount Vernon Library Foundation Board Members and Membership,

On behalf of the Mount Vernon Library Foundation Board and our Mount Vernon Library Foundation Membership, I would like to thank you all for your support during the 2014 year. Our annual membership meeting will be on **Monday, January 12th at 5:30 p.m.** at **PUD Aqua Room (Community Room), 1415 Freeway Drive**. During the year 2014 we have worked with the City of Mount Vernon to take a crucial first step toward our mission of building a "Library of the Future" for Mount Vernon. The consultant has gathered community's input and gauged support for a new library through a series of public meetings and a Needs Assessment Survey. In addition, the consultants prepared a population forecast and evaluated a number of possible locations. The mayor, a number of council members and their spouses, the Library Director, and number of Mount Vernon Trustees and Mount Vernon Library Foundation members visited Seattle Libraries and Everett Library to get ideas for our future library. These are exciting times for the Mount Vernon future library. I hope that all of you will be able to attend our January 12th meeting as your input is crucial and we are always open to new ideas and ways of building public and private support for a new library that will enhance the quality of life of our community in so many ways, whether that is through the educational, or social and economic vitality of Mount Vernon.

This is your opportunity to build a lasting legacy for the entire Mount Vernon community. I hope that all of you will be able to attend our January 2015 meeting, and that together we can build a new Mount Vernon Library that we all can be proud of.

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



Grahame Kerr came to visit on October 4, sharing his program, "Nourish and Delight...Our Future Food?" Great Program, great audience.

A quiet moment with the library float before the December 7 Christmas Parade.

Fun at the "Full STEAM Ahead" event on November 15.



2015 January-March Library Events Calendar

(all programs are free and at Mount Vernon City Library unless otherwise noted; no sign up is required)

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| Jan 3-Mar 30 | Play & Learn, 10-11:30 am, Saturdays and Mondays, 2-6 years. |  |
| Jan 6-Mar 10 | Toddler Storytime, 10:30 am, Tuesdays, 2-3 years. | |
| Jan 6-Mar 31 | Tech Tuesdays, 4-6 pm, K-8th grade (drop in for homework help or STEM)* | |
| Jan 7-Mar 11 | Preschool Storytime, 10:30 am, Wednesdays, 3-5 years. | |
| Jan 7-Mar 28 | LEGO Building for All Ages, 3-6:30 pm, Wednesdays; 2-4:30 pm, Saturdays. |  |
| Jan 8-Mar 12 | Teddy Bear Time, 10:30 am, Thursdays, birth-24 months. | |
| Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 12 | Adult Book Club, 12:30-1:30 pm. | <i>SKOOB and Carol Harmon-Watilo, program presenter</i> |
| Jan 8-Mar 12 | Travels with SKOOB, 4 pm, Thursdays, 6-8 years. | |
| Jan 8, Feb 12, Mar 12 | Teen Writing Group, 5-7 pm, ages 12-16. | |
| Jan 14, 21, 28 | Tech & Tablets drop-in tutorials, 11 am-12 noon, adults* | |
| Jan 15, Feb 19, Mar 19 | STEAM Nights, 5:30-6:30 pm, 8-12 years* | <i>Elizabeth Austen</i> |
| Jan 16 | Elizabeth Austen, WA Poet Laureate, writing workshop, 4:30-6 pm, all ages. |  |
| Jan 17 | Jason Gurley, author talk, 2 pm, adults and teens. | |
| Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 18 | Friends of the Mount Vernon Library meetings, 6 pm, new members welcome! | |
| Jan 22 | Codi Hamblin, North Cascades Institute, 6 pm, adults | |
| Jan 24 | Conrad Askland and Friends, Romeo & Juliet, 2 pm, adults and teens. |  <i>Conrad Askland - Writer/Composer</i> |
| Feb 7, Mar 7 | Tales for Tails, 1-2 pm, Kids read to certified therapy dogs, recommended ages 6-12. | |
| Feb 13, Feb 14 | Valentine's Crafts, 12 noon-4 pm, all ages (drop in) |  |
| Feb 25 | Henna Hand Art, 5-6 pm, teens. | |
| Feb 26 | Linda Jordan, jazz trio, 6 pm, adults. | |
| Mar 7 | Dr. Seuss Pajama Party!, 3 pm, 3-8 years. |  |
| Mar 9, Mar 11 | Learn to Code! Drop-in Workshop, 3-5 pm, ages 9-18. | |
| Mar 16, 23, 30 | Monday evening Gardening Series, adults. | |

*Tech Tuesdays, Learn to Code!, Tech & Tablets, and STEAM Nights are new programs supported in part by SPEEA and LSTA grants.

Too Much Jargon?

You probably know what some of these acronyms stand for, but just in case...

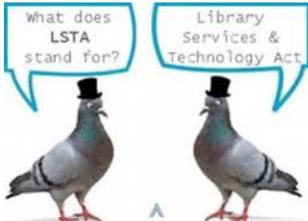
- LSTA = Library Services and Technology Act
- STEM = Science, Technology, Engineering and Math
- STEAM = Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math
- SKOOB (not jargon, just the word "BOOKS" spelled backwards)
- SPEEA = Society of Professional Engineering Employees in Aerospace



STEM Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics



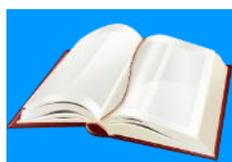
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“The Chain of Command”

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 Hal Verrell.

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 values including, but not limited to:

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| <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> | |

2015 Library Hours

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| Monday | 10 AM-8 PM |
| Tuesday | 10 AM-8 PM |
| Wednesday | 10 AM-8 PM |
| Thursday | 10 AM-8 PM |
| Friday | 10 AM-5 PM |
| Saturday | 10 AM-5 PM |

Holiday and other closures:

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| January 1 | New Year's Day |
| January 19 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day |
| February 16 | Presidents' Day |
| May 25 | Memorial Day |
| July 4 | Independence Day |
| September 7 | Labor Day |
| November 11 | Veterans' Day |
| November 26-27 | Thanksgiving |
| December 25 | Christmas |

The Dr. Seuss Stone on the library grounds

